



YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FOR STORMWATER PROJECTS, ISSUES & EVENTS IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

# **Sweet Stories**

#### Congratulations, 2020 Mini-Grant Awardees!

Awards season is upon us once again! Rising above the Golden Globes, the Grammys, and even the Oscars, Sweet Water is proud to announce the 2020 recipients of a Mini-Grant Award! For details on the winners, click the button below!



Check out the 2020 Awardees!

#### **Bacteria White Paper Made Available**

Sweet Water's Science Group has put together a White Paper to identify sources of fecal bacteria loadings. This is a first step towards attaining recreational water quality standards for fecal bacteria in the Milwaukee river basin.



Read the Bacteria White Paper

# **Congratulations, MMSD!**

Out of hundreds of nominations from all over the world for an Apolitcal Global Public Service Award, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) scored a second place finish for its Water Drop Alert™ Program!



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# **Sweet Opportunities**



#### River Talk Series: Pollution Solution, Rethinking Road Salt

Road salt can be a helpful safety precaution, but excessive use has consequences for our waters.
Chloride, the key ingredient in deicing road salts, is a growing pollutant of concern in the Milwaukee River Basin.
One teaspoon of salt is all it takes to pollute five gallons of water permanently. Join Milwaukee
Riverkeeper to discuss the impacts of



### Community Rivers Program: Living on the Riverbank - Property Owner Rights

Do you live along the Milwaukee River? Are you a homeowner that is overwhelmed with rules pertaining to your rights as a property owner when it comes to stewarding your riverfront property? Join Ozaukee County's Zoning Coorinator, Ed Pfister, as he discusses what you can and can't do when it comes to shoreline stewardship.

road salt and local efforts to monitor our waterways. Learn steps you can take to save money & protect our waters.

When: 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Saturday, Feb

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**Where:** Mitchell Park Domes 524 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI

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When: 6 - 7:30 pm, Wednesday,

March 11

**Where:** Oscar Grady Public Library 151 S. Main St., Saukville, WI

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#### Native Landscape and GI Design for Stormwater

Gain an understanding of how to analyze, design, implement and manage effective and innovative stormwater management systems using native landscape for a variety of sites – large, small, rural and urban. Several case studies of built projects are presented – giving you firsthand knowledge of how to approach site design, plant selection, construction and maintenance.

This course can be applied to the Water Technology Certificate. It can be counted for 0.7 CEUs/7 PDHs.

**When:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Friday,

April 17

Where: UWM School of Continuing

Ed

161 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI

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## Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Clean-Up

Registration is open for Milwaukee Riverkeeper's 2020 Spring Clean-Up! This spring, be one of nearly 4,000 volunteers joining together to pick up over 100,000 pounds of trash. Get outdoors, and help us achieve drinkable, swimmable, fishable rivers!

Milwaukee Riverkeeper provides the gloves, trash bags, and amazing FREE T-SHIRTS. YOU provide the hands and energy to pick up the interesting and sometimes bizarre trash that finds its way into our beautiful river system.

When: 9 am - 12 pm, Saturday, April

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Where: Locations around the

Milwaukee River Basin

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#### **Residential Green Infrastructure Spring Workshops**

Make a difference in your community by managing stormwater where it falls!

Clean Wisconsin, the Freshcoast Resource Center, and Sweet Water are teaming up with Milwaukee Public Libraries to bring residential GI workshops to a variety of locations with the support of MMSD, NOAA, and Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.

Two of these workshops explore the benefits of rain gardens and rain barrels; the rest focus on rain barrels only. Stay to the end and you will receive a certificate for a FREE rain barrel and diverter kit (limit one per household)!

Check out the dates below, and follow the link to learn more about the workshop topics!

### March & April

Rain Garden & Barrel WS

Wednesday, Mar 18 6-7:30 pm East Branch 2320 N. Cramer St.

#### Rain Barrel Work Shop

Tuesday, Mar 31

6-7 pm Mitchell Street Branch 906 W. Historic Mitchell St.

#### Rain Barrel Work Shop

Monday, Apr 20 5-6 pm Center Street Branch 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

#### May

Rain Barrel Work Shop

Tuesday, May 12 6-7 pm Zablocki Branch 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

# Rain Barrel Work Shop

Monday, May 18

6-7 pm Tippecanoe Branch 3912 S. Howell Ave.

# Rain Garden & Barrel WS

Tuesday, May 26 6-7:30 pm Washington Park Branch 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

#### June

Rain Barrel Work Shop Monday, June 8

6-7 pm Bay View Branch 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

#### Rain Barrel Work Shop

Monday, June 15 6-7 pm Martin Luther King Branch

310 W. Locust St.

# Registration for any of these workshops is required (limit one per household);

please call (414) 286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org.

#### More Information

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