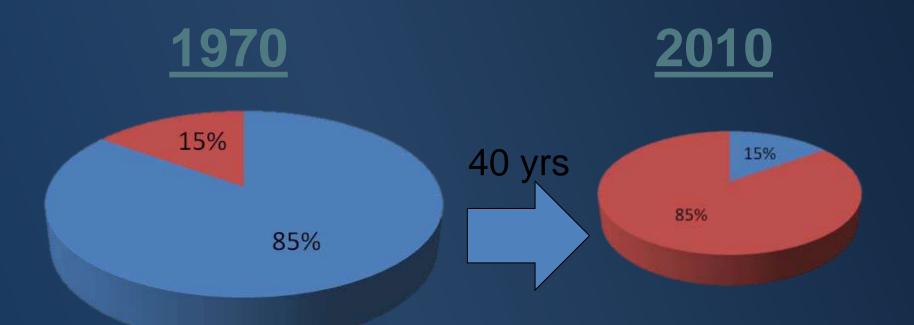
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# WEF & STORMWATER

#### The Rise of Nonpoint Source Pollution



# Point Source vs. Nonpoint Source Water Quality Impairments

Source: William Ruckelshaus, A New Shade of Green, The Wall Street Journal, April 17, 2010



#### **Policies and Regulations**

- Clean Water Act Amendments NPS implementation projects, 1987
- MS4 Permitting Program, Phase I, 1990
- MS4 Permitting Program, Phase II, 1999
- NRC Urban Stormwater Runoff Report, 2008
- Integrated Planning Framework, 2011
- Withdrawal of Stormwater Regulatory Framework, 2014
- Formation of Green Infrastructure Collaborative, 2014
- Revised Memo on SW Permits & TMDLs, 2014
- MS4 General Permit Remand Rule, 2016
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- Federation of Sewage Works (1928)
- Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association (1950)
- Water Pollution Control Federation (1960)
- Water Environment Federation (1991)
- Water Environment Federation Stormwater Institute (2015)





#### WEF and Stormwater 2009 – 2011

- WEF Board of Trustees appoints Stormwater Task Force, 2009
- Formation of Stormwater Coordinating Council, 2010
- WEF Position Statement on Stormwater Management, 2011
- "Future of Stormwater" meeting, 2011
- Formation of Stormwater Committee, 2011
- Stormwater Report, e-newsletter and website launched, 2011



professionals.





#### WEF and Stormwater 2012 – 2014

- WEF Stormwater Symposium, 2012
- 1<sup>st</sup> WEFTEC Stormwater Congress, 2013
- World Water, Stormwater Management magazine launched, 2013

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- STEPP white paper released, 2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> WEFTEC Stormwater Congress, 2014
- National Stormwater Summit, 2014



#### 2014 National Stormwater Summit

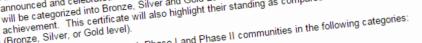
"Consensus that WEF should take a national role in the sector, and convene future meetings"



#### WEF and Stormwater 2015

- 1<sup>st</sup> National Phase I and Phase II MS4 Awards Program •
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WEFTEC Stormwater Congress •
- StormTV Awards •
- State of Stormwater and Action Agenda Meeting •
- Launch of the WEF Stormwater Institute •











#### 2015 State of Stormwater Summit

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#### WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION STATE OF STORMWATER SUMMIT

Synthesis of Pre-Summit Interviews and Survey Results

To inform discussions at the July 26 - 28 State of Stormwater Summit, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) with support from Ross Strategic carried out nine approximately 60-minute telephone interviews with stormwater experts and opinion leaders and surveyed the WEF Stormwater Working Group. Participants were asked a structured series of questions about strengths in the current stormwater system, challenges and opportunities, a long-range vision for stormwater management, and actions needed to overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and move toward the vision. This document summarizes the results of the interviews and survey. Please note the following caveats:

- "Statements of fact" made by participants have been taken as given, but not verified. The summary seeks to strike a balance between respecting the richness and detail of the interviews/survey
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- while providing a reasonably digestible and compact presentation some fidelity has been undoubtedly lost The material is drawn from individual contributions – any given statement should not be viewed as a consensus perspective, and at times statements, reflective of different perspectives, can contradict each
- other



