

Summit Announcement & Call for Abstracts



WEF SWI Stormwater Summit 2021: Creating Sustainable Effective Stormwater Management

June 21-23, 2021
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: December 1, 2020

This conference is organized by the Water Environment Federation Stormwater Institute (SWI) in cooperation with the Central States Water Environment Association.

Effective stormwater management requires collaboration among design and construction engineers, inspection and maintenance professionals, landscape architects, municipal stormwater program managers, environmental scientists, water resources managers, planners, economists, communications specialists, decision makers and the public. Often, stormwater is perceived as a nuisance and addressed as a regulatory burden rather than a valuable resource. Meeting the challenges resulting from extreme weather events (drought, flood, heat) requires a workforce with qualified individuals, teams, firms, and agencies who employ cutting-edge practices and have the capacity to use a toolbox of solutions to best meet project goals.

This Summit is crafted to deepen the technical knowledge of professionals involved with stormwater management and provide virtual and in-person forums where leading issues in the sector are discussed. This year, we have also added a topic about Covid-Era Stormwater Management. We want to know what you've learned during the pandemic, including but not limited to how you managed public education, socially distanced maintenance, financing, etc.

The conference will include oral presentations, interactive discussions, posters, pre-conference workshops, exhibits, mobile sessions, opportunities for networking in dynamic settings, as well as virtual components. Potential speakers are invited to submit an abstract for podium presentation, poster, workshop, or virtual presentation. It is requested that the abstract be submitted under the topic that most closely matches its primary focus. Topics being considered include the following:

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| A. Funding and Financing | H. Regulation and Policy |
| B. Training and Education | I. Upper Mid-West Issues |
| C. Innovation and Technology | J. Program Development, Management,
Planning and Analysis |
| D. Construction, Inspection and
Maintenance | K. Case Studies |
| E. Covid- Era Stormwater
Management | L. Stormwater Asset Management |
| F. Post-Construction Control Measures | M. Partnership Development and
Community Engagement |
| G. Resiliency, Sustainability, and
Equity | N. Design and Modeling |

Abstracts must be submitted online no later than midnight Eastern time on December 1, 2020.

To submit, go to: www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit

We are also accepting Workshop and Session proposals at this time. More information can be found on the website.

Abstracts will be evaluated and ranked for selection based on their total score using criteria in the following table:

Abstract Evaluation Criteria					
Scoring Level	Originality	Status of Project	Technical Content	Benefits & Impact	Quality
1	Nothing new	Proposed idea with no plan or results to evaluate	Concept only	Of no interest to audience	Minimal text, limited discussion of project
2	Small impact on body of knowledge	Idea with well-developed plan but no results	Well defined concept and clear goals and objectives	Modest benefit to focused audience	Clear relevant text but no tables or figures*
3	Modest impact on body of knowledge	Interesting results but much work remaining	Well defined concept, clear goals, objectives and methods	Modest benefit to broad audience	Clear text and either one table or figure*
4	Very significant improvement to body of knowledge	Preliminary results demonstrating good potential for success	Clear goals, objectives and methods. Outcomes suggested but not fully described	High interest and benefit to focused audience	Clear text with figures and tables but presentation or logic could be improved*
5	Potential breakthrough	Idea fully developed, plan completed and well documented results	Clear objectives, methods described, outcomes fully described, and (anticipated) conclusions outlined	Broad benefits to broad audience	Well written logical text with high quality figures and tables*

*Abstracts should include figures and tables if applicable. We understand that for some abstracts, graphics may not be applicable.

Abstract Preparation and Submittal

Abstracts must be submitted prior to midnight eastern time on December 1st via WEF's online submittal portal at www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 2,500 characters (approx. 500 words) with the option to upload figures and tables separately, which is encouraged. Selected abstract authors will be notified in January 2021 and will need to complete a final manuscript. Manuscripts will be subject to revision or rejection if lacking in quality. In accordance with policy, accepted authors who do not submit a manuscript by the required deadline will be removed from the program.

This is a new event, separate from the National Stormwater Symposium 2020 which was cancelled due to COVID-19. Authors are encouraged to submit new content for 2021. If authors choose to resubmit content that was accepted or rejected for the 2020 event there is no implication of the same result for 2021.

Presenters are expected to register for the Summit and pay the appropriate registration fee. No travel or assistance funds are available for speakers.

If you would like more information on submitting an abstract, please see our Speaker Information page: www.wef.org/sc-speaker-information

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