

### The Metropolitan District The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Clean Water Program

Presentation to Hartford City Council March 15, 2006

#### **PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT**

"The Metropolitan District will reconstruct our 19<sup>th</sup> Century Sewer Collection and Treatment System to satisfy 21<sup>st</sup> Century State and Federal requirements. We commit the District to continuous water quality improvements to foster community uses. We will do so with the least possible fiscal impact to ratepayers and member communities."

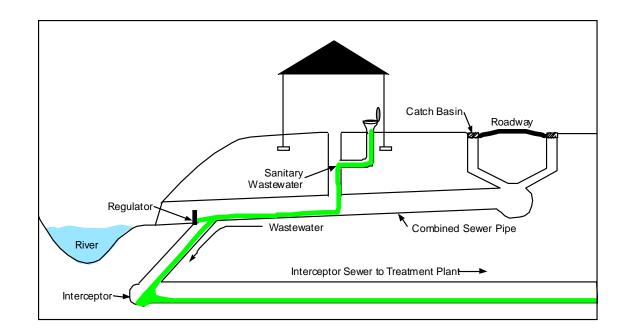
#### **Clean Water Program Goals**

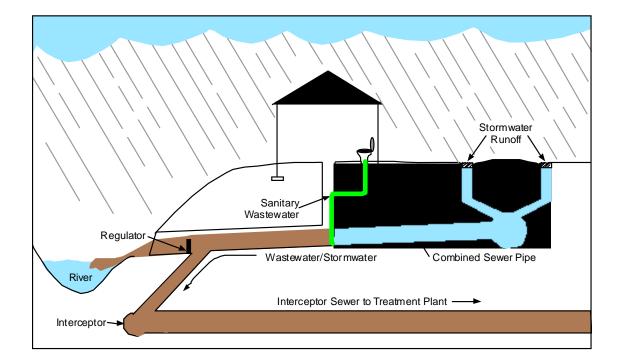
- Significant Area Water Quality Improvements
- Satisfy the CT DEP CSO Compliance
- Eliminate SSO's To Address EPA/DOJ Consent Decree
- Correct CSO Flooding and Backups
- Coordinate Work with Area Projects/Needs
- Minimize Program Costs
- Obtain Grants to Minimize Rate Impacts

#### **Program Challenges**

Meet CTDEP and EPA/DOJ Schedules
"Do No Harm" To Citizens/Businesses
Referendum Approval
Get Systems in Place to Execute Projects
Integrate with District Members' Needs
Beat the Budget!

Combined sewers discharges occur from stormwater inflows to sewers during rain events.





**District's** Combined Sewer System has **38 CSO** outfalls to water bodies throughout Hartford...fifty overflows per year...One **Billion Gallons Overflow** 



The District's Clean Water Program Addresses Areas Prone to System Surcharging and Basement Backup



West Hartford Area

Jefferson Ave Area

Franklin Ave Area

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# What's an SSO? An unauthorized/unp sewage into the envir





#### How does too much clean water get in?

Leaks in the pipes and manholes, illegal connections (sump pumps, catch basins, roof leaders, etc.), and river/streams.

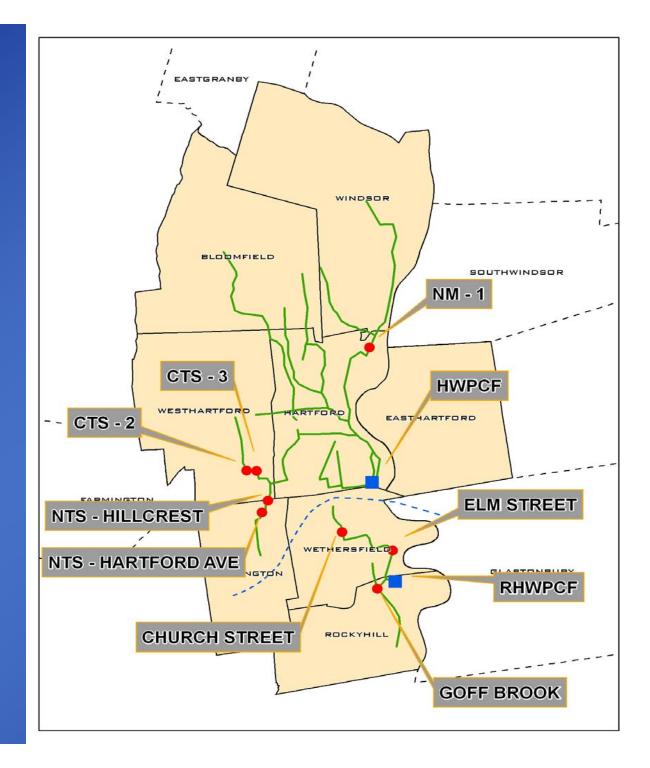
## Why is this a problem for the District?

EPA/DOJ has issued the District a consent decree that will include significant fines for noncompliance.