# Wef Stormwater

#### **Participants**

- Randy Bartlett Deputy Director, Fairfax County Gov't Stormwater & Wastewater Management Dept.
- Mike Beezehold Senior Planner, CDM (then) HDR (current)
- Lynn Boraddus President, Broadview Collaborative, Inc.
- Geoff Brosseau Executive Director, California Stormwater Quality Association
- Trevor Clements Water Resources Director, Tetra Tech
- Theresa Connor Research Program Director, WERF
- Jay Dorsey Water resources engineer, Ohio Dept. Of Natural Resources
- Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells Deputy Director of Watershed Programs, NWORDS
- Chris French Regulatory Manger, CONTECH (representing SWEMA)
- Heather Harris Project Manager, CH2M
- Terry Leeds Director, Kansas City Water Services
- Brenna Mannion Regulatory Affairs & Outreach Director, Nat'; Association of Clean Water Agencies
- Randy Neprash Staff, MC Cities Stormwater Coaliti0on and Stormwater regulatory Specialist, Stantec
- Sue Olson Project Engineer, City of Appleton Dept. of Public Works
- Fernando Pasquel Vice President, ARCADIS
- Sandra Ralston Principal, Consensus, LLC
- Andrew Reese Vice President, AMEC Foster Wheeler
- Karen Sands Manager of Sustainability, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Nancy Stoner Water Program Director, Pisces Foundation
- Robert Traver Professor and Director of Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership, Villanova University

#### **Phone Interviews**

- Chris Kloss Green Infrastructure Coordinator, USEPA Office of Water
- Bob Newport Stormwater Specialist, US EPA Region 5
- Scott Taylor Sr. Vice President, Michael Baker International
- Sherry Wilkins Stormwater Director, Huntington Stormwater Utility
- Steve Leo Stormwater Management Division director, Gwinnett County
- Wes Snyder Municipal Separate Stormwater System Program Manager, Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District
- Will Harris National Sales Manager, Modular Wetlands System Inc., (representing SWEMA)

#### 2015 State of Stormwater Report



"Stormwater is the only growing source of water pollution in many watersheds across the country. With urban populations expected to grow to nearly 70% by 2050, and more frequent and intense storms occurring across the country, there is ever-increasing pressure on stormwater systems and water infrastructure.

While the challenges of stormwater management appear to be vast, overcoming them creates a unique opportunity for governments, industry, academia, and civil society to further advance sustainability, resilience, and community livability."

http://wefstormwaterinstitute.org/rainfall-to-results



## **Objectives for Stormwater Success**

Work at the watershed scale

Transform stormwater governance Manage assets and resources

Close the funding gap

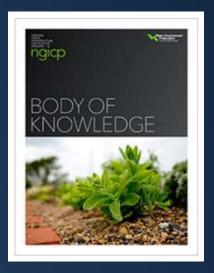
Engage the community

Support innovation and best practices



## WEF and Stormwater 2016

- 2<sup>nd</sup> National Phase I and Phase II MS4 Awards Program
- 4<sup>th</sup> WEFTEC Stormwater Congress
  - Technical Program
  - Stormwater Pavilion
- Inauguration of National Green Infrastructure Certification Program
- Launch of SWI Membership Program
- Creation of the SWI Advisory Committee
- Water Week stormwater focused policy meeting
- Framework for STEPP Initiative released

