

2016 Work Plan

The committees of Jersey Water Works have committed to accomplishing these actions in order to transform New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide community benefits.



Effective Green and Gray Infrastructure

- Add effective green and gray infrastructure actions to the Sustainable Jersey certification program
- Establish guidelines and create appropriate opportunities for parks to manage stormwater generated from existing off-site development
- Enlist the New Jersey Department of Transportation in supporting the design and construction of green streets
- Educate the development and construction industries on the use of green infrastructure techniques
- Seek partnerships with water infrastructure trade associations on recognition programs to reward use of best practices that are described in the N.J. AIMS guide



Smart Combined Sewer Overflow Plans

- Support the CSO Network, a forum that enables combined-sewer system permit holders and municipalities to share information and resources and seek technical and financial support for CSO solutions that save money and serve communities better
- Note: many of the other actions also address this goal*



Financially Sustainable Systems

- Publish a case-study report on the fiscal implications of utility asset management at the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority
- Review and catalog existing water-related household financial assistance programs available in other states
- Facilitate an increase in green infrastructure projects by providing an online water infrastructure finance clearinghouse and identifying ways to improve the state's financing process



Empowered Stakeholders

- Provide training for municipal decision-makers and their staffs on water infrastructure and best management practices
- Promote the adoption of mayoral proclamations and city council resolutions supporting this work
- Build awareness of Jersey Water Works and water infrastructure through public events, including municipal, utility and trade association conferences
- Cultivate and engage community members in all CSO communities on water infrastructure issues and green infrastructure opportunities
- Provide educational and easy-to-use materials for enhancing local community engagement in this work
- Support and expand the work of local organizations promoting green infrastructure and CSO solutions through a new statewide network