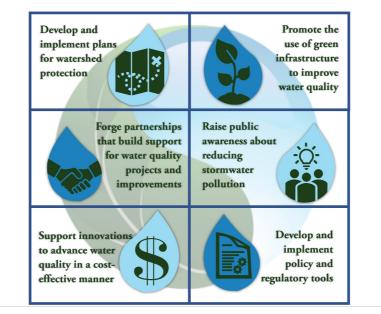




YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FOR STORMWATER PROJECTS, ISSUES & EVENTS IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Sweet Water collaborates with diverse stakeholders in efforts to secure healthy and sustainable water resources in the Greater Milwaukee watersheds. In the Watershed Watch, we share stories each month about the collaborative efforts and projects of ourselves and our partners to achieve this goal. We also share opportunities to engage in this work.

These stories and opportunities take the following actions to secure healthy water resources:



# **BIG NEWS!!!**



## EPA & WDNR Approve the Kinnickinnic River Watershed Nine Key Element Plan

The Kinnickinnic River Watershed Nine Key Element Plan focuses on strategic implementation, consolidation, education, and accountability in order to localize and strengthen watershed improvement projects. It is the product of a multiyear effort to collect and analyze data,

establish diverse stakeholder collaborations, and implement best management

practices in the Kinnickinnic River Watershed. We would like to thank everyone who helped develop this comprehensive plan. *If you would like to talk more about how this plan will be implemented, please contact Jake Fincher - fincher@swwtwater.org* 

### Access the KK Plan

# **More Sweet Opportunities**



## Bacteria White Paper Available

Sweet Water's Science Committee has developed a series of recommdendations to identify potential sources of fecal bacteria loadings. This is a first step towards attaining recreational water quality standards for fecal bacteria in the Milwaukee River Basin.

Access the White Paper



#### Menomonee Permit on Public Notice

The draft permit has officially been posted for public notice. The permit and fact sheet are posted on DNR' s website. The comment period runs until 4:30 PM on March 21, 2020.

Access the Draft Permit

# **Events**

As conditions surrounding COVID-19 and recommendations from the <u>CDC</u> and <u>WHO</u> continue to develop, interested participants of <u>any</u> event should evaluate the current risk both to their own health and the health of the greater community before attending a gathering of any size.

Please continuously check the links to any events found below, in case of cancellations.



### **MMSD's Spring Rain Garden Plant Sale**

The MMSD spring rain garden plant sale is open until April 6th, 2020. MMSD partners with a local greenhouse to offer rain garden plants online for up to 50% off retail. Any private property owner, local non-profit group, or municipality within the MMSD service area can purchase plants. The pick-up date for all plants is June 13th, 2020.

Not sure which plants to pick? Sign up for one of MMSD's two Rain Garden Workshops on March 28th! There is a <u>morning workshop</u> and an <u>afternoon</u> <u>workshop</u>.

#### Check Out the Sale



### 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



#### 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 18 Where: Locations around the

Milwaukee River Basin

Learn More

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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 - CANCELLED

# All MPL Green Infrastructure Workshops cancelled for the months of March and April

#### May

Rain Barrel Work Shop Tuesday, May 12 6-7 pm Zablocki Branch 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

#### June

#### Rain Barrel Work Shop Monday, June 8 6-7 pm Bay View Branch 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Shop Monday, May 18 6-7 pm Tippecanoe Branch 3912 S. Howell Ave.

**Rain Barrel Work** 

Monday, June 15

Martin Luther King

310 W. Locust St.

**More Information** 

Shop

6-7 pm

Branch

**Rain Barrel Work** 

#### Rain Garden & Barrel WS

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

Registration for any of these workshops is required (limit one per household); please call (414) 286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org.

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