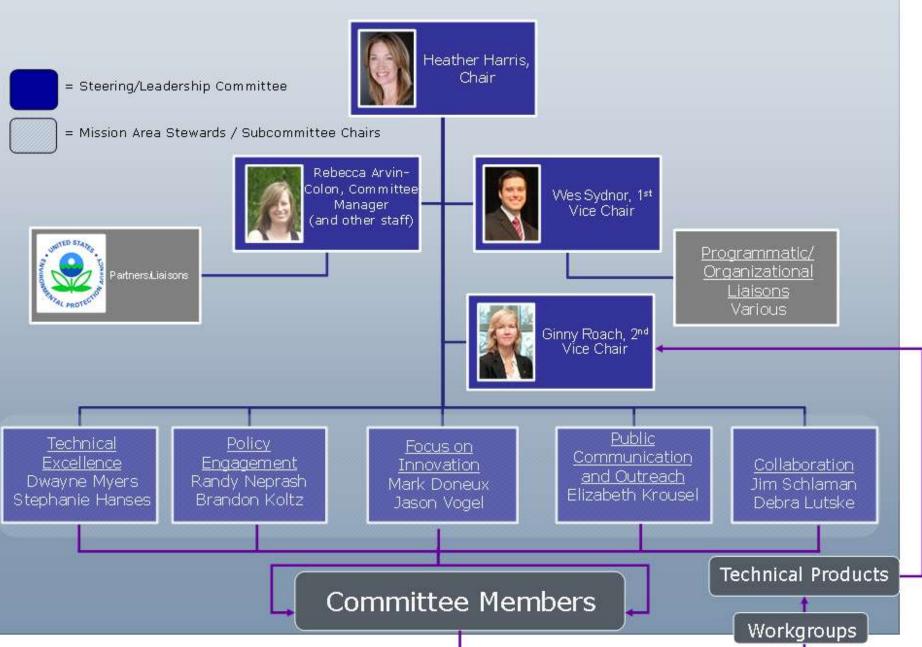




Framework for a National Testing and Evaluation Program Based Upon the National Stormwater Testing and Evaluation for Products and Practices (STEPP) Initiative



#### WEF Stormwater Committee Structure



#### Stormwater Committee - Committee Survey

- Professional background
  - 86% consultant, 42% public, 24% regulatory
  - Remaining steady over past two years
- Mission areas of interest (listed as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice)
  - Technical Excellence (66%), Focus on Innovation (57%), Policy Engagement (44%), Public Outreach and Communication (21%), Collaboration (13%)
- Skills provided to committee
  - Reading/reviewing (91%), Public engagement (83%), Technical writing (68%), Database Management (12%)
- Engagement monthly calls highest commitment level



#### Stormwater Committee - Committee Survey

- Technical areas of interest
  - SWM Design/Analysis 78%
  - SW Program Oversight 70%
  - Stormwater-focused Research 63%
  - Watershed Management/Modeling 58%
  - MS4 Permitting 53%
  - Water Quality/Quantity Modeling 47%
  - Wet Weather Issues 38%
  - Stream Restoration 38%
  - Project Management 36%



#### Stormwater Committee - Committee Survey

- Technical areas of interest (continued)
  - Water Quality Testing/Monitoring 33%
  - CSO/SSO Modeling/Management 30%
  - Erosion & Sediment Control 30%
  - Floodplain Management/Modeling 17%
  - Other 9%
- Interest>Background: Stream Restoration, Research, Water Quality/Quantity Modeling, Stormwater Program Oversight, and Watershed Management/Modeling
- Background>Interest in Project Management



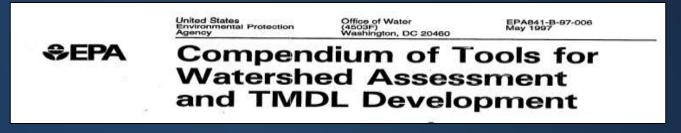
#### Stormwater Committee - Mission Areas

- Technical Excellence
- Focus on Innovation
- Policy Engagement
- Public Outreach and Communication
- Collaboration



#### Stormwater Committee - Stormwater Models Compendium

• EPA prepared a compendium of modeling tools in 1997 but had not been updated in two decades



- WEF Stormwater Committee initiated a modeling overview document to provide information about different models/model types available to our industry.
  - WEF member volunteer authored document
  - No EPA funding support
  - Document chair and call for authors completed in 2016



## **STEPP** Initiative

- Need for consistent stormwater treatment technology testing standard and evaluation program creates confusing marketplace
  - Regulators & stormwater managers unsure if reported best management practice (BMP) pollution removal numbers are real
  - Innovative technologies lack consistent regulatory recognition pathways, resulting in marketplace barriers
- STEPP seeks to establish a common performance testing protocol and evaluation process for stormwater BMPs



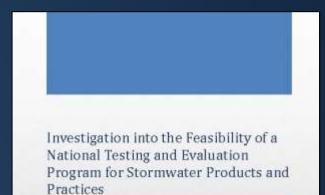


### STEPP White Paper - 2014

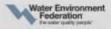
#### National program is feasible and needed

- Engagement with EPA needed
- Engagement with states / groups needed
- Establish sustainable business plan
- Proprietary/public domain should be covered
- Distribute document widely
  - Paper and webcast are available free

#### www.wef.org/STEPP



A White Paper by the National Stormwater Testing and Evaluation of Products and Practices (STEPP) Workgroup Steering Committee

