2022 Accomplishments

Asset Management and Finance Committee
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 shared 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.
3. 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
1. Published four fact sheets to help local advocates promote green infrastructure in their towns.
2. Published Stormwater Skills: Training Resources for Green Infrastructure Construction and Maintenance: 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

1. **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.

3. **Created a supplement executive summary 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

1. **Published four resources** 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 a recap.

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.

5. **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)

1. **Released Jersey WaterCheck 3.0** 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.

2. **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. Jersey Water Works Water Workforce Taskforce is on a mission to bolster education and outreach to make water a career of choice!

b. Building the Water Workforce of the Future

c. Environmental Professional Development Academy Builds Tomorrow’s New Jersey Utility Leaders.

d. The New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities: Aligning Education to Build an Innovative Workforce