

JWW Membership Meeting Breakout Sessions

Climate Resilience Committee

- 2:00 PM** Introductions
- Backbone & co-chairs; round robin only if less than 20 people
- 2:05 PM** Background on committee formation and goal
- Note the specific climate risks we're focusing on: heavy stormwater flooding, sea and river level rise flooding, energy resiliency via green energy
 - Leave a bit of time for questions/discussion
- 2:10 PM** Overview of work plan items (see page 2)
- Give broad descriptions of all three
 - Leave a bit of time for questions/discussion
- 2:15 PM** Discuss first work plan item about outreach and education
- Possible action is to collaborate with CSO subcommittee in a presentation to the League of Municipalities
 - Will definitely craft a relevant session for the JWW conference in Dec and likely host some type of information session in 2023
 - What are the elements we want to include in an information session?
 - Case studies featuring successful projects, especially ones that have used federal/state funds
 - Which federal/state funds are available and how to access them
 - Local capacity challenges related to applying
 - What is our role in disseminating resources? What is the best way to do it?
 - Who will lead this work plan effort?
 - What are next steps?
- 2:35 PM** Discuss second work plan item about roadmap
- What are characteristics of "least" vs. "most" resilient utilities?
 - What are the stages? How many different utilities should there be - 4, 5 ?
 - Who will lead this work plan effort?
 - What are next steps?
- 2:45 PM** Discuss NJ PACT
- Trying to get presentation from DEP
 - Intend to collect JWW-wide comments, with a utility focus
 - Who will lead this work plan effort?
 - What are next steps?
- 2:55 PM** Thank participants for attending, invite to join JWW/the committee if not already

Combined Sewer Overflow Committee

1. Welcome and introductions (5 min)

2. High-level update on committee progress (10 min)

- **The CSO Committee** is working to set up a meeting with the CSO Permittee Network to discuss opportunities to apply for both I-Bank and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) resilience funding in order to reduce the overall ratepayer burden of implementing the CSO Long Term Control Plans, while accelerating benefits. **Jersey Water Works invites you to complete [this survey](#) to help the CSO Committee identify barriers to securing CSO funding and make recommendations to address them.**
- **LTCP:** Working on educational materials for the general public and municipal officials to prepare for the upcoming CSO permit and public comment period.
- **CSO & Planning:** Drafted one pager for utilities to showcase lessons learned from other states who have implemented LTCP programs successfully, using alternative methods.
- **Climate Change:** Coordinating with the JWW Climate Resilience Committee to publicize [this report](#); also working on expanding the research that has been done.



3. Facilitated conversation (35 min)

- Questions
 - With the additional \$300M in water infrastructure funding just announced in the State budget, what do you hope to see in terms of CSO infrastructure upgrades?
 - “With the upcoming permit, what do you hope to see for CSO solutions?”
- Discussion on what Jersey Water Works should focus on within the next year related to CSOs.
 - How do you see yourself advancing this work? What are you already doing that can relate back?
 - How can community benefit be optimized in this work?

4. Closing (5 min)



Green Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Goal: Advance the 2022 Work Plan GI Committee goals:

1. Develop a fact sheet for municipalities with resources that link green infrastructure to climate change, health outcomes, and equity.
2. Educate about the benefits of green infrastructure by conducting 10 presentations facilitated by Green Infrastructure champions.
3. Enhance the Water Risk Equity Map with updates and promote the site by holding two outreach sessions.

Agenda:

1. Meeting Overview and Introductions (5 mins) - *Chris Obropta*
 - Meeting goals and agenda review
 - Introductions: name, organization, which area of the state
2. Why GI Matters - *Chris Obropta and Bill Cesanek*
3. Green Infrastructure Municipal Presentations - *Chris Obropta*
 - GI Champions Program
4. "Show and Tell":
 - Stormwater Infrastructure Toolkit - *Bill Cesanek*
 - GI Champions Stories - *Chris Obropta*
5. Next steps (5 mins) - *Chris Obropta*
 - Call for next "Show and Tell"
 - Water Risk Equity Map Subcommittee meeting on Zoom: July 29, 11:00 am
 - Municipal Engagement Subcommittee meeting on Zoom: August 2, 3:00 pm



Asset Management and Finance Committee

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 mins)

2. Work Plan High level updates (10 mins)

- a. Advance water/wastewater affordability for low-income customers by:
 - i. Developing recommendations on the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program to the Department of Community Affairs based on insights from utilities.
 - ii. Promote and share the findings of the study, A New Jersey Affordability Methodology and Assessment for Drinking Water and Sewer Utility Costs, with stakeholders.
- b. Support the New Jersey Department of Protection (NJDEP) implementation of the Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA) by providing feedback on reporting requirements, expanding outreach/sharing information, and exploring data connection to Jersey WaterCheck.
- c. Create two products on stormwater utilities for use by localities:
 - i. An educational video explaining the need for/benefits of a stormwater utility
 - ii. A model scope of work for a stormwater utility feasibility study.

3. Facilitated Conversation - Financing Utility Projects with affordability as a consideration (35 mins)

- **Discussion on Financing Utility Projects**
- **Discussion on Affordability:**
 - Integrating affordability with asset management, community awareness and communicating the value of water

Closing (5 mins)