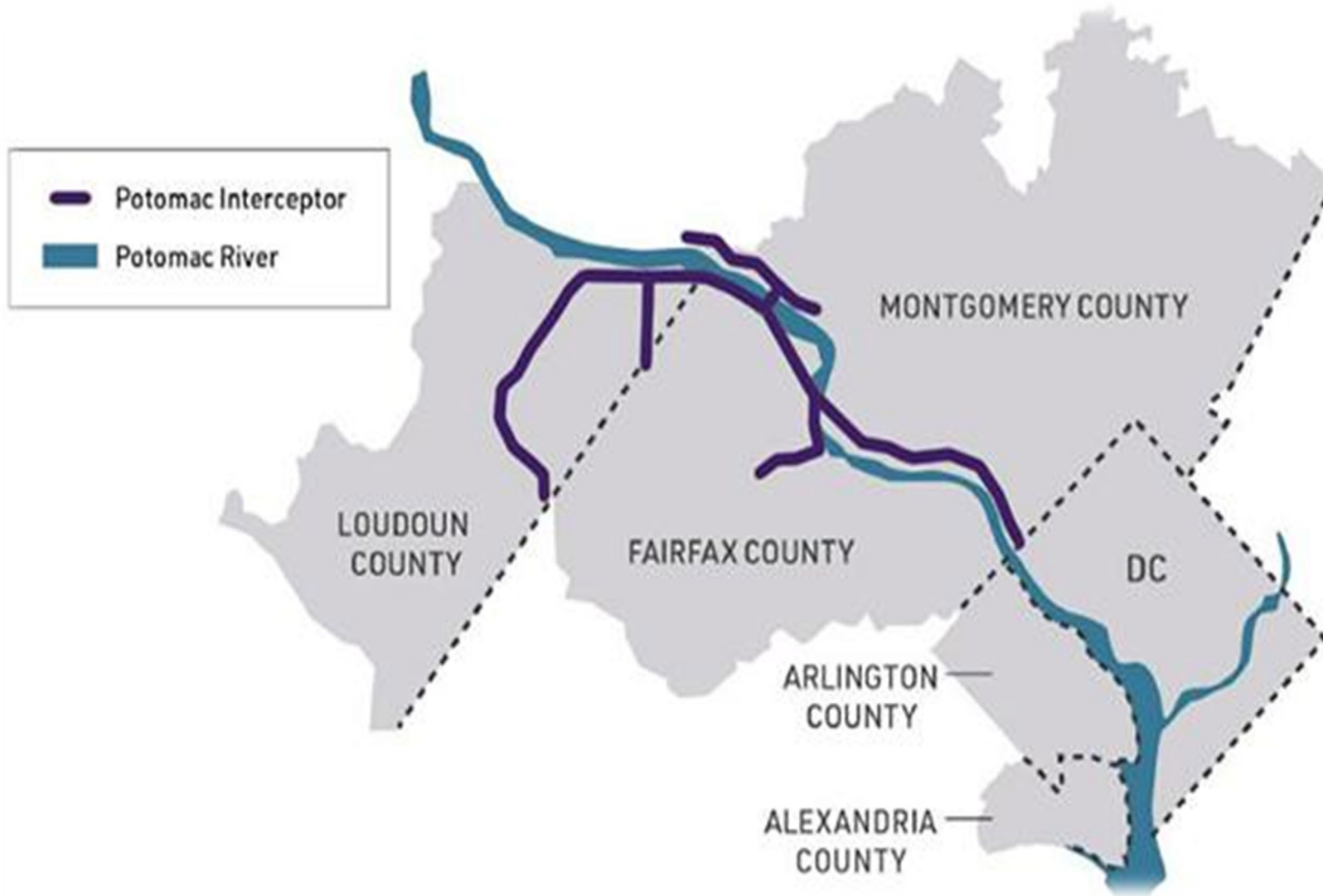




Resiliency Team Progress
GLWA Board of Directors
March 2026 | Navid Mehram, P.E.

Potomac Interceptor Collapse: History and Impact



Potomac Interceptor

- Constructed in the early 1960s
- 54 Miles Long (1/4 of GLWA system)
- 30" to 96" RCP (collapsed pipe is 72" ID)
- Carries approximately 60 MGD DWF
- In early stages of the 10-year, \$625 million assessment/repair program

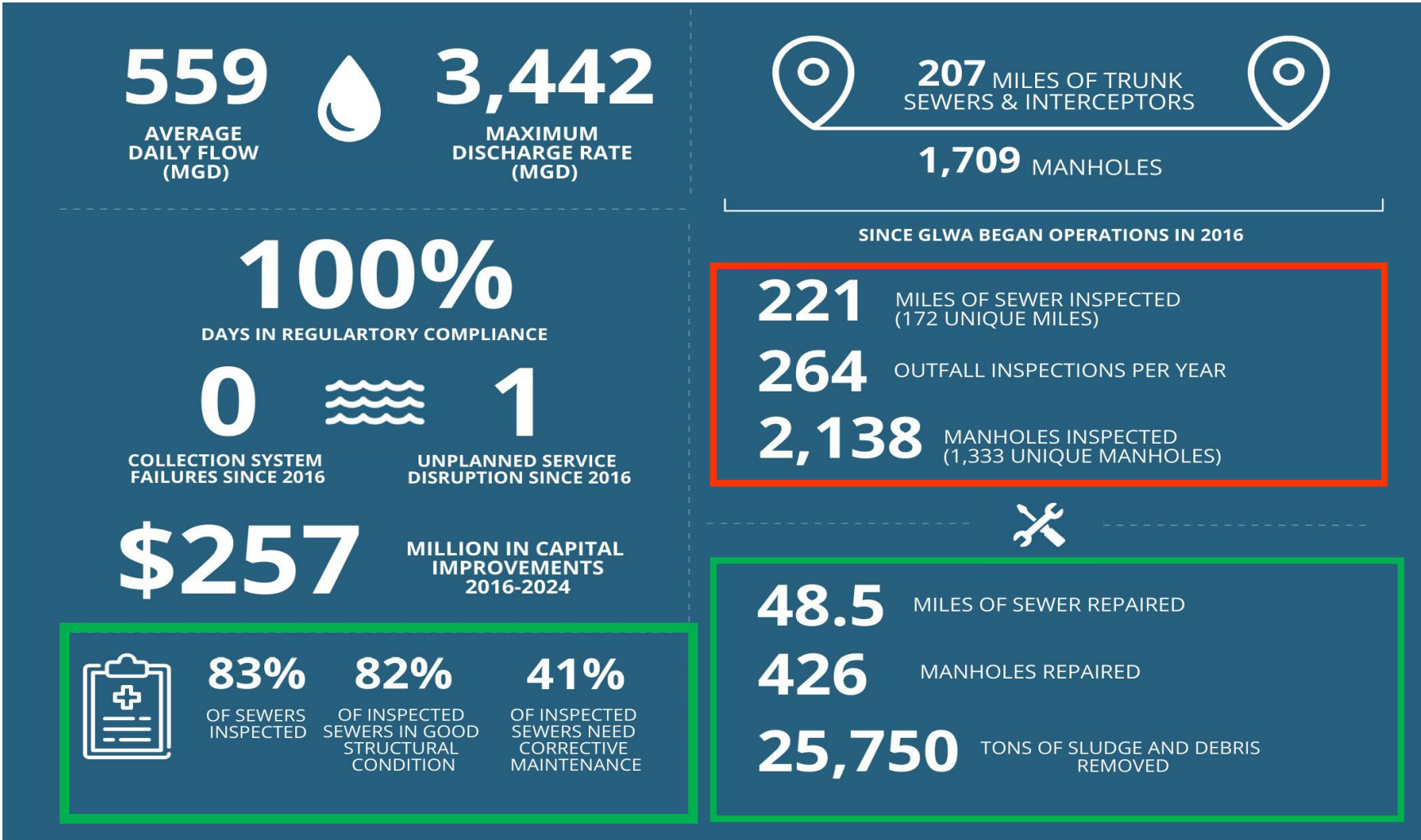
Potomac Interceptor Collapse: History and Impact



Sewer Collapse

- Downstream debris dam/pipe blockage
- Surcharge caused internal pressure
- Compromised section of 72" pipe collapsed
- Over 300 million gallons of untreated flow estimated to date
- Over \$20 million in repair costs estimated to date

