

# Sweet Home WWTP Upgrades Project

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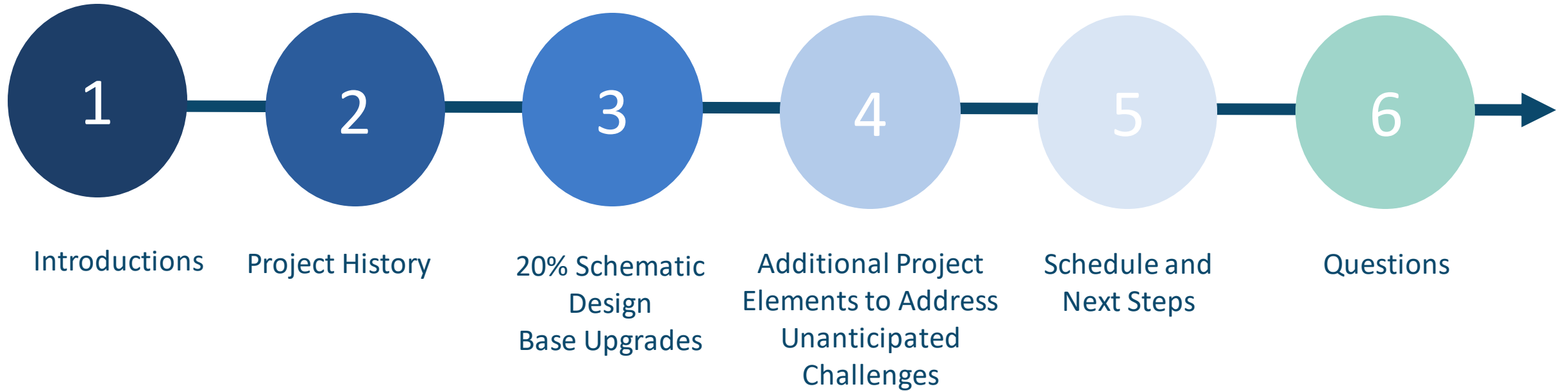
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# Project Foundation

**“...make decisions that do the most good, for the most people, for the longest period of time”**

*Source: 2017-18 City Council Goals*

# Agenda



# Introductions

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# Team Introductions



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Public Works Director



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Engineering Technician



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Project Manager



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Project Engineer



Steven Haney  
WWTP Project Manager  
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Patrick Davis  
Staff Engineer