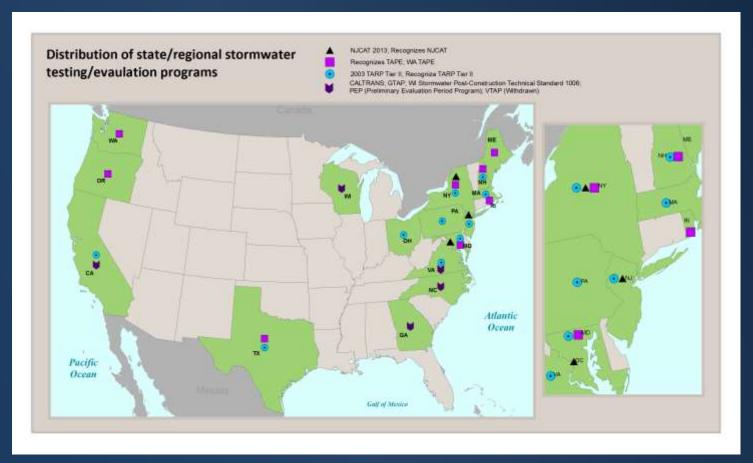


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## **Past/Existing Programs**

State/Regional testing programs have surfaced to attempt to address TAPE, NJCAT, VTAP, GTAP, TARP, ETV, others...





## **WEF STEPP Initiative**

- Recommendation builds on 2 widely recognized state verification/certification programs
  - Field Testing Washington Dept. of Ecology TAPE Program
  - Laboratory Testing New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology



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July 2016



# WEF & STORMWATER CREATION OF THE SWI

### Stormwater Institute (SWI)

- A center of excellence and innovation housed within WEF
- Provides a platform to develop best practices and share better approaches to stormwater management
- Ability to develop programs, services, and tools more quickly to meet priority needs
- Programs are SWI Member funded/guided
- Options for collaborative funding for additional key initiatives
- Ability to leverage and complement ongoing and proposed WEF stormwater programs

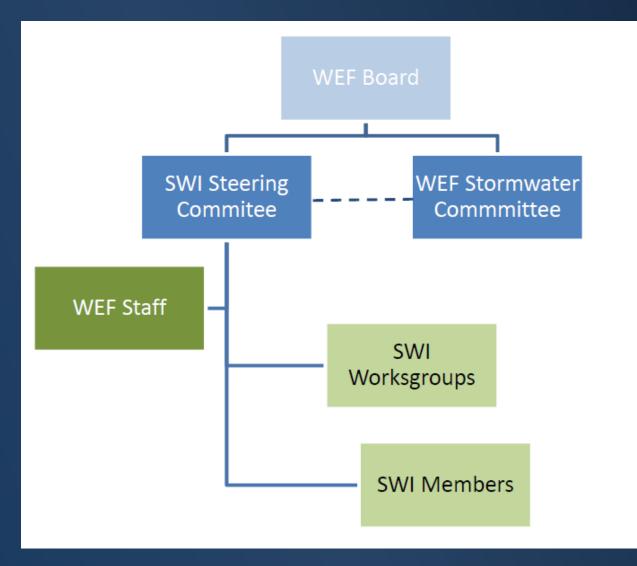
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#### **SWI Structure**





#### **SWI Advisory Committee**

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Amber Clayton Jim Gibson, Jr.

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Amy Siebert, P.E. Scott Taylor, P.E., D.WRE

Robert Traver, Ph.D., P.E., D.WRE Consensus LLC Arcadis U.S., Inc.

**River Network** 

HDR, Inc. - WEF Stormwater Committee Appointment

City of Portland Environmental Services, OR

Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky

Washington State Department of Ecology

Contech Engineered Solutions LLC

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, IL

Town of Greenwich, CT

RBF Consulting, A Company of Michael Baker International LLC - Nat'l Municipal Stormwater Alliance Villanova University



## **SWI Membership**

- Programs are SWI Member funded/guided
- Membership Categories
  - Municipal/Utility
    - Sliding scale based on population
  - Technology/Service Providers
    - Sliding scale based on number of stormwater employees
  - Non-Governmental
    - Sliding scale based on annual budget
  - Governmental Agencies
    - Sliding scale based on level of government





### **Benefits of SWI Membership**

- SWI Member names will be included in official SWI publications
- Receive special recognition at WEFTEC and SWI events
- SWI webpage will provide links to SWI Member websites
- Participate in SWI Program/Services priority setting
- Participate in SWI bi-annual State of Stormwater Report
- Receive invitations to participate in SWI special events
- Attend special SWI Member invitation only networking events