GLWA System Overview and Infrastructure Summary



GLWA Perspective

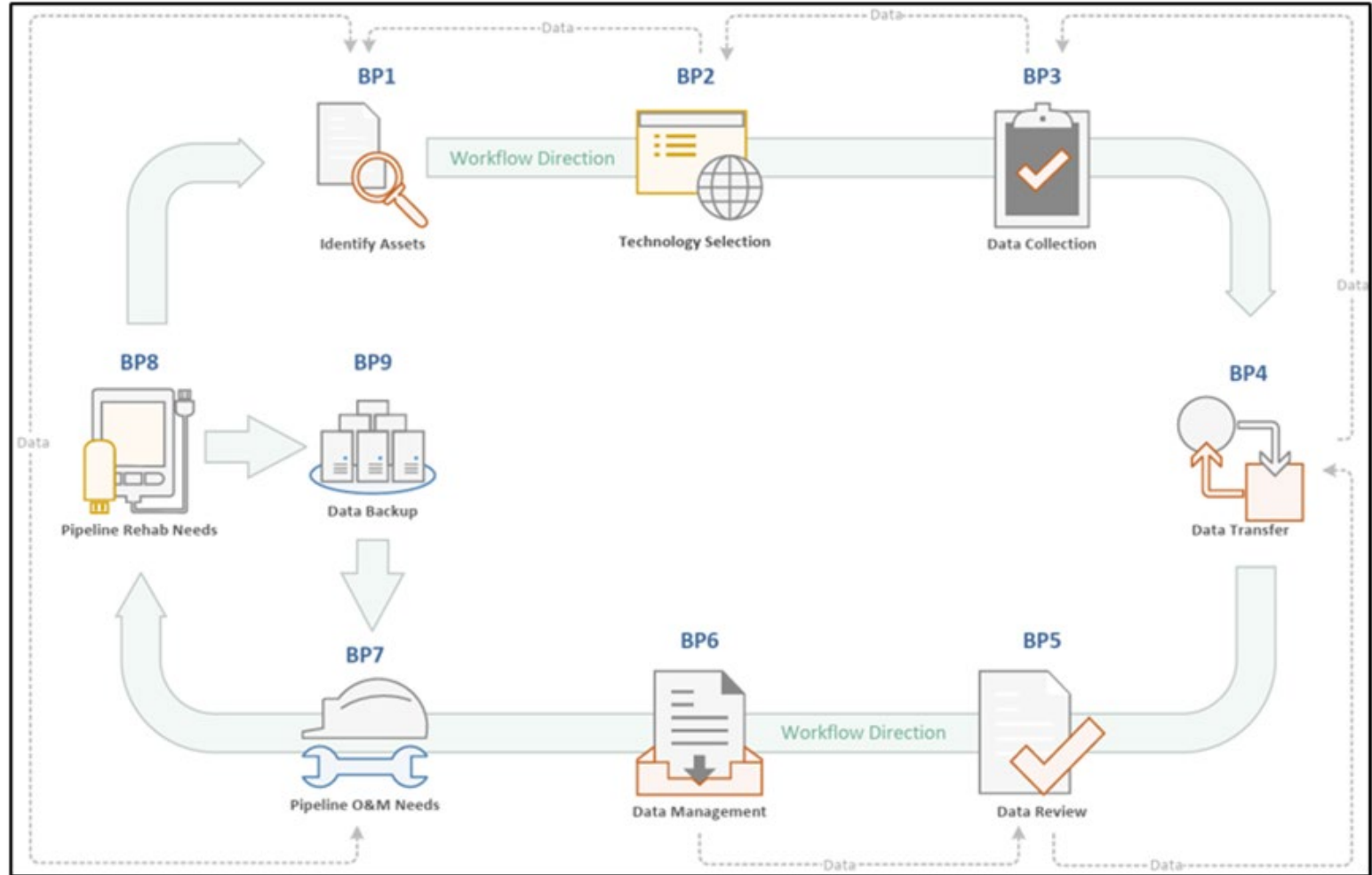
- Length of DRI and NWI combined ~30 miles
- GLWA sewers are larger and older
- \$115 million invested in DRI rehab
- \$20 million invested in NWI rehab + \$87 million new sewer tunnel



DRI - Detroit River Interceptor
 NWI – Northwest Interceptor

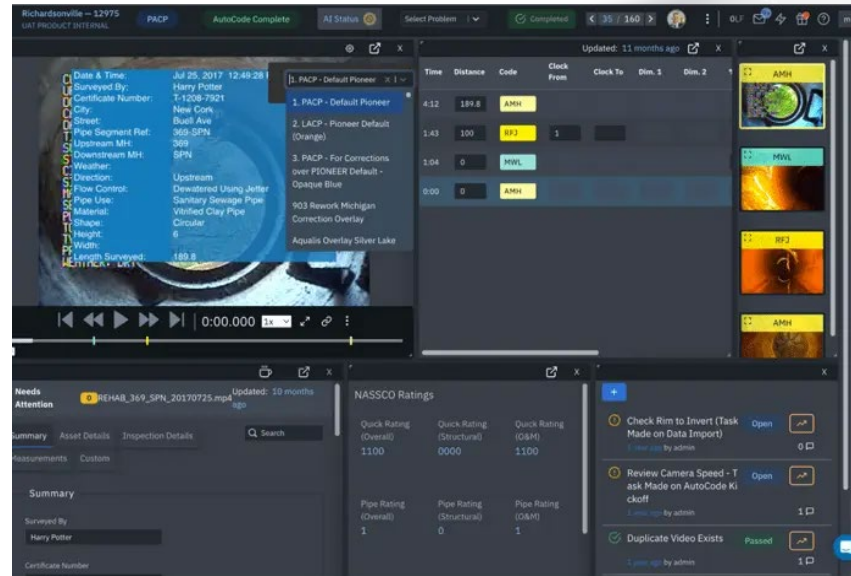
GLWA Future Inspection Program/Linear System Integrity Program

- Joint effort between Planning and Conveyance Teams
- Development stage nearing completion
- Implementation is in early stages
- Goal for updated condition and risk scores in early FY27
- Fill data gaps by FY28
- Recurring inspections on 5/10/20 year cycles based on risk



GLWA Future Inspection Program/Linear System Integrity Program

- Leverage technology advancements and AI for inspection and assessment
- Execute repairs in 3 categories:
 - Emergency Response
 - Urgent Action (1-5 years)
 - Capital Improvement (5-10 years)
- Self-perform small-scale inspections between 5-year cycles



Independent Investigation of 2021 Flooding Status of 33 Recommendations

19 of the measures
have been
completed

12 of the measures
are currently in
progress

2 of the measures
have not started

**88% short term, 46%
of the medium term,
45% of the long
term.**

8 will be completed
**in the Regional
Flood Mitigation
Study USACE.**

The items not
started are
dependent on the
completion of the
projects currently
in progress.

Executive Summary - Short Term Measures

Project Milestone	Project Status			Notes
	Not Started	In Progress	Completed	
Short Term Measures				
General Recommendation				
Pump availability during storm events.				GLWA completed monitoring the system closely to ensure no more than 1 pump is out of service at each station.
Pump Stations				
Testing of the Vacuum Priming System.				
Pump sequence testing.				
Operational documentation and communication.				This effort is complete. Several standard operating procedures (SOPs) have been implemented with some minor modifications.
Electric Equipment				
Power conversion from Public Lighting Department to DTE.				
Back up generator measures.				This measure is complete, and recommendations are being evaluated for implementation.
Confirm that the power supply for each DTE can support the entire station.				This review is incorporated into the larger electrical resiliency project.
Mechanical Equipment				
Conner Pumpstation Seal Water System.				This work has been completed.
Vacuum Priming System upgrade.				Start up and commissioning.

