

Moving Forward



It's a new year and a new look for *Storm Water Solutions*. When I started in this position seven months ago, I assured you future issues would demonstrate continual editorial and layout improvements. It is my sincere hope that this publication redesign helps fulfill those promises by enhancing aesthetics and readability.

SWS' strong editorial content, after all, deserves a clean, consistent presentation. Our dedicated staff travels the country and actively seeks out remarkable industry authors, projects, technologies, businesses and trends.

In response to the recent growth of the erosion control sector, for example, we will feature at least one article per issue on this timely topic. Other emerging issues, such

as more stringent regulatory enforcement and heightened compliance efforts, the movement toward implementing storm water utility fees and retrofitting or replacing aging infrastructure, will also receive the attention and analysis they deserve.

You can expect to see well-written, forward-looking pieces concerning these and other important topics in the coming year. And content will come from the best sources; SWS feature stories are composed by longtime engineers and contractors, university researchers, the most established and innovative companies and other notable industry leaders. (We're proud to feature in this issue, for instance, a thought-provoking and detailed cover story on parking lot design coauthored by Nikos Singelis, senior program analyst for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wastewater Management).

Also new for 2008 and furthering the magazine's mission is the addition of a seventh issue—SWS' *Annual Source Book*. This one-stop guide, published in May, will provide storm water and erosion control professionals with helpful information throughout the year to come: organized company and products/services directories, hot-topic case studies and regulatory updates you need to keep compliant.

Another handy new tool to make use of is WaterInfoLink.com, a search engine designed specifically to narrow Web results for water and wastewater professionals. Visit WaterInfoLink.com, type keywords (i.e., BMPs, treatment, pipes) in the blue search box and discover links to only the most reliable and relevant content—WaterInfoLink.com filters out the "junk" for you.

Finally, as always, please continue to use www.estormwater.com as the valuable industry news resource it is; introduce yourself at tradeshow; share questions and suggestions; pass along news items; and submit editorial content centered on the storm water trials and triumphs you have experienced. SWS subscriber involvement is key to the magazine's evolution and excellence.

I look forward to promoting SWS' continued growth and meeting many of you along the way. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive year.

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