

Smash the Status Quo



This year has been an interesting one. Erratic weather has plagued many parts of the country, including a crippling winter and then heat waves in the Northeast, a relatively mild snow season followed by a chilly summer for the Midwest, and flooding as well as wildfires in the West and Southwest. Water supplies across the nation continue to fluxuate; some areas have too much water to manage, and some struggle to meet everyday demands. Arguments and

decisions have been bouncing around courts, city councils, and state and federal governments over who is responsible for controlling runoff and who should pay to manage storm water—the taxpayer, the government or the property owner?

It's easy to get confused when sorting out the state of things, and it's getting harder to determine what "normal" is anymore. There are plenty of big issues that need to be dealt with in our industry—budget constraints, regulatory compliance, sustainability and new technologies are just a few of the many stumbling blocks for a facility or organization, in addition to keeping day-to-day operations running smoothly.

Sometimes we read about a problem that was solved in an innovative way, however, reminding us that a little ingenuity can go a long way.

With that in mind, *Storm Water Solutions* presents its second annual Case Book, an issue entirely devoted to application articles that showcase problems and their solutions. This issue is meant to inspire you to seek answers to any challenges that your organization or facility might face, and to always question whether there is a better way to do something than your "normal" method.

Has your facility or organization tackled a problem that was resolved with a clever solution? E-mail us at swseditor@sgcmail.com and share your experience.

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