



Advocacy Positions of Initiative on Related Policy

1. Legislation and Executive Actions

Jersey Water Works does not take positions to oppose or support local, state, or federal legislation or formal executive actions, such as proposal or adoption of regulations or executive orders.

2. Local Actions

Jersey Water Works does highlight and promote positive local projects and programs, but may not publicly oppose them.

3. Education

Jersey Water Works may educate public officials and decision makers about the purpose and goals of JWW, including identified best practices in the field.

4. Policy Recommendations

Jersey Water Works committees may make recommendations to state, federal or local governments that would advance best practices or the Jersey Water Works goals.

5. Information Dissemination

When federal, state or local legislative or executive action pertaining to the Jersey Water Works goals is under active discussion/consideration, Jersey Water Works staff and steering committee members may alert the membership.

More information can be found in the [collaborative operating procedures](#).



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Examples from Past Committee Accomplishments:

2018

Asset Management and Finance Committee

- Developing recommendations for metrics for measuring system condition, the status of asset management programs, and capital investments for drinking water systems, to inform implementation of the the Water Quality Accountability Act. The subcommittee presented draft recommendations before the Water Supply Advisory Council.

Combined Sewer Overflow Committee

- Working on a white paper to advance the Jersey Water Works goal of balancing green and gray infrastructure in CSO Long Term Control Plans. The white paper will include guidance for New Jersey CSO permit holders. Representatives of NJDEP participate in the committee and once the recommendations are completed the committee will ask NJDEP to review the report.
- Working on a report that focuses on pipe cleaning as a low-cost solution to reduce combined-sewer overflows. The subcommittee is developing recommendations that may include enforcement and will be asking NJDEP to review and for a meeting.

Green Infrastructure Committee

- Submitting comments to NJDEP on the MS4 Tier A Permit Annual Report and Supplemental Form to include language that promotes and highlights green infrastructure.
- In 2016, the committee published a white paper to make the case for a stronger link between green infrastructure and parks funded using Green Acres dollars. In 2018, the subcommittee met with NJDEP Green Acres staff to discuss the paper and is currently working on guidance to the department on ways it can incorporate green infrastructure into its rules.

2017

Municipal Outreach Committee

- Helped the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association Water Infrastructure Policy Committee develop recommendations for the new governor.

Green Infrastructure Committee

- Published a white paper that makes state-level policy recommendations to advance the implementation of green streets statewide. The subcommittee met with state agencies (NJDOT and NJDEP) to discuss and vet their recommendations.

2016

Finance Committee

- Initiated the evaluation of the state's financing programs for green infrastructure.