

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Within committees, Jersey Water Works members joined across sectors to adopt a 2018 Work Plan that would advance the collaborative's shared goals and improve social equity.

Green Infrastructure Committee

- **Secured funding from EPA Region 2** to produce a green streets handbook.
- **Working with the NJ DEP** to revise rules, guidance and tools to integrate green infrastructure into parks, municipal reports, and project inventories.
- **Completed a first draft** of a green infrastructure guide for private property owners and residents

Asset Management and Finance Committee

- **Worked with industry partners to recommend metrics to DEP** on the status of drinking water systems, asset management programs and capital investment.
- **Recommended legal and policy options** for improving water and wastewater affordability for low-income customers.
- **Hosted a peer-review of New Jersey Water Bank's** green infrastructure financing program, identifying ways to improve applicant success.

Education and Outreach

- **Created a water infrastructure fact sheet for media**, to be included in press kits.
- **Raised statewide water infrastructure awareness** by creating social media content for events such as Infrastructure Week and Imagine A Day Without Water.
- **Reached agreement to pilot a water infrastructure-focused curriculum** with the Robbinsville School District in 2019.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Committee

- **Issued a report on low-cost solutions and recommendations for optimizing green infrastructure** in CSO Long Term Control Plans (LTCPs).
- **Worked with DEP to employ best practices for public participation** in order to ensure authentic community engagement in the development of LTCPs.
- **Finalizing a report on low-cost CSO solutions.**

CSO Permittee Network

- **Hosted peer-to-peer learning sessions** to support the development of LTCPs with robust public participation and well-informed consideration of alternatives.
- **Launched a dedicated clearinghouse for LTCP resources** to foster and promote collaboration and information-sharing among permittees.

Steering Committee

- **Updated the collaborative's shared goals** to reflect priorities from the 2017 strategic planning process.
- **Met with senior state government officials** to identify how the collaborative can help advance shared priorities.
- **Created a Lead in Drinking Water Task Force** to develop recommendations to reduce levels of lead contamination in drinking water.
- **Took the first steps to infuse equity** into JWW processes and programs.

Jersey Water Works Members and Backbone Organization

- **Coordinated a 34-member New Jersey delegation** to the One Water Summit.
- **Hosted the largest-yet JWW membership meeting**, which included advancing committee work as well as updates from DEP Deputy Commissioner Debbie Mans and Asw. Nancy J. Pinkin.
- **Expanded the New Jersey One Water Awards program** from three to five statewide organizations.
- **Established baseline data** to measure the collaborative's progress, including:
 - **Benchmarking New Jersey residents' opinions** via a survey on water, infrastructure, and the environment.
 - **Launching a study on capital investment by drinking water utilities** in New Jersey.
 - **Testing methodologies for measuring affordability** of water and sewer rates at the census tract level.