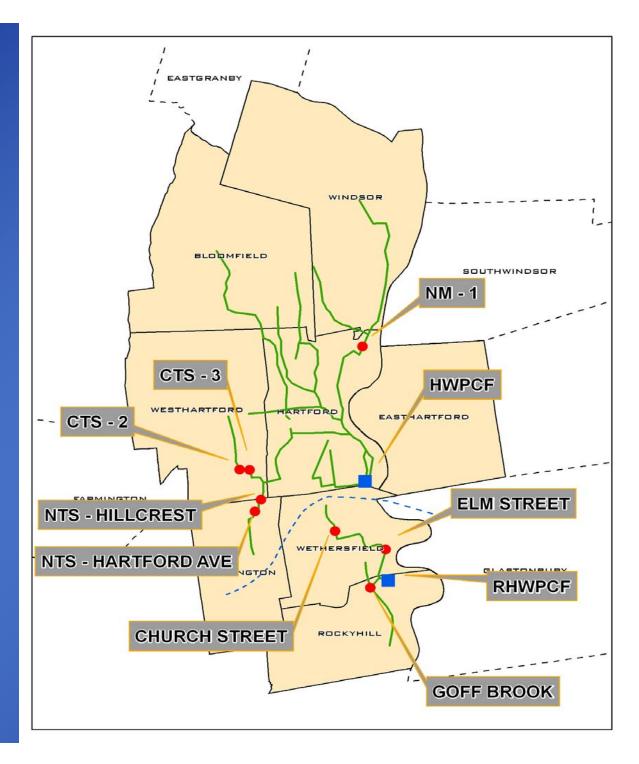




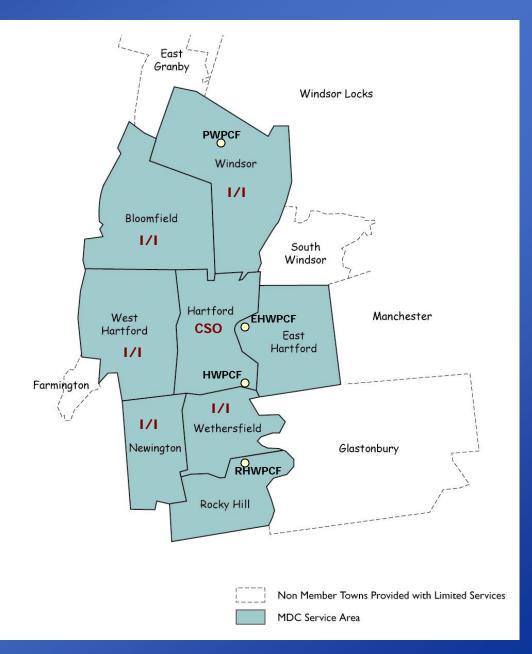
**Sanitary sewer** capacity problems exist throughout the district...leading to localized flooding and basement backups...and overflows.



Eight Sanitary Sewer Overflows Must Be Eliminated from Streams In District Member Towns



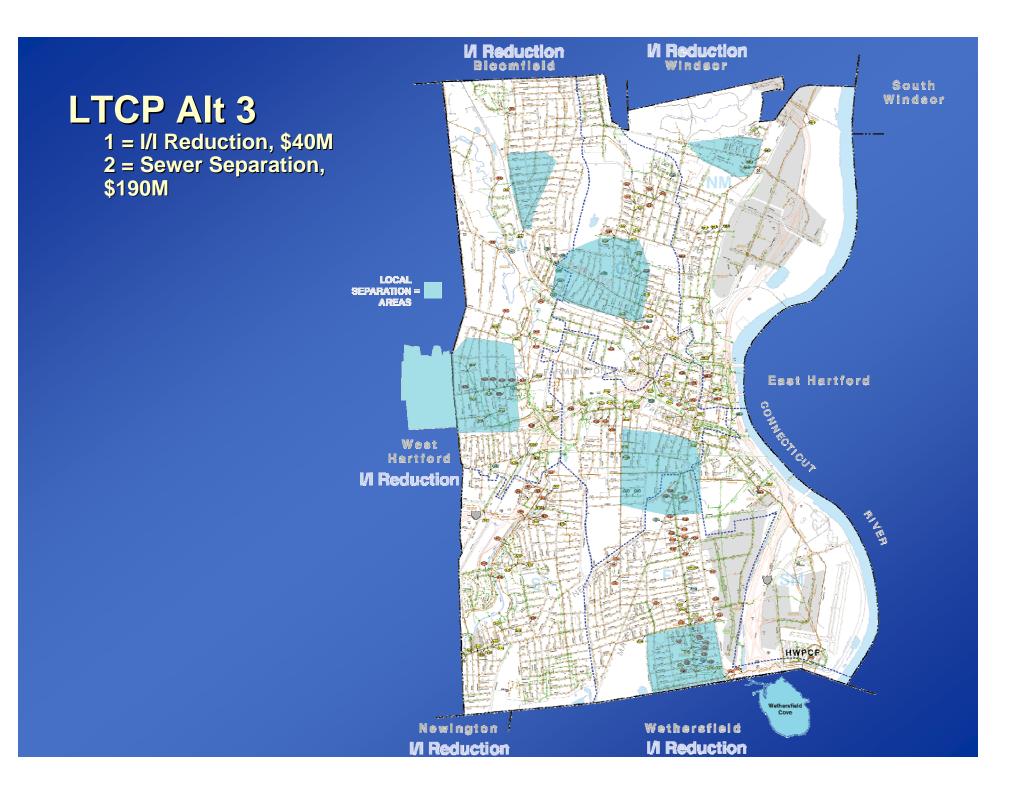
The District's Sewage Flows To the Hartford WPCF Through Hartford's CSO System

