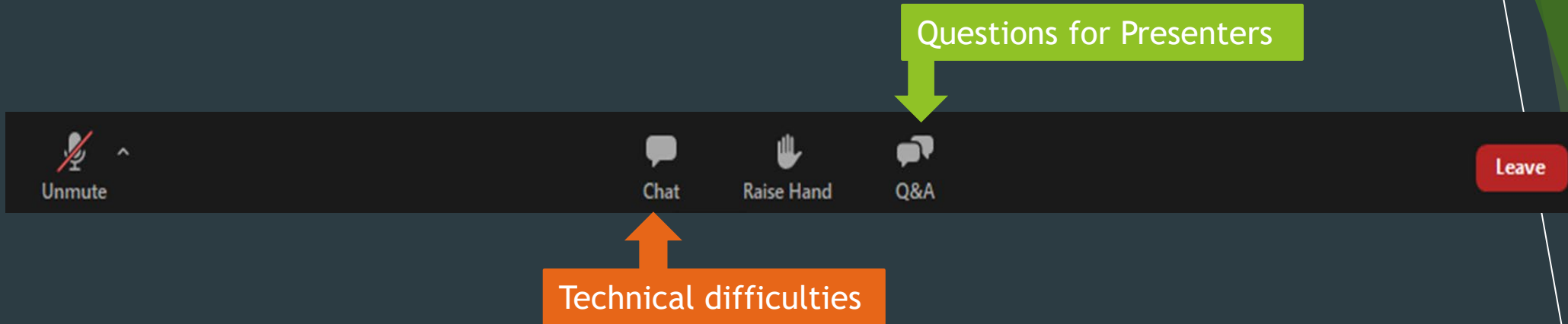


Smart Sewer Systems and Smart Data Infrastructure

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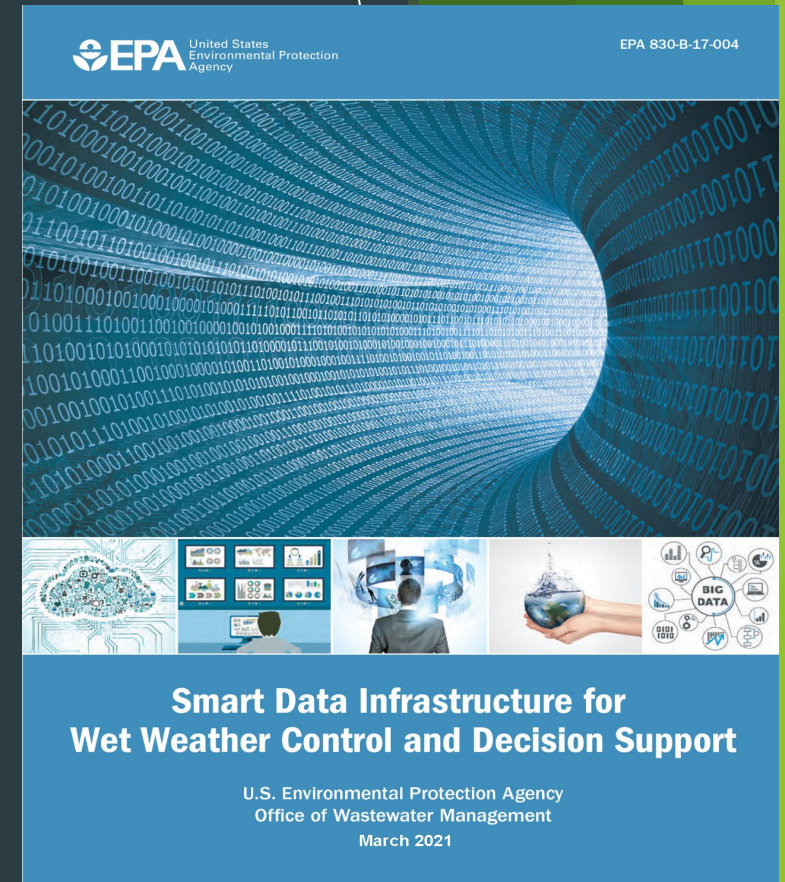
Technical Assistance

- ▶ U.S. EPA can provide a range of assistance including the following:
 - ▶ EPA's small CSO community spreadsheet-based tools
 - ▶ CSO Model
 - ▶ Long-Term Control Plan Review Checklist
 - ▶ Post-Construction Compliance Monitoring Checklist
 - ▶ Regulatory/compliance questions
 - ▶ Troubleshooting operation and maintenance problems
 - ▶ Asset management training
 - ▶ Smart sewer and smart data infrastructure training
 - ▶ Monitoring and modeling training

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mohammed Billah, Kathryn Kazior and EPA's contractors Adam Orndorff and Sam Arden

Smart Data Infrastructure for Wet Weather Control and Decision Support

- ▶ Share how municipalities, utilities, and related organizations can use advanced technologies and monitoring data to support both wet weather control and decision-making in real time or near real time
- ▶ This document highlights the technologies currently available and provides case studies to describe some of the possible ways municipalities and utilities implement the technologies
- ▶ https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-08/documents/smart_data_infrastructure_for_wet_weather_control_and_decision_support_-_final_-_august_2018.pdf





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Clean Water Utility Challenges

Utility managers must make key operational decisions today and plan infrastructure investments for generations to come.

Customer and Community

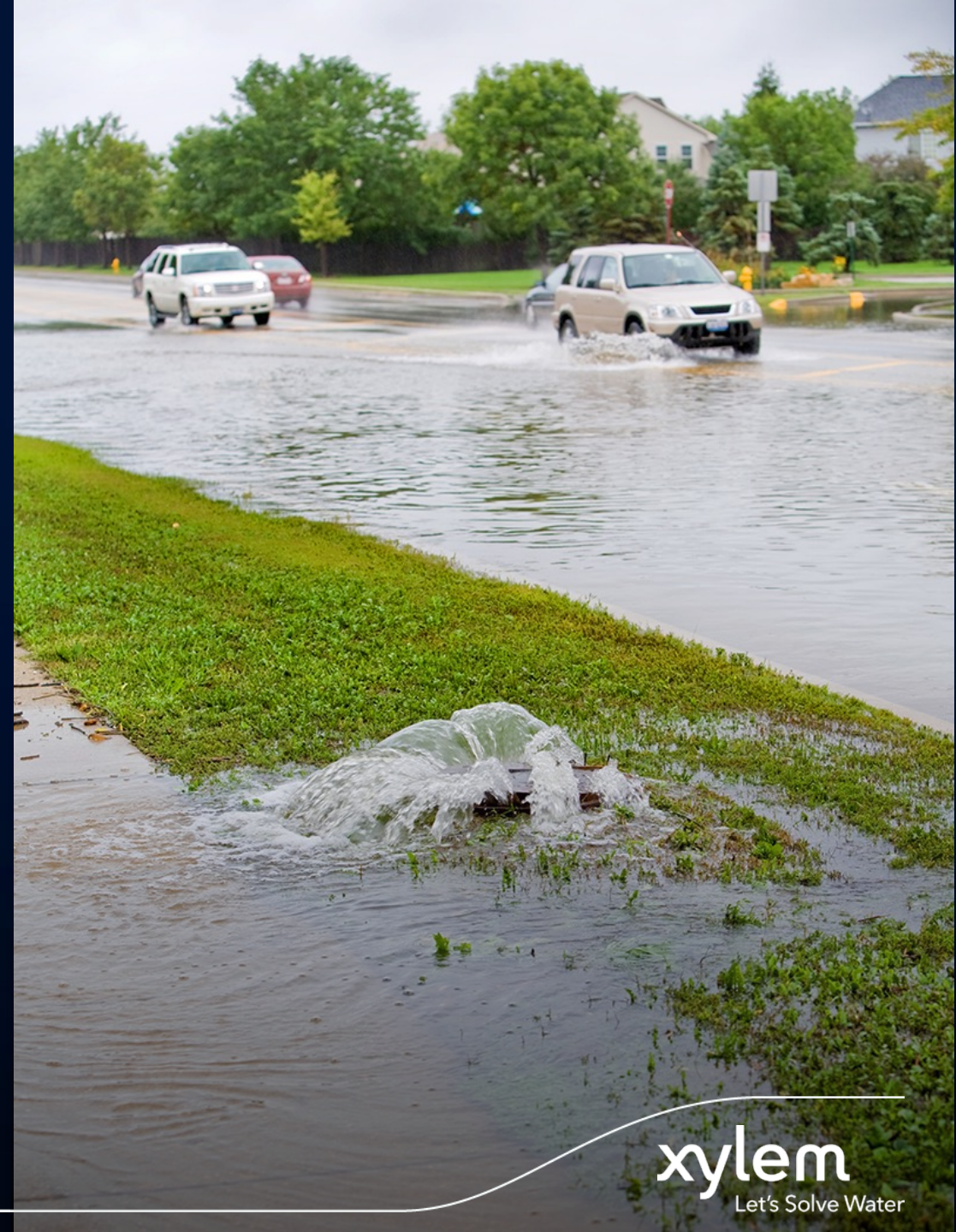
- Serve all rate-payers equitably
- Protect the most vulnerable
- Protect property, deliver high level of service, instill trust

Regulatory and Environmental

- Minimize/eliminate sewage discharges to the environment, and to public or private property
- Protect and serve the treatment plant

CapEx

- Building capital improvement programs to serve current and future generations



A person wearing a hard hat, safety vest, and work clothes stands in a dark, circular tunnel. They are looking out of a large, circular opening at the end of the tunnel, where bright light is streaming in. The tunnel walls are rough and textured. The overall scene is dramatic and suggests a transition or a new beginning.

