

2022 Accomplishments

Asset Management and Finance Committee

- 1. **Submitted comments** on *Proposed Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plans for SFY23*.
- 2. Published blog, Affordability of Residential Drinking Water and Sewer Utility Services blog.
- 3. **Hosted a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program webinar** in partnership with NJ Department of Community Affairs, Natural Resources Defense Council, and NJ Board of Public Authorities with a follow up discussion scheduled for December 8, 2022.
- 4. Compiled and <u>shared</u> example Requests for Proposals for Stormwater Utility Feasibility Studies for municipal use.
- 5. Developed and shared sample Stormwater Utility outreach digital toolkit for municipal use.

Climate Resilience Committee

- 1. **Convened members** to determine the scope, short- and long-term goals, and work plan items in this new committee.
- 2. **Prepared a rough outline for a resilient utility roadmap resource** that will include flooding resilience and be shared with public drinking water and wastewater utilities.
- Organized a JWW Conference session focused on how New Jersey has developed a
 process to identify climate impacts; how municipalities can best advocate for their most
 vulnerable residents; and how the state, municipalities, and utilities can work together to
 maximize federal funding support to resiliency assessments and implement projects.
- 4. **Reviewed the draft Inland Flood Protection rule** as part of the New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats (NJ PACT) rules and submitted comments to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Green Infrastructure Committee

- Published <u>four fact sheets</u> to help local advocates promote green infrastructure in their towns.
- Published <u>Stormwater Skills: Training Resources for Green Infrastructure Construction</u> <u>and Maintenance</u>: to inform municipalities, professionals, and others interested in green infrastructure to identify suitable training programs to fit specific needs.
- 3. **Published** one pager and brochure on How to Develop and Implement Green Infrastructure Maintenance Strategy.
- 4. **Educated about the benefits of green infrastructure** by conducting more than 10 presentations facilitated by Green Infrastructure champions, including presenting at the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed Conference.

- 5. **Finalizing educational modules** to assist green infrastructure champions facilitate workshops.
- 6. **Promoting** Water Risk and Equity Map tool to help community-based organizations advance their own local advocacy work.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Committee

- Committee met and discussed recommendations while waiting for the release of the CSO
 permits. Committee wants to ensure that the JWW "Smart CSO Control Plan" goals are
 reflected in the next CSO permits.
- 2. **Published a fact sheet** to educate stakeholders and ensure the CSO permits incorporate current climate change data, utilizing relevant resources.
- Created a supplement <u>executive summary</u> to the climate change report to include environmental justice recommendations.
- 4. **Created an** Ask Card as a tool to encourage planners, municipal officials, and community members to review long-term control plans (LTCP) plans for resilience and adaptability to climate change.

Lead in Drinking Water Task Force / Lead Service Line (LSL) Implementation Workgroup

- Published <u>four resources</u> to help utility members navigate the implementation of Lead Service Line Replacements.
- 2. **Organized and facilitated a joint webinar** hosted by Jersey Water Works, NJ Water association, and NJDEP and published <u>a recap</u>.
- 3. **Secured funding** to continue working on implementation tools.
- 4. **Senate and Assembly bills S2695/A3712 reflect the recommendation** made in 2019 to require LSL disclosure at home sale and rental.
- Assembly bill A4770 reflects recommendation from the 2021 childcare report for state
 regulated child care facilities in rental properties served by LSLs to have lead certified
 filters.

Data Advisory Committee (Jersey WaterWorks Data Dashboard)

- Released <u>Jersey WaterCheck 3.0</u> with updated data on 500 water and wastewater systems along with new metrics that highlight water quality accountability act.
- 2. Promoted Jersey WaterCheck via blogs and social media.

Water Workforce Task Force

- 1. **Convened partners** to advance water workforce conversation.
- Engaged several new stakeholders to advance goals including two community colleges,
 NJ Pathway to Career Opportunities from the Community College Consortium, two
 independent training contractors, workforce development boards, and the Department of
 Labor in conversations about water workforce.
- 3. **Raised awareness of water workforce opportunities** via monthly newsletters, social media, four published blogs, and JWW annual conference.

- a. <u>Jersey Water Works Water Workforce Taskforce is on a mission to bolster education</u> and outreach to make water a career of choice!
- b. Building the Water Workforce of the Future
- c. <u>Environmental Professional Development Academy Builds Tomorrow's New Jersey Utility Leaders.</u>
- d. The New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities: Aligning Education to Build an Innovative Workforce