Jessica Cawley  
Staff Engineer

# Project History



# Original Facilities Plan Review

## City of Sweet Home Wastewater Facilities Plan

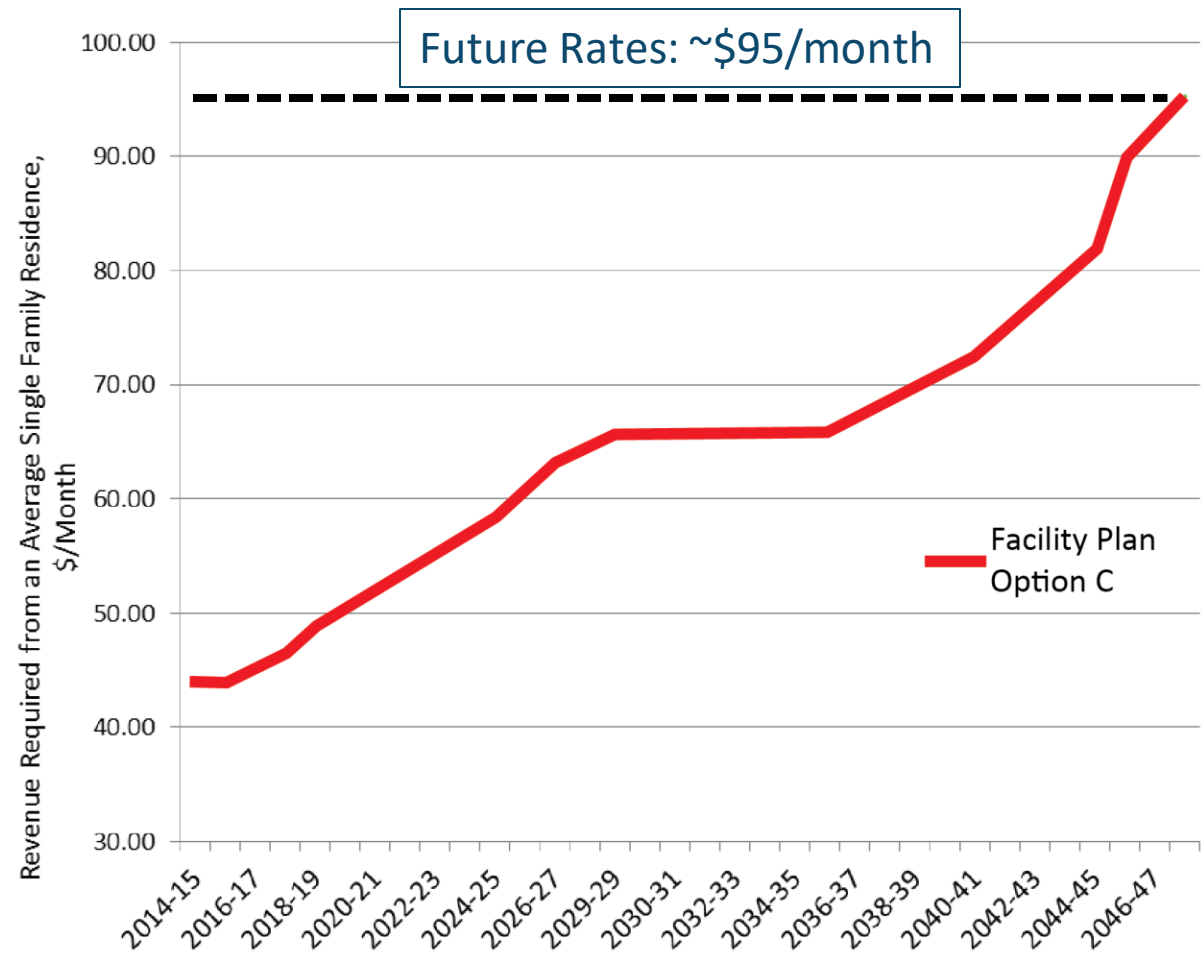


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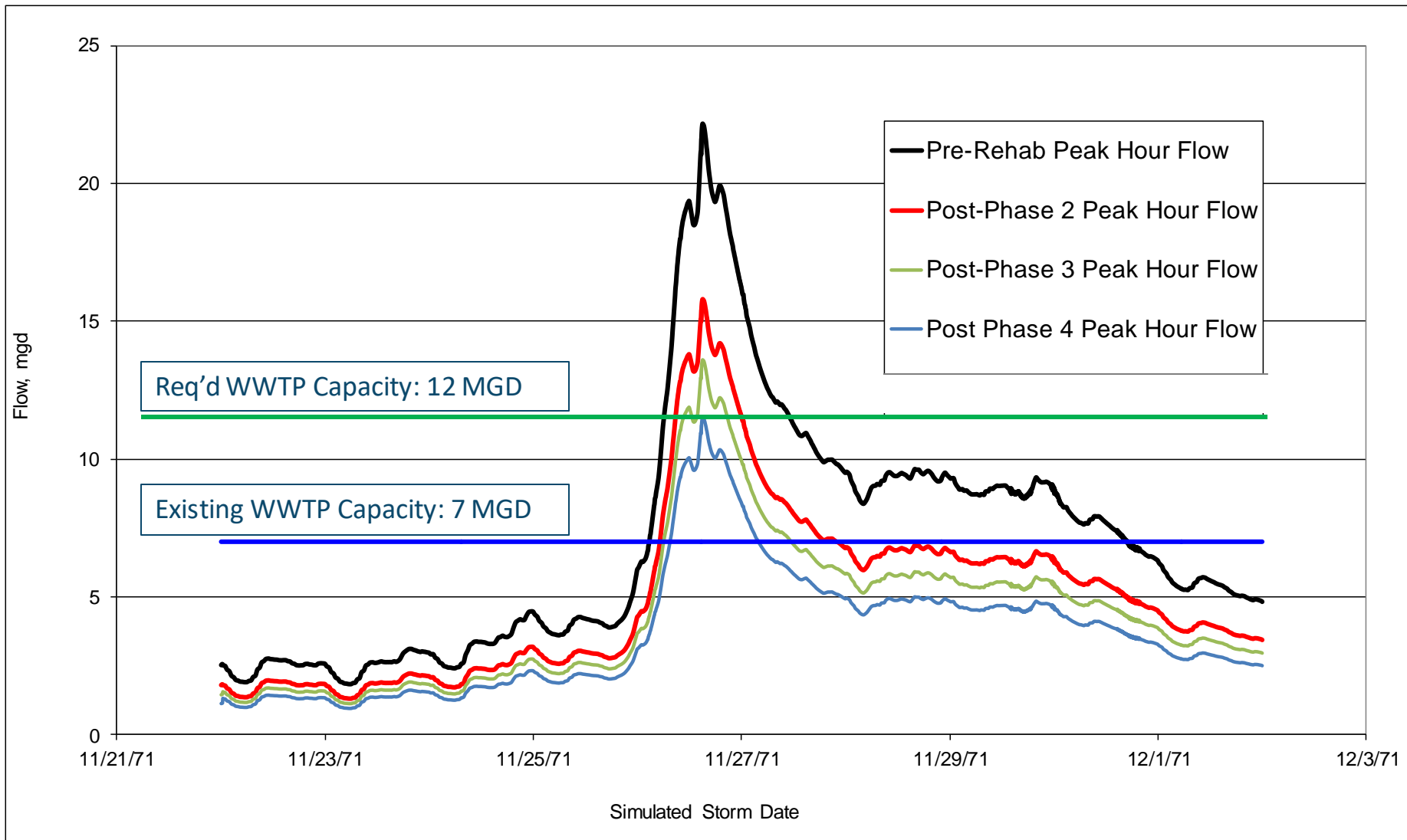


- Original Recommended Plan:**
- \$42 Million over 30 years
  - Separate Peak Flow Process
  - Limited Rehabilitation

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# Continue Collection System Focus