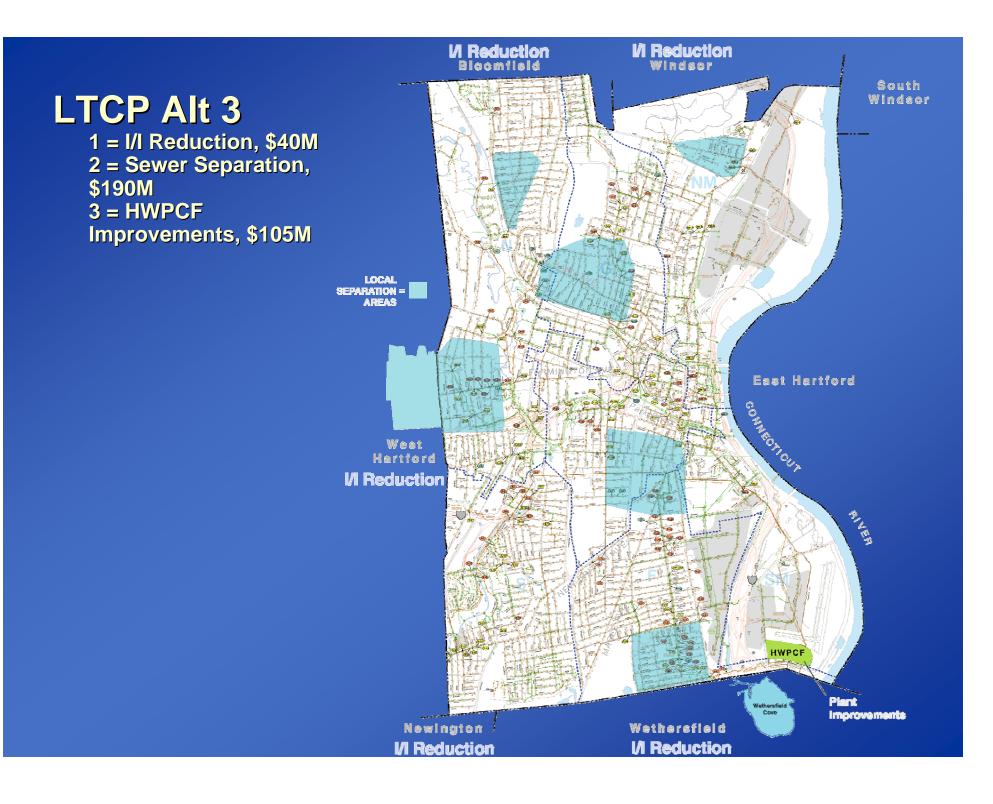


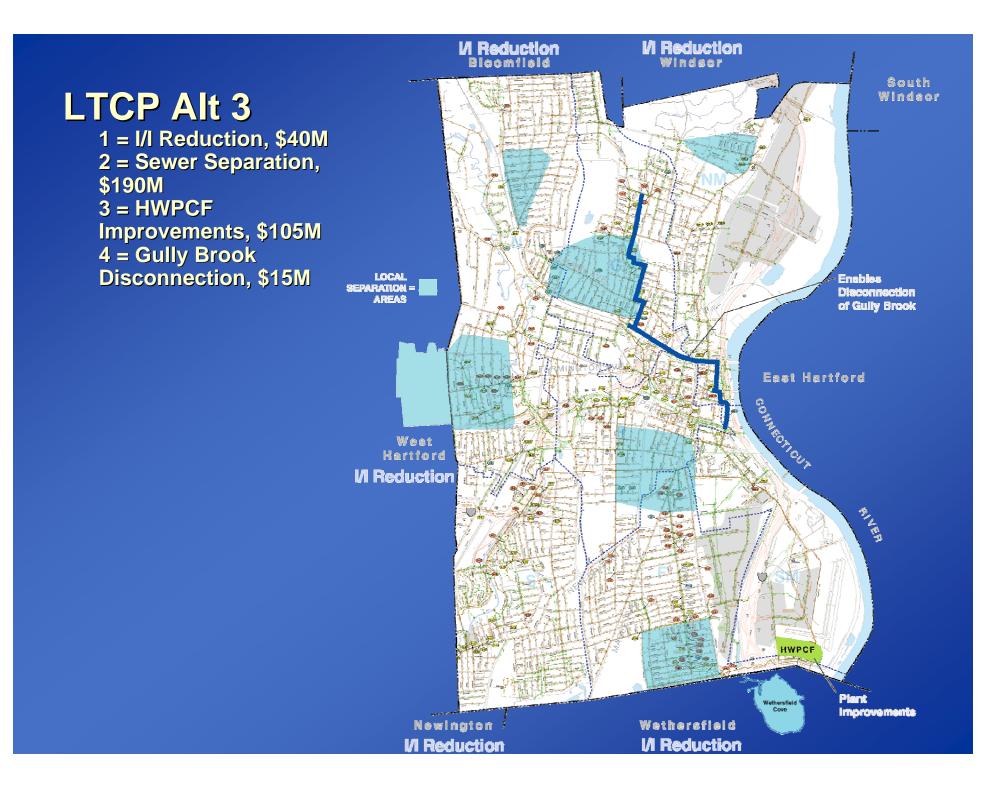
The District's Clean Water Program Combines Many Abatement Options





