

Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (H.R. 7279)

- Passed House 351-10 > Senate on Unanimous Consent > Signed by President January 14, 2019
- Codifies Integrated Planning into the Clean Water Act (CWA)
 - One of the most significant substantive changes to CWA in decades
- Provides certainty to local communities pursuing Integrated Planning
- Expands utilities' ability to manage costs by prioritizing and sequencing wastewater and stormwater compliance obligations, as well as water reuse projects, over more than one permit term
- Directs EPA to support the use of green infrastructure in permits, consent decrees and settlement agreements.
- Establishes, for the first time, a Municipal Ombudsman office within EPA to act as a liaison between EPA and the municipal regulated community to help address regulatory concerns.