



NEWEA REACT CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT

NOVEMBER 19-20, 2020 – WORCESTER, MA

ABSTRACTS WANTED!

The NEWEA Committees of Watershed Management, Stormwater and Sustainability are pleased to announce that our ReACT: Resilient Infrastructure in Action Specialty Conference & Exhibit will be held in November 2020 at the AC Marriott Hotel in Worcester, MA. We are inviting those interested to submit abstracts to present at this specialty conference.

Climate change is resulting in higher temperatures, more intense and frequent precipitation and rising sea levels. These changes, in combination with aging infrastructure, are of great concern for state and local officials trying to plan for the sustainable and healthy future of our communities. Our committees are focusing on Resiliency in Action - What are effective and sustainable strategies being used to plan, design and implement resilient projects and infrastructure in areas susceptible to a changing climate. In addition, the conference will explore existing funding programs throughout the region as well as future financial opportunities that can bring a resilient project to fruition.



The conference will be of interest to municipalities, utilities, watershed associations, state agencies and others that are responsible for transportation, water, sewer, stormwater and other infrastructure as our climate changes and sea levels rise. Attendees will learn what communities are currently undertaking to enhance resiliency for our critical municipal infrastructure, how these efforts are being financed and practical solutions to a very complex problem. The conference will be structured to enhance interaction among attendees to maximize dialogue and information exchange.

Please submit abstracts on the following topics by Friday, April 10, 2020:

- Climate vulnerability assessments
- Resiliency planning and implementation at micro (e.g. community/facility) and macro (e.g. watershed) levels
- Flood mitigation and adaptation
- Water supply resiliency and drought tolerance
- Climate impacts mitigation and adaptation
- Public & private funding and financing
- Examples of structural and non-structural solutions
- Sustainable planning, design and implementation
- Regulatory drivers and challenges

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