Executive Summary - Medium Term Measures

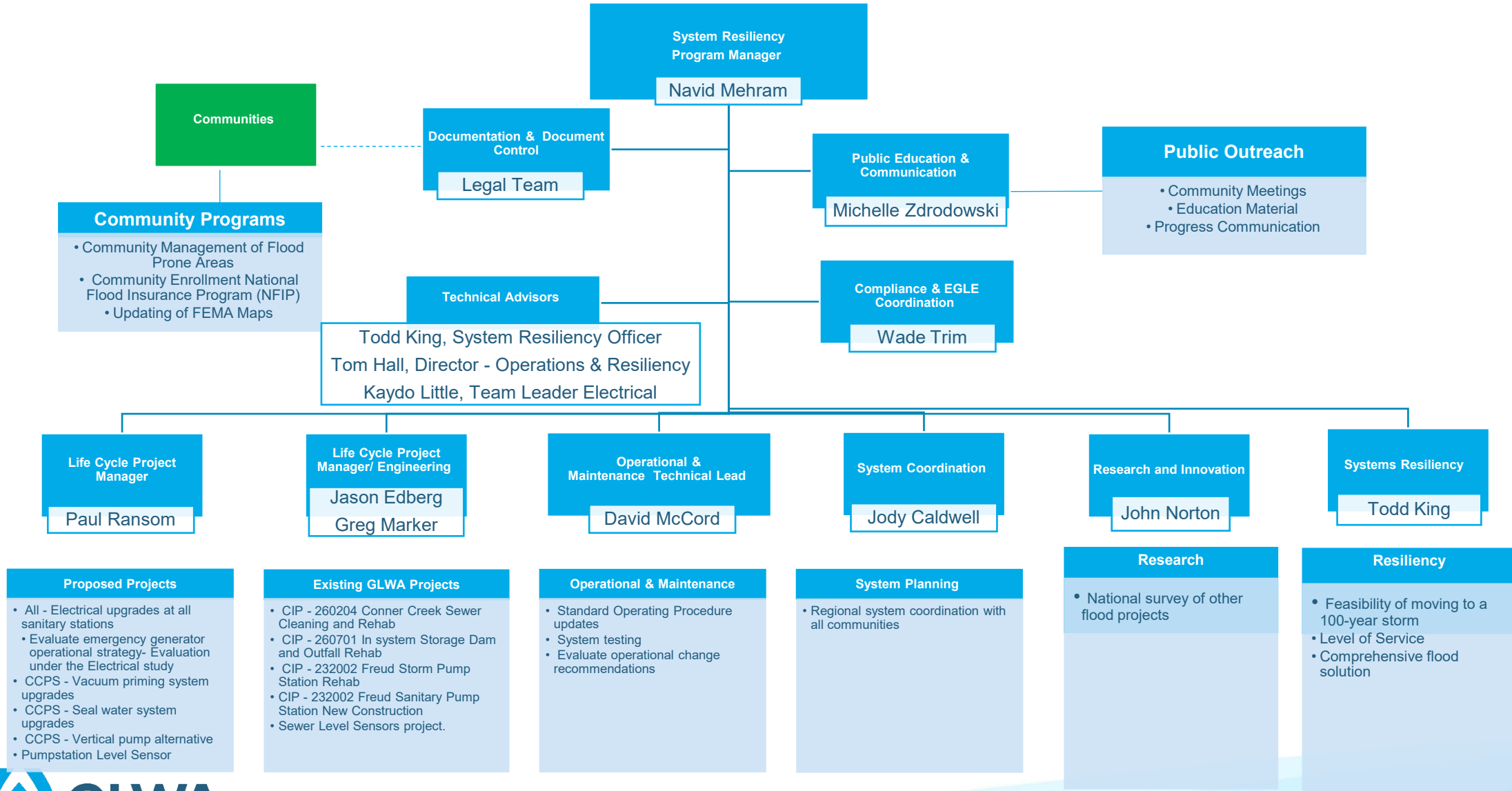
Project Milestone	Project Status			Notes
	Not Started	In Progress	Completed	
Medium Term Measures				
General Recommendation				
Prioritization of the Wastewater Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) projects.			Completed	This task is complete and will remain ongoing.
Evaluation of future rainfall beyond the Atlas 14.		In Progress		This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with USACE.
Take into consideration other climate change factors into the design.		In Progress		This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with USACE.
Pump Station				
Continue with the Freud Pump Station projects.		In Progress		Construction taking place.
Electrical Equipment				
Upsize the transformers at each facility to run the entire facility.			Completed	This review is incorporated in the larger electrical resiliency project and has been completed.
Electrical reliability study for Freud and Conner Pump Stations.			Completed	
Mechanical Equipment				
Complete other scenarios as proposed through the Clemson Engineering scale model.			Completed	
Review the idea of vertical pumps for the Conner Storm Station.			Completed	
Operational Measures				
Inspection and monitor the Intake Flow Conditioning (IFC) in both the Conner and Freud Pump Stations.	Not Started			This item is pending the improvements to Freud and Conner Pump Stations.
Review of previous studies.			Completed	GLWA completed the review of prior studies as new projects progressed.
Studies				
Level of service.		In Progress		This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with USACE.
Dynamic System Operations Study		In Progress		This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with USACE.
Stormwater/Wastewater Master Plan		In Progress		This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with USACE.



Executive Summary - Long Term Measures

Project Milestone	Project Status			Notes
	Not Started	In Progress	Completed	
Long Term Measures				
General Recommendation				
Feasibility of moving to a 100-year storm.				This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with (USACE).
Local government program for voluntary purchase of flood prone areas.				
Local government public outreach campaign for flood risk and purchasing flood insurance.				
National research of other large-scale flood reduction projects.				This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with (USACE).
Pump Stations				
Medium-term solutions are not successful.				The project team has incorporated this into the Conner Storm project schedule.
Further automation of the pumping stations.				Steps are being taken toward this effort. An example includes the seal water system for the Conner Pump Station.
Regional System Coordination				
Review of the member partners' optional strategy to find alternative operations.				GLWA started discussion around the Regional Operational Plan. Additionally, GLWA is coordinating with Member Partners during major storm events.
Local government engagement in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).				
Local government should consider updating the flood maps.				
GLWA community outreach.				Regular cadence has been established.
Community flood collection data to provide guidance into modeling validation.				This task will be captured within Water Resource Development Act with USACE.

Resiliency Delivery Team



Pump Station Standard Operational Procedures Updates

A quick-reference guide for each pump station that primarily includes:

- **Pump Station Description:** Location, tributary sewers, and system context
- **Pumping Capacity:** Number of pumps, manufacturer, and rated capacity
- **Pump Performance:** Pump curves and optimal operating range
- **Instrumentation:** Level sensors and key monitoring equipment
- **Operation:** ON/OFF set points
- **Power Supply:** Primary power feed and backup provisions

