# Stormwater: You've Got to Move It, Move It!



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#### Today's Discussion



- Overview of Fort Wayne Stormwater Utility
- Stormwater Challenges
- Case Studies:
  - Aboite Meadows Storm Improvements
  - Lawrence Drain Improvements
  - Lakeside Sewer Separation Project
- Conclusions









## History of Stormwater Utility

- Stormwater Utility established 1991
- NPDES Permit Phase II implementation 2004





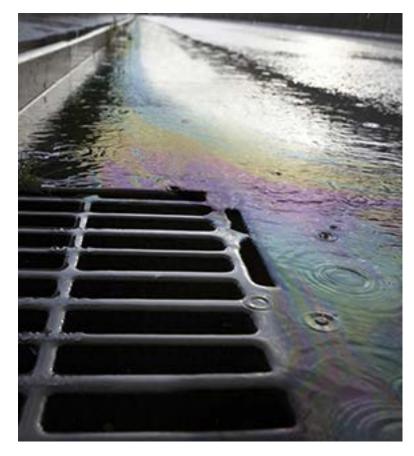
#### 2019 Stormwater System Size



- 699 miles of storm pipe
- 74 miles of major ditches
- 20,289 inlets
- 741 catch basins
- 10,425 storm manholes
- Detention facilities
- 92 sq. miles service area



