

## HR 6944

### Clean Water Through Green Infrastructure Act

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Sep 27, 2018
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 27, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 27, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3906	Related bill	<b>Jul 17, 2018:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 S 1695	Related bill	<b>Aug 1, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Clean Water Through Green Infrastructure Act**

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to eligible higher education institutions and research institutions to establish and maintain between three and five centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, which is any green stormwater management technique that: (1) uses natural systems or engineered systems that mimic natural processes to infiltrate, evapotranspire, or capture stormwater; and (2) preserves, enhances, or mimics natural hydrology to protect or restore water quality. One of the centers must be the national electronic clearinghouse center and operate a website and a public database on the infrastructure.

In addition, the EPA must provide grants to state, tribal, or local governments or entities that manage stormwater, drinking water resources, or wastewater resources for innovative stormwater control infrastructure projects.

The EPA must ensure that: (1) EPA's Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance, Office of Research and Development, and Office of Policy promote the use of the infrastructure in, and coordinate the integration of, permitting programs, planning efforts, research, technical assistance, and funding guidance; and (2) the Office of Water supports establishing innovative financing mechanisms in the implementation of the infrastructure. The EPA must: (1) direct each EPA regional office to promote and integrate the use of the infrastructure within the region, and (2) promote sharing information about the infrastructure approaches.

The EPA must establish the innovative stormwater control infrastructure portfolio standard of voluntary, measurable goals to increase the percentage of annual water managed by entities that use the infrastructure.

## **Actions Timeline**

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