The status quo won't work any more.



**There is no shortage
of data – unlocking it
is the challenge**

CURRENT STATE

Many digital solutions are one-size-fits-all yet out-of-the-box software doesn't adapt to solve complex operational wastewater network problems.

Hydraulic models are a start but mathematical representations alone don't tell the whole story. Utilities require actionable insights based on live, dynamic conditions.



The path to optimized wastewater network performance

Create Visibility

to network capacity, in real-time, to address challenges as they arise

Predict Flows

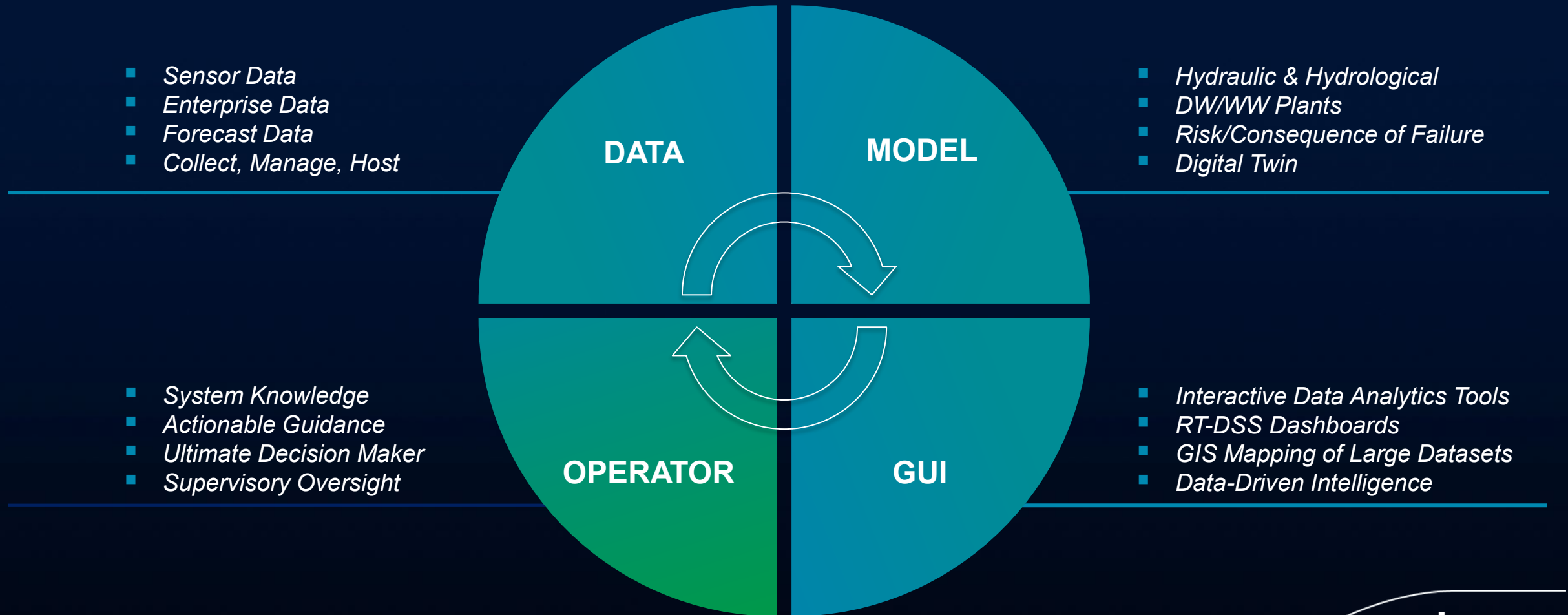
with confidence based on dynamic network activity

Optimize Capacity

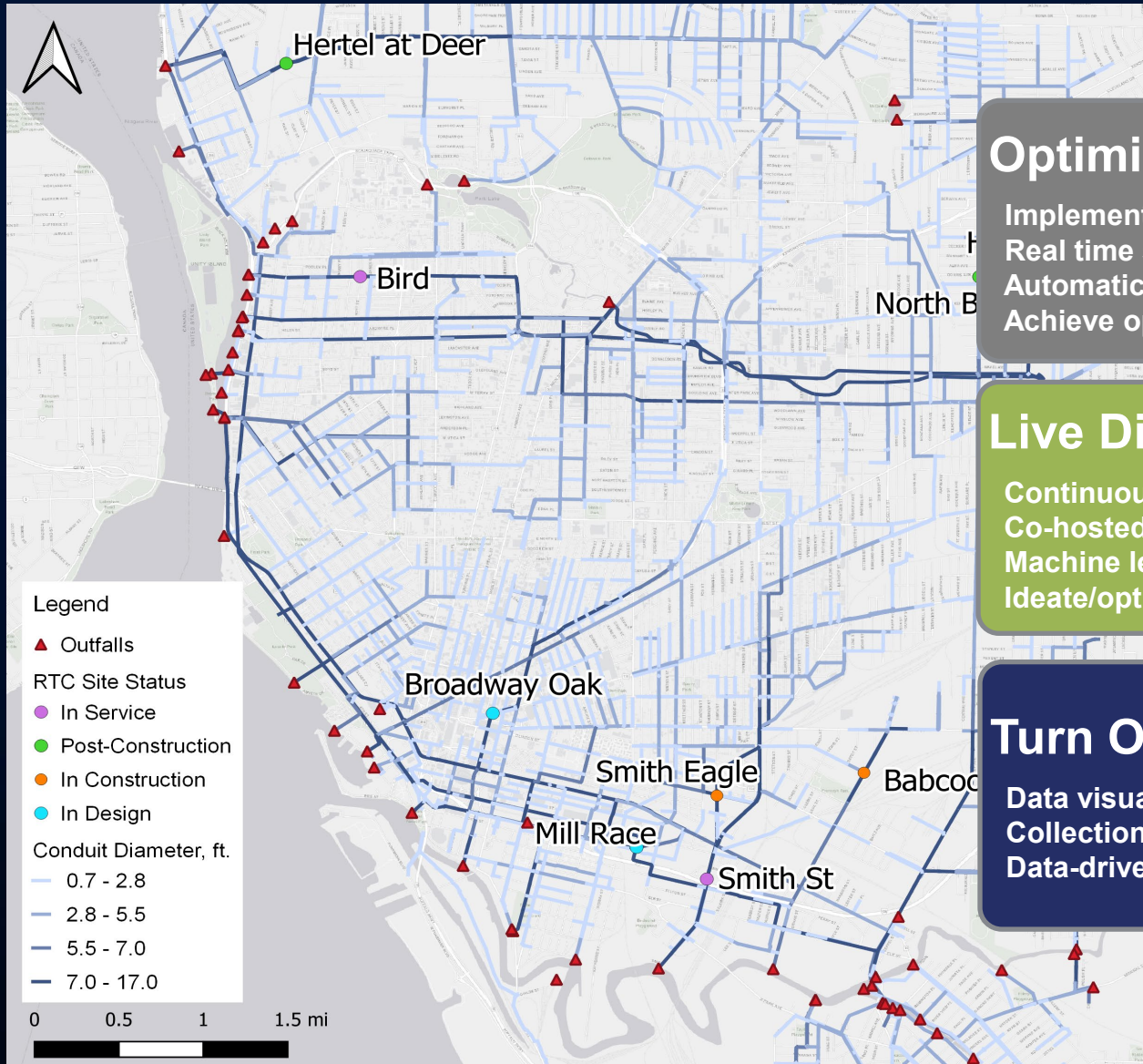
with scalable, data-driven and actionable intelligence

Real Time Decision Support System

Framework for building RT-DSS in urban water infrastructure and treatment works



RT-DSS Roadmap



Optimize & Operate

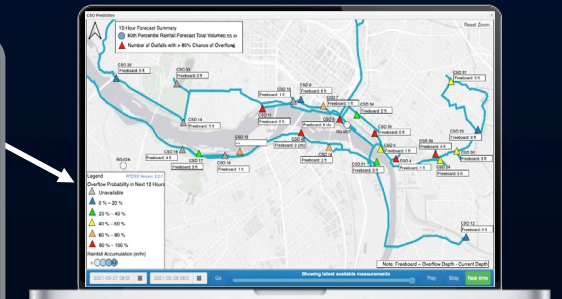
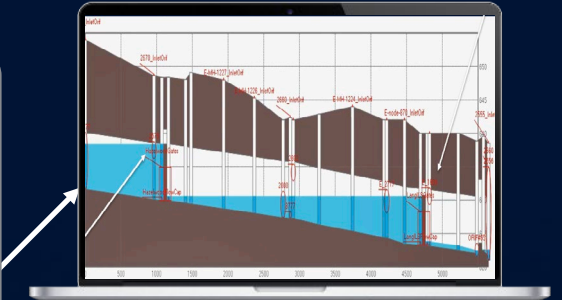
Implement and operate coordinated control
Real time situational awareness
Automatic/guidance mode
Achieve optimal system performance