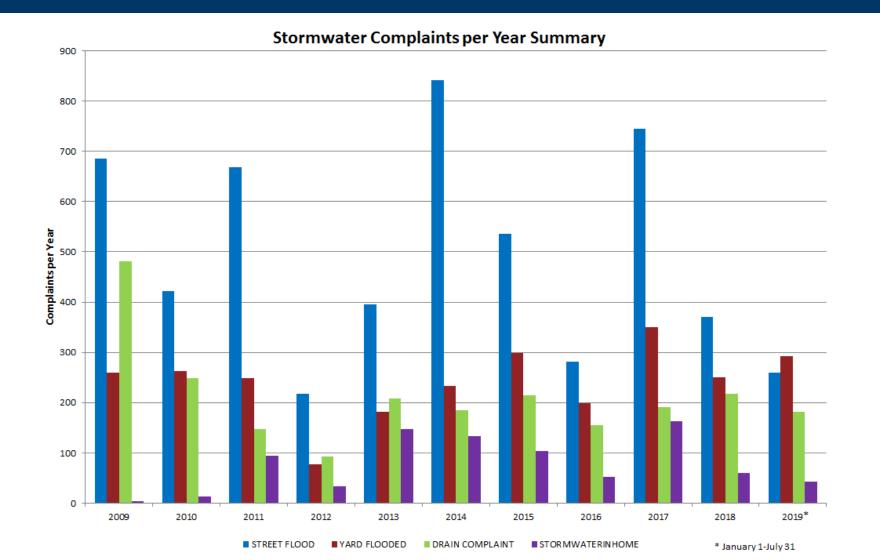








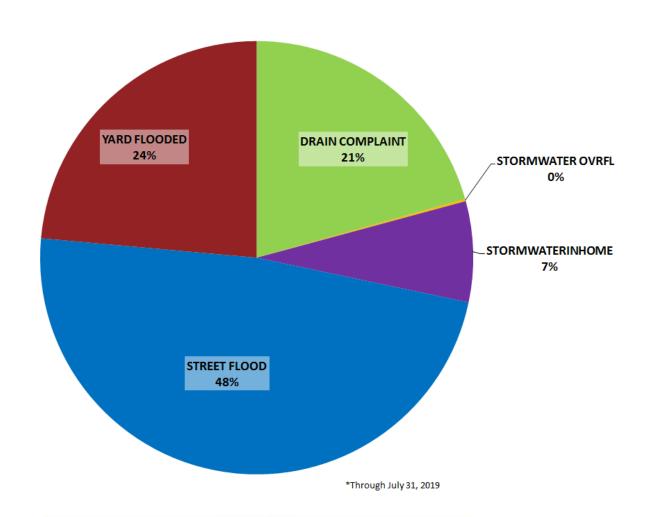






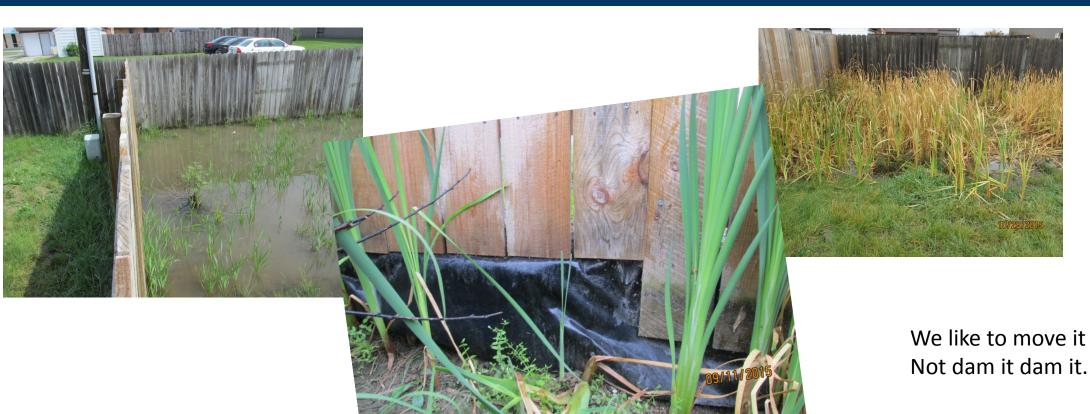
#### Stormwater Calls Since 2009

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# Not Every SR is easy





We like to move it move it,











# Debris in Pipe







#### Trash Can



It's not always easy

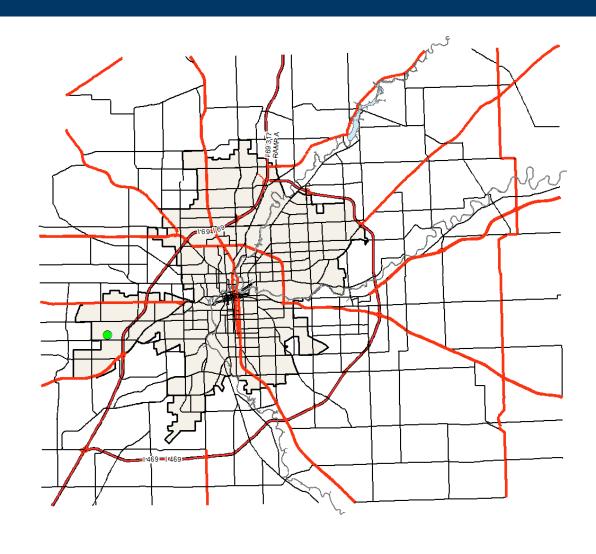


Traveled 500 feet through pipe





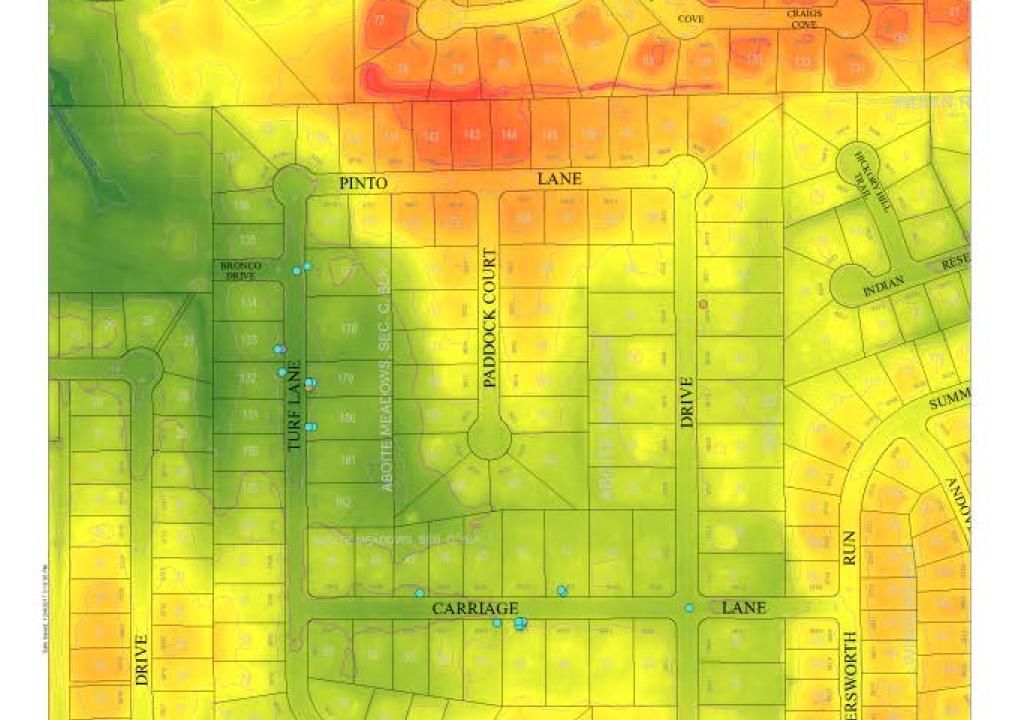


