WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA)

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- Establishes integrated planning as a voluntary opportunity for municipalities to meet CWA obligations by sequencing WW and SW projects.
- Allows innovative approaches like green infrastructure.
- Provides guidance for EPA, States, and local governments in developing and implementing effective integrated plans.
- Identifies operating principles and essential elements of an integrated plan (e.g., stakeholder engagement, project prioritization).
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- Creates an Office of the Municipal Ombudsman within the AO.
- Amends the CWA to codify integrated planning and define it as a plan developed in accordance with EPA’s 2012 “Integrated Planning Framework.”
- Report to Congress required by January 14, 2021 on permits and enforcement actions with Integrated Plans developed since the 2012 Framework.
- Defines green infrastructure and formalizes EPA’s Green Infrastructure Program in the CWA.