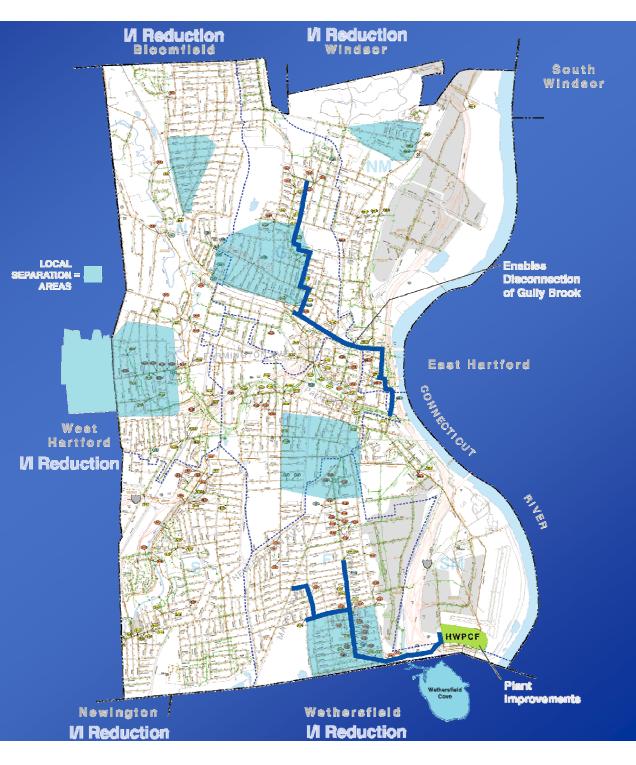






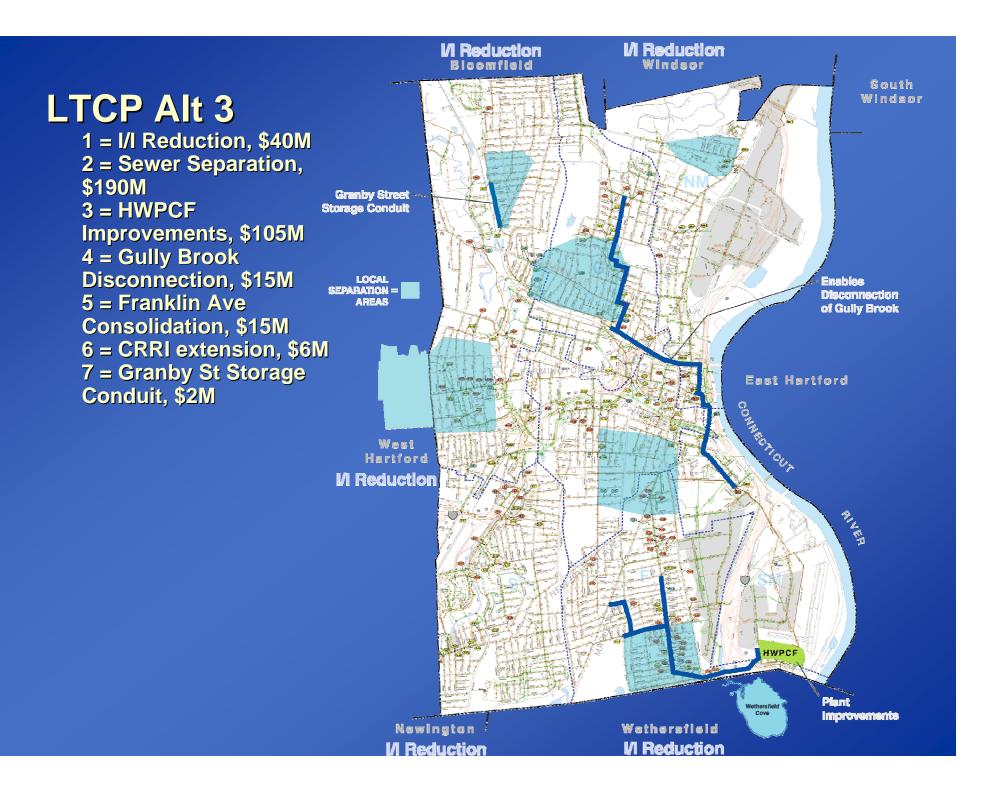
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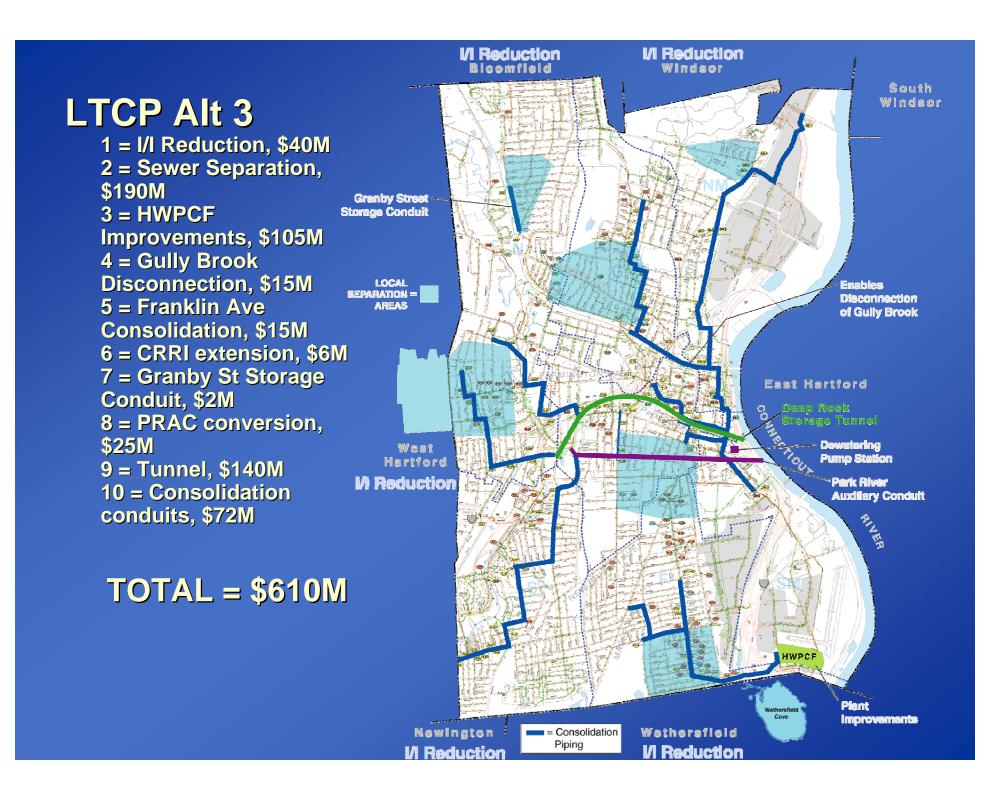
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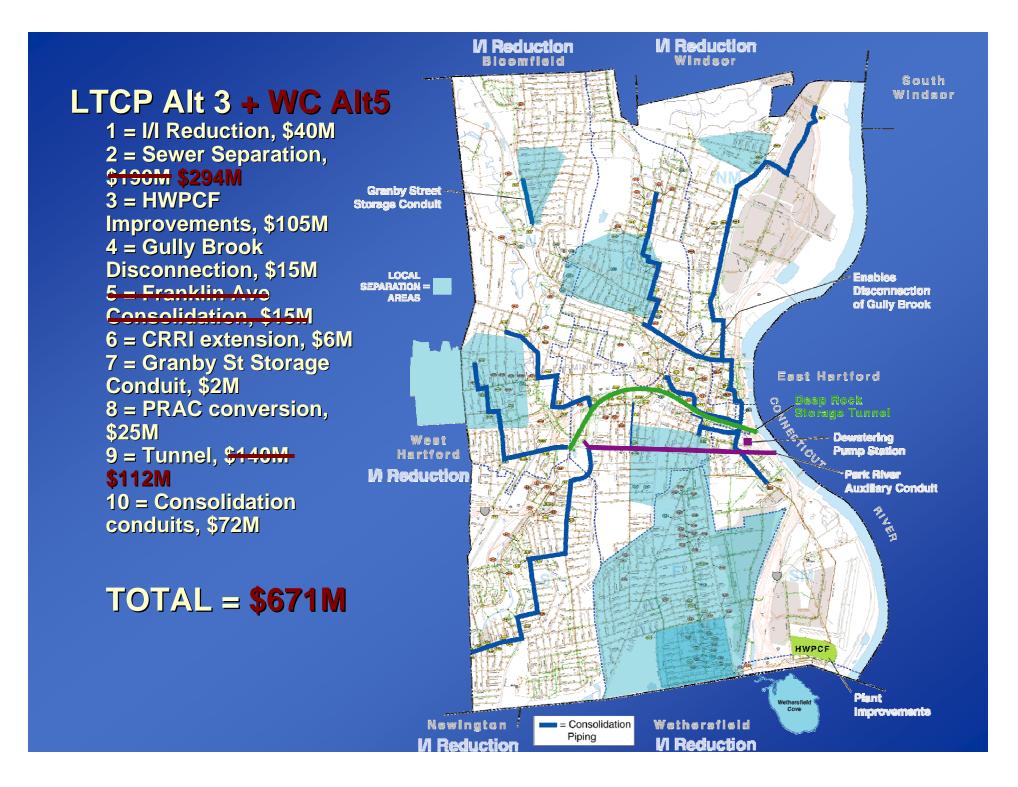
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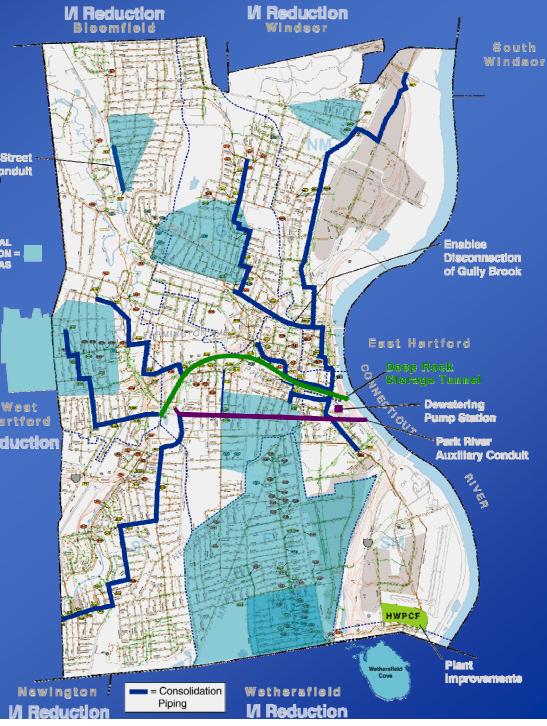