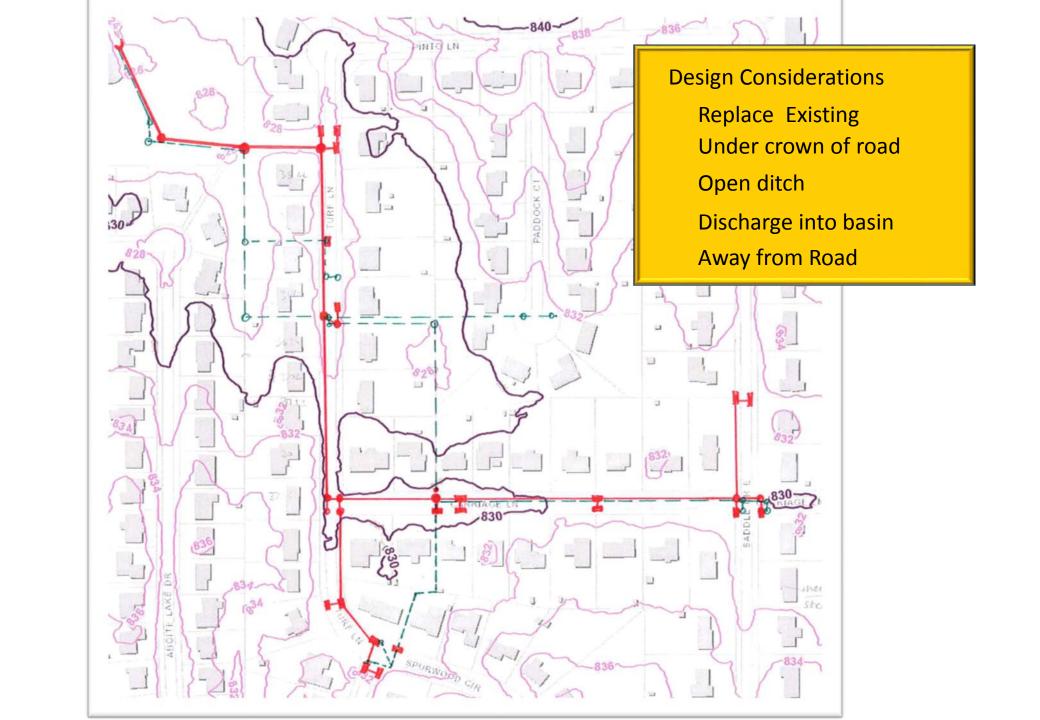








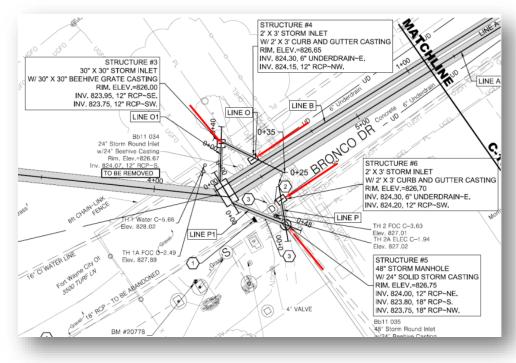


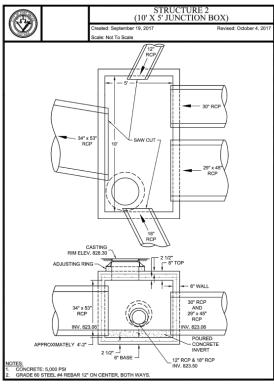




### Merging Parallel Flows



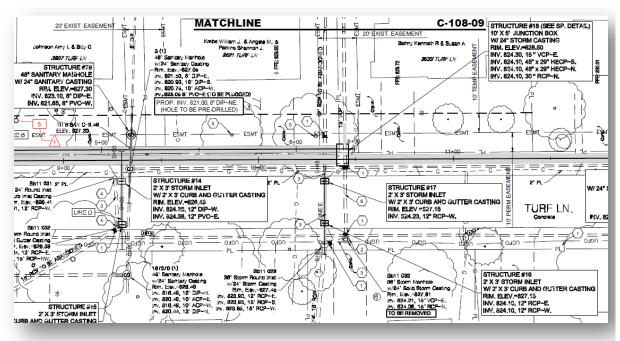


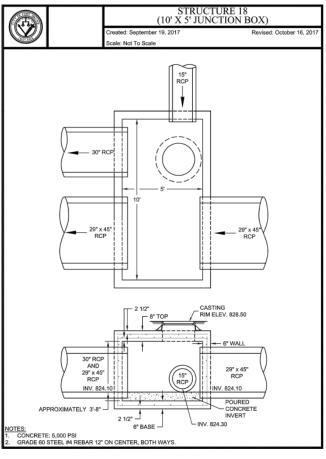




# Splitting Flow & Connecting existing



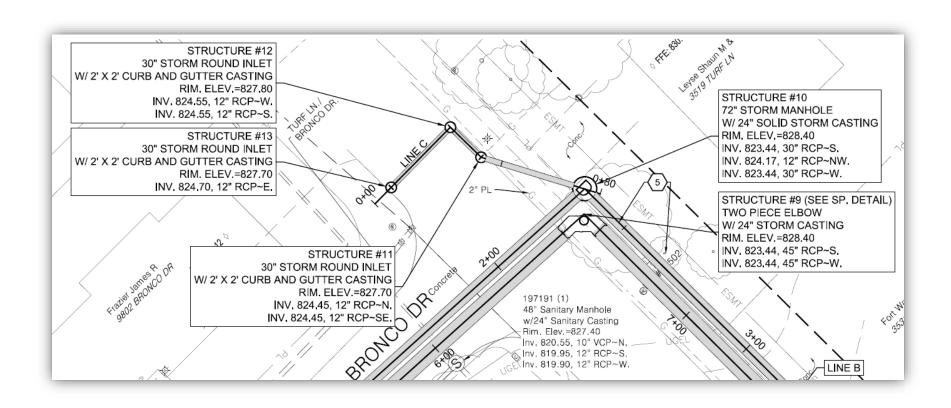








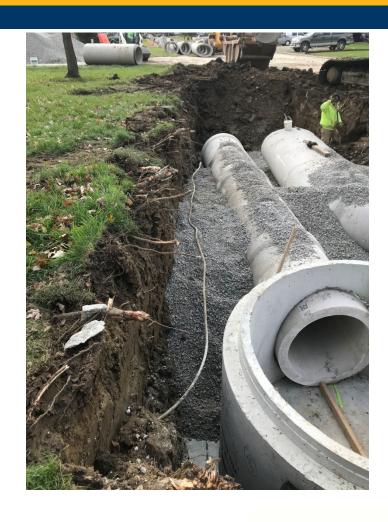






# Turning Corner









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# Raised Sidewalk at pipe split