Live Digital Twin

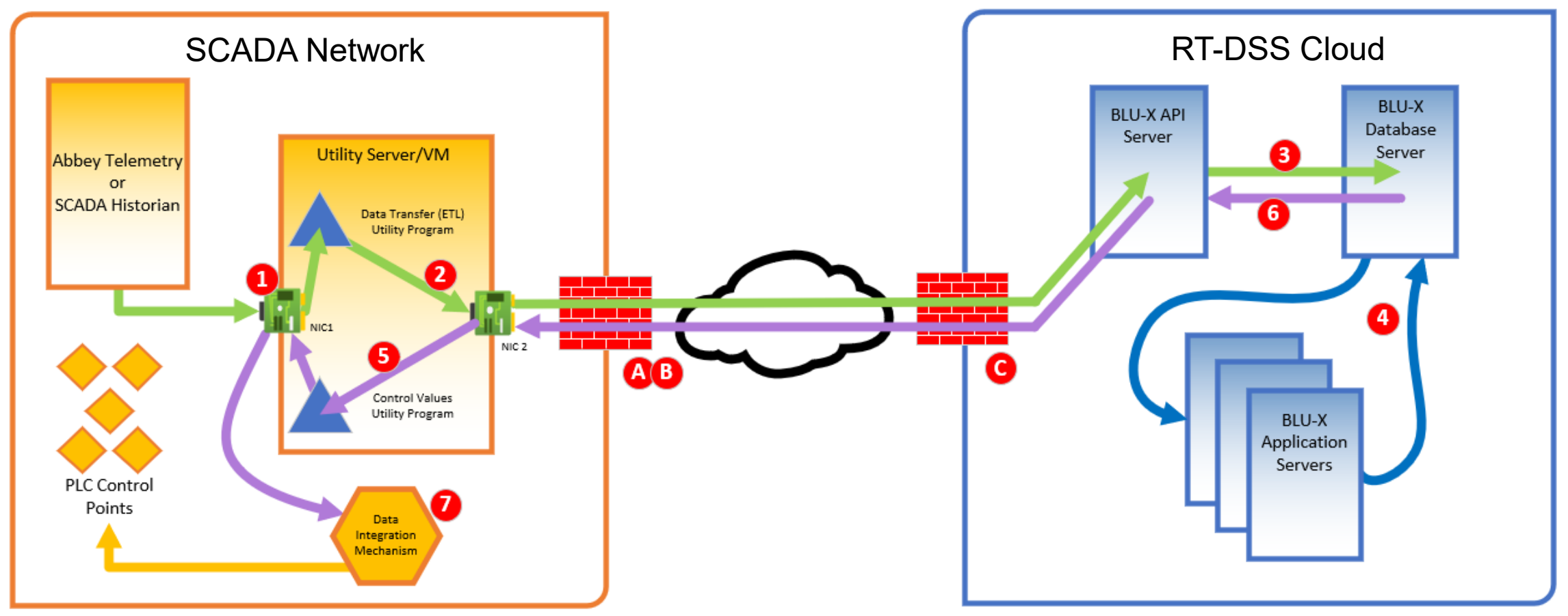
Continuous real time modeling
Co-hosted models & sensor data
Machine learning hydrology calibration
Ideate/optimize for coordinated control

Turn On the Lights!

Data visualization/mapping
Collection system user interface
Data-driven predictive maintenance



Sample RT-DSS Architecture



The Next Big Category in Water!



FUTURE STATE

RT-DSS is the next big industry category

Dozens of communities have already paved the way, demonstrating the power of decision science applied to legacy infrastructure and built on the foundation of existing IT assets.

How did we live without it?

The communities utilizing RT-DSS/Smart Data Infrastructure already can't imagine life without it.

Regulatory support

The regulatory agencies have supported this framework and approach for years validated by recent events.



Kieran Fahey

City of South Bend, Indiana

Reimagining Wastewater and Stormwater
Solutions through...

Smart Sewer Systems and Smart Data Infrastructure



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
PUBLIC WORKS

South Bend

Who we are and our financial resources

Pop: 101,000

MHI: \$38,943 (35% < USA)

Per capita income \$22,119 (32% < USA)

30% households have income <\$20K

1 in 4 are “persons in poverty”

And sewer rates have already risen 384% since 2004 to keep pace with infrastructural needs.

The Consent Decree (2012)

An \$863 Million price tag. Add on financing costs and its >\$1 Billion.

**\$10,000 per resident, or
\$25,000 per household**

1 in 5 households would pay 10% of their household income just toward their water bill





South Bend

Area: Almost 42 square miles (large area considering population)

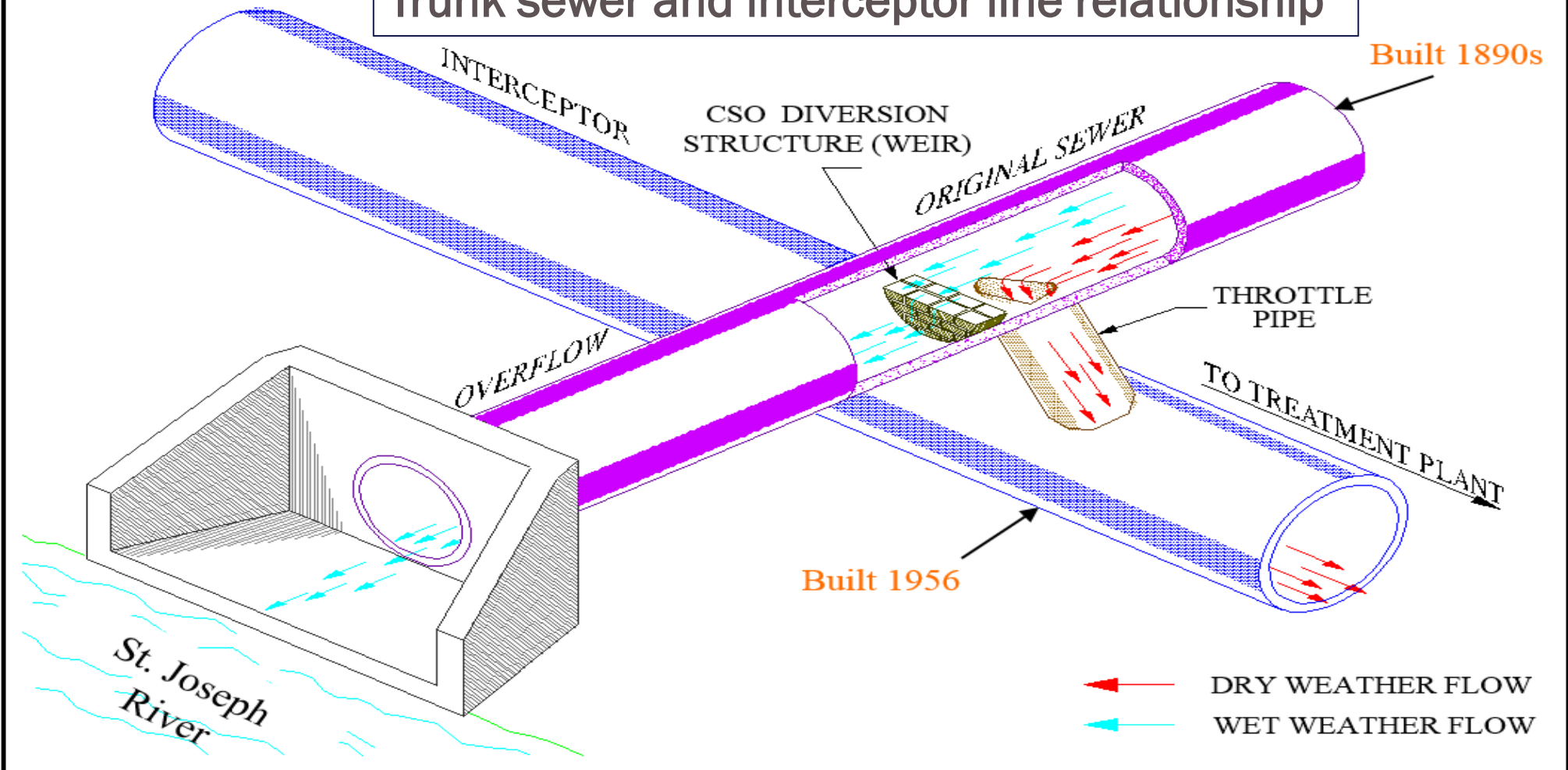
Population: 101,000

- In 42 sq miles, it doesn't always rain the same in every neighborhood.
- Six rain gauges prove this.

• **This creates an opportunity.**



Trunk sewer and interceptor line relationship



South Bend

- This Trunk line/Interceptor interaction point happens at 35 locations across the City.
- Therefore there are 35 locations across the 42 sq miles of South Bend- this is important because it means we can assert control at these points.



South Bend

Real time control _RTC

Smart valves on the throttle lines that connect the trunk sewer to the interceptor allocate interceptor capacity to the trunk lines that need it most.

In summary, they work by ensuring that the capacity of the interceptor is given to the trunk lines that are about to (otherwise) overflow. Trunk lines that are not near overflow (due to previously mentioned differences in rainfall across the City) get less capacity. The network of sensors talk to one another and make these allocation decisions.