#### CSO Long Term Control Plan SSO Abatement Program <u>Nitrogen Reduction Plant Imp</u>

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SSO Estimate = \$250+ Million Hertford Nitrogen Reduction = \$125 Million



#### CTDEP and USEPA Require CSO Discharge Abatement

- District signed a Consent Order from Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) in October 2002
- Consent Order implements Clean Water Act
- Control Plan for mitigating impacts of sewage discharges Is Required
- District submitted a Draft Control Plan to CTDEP in December 2004
- Likely Approval with 15 year Schedule

#### **EPA/DOJ MANDATING CONSENT DECREE REQUIREMENTS**

- Initial Information Requests in 2004
- Federal Order and Penalty Ordered in Early 2005
- Negotiated Consent Decree Terms
  - Elimination of All SSO's in 7 to 12 years
  - Penalty Fine, with State Share Addressing specific abatement requirements
  - Major Increase in Operations Requirements
  - Final Document signing in March 2006

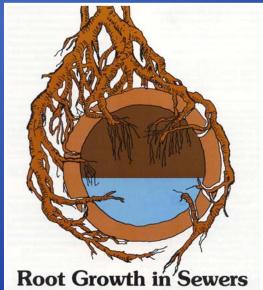
# The District initiated an aggressive SSO elimination program in March 2005

- Flow monitoring of over 100 sites
- Review of previous studies & reports
- Building an infrastructure database from District records
- Any recommendations must be consistent with the District's Long Term CSO Control Plan
- Development of short and long term actions to address SSOs



#### Preliminary findings of Spring 2005 work

- West Hartford infiltration and inflow are a major problem
- Newington infiltration and inflow are a major problem
- Windsor river inundation is a major problem, previous District rehabilitation has been effective
- Rocky Hill inflow is a major problem
- Wethersfield inflow is a major problem

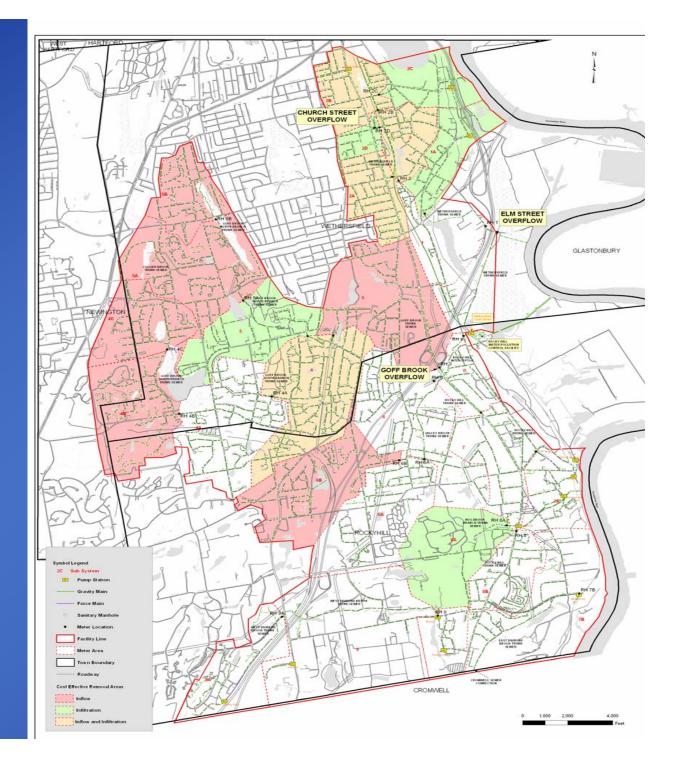


#### **SSO Study Summary of Findings**

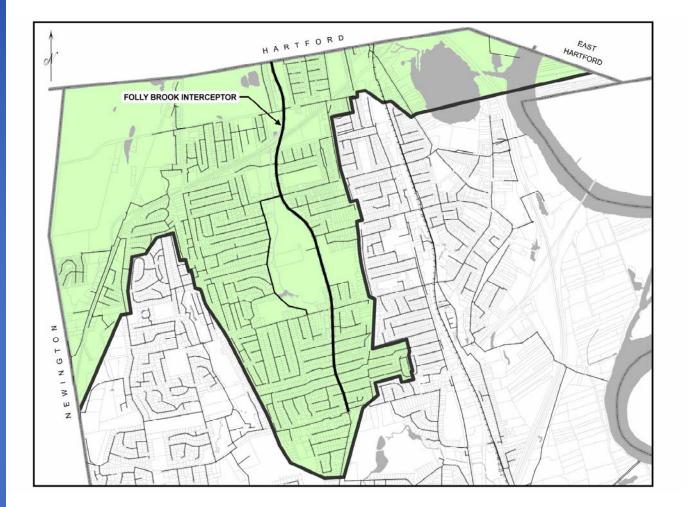
Town	Infiltration		Inflow		RII		Wastewater		Total Flow	
	Avg.	Peak	Avg.	Peak	Avg.	Peak	Avg.	Peak	Avg.	Peak
West Hartford	9.62	14.27	3.36	45.65	0.76	10.33	4.43	8.37	18.17	57.49
Newington	3.33	4.49	1.13	15.30	0.36	4.82	2.35	8.39	7.13	23.90
Windsor	3.05	4.27	0.72	13.49	0.18	3.37	1.42	1.99	5.37	16.65
RH/ Wethfld	5.24	7.34	1.38	22.62	0.35	5.66	3.12	4.37	10.09	28.93

#### Rocky Hill/ Wethersfield Summary of Findings





Wethersfield's Folly Brook Area Inflow Is A Major Contributor to the District's Wethersfield Cove Problem



#### Status of EPA SSO CD Negotiations

- MDC and EPA Finalizing a Consent Decree
- Consent Decree complete in early March 2006.
- SSO Elimination schedule
  - 7 years Windsor, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield
  - 12 years Newington, West Hartford
- Coordinate SSO removals with CSO LTCP solutions

#### **SSO Program Continues**

- Phase 2 SSES/SSO Elimination started August 2005
  - Smoke testing conducted in Newington completed 9/23/05
- Above ground survey for Newington, West Hartford, Windsor, Wethersfield, and Rocky Hill completed
  - Interceptors in Windsor, Wethersfield, and Rocky Hill are in low lying areas inundated by high groundwater condition and the CT River
  - Numerous manholes found to be significant inflow source
  - However, private inflow still a substantial source