#### Aboite Meadows Draining



#### Successes:

This street is not flooded

10yr storm

**Utility Coordination** 

**1 Construction Complaint** 

**Under Budget** 

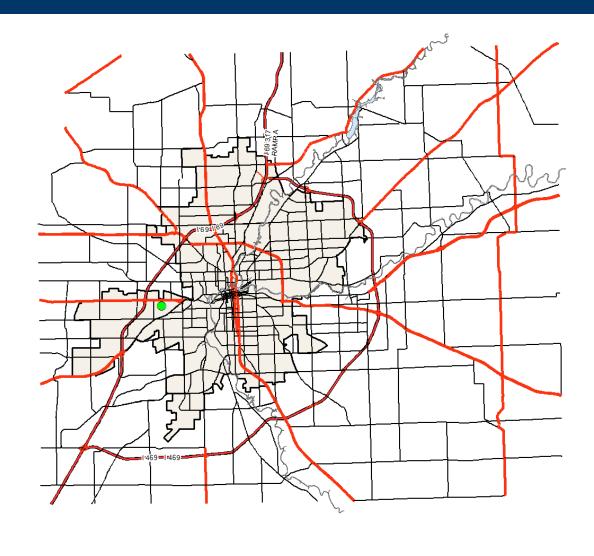
**Street Under Construction** 











#### Lawrence Drain - Melborne Court



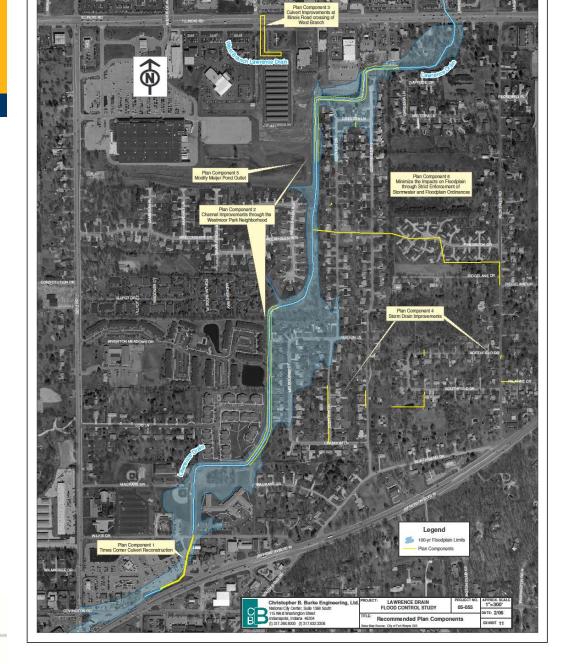






#### Design Considerations

- 1. Times Corners Culvert Replacement
- 2. Channel Improvements in Westmoor Park Neighborhood
- 3. Culvert Improvements at Illinois Road
- 4. Storm Drain Improvements
- 5. Modify Meijer Outfall
- 6. Minimize Floodplain Impacts

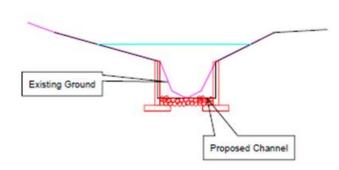


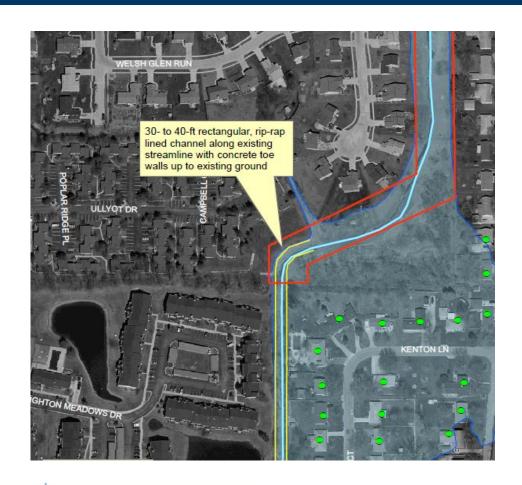


#### **Channel Reconstruction**











# Design Considerations\*\*









## Voluntary Buyout Initiative









#### Homeowner Concerns



What is a Voluntary Buyout Initiative?

How is the value of my home determined?

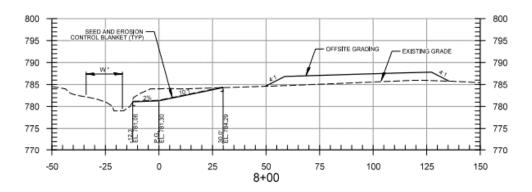
 What happens to my property if I decide to participate in the Voluntary Buyout Initiative?

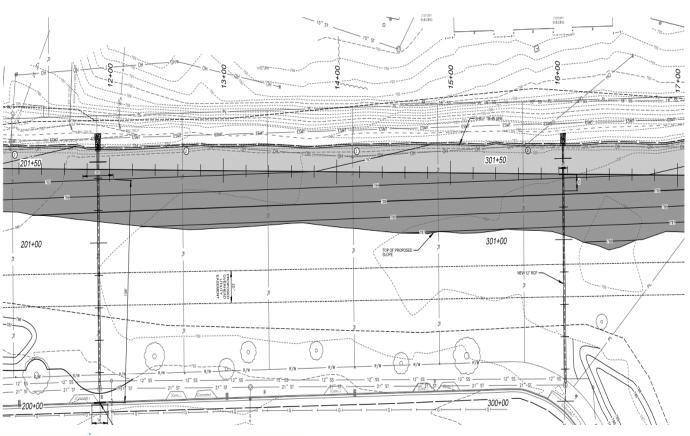
Why doesn't the City just fix the flooding problem?