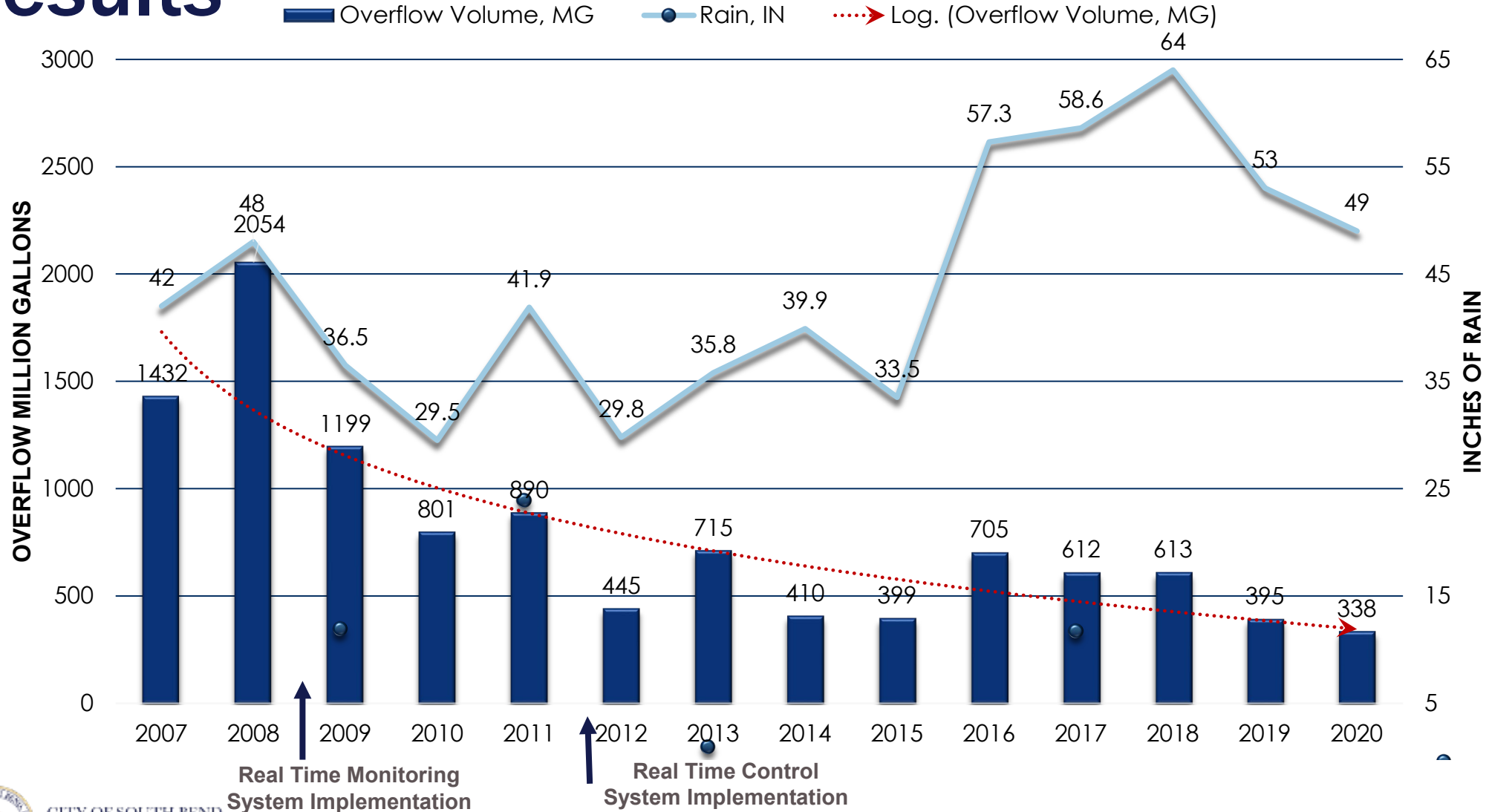


Examples of material removed from the South Bend collection system due to Smart Sewer Data

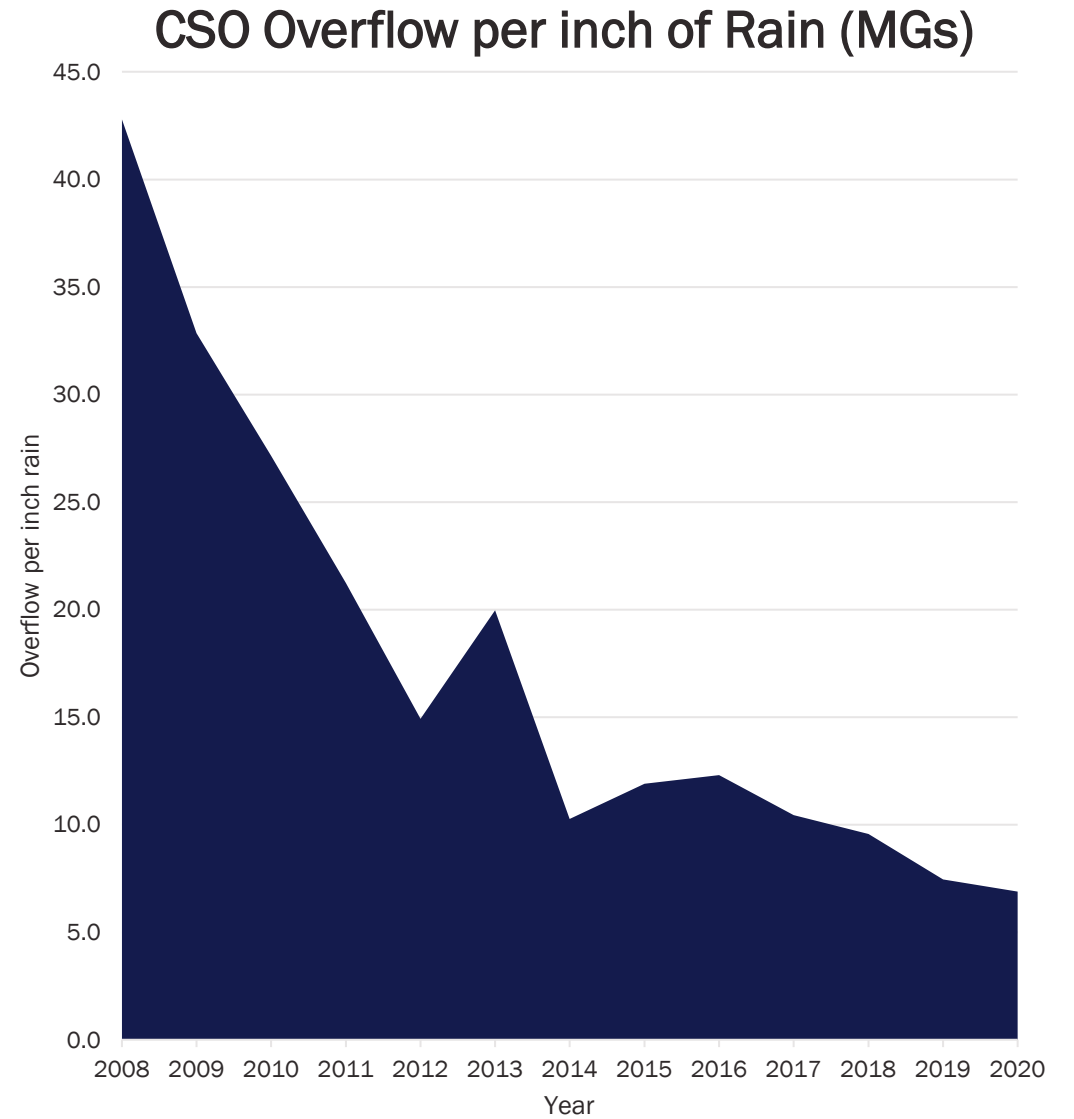
Increase
your capacity
by optimizing
what you
already had