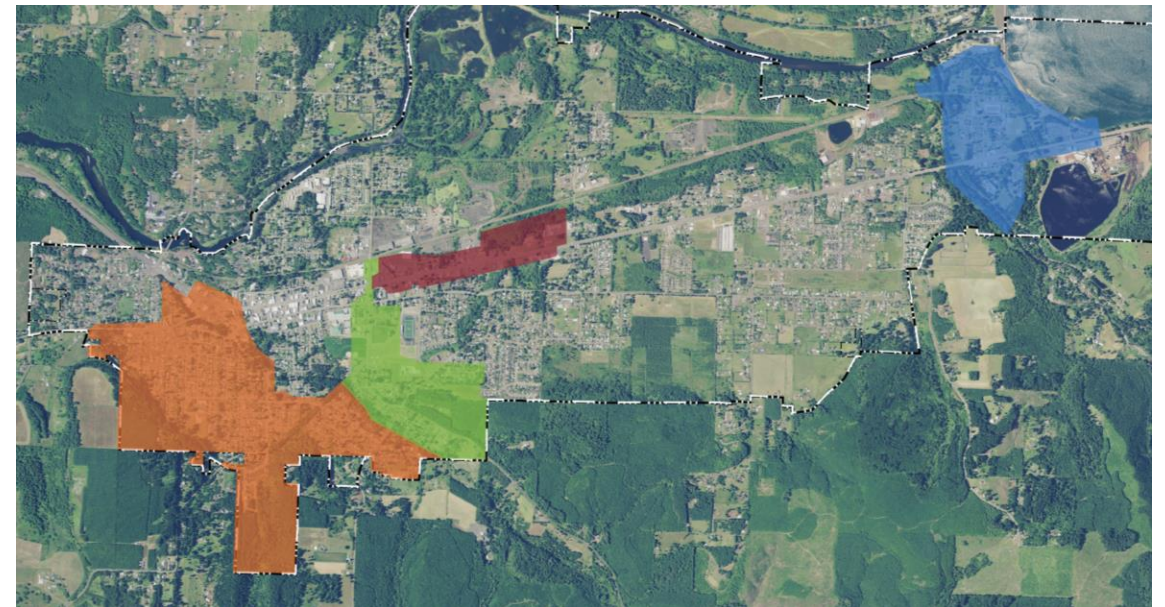
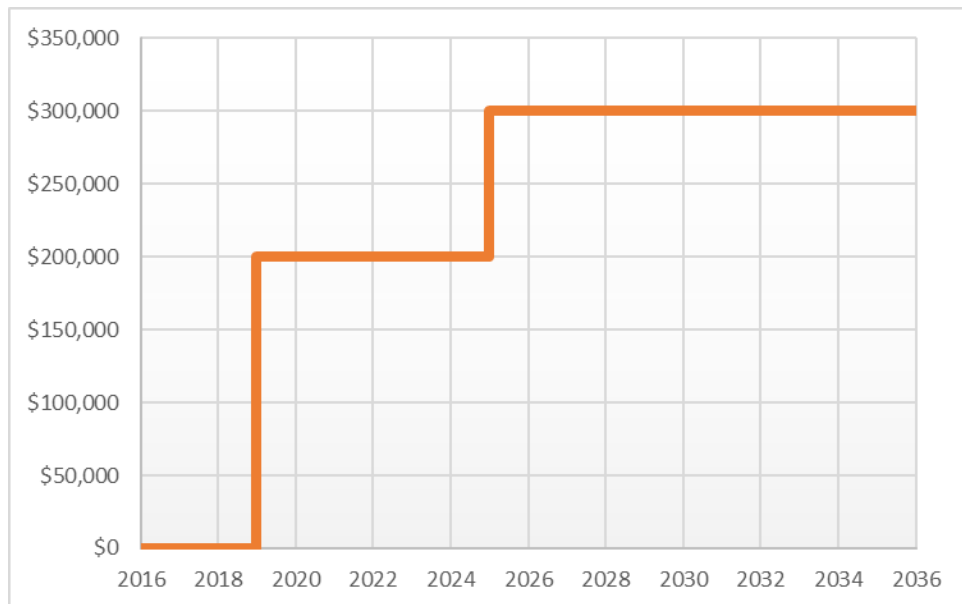


**Peak hour flows do not account for future population growth or expansion of the City's service area**



# Continued Collection System Focus

- Allow for future growth (1.8 MGD in additional peak flow, per 2016 Facility Plan)
- Address aging collection system
- Maintain WWTP Flow < 12 MGD



\$3 - 6M of targeted collection system rehabilitation:

- Remove ~2 MGD of RDII over next 20 years
- To be completed in-house by City staff
- City working on manhole sealing now