### Final Design



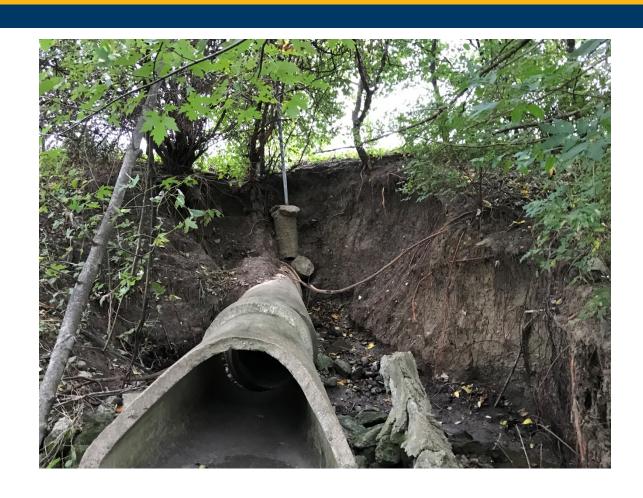






## Meijer Detention Basin



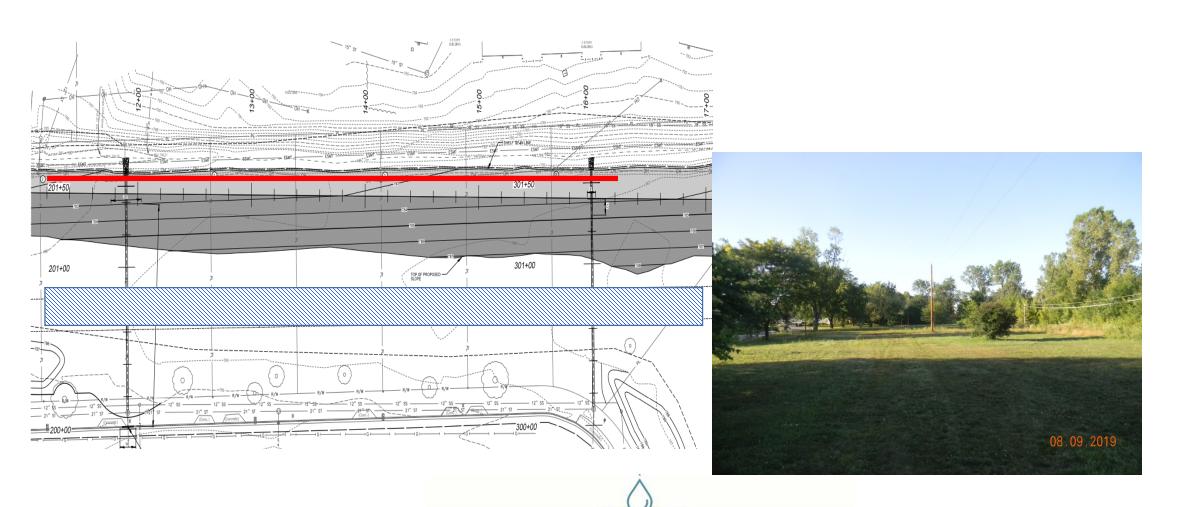






# Utility Coordination



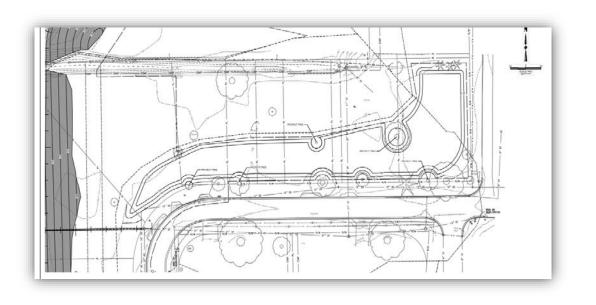


**CITY UTILITIES** 

# Moving Forward









#### Lessons Learned



Coordination with the Public

Public Education

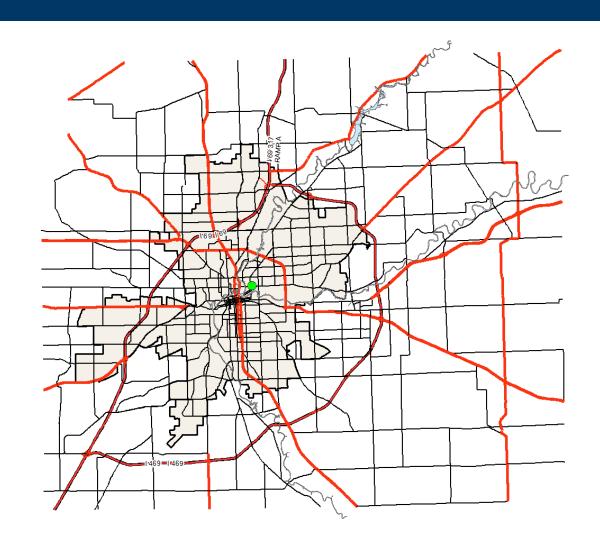
Coordination with Businesses and Utilities