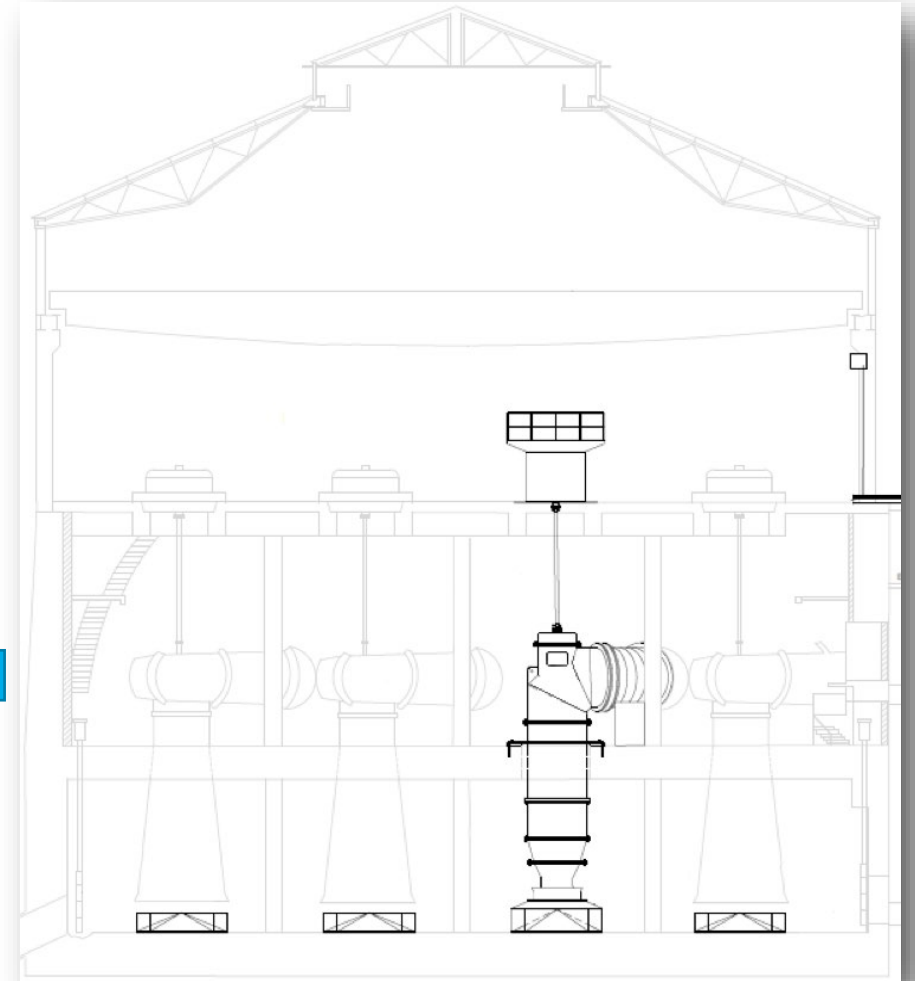


Storm Pump	Set Points	
	Elevation (Detroit)	
	ON	OFF
Lead (P4)	75	67
Lag 1 (P1)	76	68
Lag 2 (P2)	77	69
Standby (P3)	78	70

Conner Creek Pump Station – Pump Replacement Design

- 02/15/24 – 60% Design Workshop
- 05/15/24 – 90% Design Workshop
- 06/21/24 – 100% Design Submittal
- 08/09/24 – Issue for Bid Design Complete
- 10/23/24 – Project Posted on Bonfire
- 01/10/25 – Bid Submissions Due
- 03/26/25 – Contract SCN-0000586 Awarded
 - Kokosing Industrial, Inc.
 - \$35,360,000
- 04/07/25 – Notice to Proceed
- 04/29/25 – Pre-Construction Conference
- 05/12/25 – Begin Submittal Process
- 10/09/25 – Install Access Drive
- 02/18/26 – Install Sheet Piling for Isolation Gates
- 11/02/26 – *Complete West Isolation Gate*
- 01/11/27 – *Complete East Isolation Gate*
- 06/18/27 – *Pump #3 Delivery*
- 07/05/27 – *Pump #7 Delivery*
- 09/10/27 – *Milestone #1 – Pump #3 Acceptance*
- 08/26/28 – *Substantial Completion*
- 12/16/28 – *Final Completion*

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Conner Creek Pump Station – Sanitary Pump Station Design

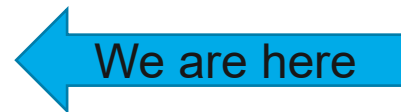
- 04/17/24 – 30% Design Workshop
- 09/18/24 – 60% Design Workshop
- 02/14/25 – 90% Design Submittal
- 02/19/25 – Hydraulic Analysis Witness Test
- 03/10/25 – PPR Submission
- 03/14/25 – 90% Design Workshop
- 06/02/25 – Instrumentation Design Update
- 07/31/25 – PPR Meeting
- 08/20/25 – PPR Follow-up Meeting
- 11/01/25 – CWSRF ITA Submission
- *04/10/26 – 100% Design Submittal*
- *05/08/26 – 100% Design Workshop*
- *09/30/26 – Advertisement for Bid*
- *12/23/26 – Bid Submissions Due*
- *04/05/27 – Notice to Proceed*
- *01/13/31 – Substantial Completion*
- *04/25/31 – Final Completion*

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Freud Pump Station – Improvement

- 07/05/24 – Right-of-Way Vacation & Dedication Approval
- 07/15/24 – Notice to Proceed Date
- 09/16/24 – Traffic Circulation Study Complete
- 10/21/24 – Rezoning Application Submitted
- 11/21/24 – CPC Rezoning Public Hearing
- 12/02/24 – Structure Abatement & Demolition Complete
- 01/16/25 – CPC Rezoning Public Hearing
- 02/10/25 – Freud Street Closure
- 04/07/25 – Building Permit Issued
- 05/23/25 – Building Permit Rescinded
- 06/05/25 – CPC Rezoning Meeting
- 06/11/25 – Begin DRI Structure Construction
- 07/17/25 – CPC Rezoning Meeting – Approval
- 07/29/25 – All Utility Relocations Complete
- 02/26/26 – Navahoe Force Main Construction Complete
- 03/10/26 – *City Council Meeting – Refer to PED Committee*
- 04/01/26 – *Complete DRI Structure Construction*
- 04/30/26 – *PED Committee Public Hearing*
- 05/26/26 – *City Council Meeting*
- 06/16/26 – *Rezoning Amendment Effective*



GLWA Open House

Meeting Dates & Time:

5:30 – 7:30 pm (*Drop in*)

03/18/26

05/20/26

09/16/26

11/18/26

Overview Map:



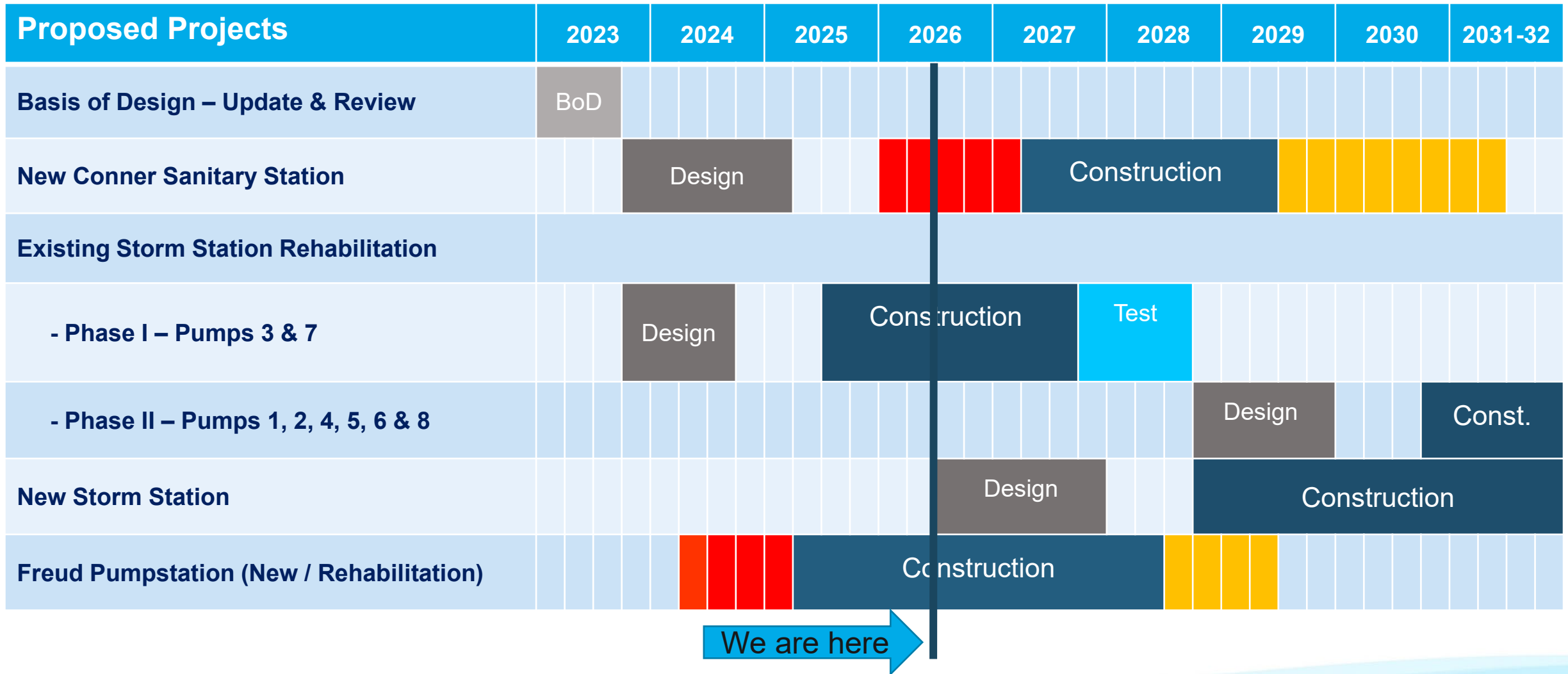
Meeting Location:

Eastlake Baptist Church
12400 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48215



CPC – City Planning Commission
DRI – Detroit River Interceptor
PED – Planning & Economic Development

Conner Pump Station Design/Construction Road Map



- Revised Basis of Design – Critical Path
 - Workshops: May – July
 - Review: August – September

Existing GLWA Projects

CIP - 260701 In System Storage Devices (ISD), Valve Remotes (VR), and Outfall Infrastructure Elements Rehab

- **Outfall Infrastructure Project (93% complete through January)**
 - Structural improvements and modifications to the regulators are nearly complete at all Detroit River and Rouge River outfalls.
 - Backwater gate fabrication and installation is complete.
 - Instrumentation and controls are being installed throughout, with 45 of 55 sites having been tested and approved by GLWA.
 - A change order was approved by the GLWA Board of Directors in January to extend the final completion date to June 2026.



