



The National Water Policy Fly-in Heard About it? Now Learn About it

**NEWEA Annual Conference 2025
Boston, MA**

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John Digiacomo, NEWEA MA State Director, MAWEA Director

Introductions

- Peter Garvey
 - Dewberry
 - WEF Delegate-at-Large (Water Advocates Program)
- John Digiacomo
 - Town of Natick, MA
 - NEWEA MA State Director
 - MAWEA Director

But First --- A Quiz, and Prizes

- Name at least one senator and one congressional representative from your state

Water Advocacy – What? and Why?



WHAT

Speaking with a loud and bold united voice for common sense regulations and necessary funding

We are one of the world’s best kept secrets – we need your help to change that

WHY

Aging infrastructure, strict regulations and continued economic pressure have put unprecedented stress on local governments and agencies that provide essential clean water services

WHY

Elected officials are being called upon to make tough choices that will impact water quality and viability of our communities for the future. **They need to hear about these challenges.**

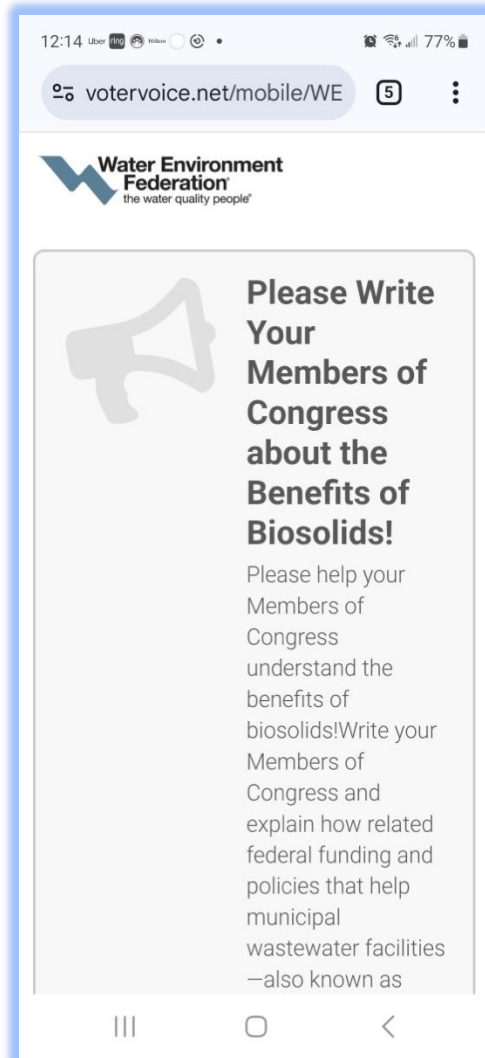
WHY

**If we don’t tell them
...who will?**



WEF 'Water Advocates' Program

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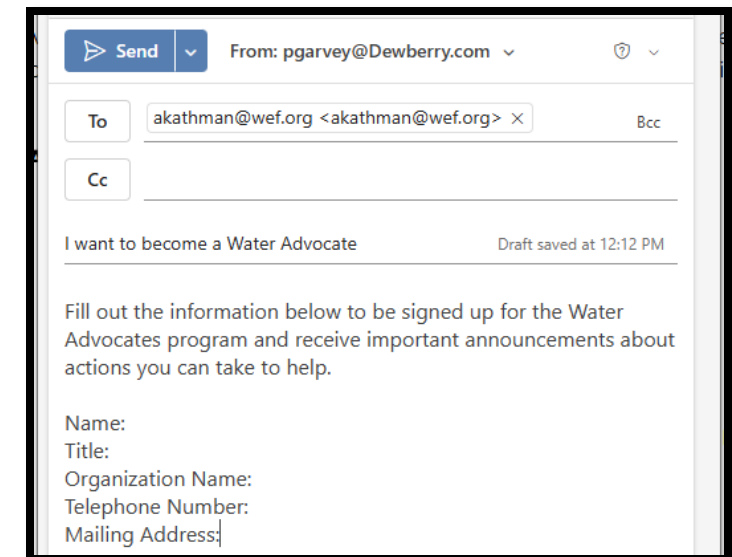
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www.wef.org/water-advocates



LET'S SPEAK WITH A UNITED VOICE FOR WATER!

BECOME A WATER ADVOCATE



National Water Policy Fly-in [AKA DC Fly-in]