Communication



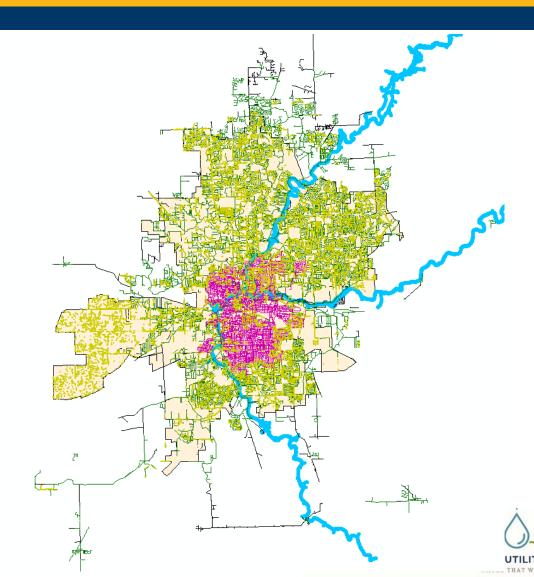


#### Case Study - Lakeside Sewer Separation



## Other Utility Statistics





#### **Combined System**

- 19 sq. miles service area
- 359 miles combined sewer
- 41 CSOs

#### Separate Sanitary System

- 188 sq. miles service area
- 1043 miles sanitary sewer

#### Combined Sewer Capacity Improvement Program



#### • Background:

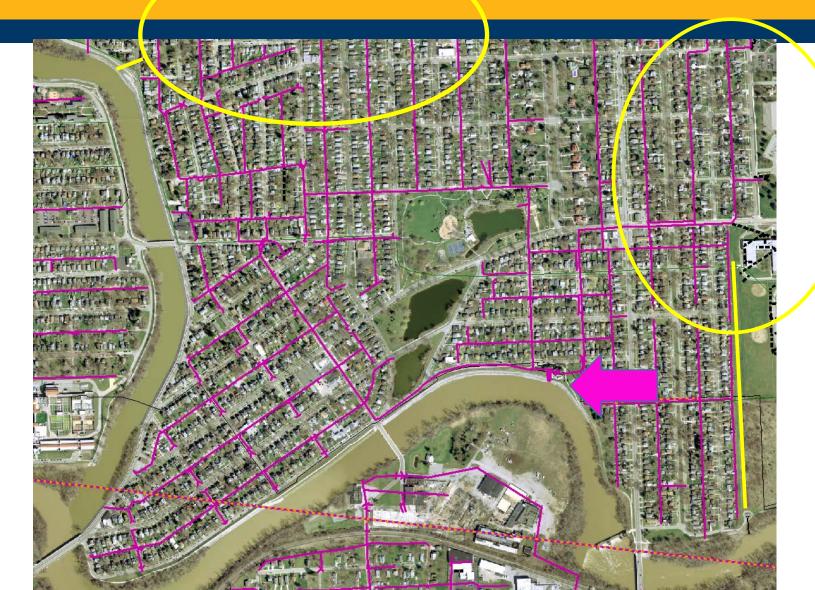
- City initiated program to address basement flooding in combined sewer area.
- Sewer Task Force formed in 1995 to define and prioritize subbasins for improvement
- 29 subbasins prioritized in 1996
- Goal was protection to a 25-year storm level
- Original goal was to complete \$90M of capital improvements over a 10 year period.
- Pursued aggressively from 1998 to 2002
- Slower pace since 2002, as CSSCIP efforts and commitments tied into Consent Decree negotiations
- City's Consent Decree was signed at the end of 2007





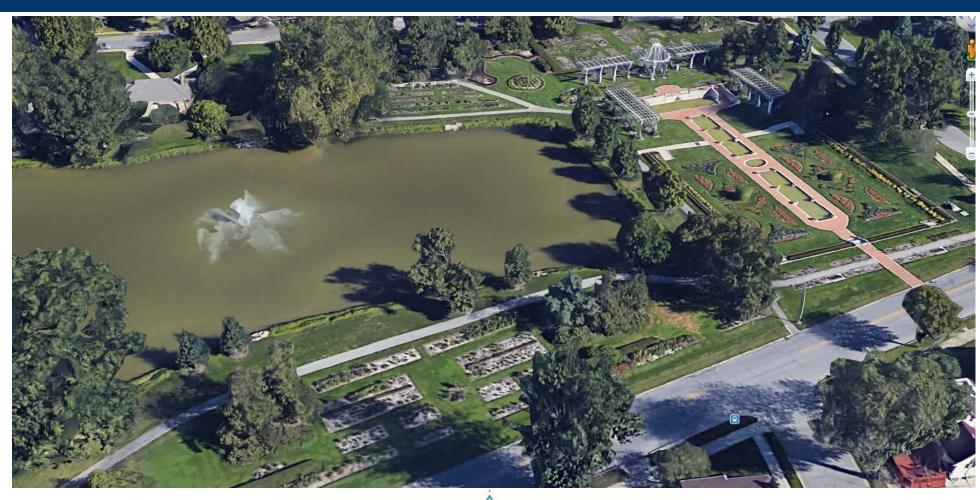


### Combined Sewer Subbasin 010 101



### Lakeside Park







## Design Considerations





No change in current water quality to the ponds



Pump station forcemain discharge

Army Corp Levee Permit



Pump and aquatic life protection

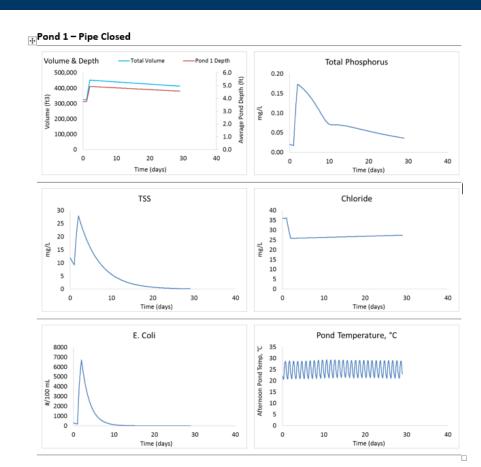


**Utility Conflicts** 

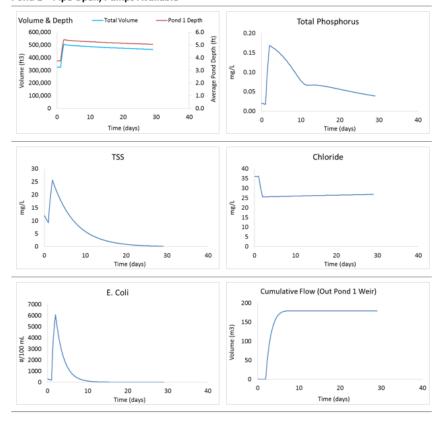
- Lots of Fiber Ductwork in the area
- Watermain transmission lines

