



2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Within committees, Jersey Water Works members worked across sectors to implement a 2020 work plan that would advance the collaborative's shared goals and improve social equity.

Green Infrastructure Committee

- **Sent recommendations** to NJDEP to allow green infrastructure in parkland.
- **Trained local green infrastructure champions** in partnership with the Rutgers Water Resources Program.
- **Published three case studies** on green streets in New Jersey.
- **Adopted a methodology** to map flood-prone environmental justice areas with the CSO Committee.

Asset Management and Finance Committee

- **Sent recommendations** to the Governor's office regarding water access and affordability during the pandemic.
- **Released a draft** consensus methodology for measuring water affordability and identified at-risk communities.
- **Met with NJDEP** to recommend ways to focus CSO investments in environmental justice communities as a joint exploration with the CSO Committee.
- **Identified gaps** in committee membership to inform the adoption of diversity goals.

Education and Outreach

- **Reviewed website content** to enhance access to educational resources and information about the efforts of Jersey Water Works.
- **Promoted Infrastructure Week and Imagine A Day Without Water** via social media.
- **Participated in** the Jersey WaterCheck focus group and conference Advisory Committee.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Committee

- **Facilitated a comprehensive, collaborative review of** draft Long Term Control Plans. Supported two training webinars with local organizations, created a review template and created a dedicated web page.
- **Issued three new resources on workforce development** including case study reports on innovative programs in Camden and Newark and a water workforce training inventory.
- **Organized a conference session** highlighting financing options for affordable CSO solutions.

Lead in Drinking Water Task Force

- **Prepared the components of model legislation** targeting disclosure of lead in water in rental dwellings and identified a non-legislative strategy for home sales.
- **Developed recommended legal requirements** for lead service line inventory and replacement for the administration and the Legislature.
- **Proposed water rate policy** that would target subsidies to high-need communities.
- **Proposed a communications program** that would engage trusted local voices.

Jersey WaterCheck

- **Solicited input** from utility leaders and Jersey Water Works members via a data advisory committee on the metrics, metric descriptions and the user-interface.
- **Released a soft launch** of the new data dashboard.

Steering Committee

- **Welcomed six new Steering Committee** members that helped us move closer to diversity goals.
- **Testified in the Assembly Special Committee** on Infrastructure and Natural Resources on how water infrastructure projects can support economic recovery.
- **Approved and adopted** a three-year equity work plan.

Jersey Water Works Members and Backbone Organization

- **Engaged 140 members** at the annual membership meeting.
- **Disseminated information** via 25 newsletters to the collaborative.