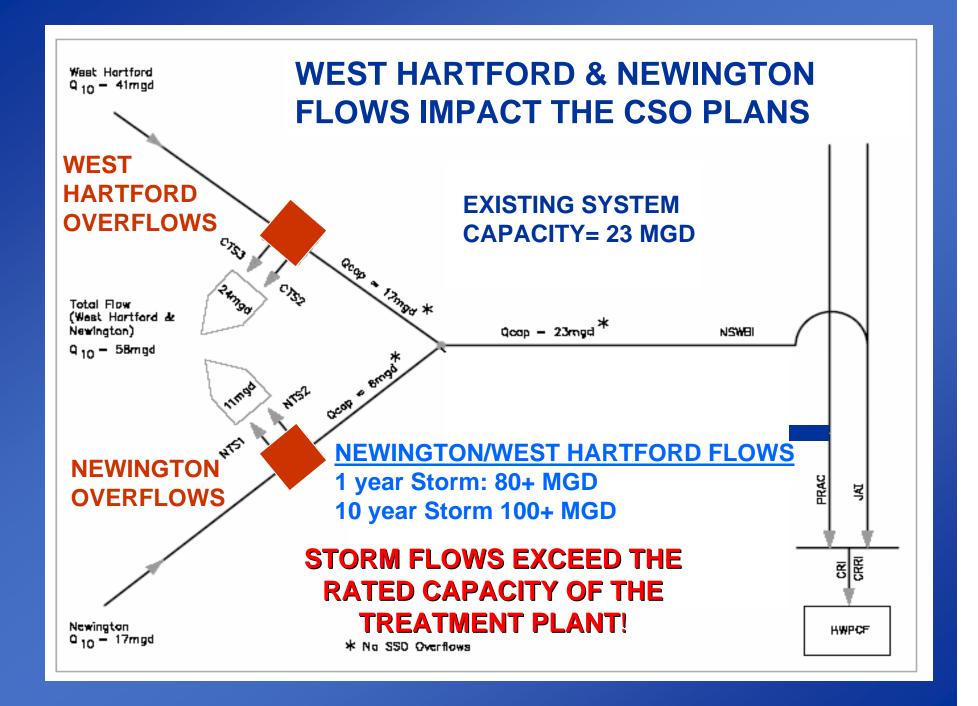
#### SSO Program Will Continue to 2007+

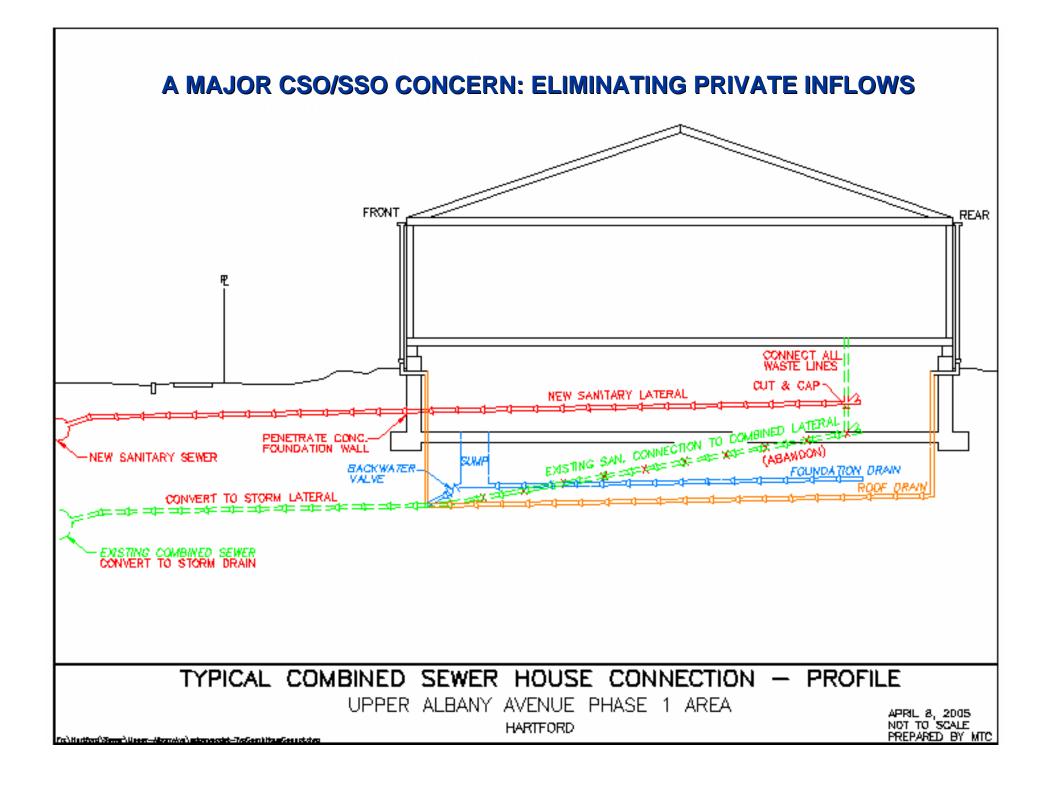


- Smoke testing in West Hartford
- Dye testing to find public inflow sources
- Finalize construction contracts for Windsor, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield
- Prepare remaining construction contracts for Newington and West Hartford

#### Private Inflow Reduction is the Most Important Tactic To Reduce Program Costs

- Obtaining property owner and resident permission to implement sewer Re-plumbing
- Establish a MOU with Communities for Inhouse inspections
- Without Inflow Reduction, major CSO Facility Impacts





## The Metropolitan District Capital Needs Are Significant

CSO Compliance\$671 MillionSSO Compliance250 Million?WPCF Nitrogen Upgrade125 MillionTOTAL\$1.0+ Billion!

... in addition to the District's ongoing repair and replacement program.