# Pond Water Quality





Pond 1 - Pipe Open, Pumps Available



Before



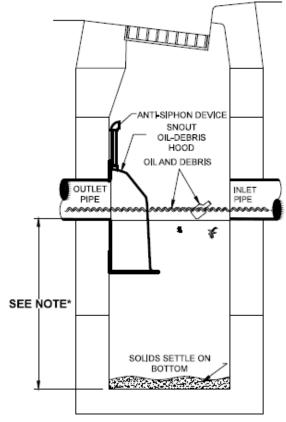
**After** 

## Water Quality Technologies



- Aqua Swirl Concentrator
- Sump and Hoods





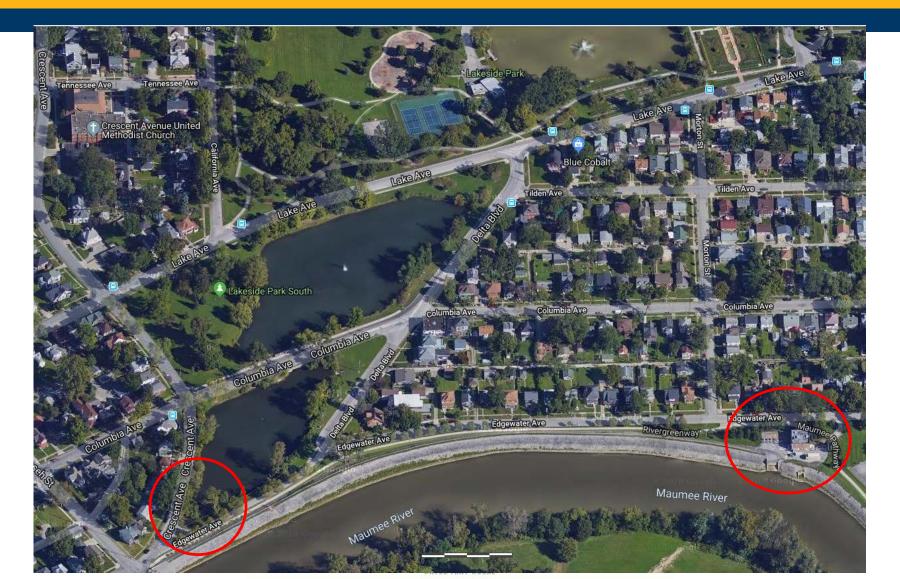
TYPICAL INSTALLATION

\*NOTE- SUMP DEPTH OF 36" MIN. FOR UP TO 12" ID PIPE, OUTLET, FOR PIPES 15" ID AND ABOVE SUMP DEPTH OF 2.5 TO 3 TIMES PIPE ID RECOMMENDED (E.G. 5" DEEP for 24" PIPE)