## Benefits of SWI Membership (cont.)

- Receive regular updates on SWI programs and other targeted SW communication
- Participate in SWI sub-committees to develop or review SWI products and services
- Receive World Water Stormwater Management magazine
- Ability to propose or participate in SWI Targeted Collaborative Programs (TCP)
- Receive briefings on SW legislative issues
- Participate in providing technical input on SW related rulemaking
- Participate in SW focused WEF Congressional Fly-In event





# SWI Members – Municipal/Utility

- Boston Water and Sewer Commission, MA
- Capital Region Water, Harrisburg, PA
- Capitol Region Watershed District, Saint Paul, MN
- City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, MD
- DC Department of Energy & Environment
- DC Water and Sewer Authority
- Fairfax County, VA
- Kansas City Water Services, MO
- Metropolitan Sewer District Louisville, KY
- Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, OH
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, IL
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, WI
- Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, MD
- New Orleans Coalition, LA
- Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, PA
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, CA





#### SWI Members – Technology/Service Provider

- Arcadis
- BaySaver Technologies
- Black & Veatch Corporation
- Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC
- Convergent Water Technologies
- EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC
- Greyline Instruments
- Haskell
- Herrera Environmental Consultants
- Larry Walker Associates
- LimnoTech



## **SWI Current Priority Focus Areas**

- Technical Innovation
- Sustainable Financing
- Communication/Education
- Policy







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#### **SWI Innovation & Best Practices Activities**

#### Current

• STEPP Framework

#### Forthcoming

- Oregon Dept. of Transportation Stormwater Technology Testing Center (STTC)
- WEF part of team with 3 year contract to facilitate facility operation
  - WEF providing technical expertise and SW BMP monitoring experience advice
  - Facility to align work with proposed STEPP testing protocols
  - WEF promoting and recruiting innovative technologies to participate
- Facility focus is on SW BMP lifecycle analysis and O&M
  - When does BMP failure occur if systems properly maintained?
- WEF to disseminate resulting information to our membership and SW sector

# CLOSING THE FUNDING GAP



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# **SWI Funding and Financing Activities**

#### Current

- Stormwater Finance Forum
  - Participant hosted by the New England Environmental Finance Center, the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center, and EPA.
- Alternative SW Financing Workshop
  - Co-host with National Network for Water Quality Trading and the Willamette Partnership

### Forthcoming

- American Rivers/Great Lake Protection Fund (Phase II)
  - Partnership with NGO American Rivers, building on past successful grant
  - Focus on leveraging marketplace financing/incentives to accelerate GI adoption
  - Linkages to SW Utility programs and volumetric water quality trading/offsets to be explored
  - Work in Grand Rapids, MI and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (metro Cleveland area)

# MANAGE ASSESTS & RESOURCES

## **SWI Managing Assets and Resources Activities**

#### Current

- National Green Infrastructure Certification Program SWI-TCP Members
  - Program completed
  - 1<sup>st</sup> testing December 2016
- Alternative SW Financing Workshop
  - Co-host with National Network for Water Quality Trading and the Willamette Partnership

### Forthcoming

• MS4 Survey - 2017

# NATIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

# A Local and National Interest and Need Exists...

#### Comprehensive Program

- Led by independent, national third-party organization with respected stormwater credentials
- Implemented nationally in jurisdictions with GI programs
- Standards for GI Construction, Maintenance and Inspection
  - Supports long-term performance of GI facilities required by NPDES Permit requirements
  - Covers full life-cycle of GI
- Certification not Certificate
  - Targeted for under/unemployed
  - Establishes career path for GI workers (construction, maintenance, inspection – not design focused)
- Long-Term Sustainability/Viability
  - Contract requirements for GI workers to hold certification
  - National model rolled-out regionally to ensure local requirements are achieved and national program is sustainable

DC Water Pilot Green Roof Maintenance Training Program





# **Objectives of NGICP**

- Ensure that a skilled labor pool is prepared to install, inspect and maintain GI facilities
  - Draft eligibility requirements include candidates having a high school diploma or GED *and* having participated in GI construction, inspection and maintenance training (min 40 hours combined classroom and field time)
- Support sustainable performance of GI practices
- Create perennial GI jobs that will pay a living wage to unemployed or underemployed local residents