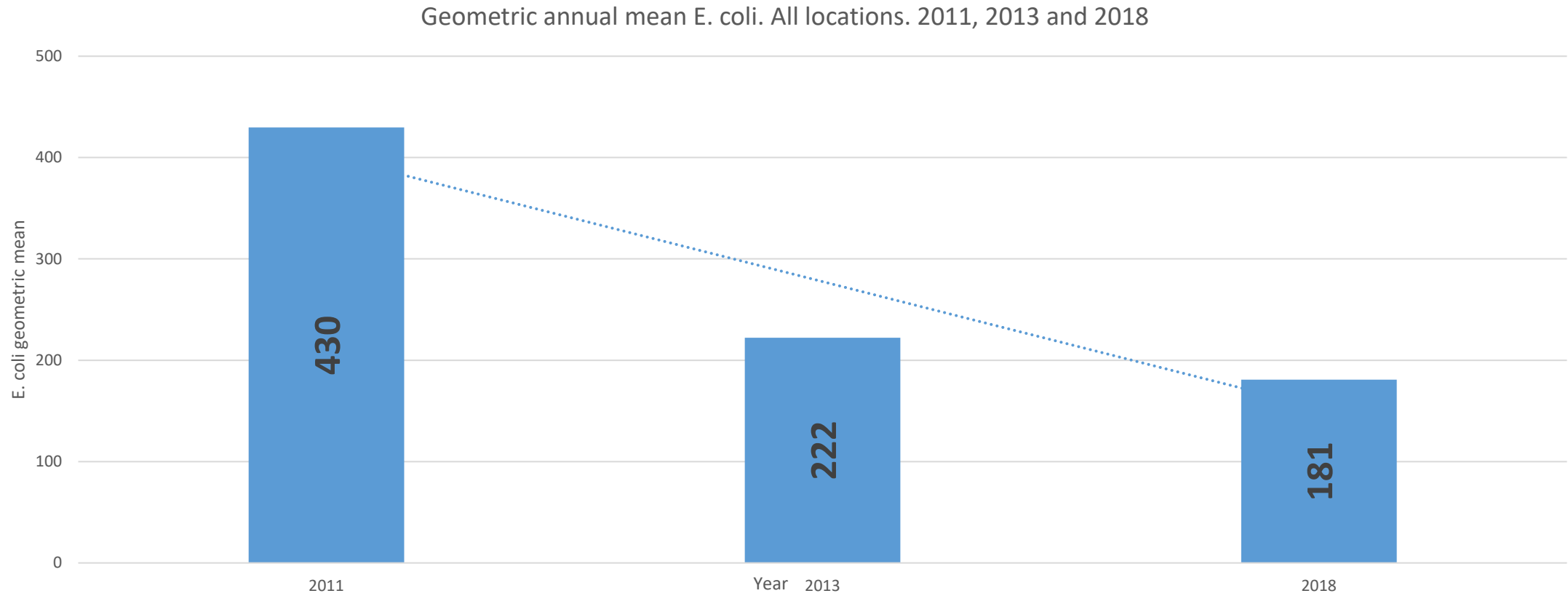
Results



Year	Rain (Inches)	CSO (MGs)	CSO Overflow per inch of rain (MGs)
2008	48	2054	42.8
2009	37	1199	32.8
2010	30	801	27.2
2011	42	890	21.2
2012	30	445	14.9
2013	36	715	20.0
2014	40	410	10.3
2015	34	399	11.9
2016	57	705	12.3
2017	59	612	10.4
2018	64	613	9.6
2019	53	395	7.5
2020	49	338	6.9



E. Coli reduction (58% decrease)



Revising the Plan

1. Data-driven maintenance created increased capacity;
2. New hyper-accurate model shows deficiencies in old LTCP model;
3. Real Time Control exceeded expectations in reducing overflows;
4. Federal LTCP builds infrastructure but does not address the problem.



SAGE is better how?

- \$437m less expensive;
- 99.96% wet weather capture versus 75.8% currently (about the same as 2011 CD);
- Will result in 12% less E. Coli in River compared to the 2011 CD;
- Less frequent overflows (emissions) compared today and compared to 2011 CD;
- Less community disruption (3 vs 7 storage tanks);
- No construction on our Flagship downtown parks (Leeper & Howard);
- Developed with community input.





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Metropolitan Sewer District of
Greater Cincinnati, Ohio



A New Road to Compliance

The Cincinnati *Smart
Sewers* Story

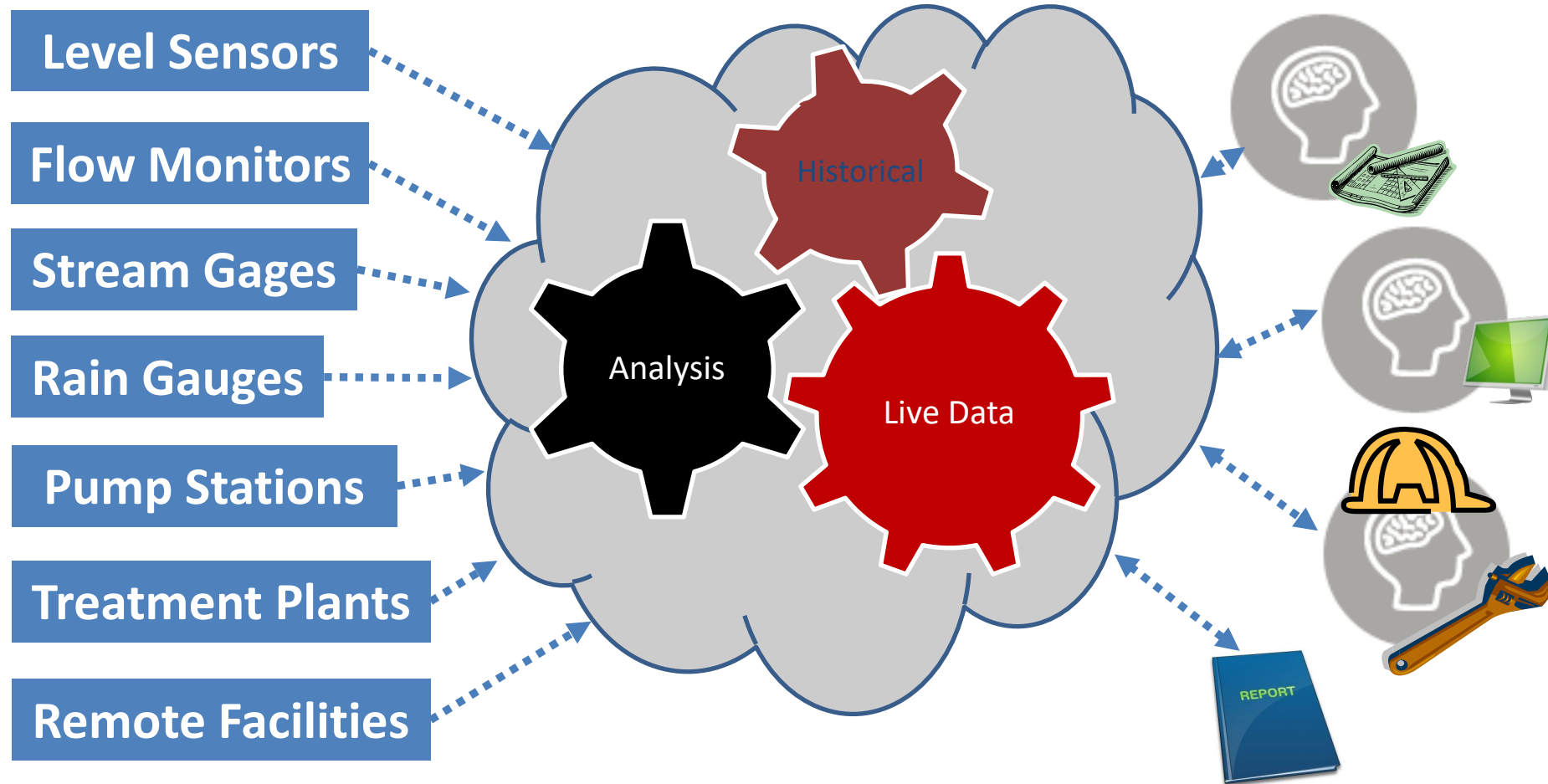
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System-wide Operational Optimization