Existing GLWA Projects

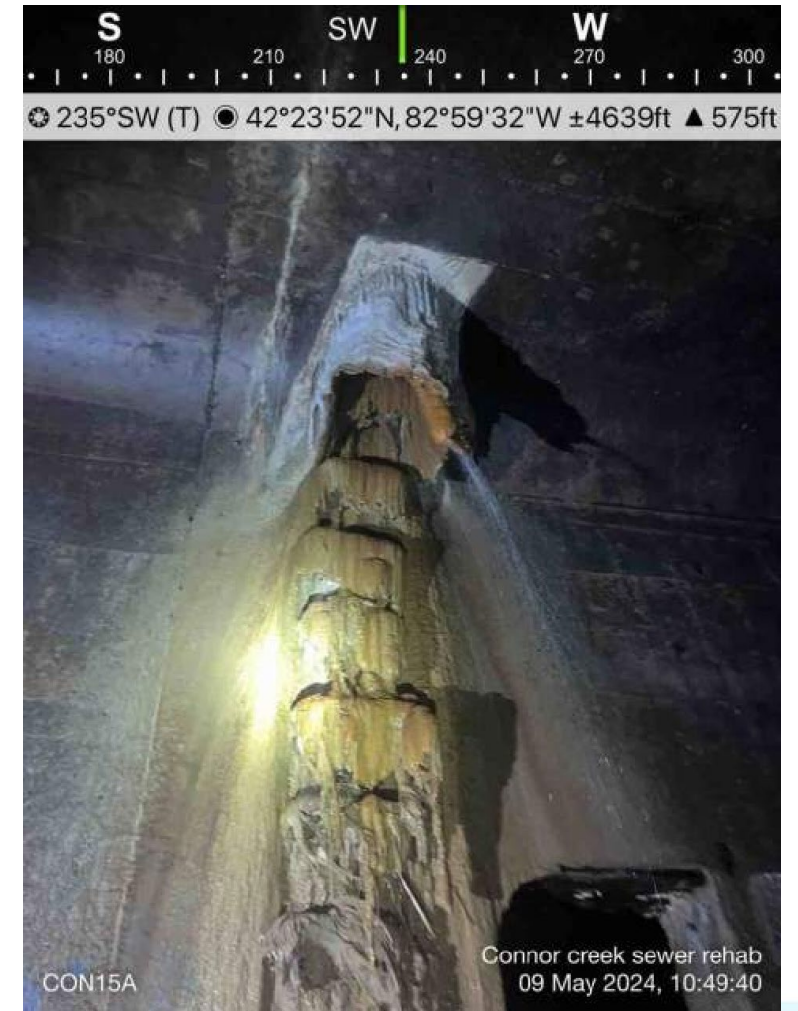
CIP - 260701 In System Storage Devices (ISD), Valve Remotes (VR), and Outfall Infrastructure Elements Rehab

- **ISDs and VRs Project (77% complete through January)**
 - ISD equipment installation is complete.
 - Improvements at B (outfall) sites are complete.
 - Engineer-directed repairs to the inflatable dams are complete.
 - Equipment startup and testing by the contractor and GLWA staff is ongoing.
 - Replacement of several VR gates is behind schedule due to supplier issues.
 - The final completion was scheduled for February 2026. However, the project is tracking behind schedule.



Existing GLWA Projects Continued

- **CIP - 260204 Conner Creek Sewer Cleaning and Rehab – 90% complete**
 - All original project work (cleaning and repairs) will be complete by the end of April.
 - Post construction CCTV and warranty inspection of the completed work will occur through June.
 - The project has added corrections for deficiencies in GLWA's manholes inside the city airport. They are anticipated to be performed from July to October. Design is ongoing for modifications downstream of Conner CSO bar screens to allow the facility to perform maintenance debris removal easier in the future.



City airport MH from sewer with 2+ft of minerals (typical)

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Southeast Michigan Flood Resiliency Study

- GLWA's Office of Resiliency is teaming with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to perform a General Investigation Study.
- USACE has been funded from the President's approved budget for \$500K for FY 24 and \$600K for FY 25 and \$1.2 M for FY26/27.
- GLWA will match USACE funding efforts on a 50/50 basis with in-kind services.
- GLWA has selected LimnoTech to provide the in-kind contribution services for the study.
- The current scope has been revised to be approximately \$5 million over 4 years based on national direction to USACE from the Administration.
- The USACE Vertical Team has approved the study's scope, schedule and budget.
- Awaiting final approval from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY UPDATE

USACE Detroit District
Great Lakes Water Authority



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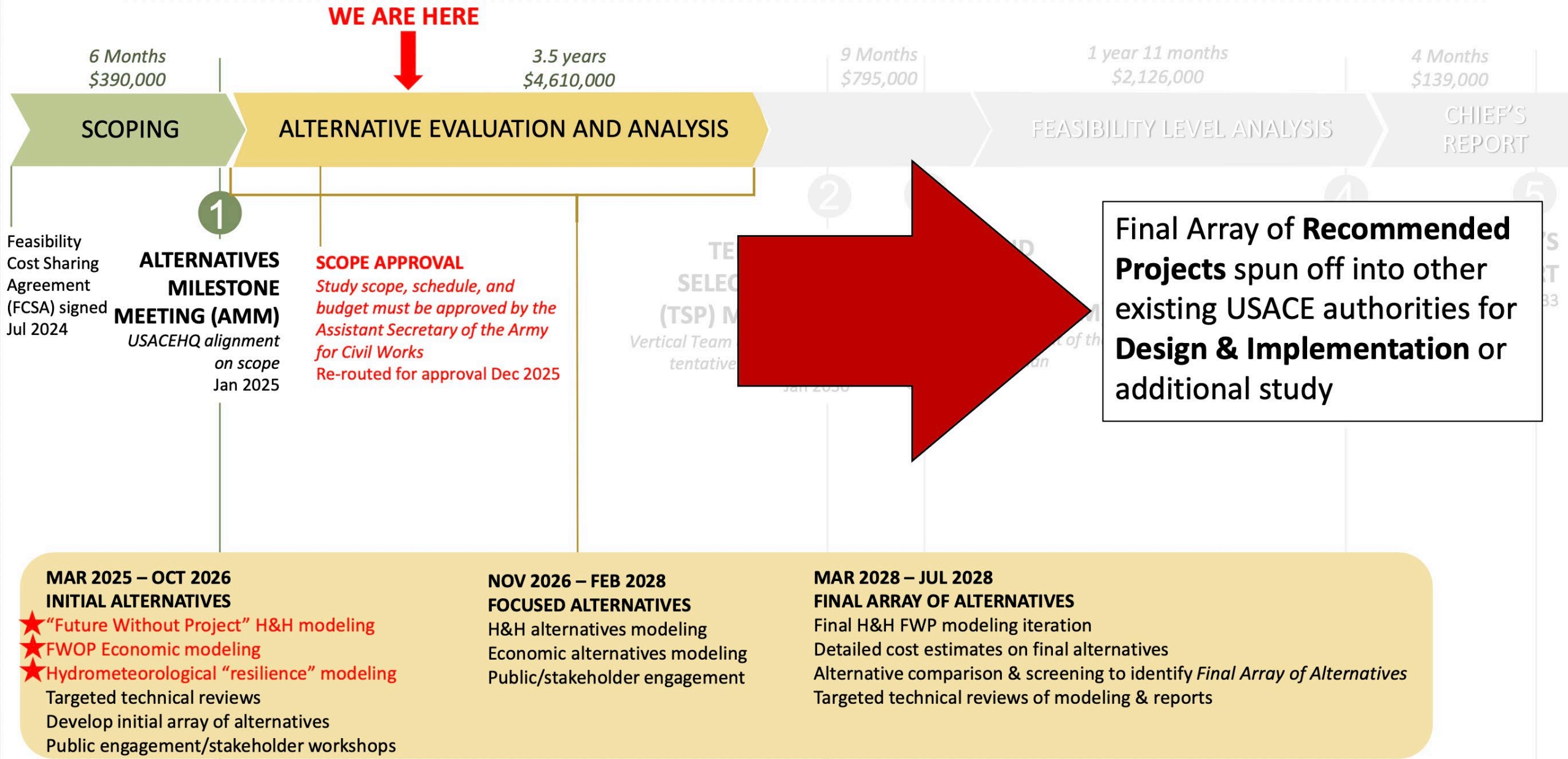