Green Roof on DC Water's Fort Reno Reservoir



# **Current NGICP Municipal/Utility Partners**

- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD)
- Montgomery County, Maryland
- Kansas City Water Services Department, Missouri
- Fairfax County, Virginia
- Baltimore Department of Public Works, Maryland
- Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, California
- Capital Region Water, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- DC Department of Energy and the Environment
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Illinois
- New Orleans Coalition, Louisiana
- Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Pennsylvania
- Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio





# ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY



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# **Objective: Engage the Community**

- Work with variety of stakeholders to build public understanding of stormwater and governance issues
- Leverage limited resources and education program goals
- Build public support for programs



# STORMWATER POLICY & GOVERNANCE

## National Municipal Stormwater Alliance

- An alliance of state and regional groups comprised of MS4 permittees solely focused on MS4 issues
- Services to provide:
  - Sector Support and Information
  - Messaging & Communication
  - Education
  - Policy/Advocacy





# **SWI Policy and Governance Activities**

### Current

- Comments regarding draft 2017 Construction Stormwater Permit
  - Suggestions re wash water and demolition activity implementation (possible PCB/toxics source)
- Comments on USGS/EPA Ecological Flows Technical Report
- Comments on proposed updates to NPDES permit program
- Collaborated to produce comments to EPA regarding (proposed) MS4 Phase II Remand Rule
  - Focus not only on state elements, but specifically how small MS4 communities might be affected by proposed rules

### Forthcoming

- 2017 Water Week SWI Member Event
  - Raise SW profile
  - Regulatory rules/regulation dissemination
  - Adapting to new administration
  - Establishing WEF thought leadership
  - Develop Position Statements



## **Key WEF Remand Rule Recommendations**

- Permitting Authorities provide maximum flexibility to regulate MS4 programs
- EPA should adopt the State Choice Approach (Option3)
- Permitting authorities should conduct the public notice, comment, and hearing process not MS4 permitees
- Supports position to NOT provide definition of "Maximum Extent Practicable



December 18, 2015 | <u>0 Comments</u> **EPA Releases Proposed Phase II MS4 Remand Rule** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released its proposed Phase II Municipal Separate Storm <u>Sewer System (MS4) permit remand rule</u>. The proposed rule addresses how small MS4s seek and incorporate public comment and agency reviews into their permits. The official proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* Jan. 6, beginning a 75-day public comment period that will conclude on March 21. The Water Environment



### 2016 NPDES Remand Rule

**Final Rule § 122.34(a):** "Terms and conditions that satisfy the requirements of this section *must be expressed in clear, specific, and measurable terms*. Such terms and conditions may include narrative, numeric, or other types of requirements (e.g., implementation of specific tasks or best management practices (BMPs), BMP design requirements, performance requirements, adaptive management requirements, schedules for implementation and maintenance, and frequency of actions)."





# 2016 NPDES Remand Rule - Key Points

• Option 3 chosen - allowing permitting authorities to choose between 2 alternative general permit types

1 - Comprehensive general permit – Sec. 122.28(d)(1)—all necessary permit terms and conditions are established up front in the general permit itself, using one permit issuance procedure

2 - Two-step general permit – Sec. 122.28(d)(2)- necessary permit terms and conditions are established in two steps, using two issuance procedures.

- Procedural rule no changes are made to the substantive federal requirements for small MS4s
- All permits must be written with terms and conditions that are *"clear, specific, and measurable"*
- Compliance with final rule expected by issuance of next small MS4 general permit, if general permits are used





## **Public Review and Input**

Permitting procedures - CWA procedures for issuing NPDES permits must be followed for all terms and conditions that are needed to implement the MS4 permit standard and other NPDES requirements

- Public notice of proposed terms and conditions of the permit
- Opportunity to comment
- Opportunity to request a public hearing 

   Permitting authority review and final determination on permit
- EPA oversight





## **EPA Guidances on Permit Requirements**



- MS4 Permits COMPENDIUM OF CLEAR, SPECIFIC & MEASURABLE PERMITTING EXAMPLES
  - Office of Wastewater Management Water Permits Division November 2016 EPA-830-S-16-002
- COMPENDIUM OF MS4 PERMITTING APPROACHES PART 1: SIX MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES
  - Office of Wastewater Management Water Permits Division November 2016 EPA-810-U-16-001
- COMPENDIUM OF MS4 PERMITTING APPROACHES PART 2: POST CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
  - Office of Wastewater Management Water Permits Division November 2016 EPA-810-R-16-017

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/municipal-sources-resources



## SWI = Stormwater Solutions

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# Questions and Discussion

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