Cloud-based SCADA for Watershed

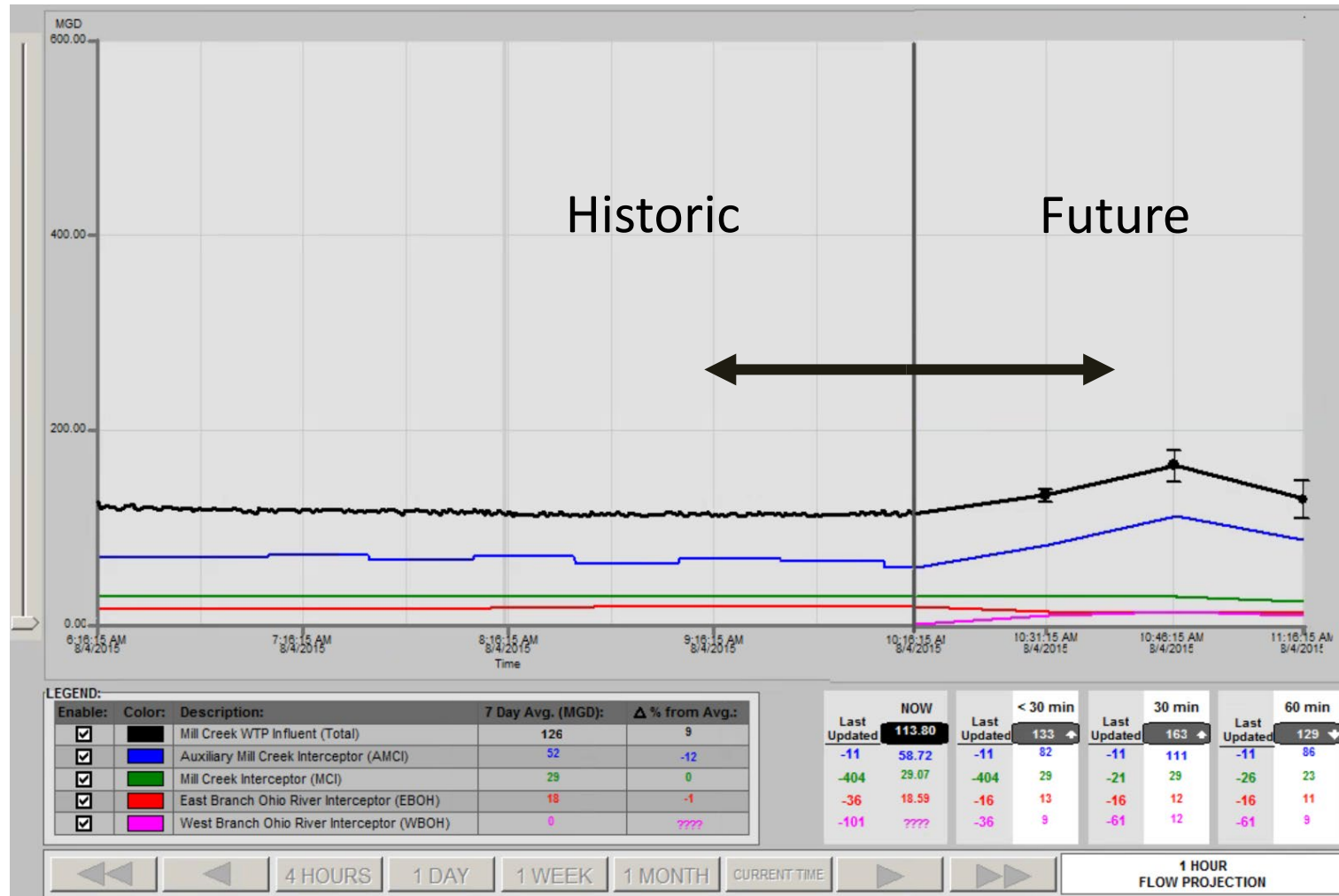


“Smart Sewer” Achieved Results Without Additional Construction

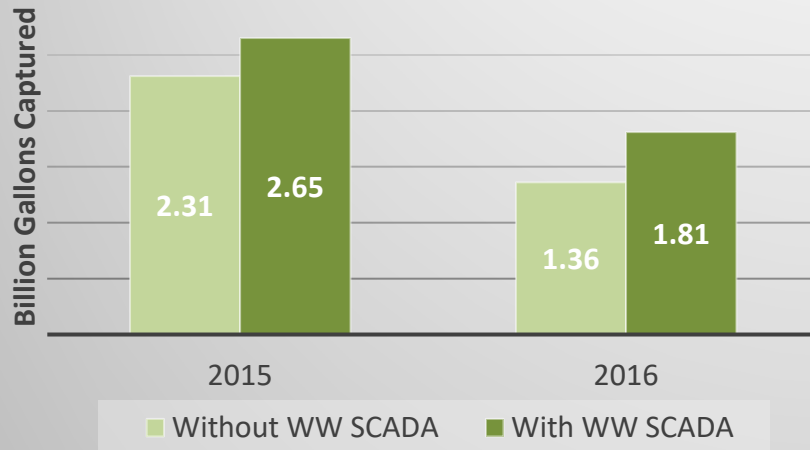
- Improved Treatment Plant Operations
- Reduced Overflows from the Collection System
- Maximized Use of Existing Assets
- Maximization of Conveyance and Treatment
- Basin-wide Optimization



Projects Future Flows to WWTP



Reduces Overflows



Leveraged Data at 4 Wet Weather Facilities:

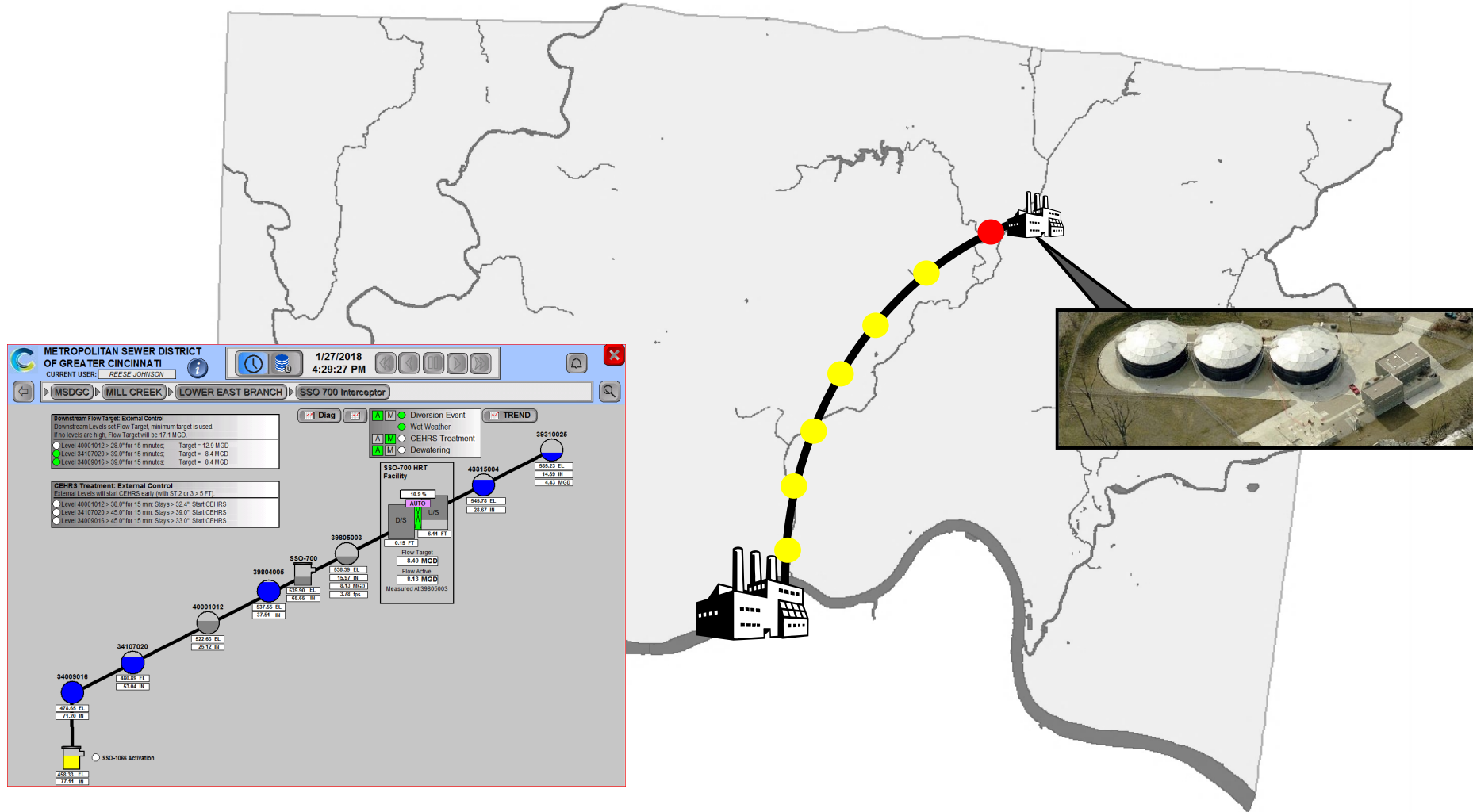
1st Year, added real-time monitoring capabilities:

15% improvement

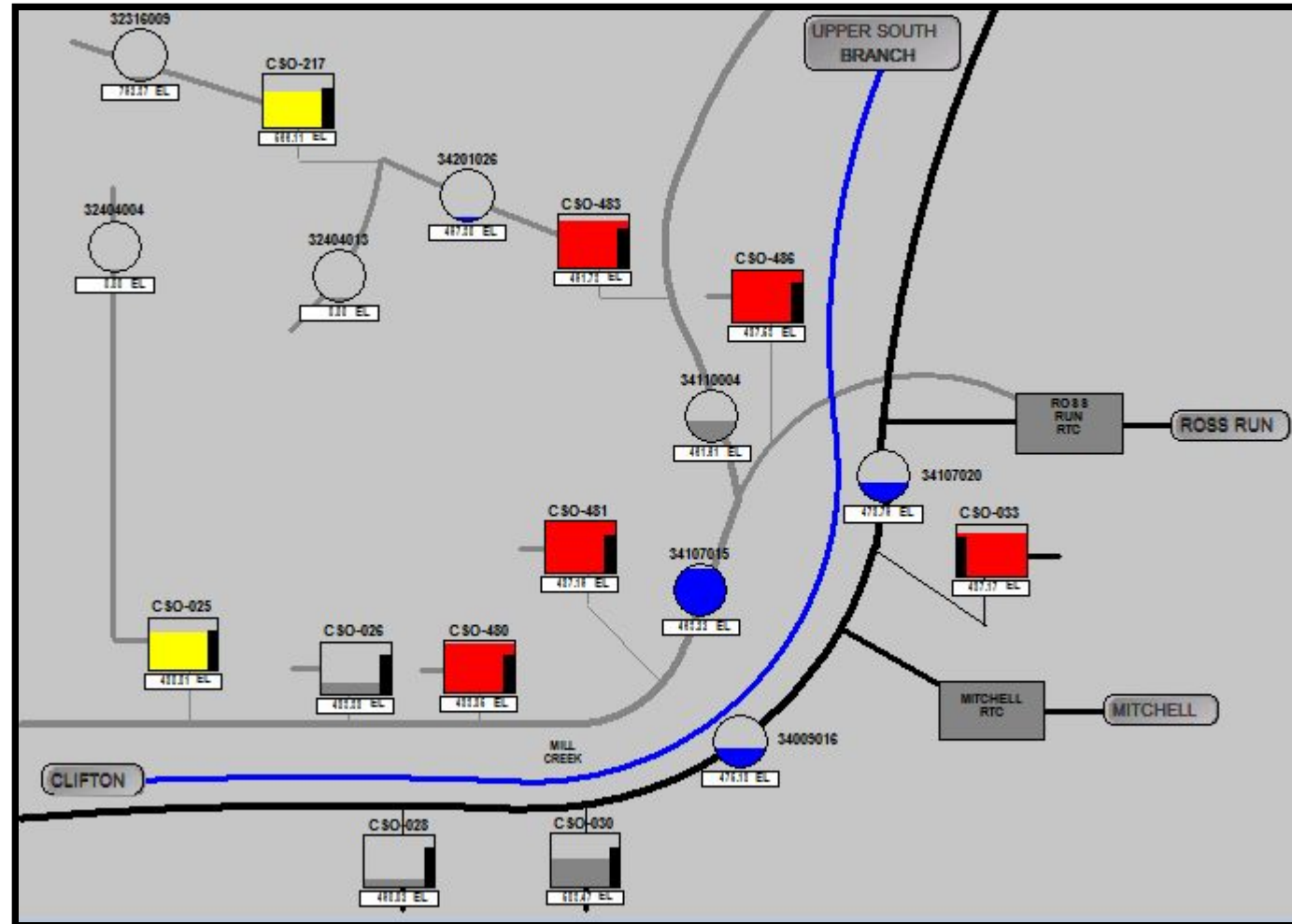
2nd Year, added real-time control capabilities:

33% improvement

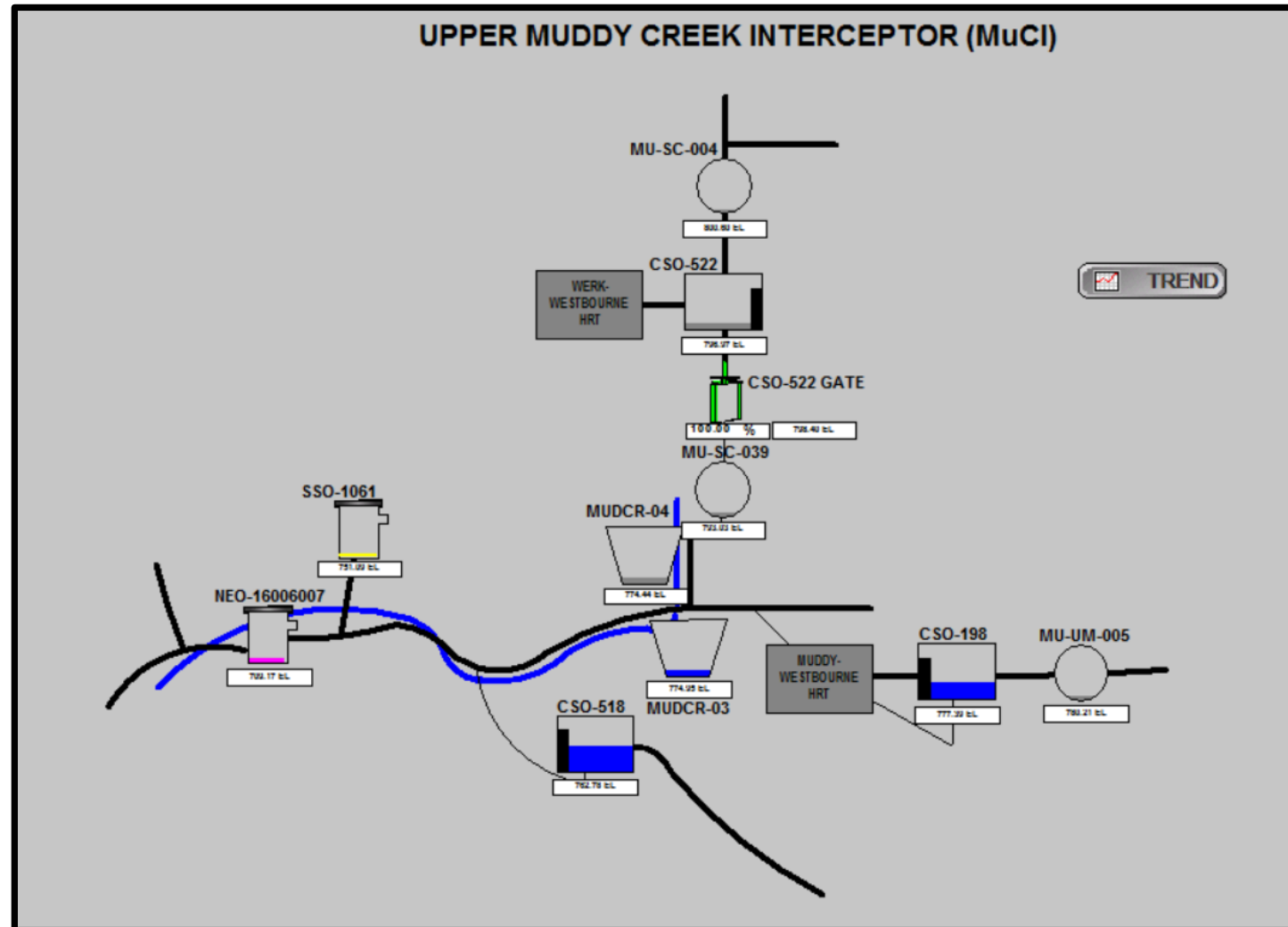
Maximizes Existing Assets



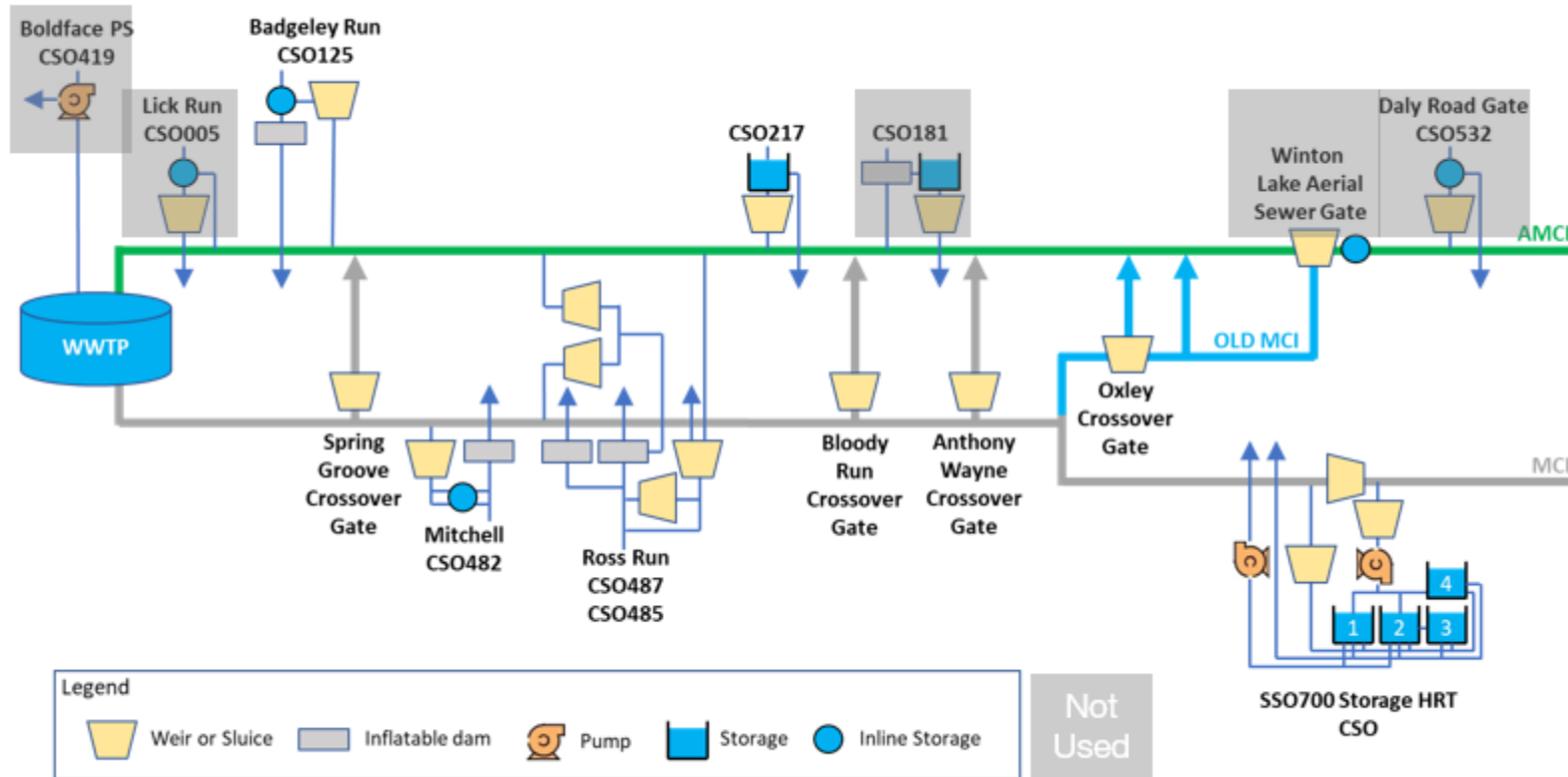
DUC's to Maximize Flow to Treatment



Coordination of Upstream Flows

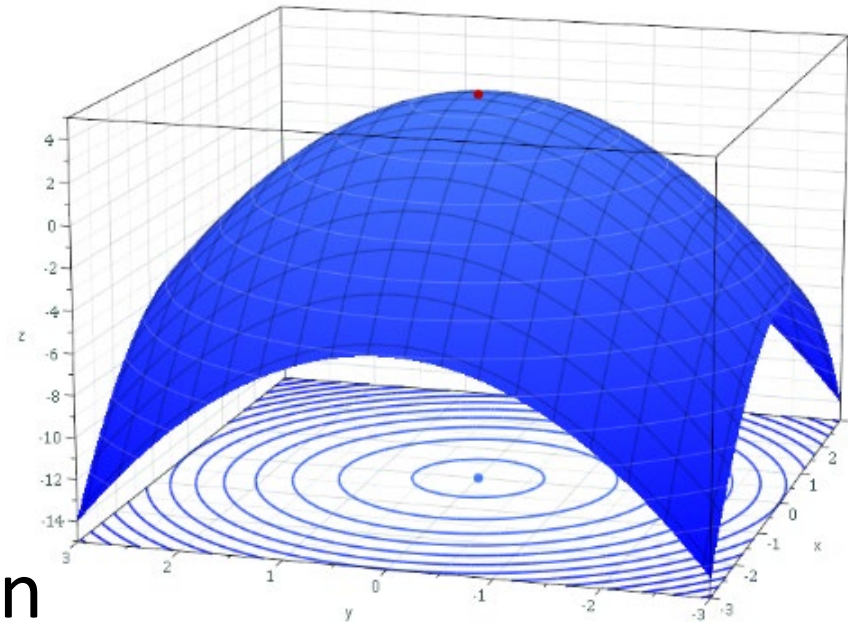


Optimize an Entire Basin



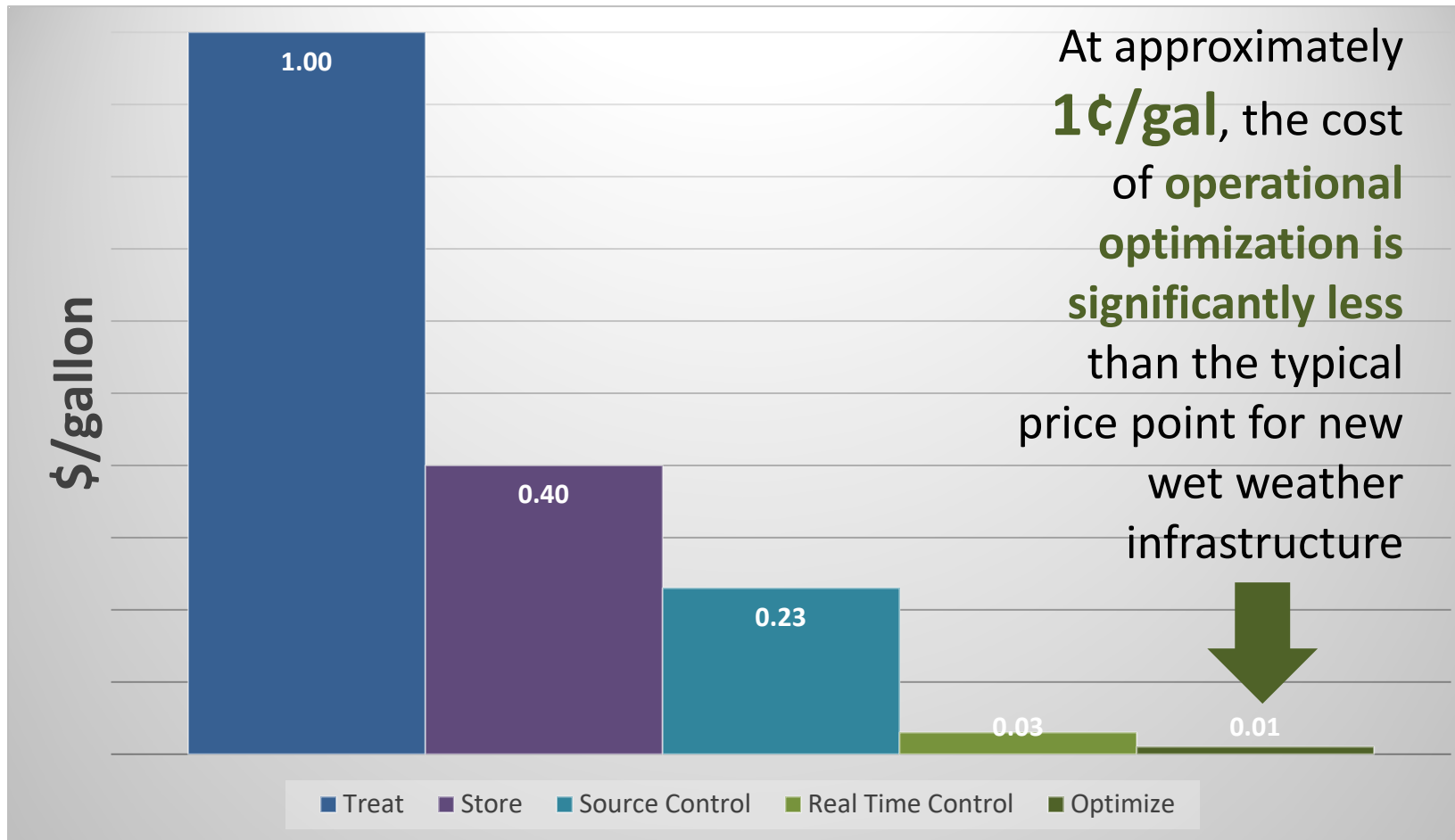
Capabilities of a Smart Sewer

- Harness *real-time* data
- Leverage the *entire* system
- Control the *most impactful* outfalls
- Account for the *spatial variation* of rainfall