#### What Are MDC's Current Program Critical Success Factors?

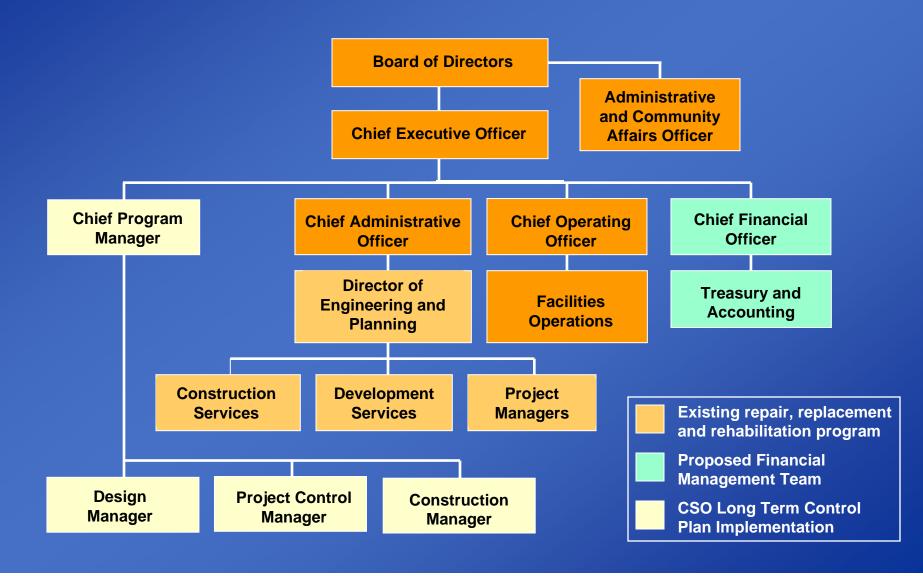
- Developing and Maintaining Community Support
- Creating A Success-Driven, "Can-Do" Image
- Controlling the EPA and DOJ
- Showing "Austere" Financial Acumen
- Getting Referendum Approval
- Developing a Sense of Project "Legacy"
- Managing Organization Change

# State Of the Art Program Management For the CSO/SSO Infrastructure Investment

- Maintain owner control and supervision of the \$1+ Billion CSO/SSO Plus Nitrogen Projects
- Project Values From \$5 to \$150 million
- More than 400 Contracts—Consultants, Contractors, others
- Consent Order Deadlines of 7, 12 and 15 years
- Annual Project Investments Greater Than Total of 1992 Referendum



## The Metropolitan District Clean Water Program Program Management Organization



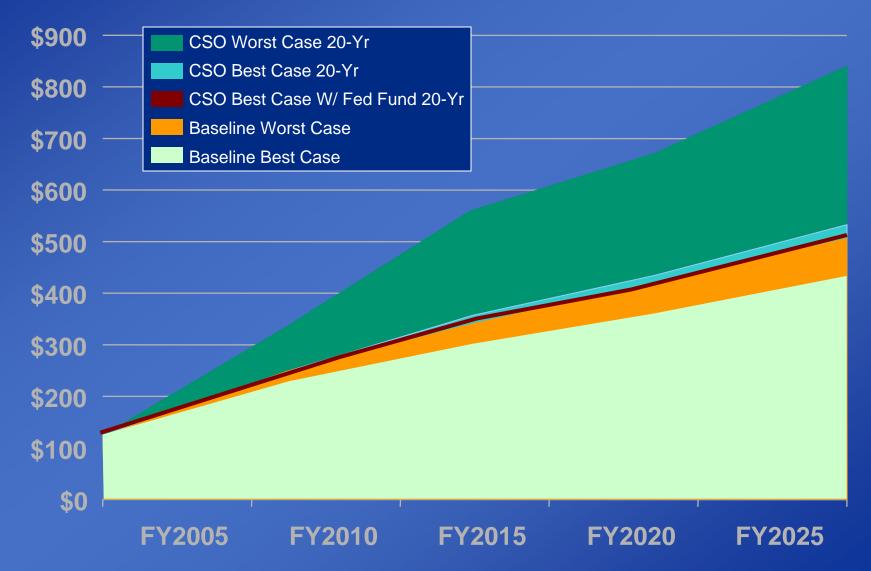
#### The District's Clean Water Program Organization Will Rely On Consultants

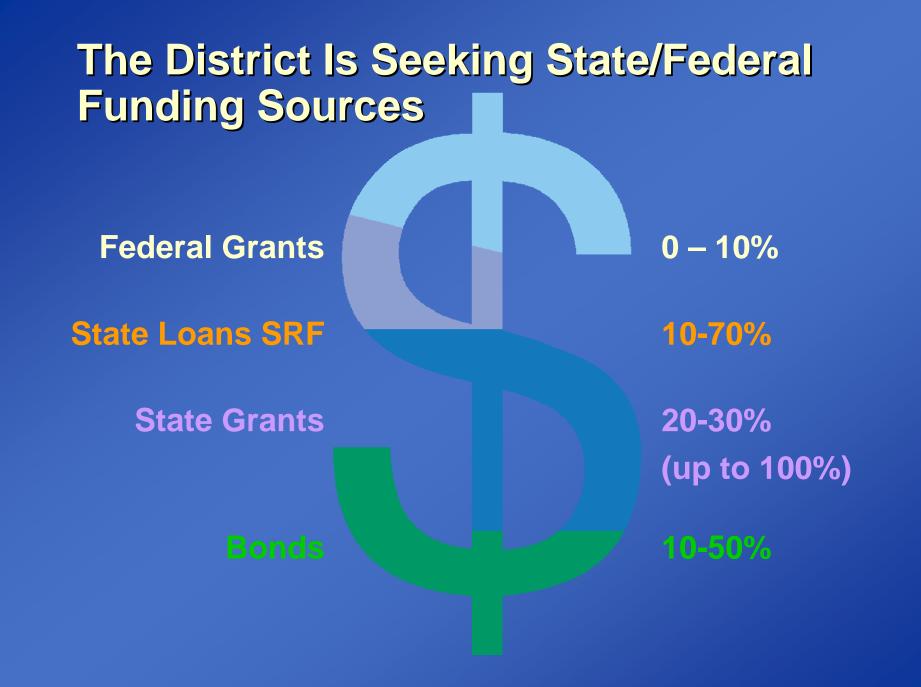
- Utilize Professional Service Firms to Finalize Project Concept and Budgets
- Establish Lead Design and Program Management Consultant To Handle Initial Peak Loads
- Develop Local Consultant Support Team, including DBE/MBE/WBE
- Bring On Construction Oversight Services as Needed to Support Construction Activity

#### What Can The District Do To Control Costs?

- Standardized Design
- Prequalification of Engineers and Contractors
- Negotiate MOU's with District Communities
- Program Management Organization

#### District Average Annual Household Sewer Costs





## **Pre-Referendum Schedule**

#### ACTIVITY

#### **COMPLETION DATE**

Obtain State DEP Approval	Winter, 2006
Develop "Communications" System	Winter, 2006
Confirm CSO/SSO Concepts	Mar, 2006
Formalize Project Cost Estimate	May, 2006
Address Public Concerns	Jun-Nov 2006
Submit Final Referendum	July 1, 2006
Finalize 2007 Final Design Doc's	Oct, 2006
Referendum Vote	Nov, 2006

The Metropolitan District Clean Water Program Schedule

2007—2018: SSO Abatement Programs 2007—2010: PRAC Reuse? 2007—2012: Wastewater Treatment Plant 2007—2022: Separation Projects 2010—2020: Relief, Consolidation Conduits 2015—2022: Storage Tunnel