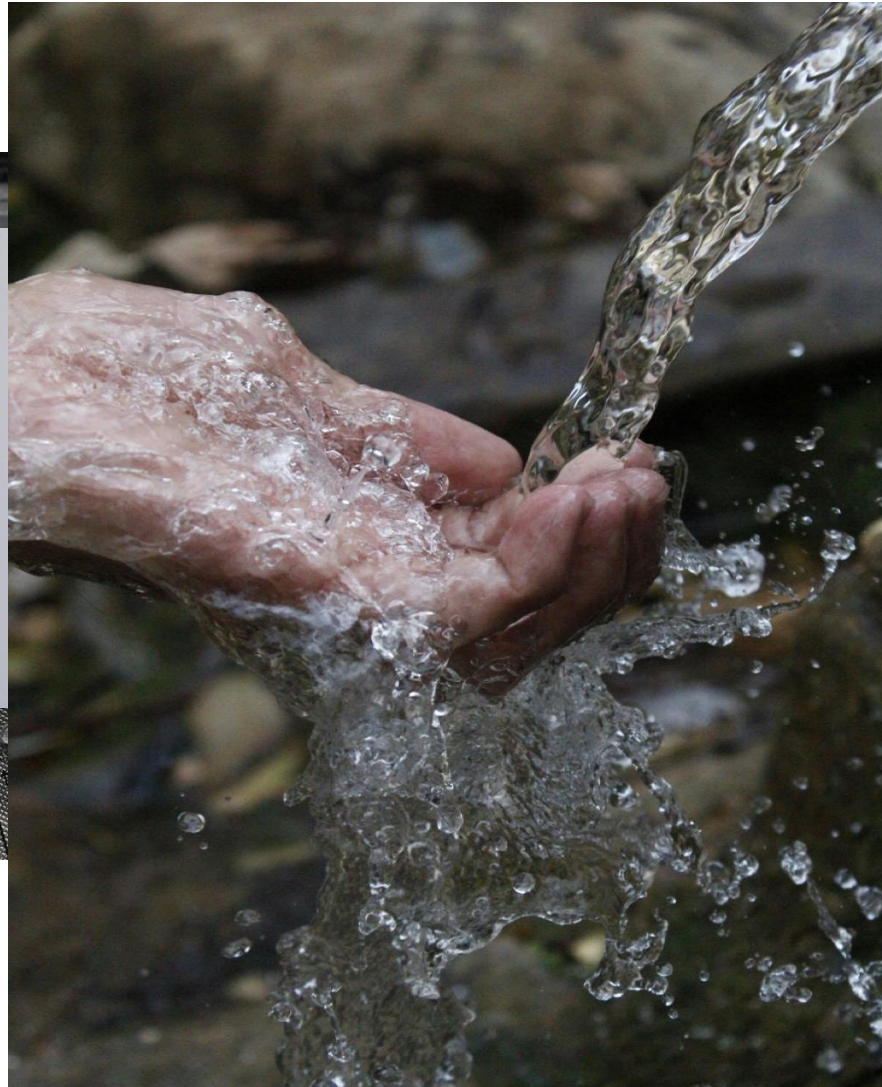


What is WEF's DC Fly-in?







- Brings together water professionals from across the U.S to meet with lawmakers in the nation's capital, share their water stories, and advocate on behalf of clean water
- Opportunity to 'walk the halls of Congress' and be heard
- Organized by - WEF, NACWA, WRF
- Part of WEF's water advocacy program

Why is the Fly-in Important?

- The clean water legislation and the resources, appropriate
 - Fly-in provided and the resources, appropriate
 - Other industries, appropriate
- If we don't have the resources, appropriate



So, How Does it Work?

1.  • Team up with MA colleagues
2.  • Schedule meetings
3.  • Prepare for the meetings
4.  • Sign up for the Fly-in
5.  • Meet with legislators, share your stories
6.  • Communicate, follow up

Be the 'squeaky wheel'.

Make a difference for clean water.

2024 Fly-in Stories and Stats

- **363** Registrants
- **41** States represented + DC
- **18** Young Professionals supported by WEF



Fly-In Participant – A Day in the Life



2025 Fly-in: Get Ready!

April 8/9, 2025



YP Scholarships Available



Thank you for your interest in the Water Environment Federation's Young Professional Scholarship. This scholarship will cover the registration cost to attend the National Water Policy Fly-In during Water Week 2025 in Washington, DC, as well as provide a \$1,000 stipend to 15 Young Professionals to help cover transportation, lodging and food costs. In addition, WEF will offer 5 scholarships to local applicants that will include registration fees and a \$500 stipend. Full details about the fly-in are available at www.wef.org/waterweek. Additional funding may be available for scholarship recipients. Please fill out the form below and return before February 15, 2025.

First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Employer/Organization:	<input type="text"/>		
Job Title:	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>	Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>
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State Member Association (MA) Affiliate (e.g. NYWEA, CSWEA, PNCWA, etc):			
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Water Policy Fly-In Schedule

April 8/9, 2025. Hilton Washington DC National Mall

Time Slot April 8	Topic	Congressional Briefings to be scheduled by individual member Associations April 8 & 9
1:30 - 5:00	Plenary Session	
1:30 - 1:45	Welcoming Remarks	
1:45 - 2:05	Keynote	
2:05 - 2:45	Panel 1 – EPA Office of Water	
2:45 - 3:00	Networking Break	
3:00 - 3:45	Panel 2 – Federal Agencies	
3:45 - 4:00	Networking Break	
4:00 - 5:00	Congressional Perspectives	
6:00 - 7:30	Water Week Reception (DC Water Rooftop)	

Talking Points for 2025

- PFAS ?
- Biosolids ?
- Wipes ?
- Funding ?
- Workforce Development?
- Other topics...

Q&A - Discussion

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