# Existing WWTP Review

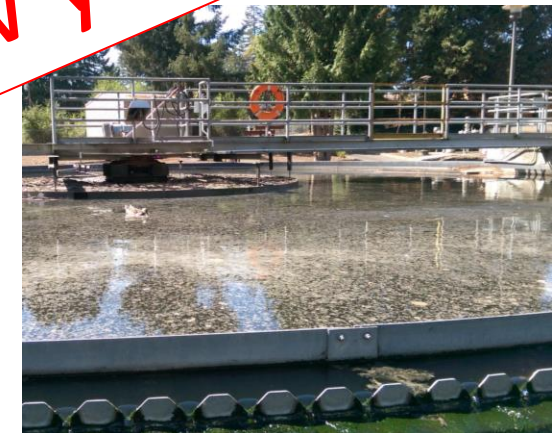
Upper Plant –  
Expansion Area



Lower Plant –  
Existing Facility Area

# Existing WWTP Challenges

- Secondary only, complete mix process
- No Headworks (rags everywhere)
- Early 1990's upgrade added tertiary sand filters
- Undersized CCB & outfall
- Inadequate Aerated Sludge Storage Basin
- Dewatering Facility with significant code violations
- Limited SCADA/automation



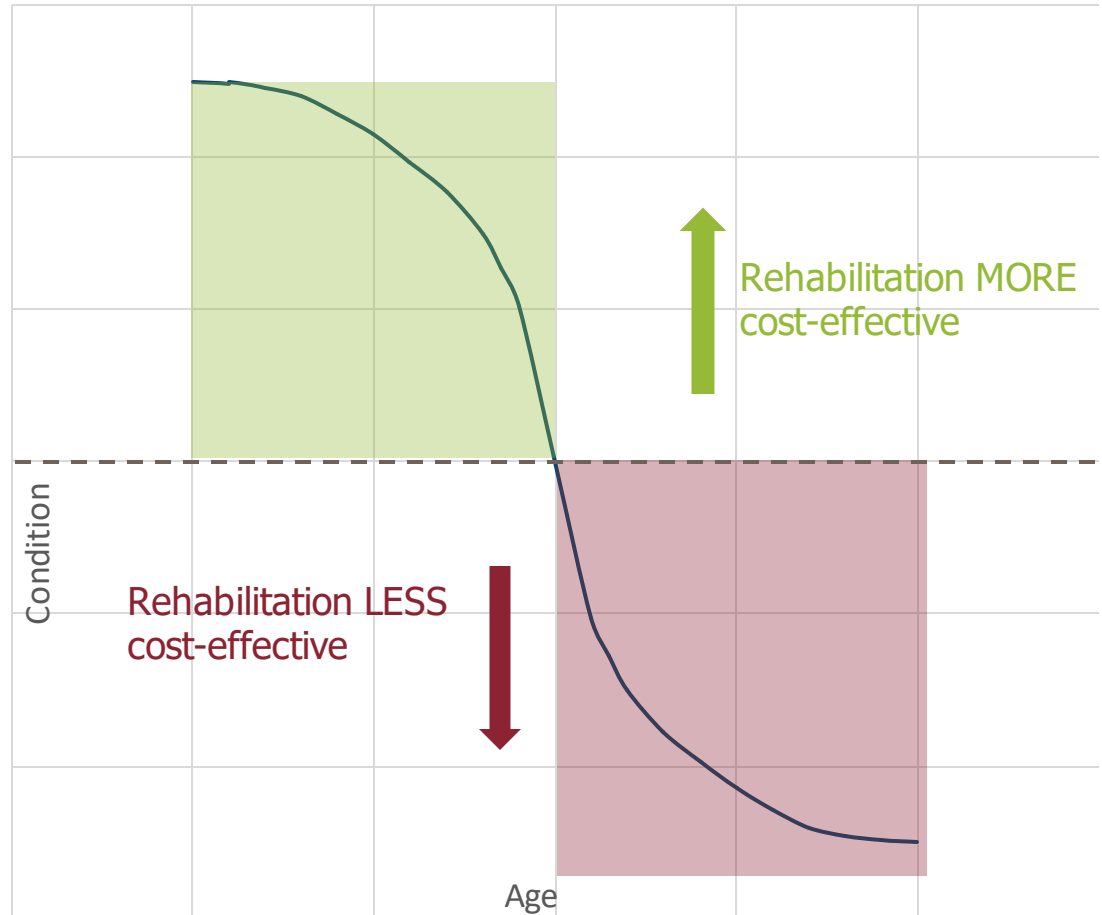
**Multiple DEQ fines  
for permit violations  
in past few years**