## General Referendum Campaign

Develop Consistent Themes, Messages
Focus Group Polling to Evaluate Message
Encourage "Established Group" Advocacy
Educate Local Activist Groups
Develop "Local Editorial" Image
Actively Inform Political Campaigns
Educate...Educate...Educate

## **Integrate Community And Utility Projects**

- 1. Request District Community CIP and General Planning Scopes and Dates
- 2. Coordinate Utility CIP Programs
- 3. Improve GIS System Capabilities
- 4. Empower CAC To Identify Local Needs
- 5. Compile District-wide CIP Report

#### **Develop Environmental Sensitivity Plan**

- **1. Empower CAC To Identify Local Needs**
- 2. Select Project Opportunities For FY 06/07
- 3. Estimate Project Design Impacts
- 4. Estimate Project Cost Impacts, and Potential Revenue Sources
- 5. Recommend Project Opportunities To District Board

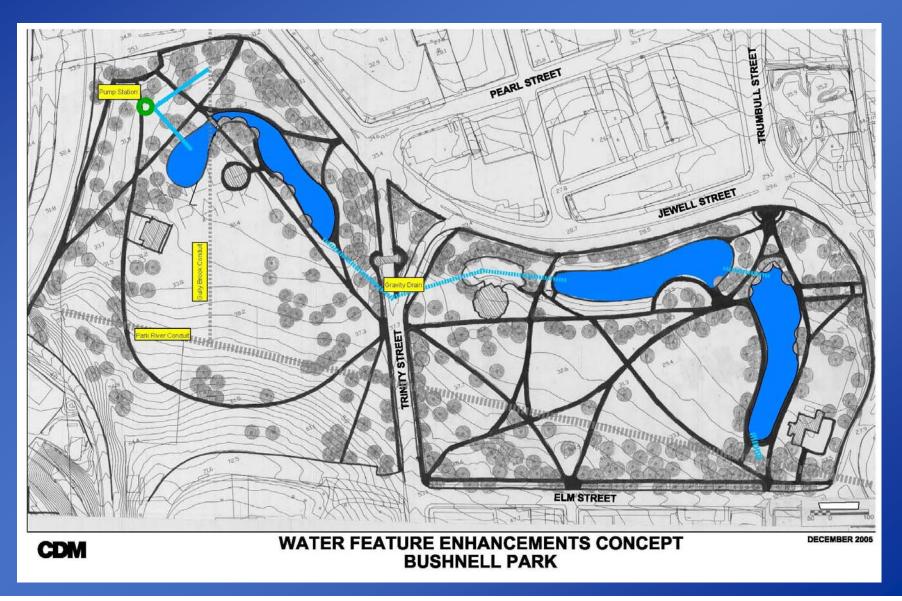
## **Develop Communication Systems**

Public Information Website
Stakeholder Newsletters
Press Releases, News Articles
Public Service Announcements

#### Win-Win Benefits: Legacy Actions

- Park Improvements—eg, Bushnell Park
- Roadway Improvements—City Coordination
- Potential Derelict Property Restoration?
- Integrate City Streetscape Enhancements
- Coordinate with Other Projects

## The District's Program Will Spawn Opportunities For Other Improvements.

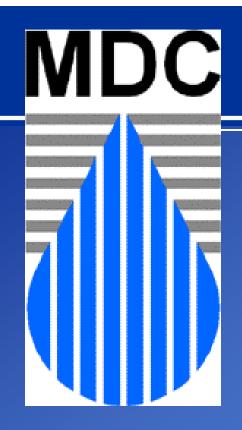


## **Stakeholder Involvement**

 Develop District Community DPW Advisory Committee
 Restore Citizen Advisory Committee
 Establish Community Executive Committee
 Citizen Polling, "Concern" Assessments

#### Coordination With Hartford Is Essential To Program Success.

- "Do No Harm" Approach
- Hartford's Support for the Program Referendum
- District Effort To Minimize Impact to City's Populous and Business Communities
- Effective Coordination With City Agencies
- Streamlining Approval Processes
- Establishing Design Standards
- Facilitating City-wide Revitalization Efforts



# **QUESTIONS?**

## **Communication Plan Goals**

- Demonstrate District's "go to" capability to implement large sophisticated projects
- Publicly demonstrate basis for need, scope and cost of CSO LTCP
- Prove Program's District-wide values
- Effectively demonstrate project success
- Referendum Campaign Program

#### District Affordability Worst Case with CSO Program 20 – Year Plan

	FY2005	FY2010	FY2015	FY2020	FY2025
Estimated Household Sewer Cost	\$119	\$332	\$556	\$666	\$826
% of MHI (MDC Average)	0.23%	0.62%	0.99%	1.12%	1.30%
% of MHI (Hartford)	0.42%	1.11%	1.77%	2.01%	2.34%

#### EPA Household Affordability Criteria Worst Case Projection 20- Year Plan



**Typical Household Sewer Cost** 

**Median Household Income** 

#### District Affordability Best Case with CSO Program 20 – Year Plan

	FY2005	FY2010	FY2015	FY2020	FY2025
Estimated Household Sewer Cost	\$119	\$254	\$358	\$428	\$523
% of MHI (MDC Average)	0.23%	0.47%	0.64%	0.72%	0.81%
% of MHI (Hartford)	0.42%	0.85%	1.14%	1.29%	1.45%

#### EPA Household Affordability Criteria Best Case Projection 20 – Year Plan



**Typical Household Sewer Cost** 

**Median Household Income** 

#### District Affordability Best Case with CSO Program + Federal Funding 20 – Year Plan

	FY2005	FY2010	FY2015	FY2020	FY2025
Estimated Household Sewer Cost	\$119	\$249	\$347	\$412	\$500
% of MHI (MDC Average)	0.23%	0.46%	0.62%	0.70%	0.77%
% of MHI (Hartford)	0.42%	0.83%	1.10%	1.24%	1.39%

#### EPA Household Affordability Criteria Best Case Projection + Federal Funding 20 – Year Plan



**Typical Household Sewer Cost** 

**Median Household Income** 

#### **SSO Requirements for 2006-2007**

- Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance -CMOM compliance Report
- Long-Term Preventative Maintenance Program
- Hydraulic Model and Model Report of SSO Communities
- Sanitary Collection System Capacity Assessment
- Assessment of Voluntary I/I Removal Incentive Programs
- Additional Extraneous Flow Investigations
- SSES field activities: Smoke testing, Dye testing, Manhole Inspections (inflow/infiltration), Flow isolation Groundwater TV inspections Building inspections (locate private inflow sources), evaluate cost effective methods of sewer rehabilitation and new sewer facilities.