- *Basin-wide* Coordination



Empower New and Modified Projects to Meet Consent Decree Goals at a Lower Cost

Smart Sewers Make Dollars and Sense



Potential Roadmap to a Smart Sewer



- Look First at Your Existing Assets



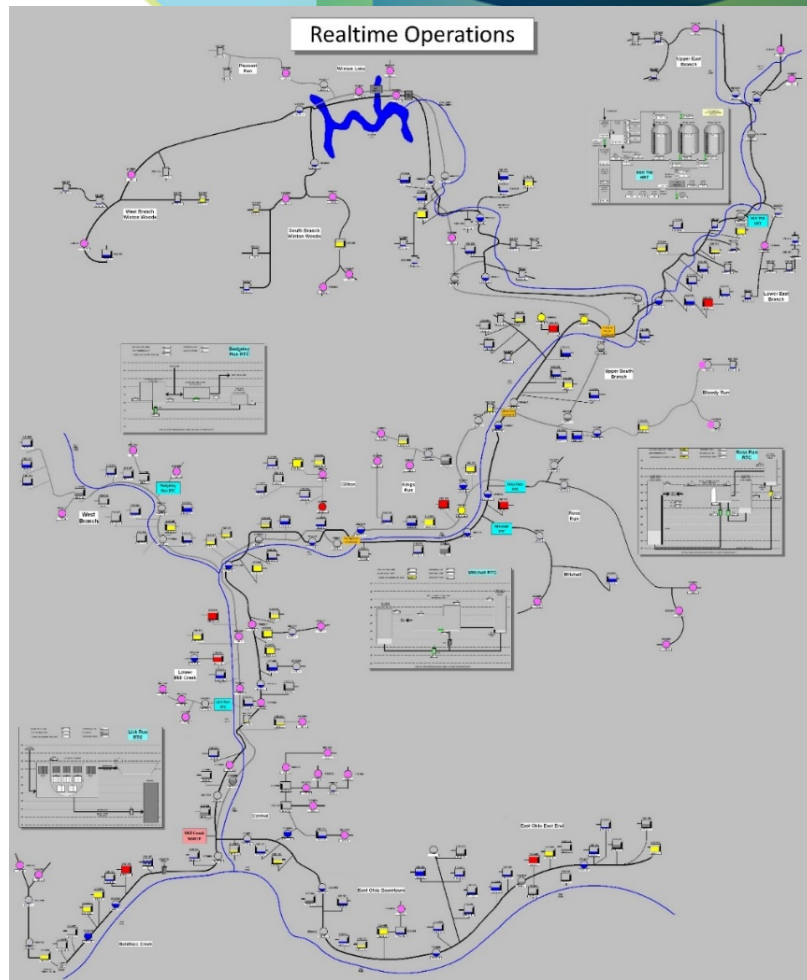
- Demonstrate (not Pilot), Start Small



- Leverage the Cloud



- Measure the Benefit



The Cincinnati Smart Sewers Story

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Questions and Answers