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Southeast Michigan Flood Resiliency Study – MAJOR MILESTONES

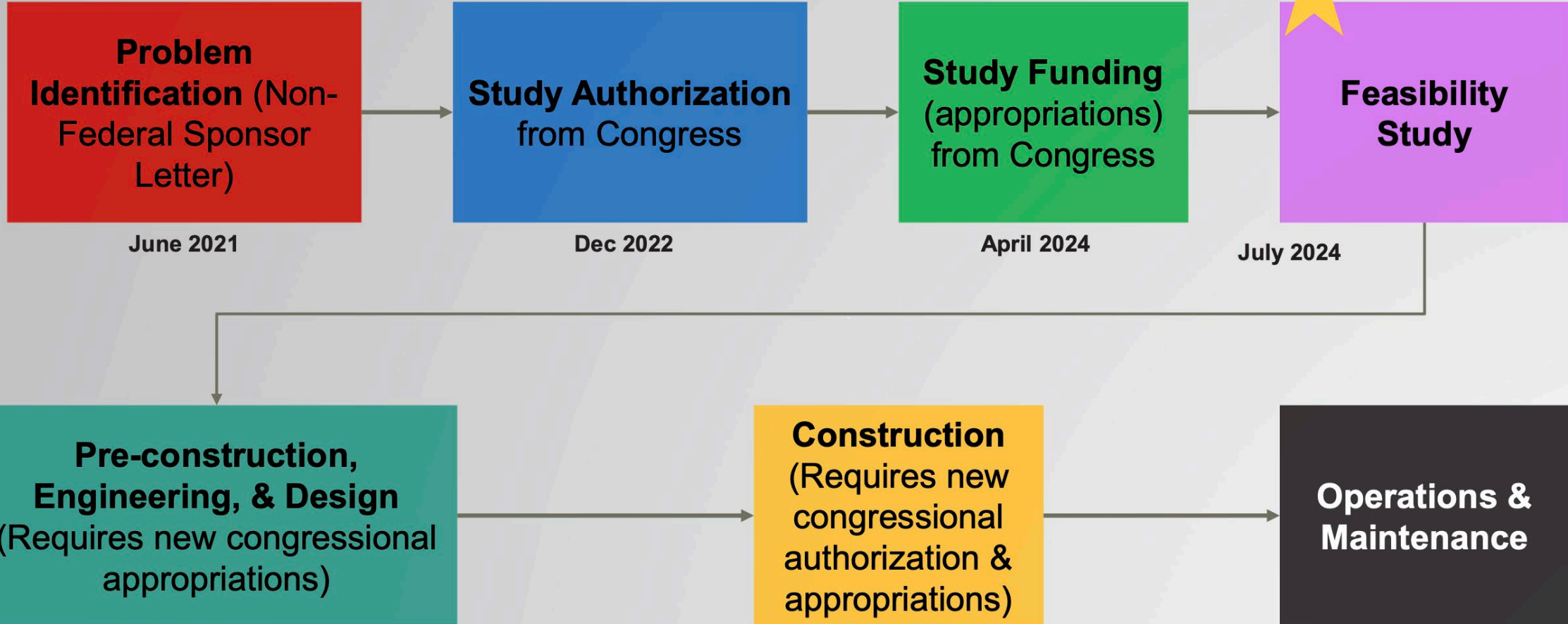
- ✓ USACE and GLWA have executed a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA)
- ✓ Received USACE funding to begin the Southeast Michigan Flooding Study
- ✓ Member Partner Stormwater Management Models (SWMM) have been received by GLWA and are being integrated into a comprehensive regional model.
- ✓ Extreme weather predictions are being developed by University of Wisconsin
- ✓ Potential “early works” projects will be identified for potential funding under Section 219.
- ❑ The Chief’s report will NOT be submitted to Congress requesting construction authorization & appropriations.
- ❑ Engineering/design and construction follows, pending availability of funds.

CURRENT STUDY TIMELINE (REQUESTED SCHEDULE & BUDGET)



