# A Roadmap for Investing in Emerging Professionals



A Panel Discussion

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# NOWRA's Emerging Professionals Committee

- ► Newest NOWRA Committee
- ► Formed after the 2021 Mega Conference
- Mission Statement:
  - ► Committee is dedicated to workforce development, recruitment, and advocacy on behalf of young and early career professionals in the onsite wastewater treatment sector
- ► Interest from throughout the sector on recruiting and developing young professionals

## Call to Action

▶ What is one way in which each of us can bring awareness to the onsite wastewater industry and make an impact?



#### Panel Outline



INTRODUCTIONS (~5 MINUTES)



PANELIST
REFLECTIONS AND
DISCUSSION
(~20 MINUTES)



AUDIENCE
REFLECTIONS AND
DISCUSSION
(~25 MINUTES)

#### **Panelists**



Jon Kaiser (Moderator)

Project Manager
Infiltrator Water Technologies

Manufacturing / Engineering



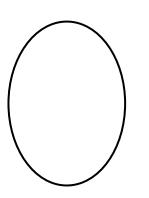
Joshua Gunia
Founder
A Advanced Septic and
Construction
Manager/Installer



Gabby Zimmer
Program Manager and Instructor
WAI Clean Water
Program Manager



Ashley Donnelly (Moderator)
Technical Training and Sales
Development Manager
Infiltrator Water Technologies
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#### Panelist Reflections and Discussion

- ▶ Please describe the recent initiative(s) and/or projects that you've been involved with.
- ► What resources (mentoring, educational, financial, etc.) were helpful in your development.
- ► What were some of your challenges of becoming established in this industry and how did you overcome them?

#### **Audience Reflections and Discussion**

- ▶ Does anyone have involvement in initiatives for introducing emerging professionals to the industry?
  - ► This may be similar of different to the panelist's initiatives.
- ▶ What have been the most effective recruitment methods?

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