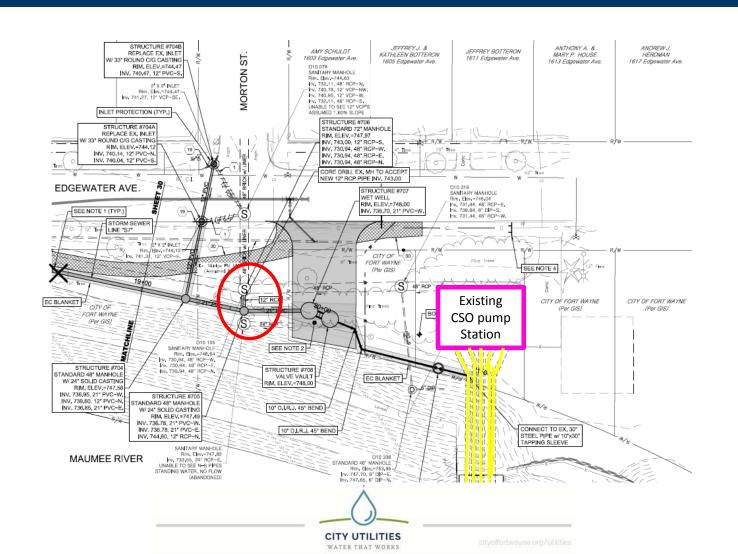












### **Forcemain Connection**



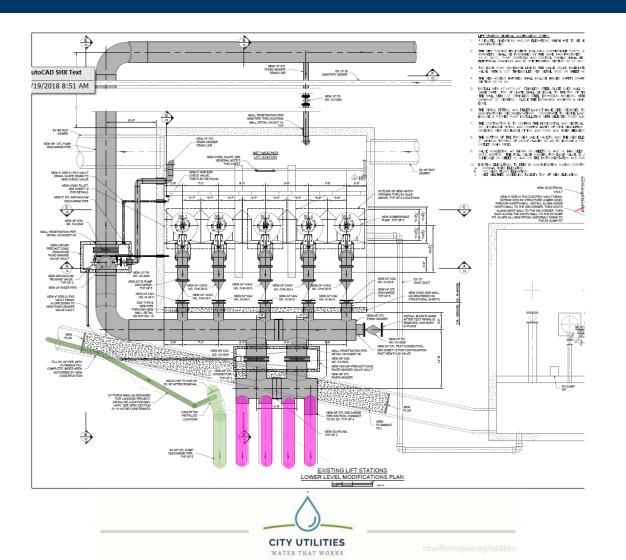






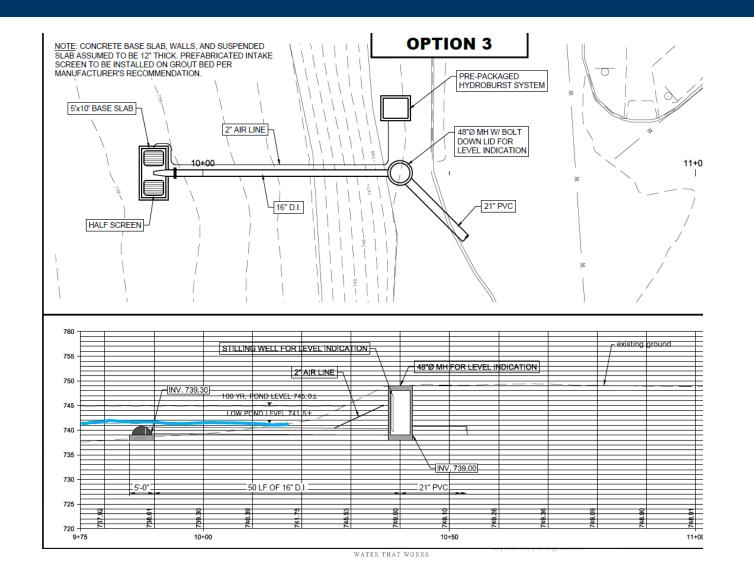






### Pump and Aquatic Life Protection





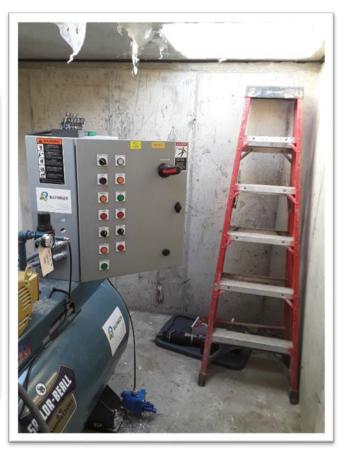
## Johnson Hydroburst Screen



- Protects the pumps
- Protection of aquatic life



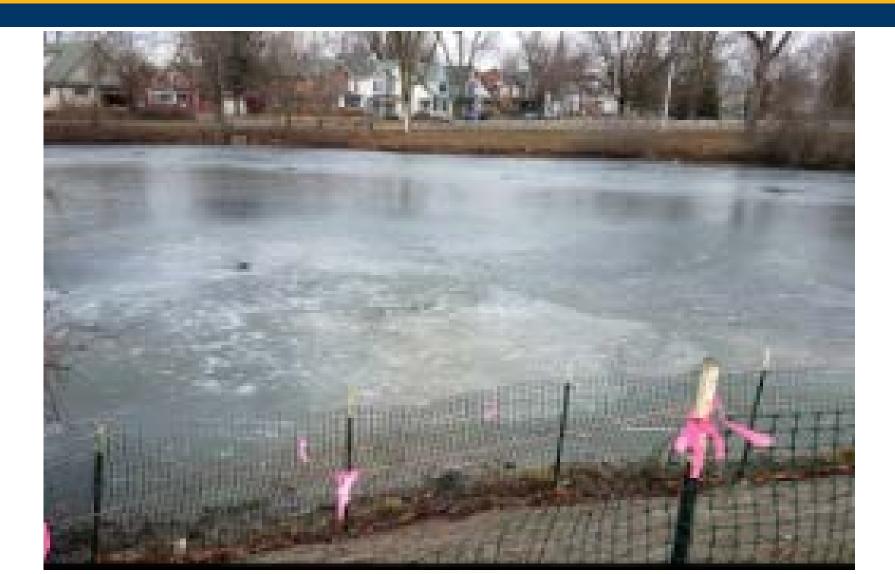








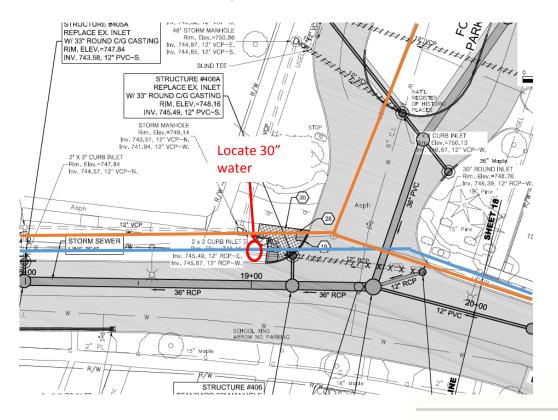






## Utility Conflicts at Forest Park Blvd

- Utility Locates
- Pot holing







# Utility Conflicts





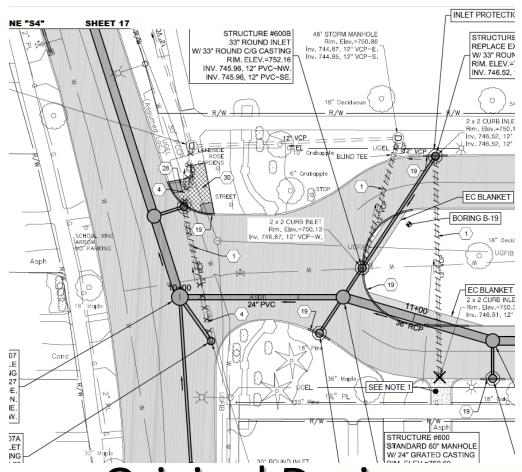


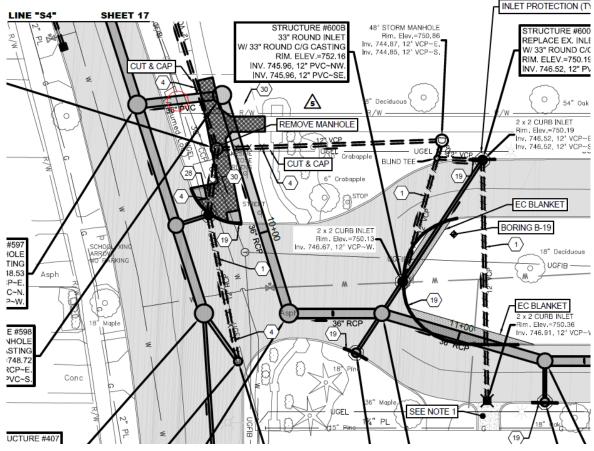




## Changed the Sewer Alignment







Original Design



**Revised Design** 













## Project Success's





No complaints from parks on water quality or pond level



Easy connection to existing forcemain making permitting easier



Successful pump and aquatic life protection



Met the Consent Decree Deadline.





#### Conclusions





The solution to stormwater problems is more than simple engineering.



Moving stormwater is not always as easy task.



Patience + Creativity = Success



Stormwater is highly complex; requires out-of-the-box thinking