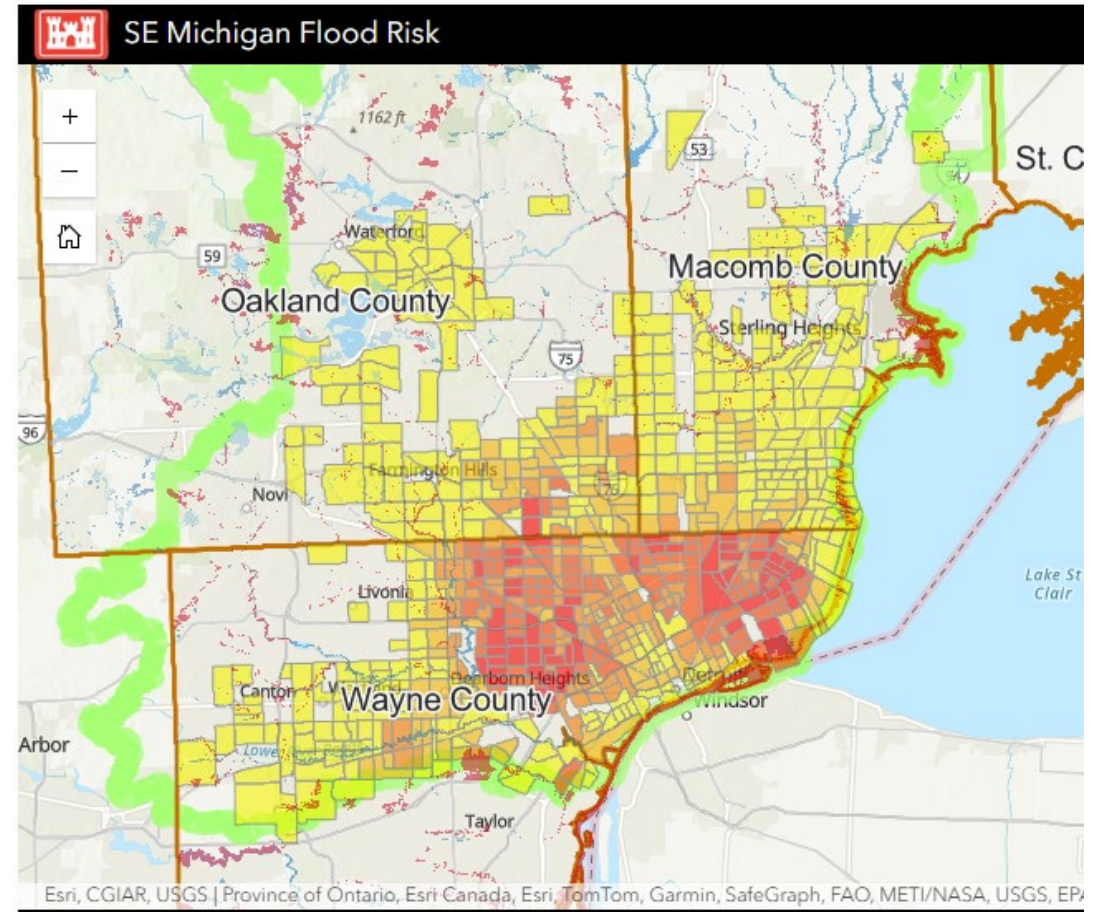


PROJECT PROCESS



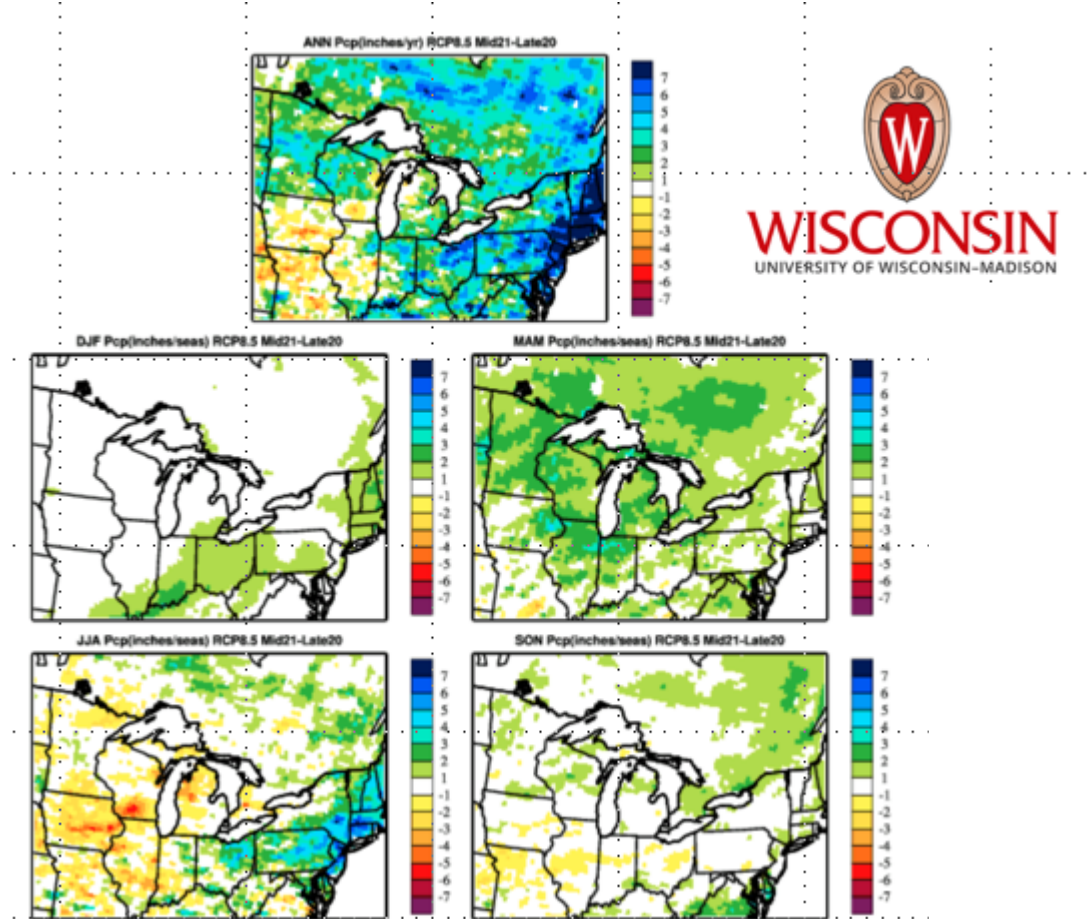
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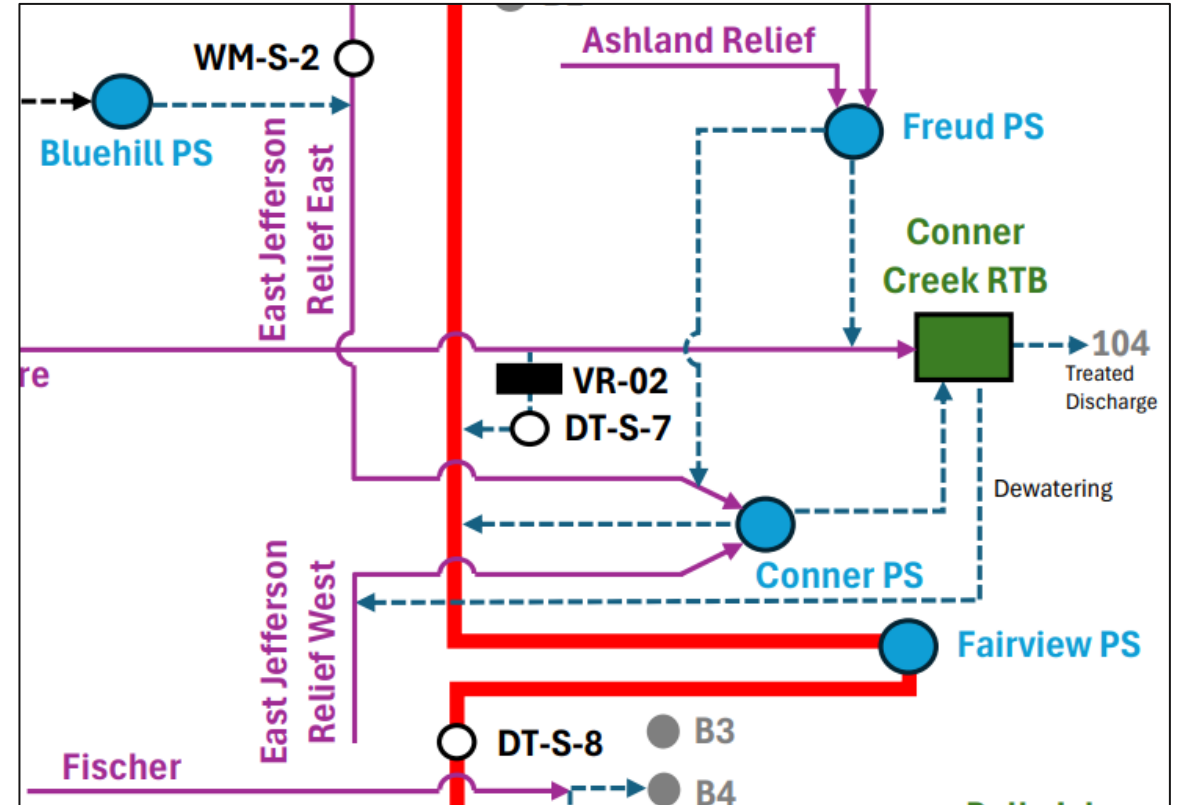
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Source: [Tunnel and Reservoir Plan \(TARP\) | MWRD](#)

Southeast Michigan Flood Resiliency Study

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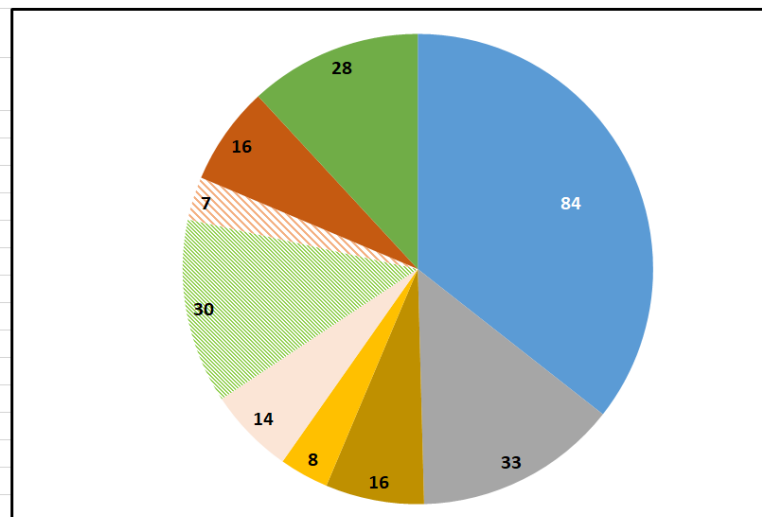
<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/semifloodstudy/>

Other initiatives:

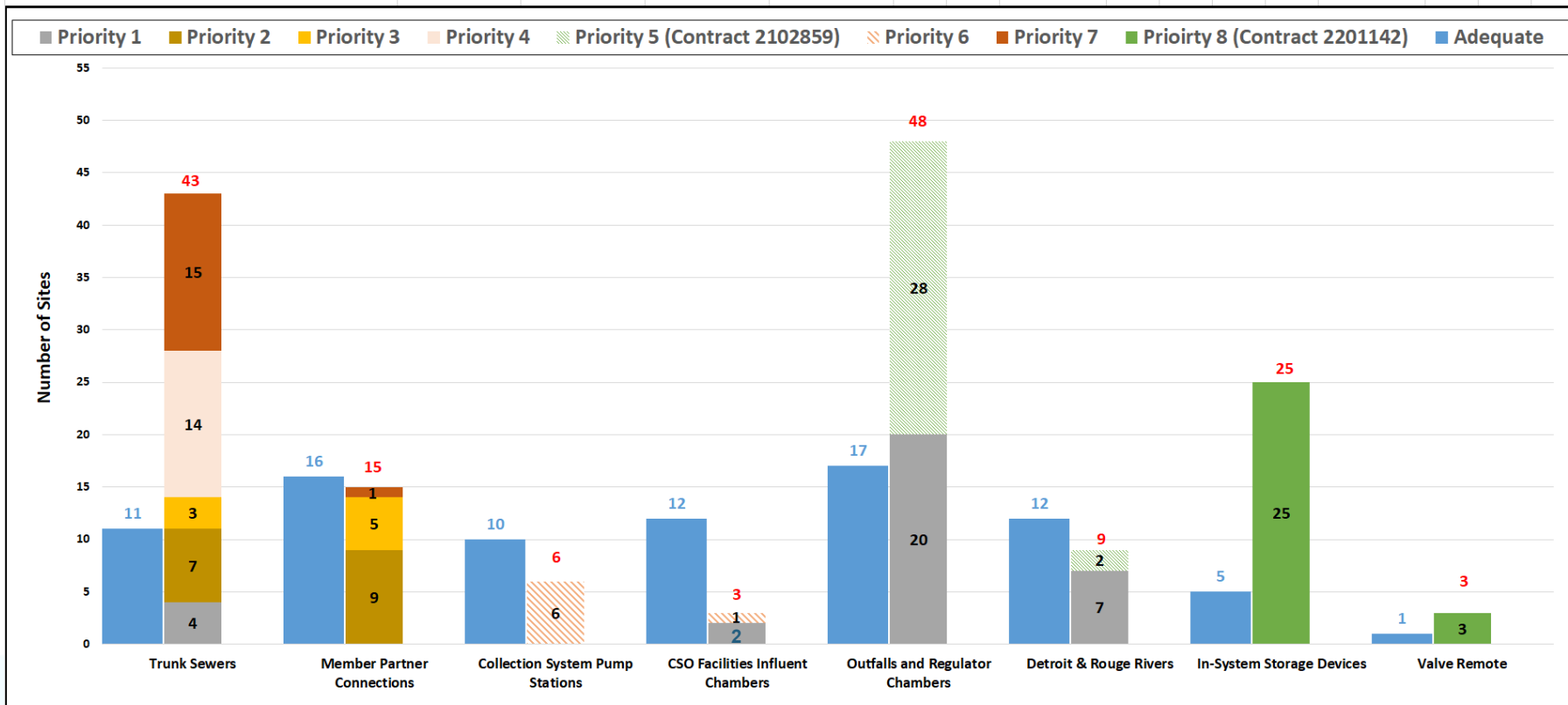
- The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Flooding Task Force
- The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

- GLWA continues to review the sewer system instrumentation and make corrections in a phased approach.

Level Sensor Group	Priority #	No. of Sites (some sites may include multiple sensors)		
		Adequate Installation	Need Improvement (or New Installation)	Total
Trunk Sewers				
Original L-Series	1, 4, 7	7	24	31
10 L-Sites Surveyed in 2022	1, 2	2	8	10
Sewage Meters (DT-S-00)	1, 4, 7	2	8	10
Hydraulic Viewers	3	0	3	3
Member Partner Connections				
Existing Flow Meters	3, 7	16	6	22
9 Additional Sites (L-Sites & Flow Meters)	2	0	9	9
Collection System Pump Stations				
	6	10	6	16
CSO Facilities Influent Chambers				
	6	12	3	15
Outfalls and Regulator Chambers (Contract #2102859)				
	1, 5	17	48	65
River (Detroit & Rouge) Level Sensors				
	1, 5	12	9	21
In-System Storage Devices (Contract #2201142)				
	Other Contracts	5	25	30
Valve Remote (Contract #2201142)				
	Other Contracts	1	3	4
TOTAL		84	152	236

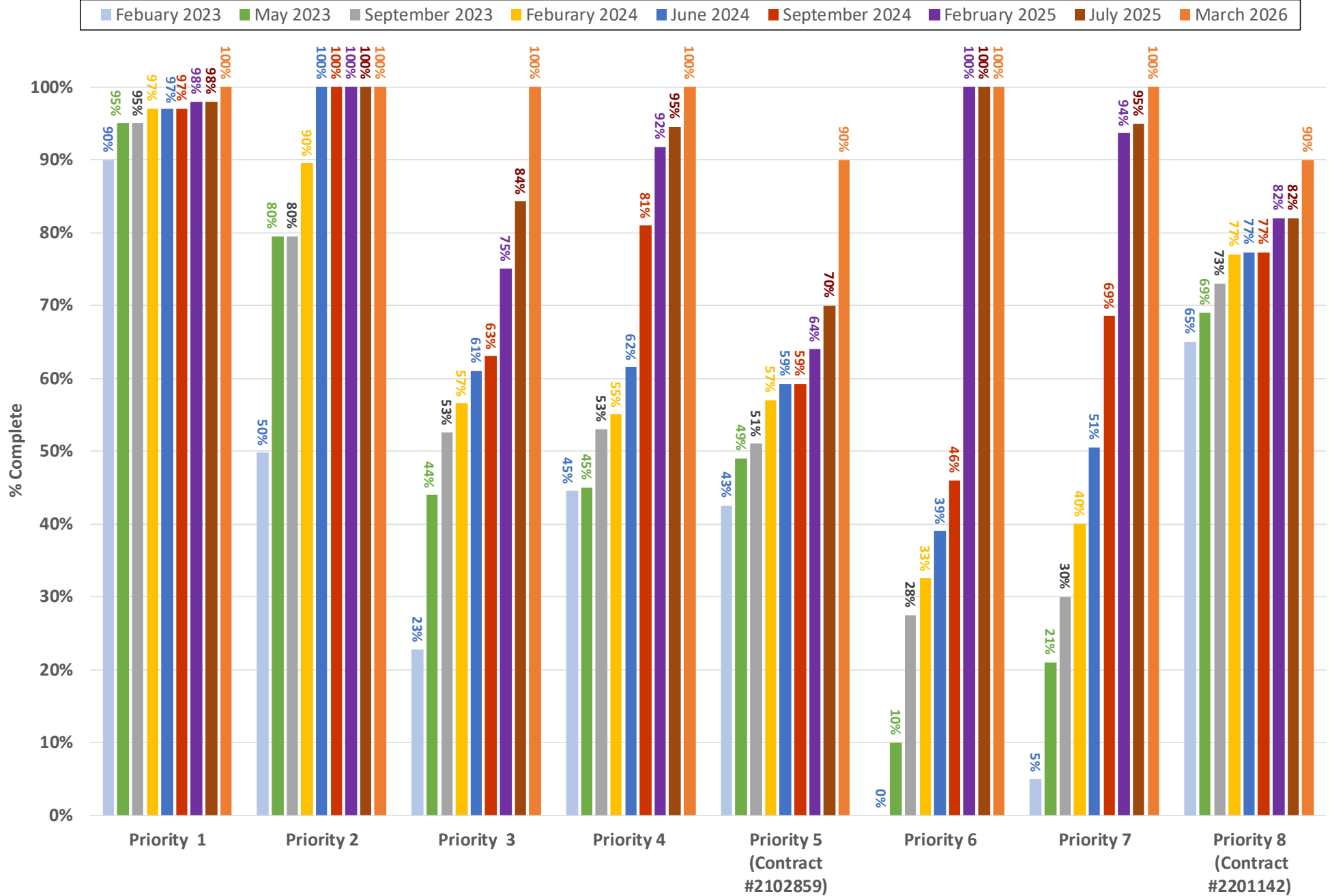


- GLWA released around \$3.55M for revisions to nearly 87 sites. This will complete Priority 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7 sites.



Progress to Date

Engineering Services for GLWA Collection System Level Sensors and Precipitation Gauges Program (TOES 30T 2200729)



Thank you