# “3R” Asset Management Approach

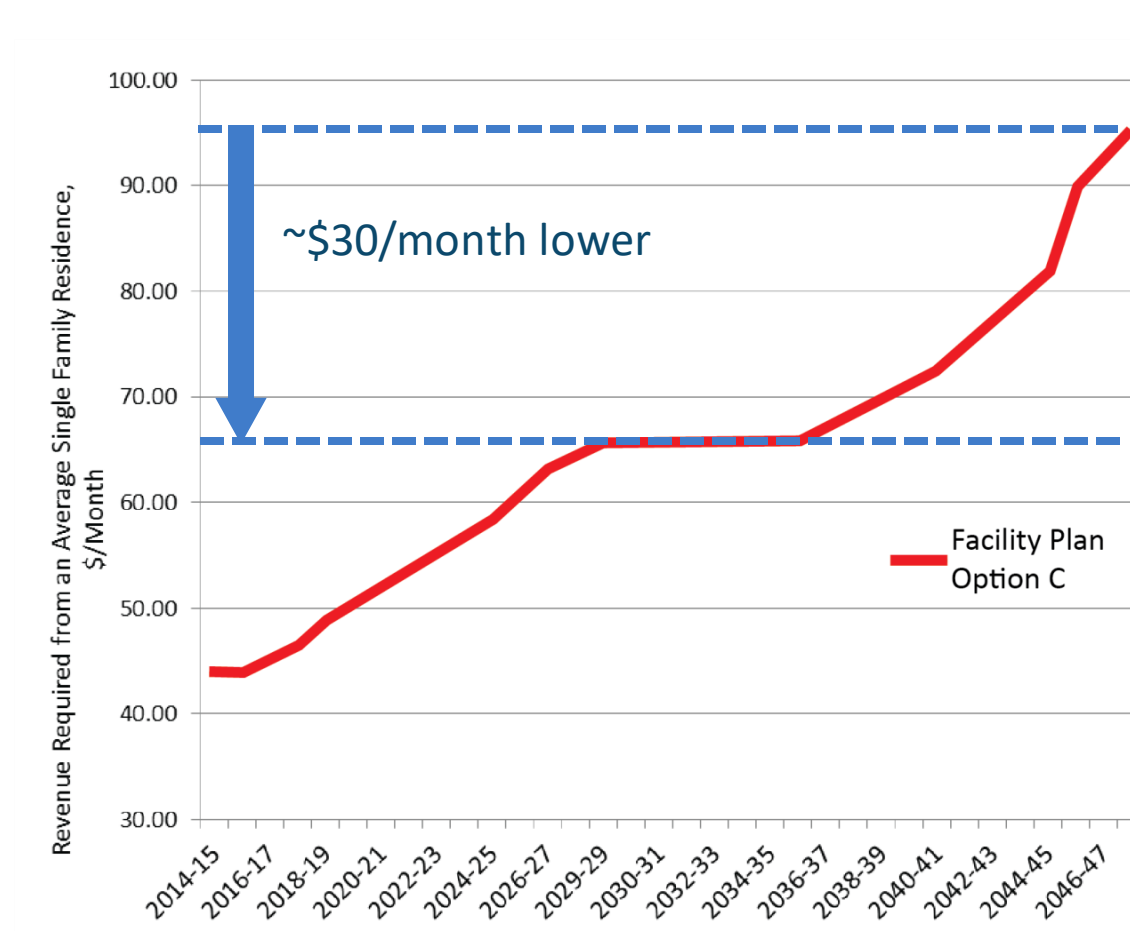
- Rehabilitate existing structures
- Reuse existing assets
- Re-purpose existing processes/areas



# Rehabilitation @ Half the Cost of New Construction – if done timely!



# Targeted Avg. Monthly Wastewater Rate

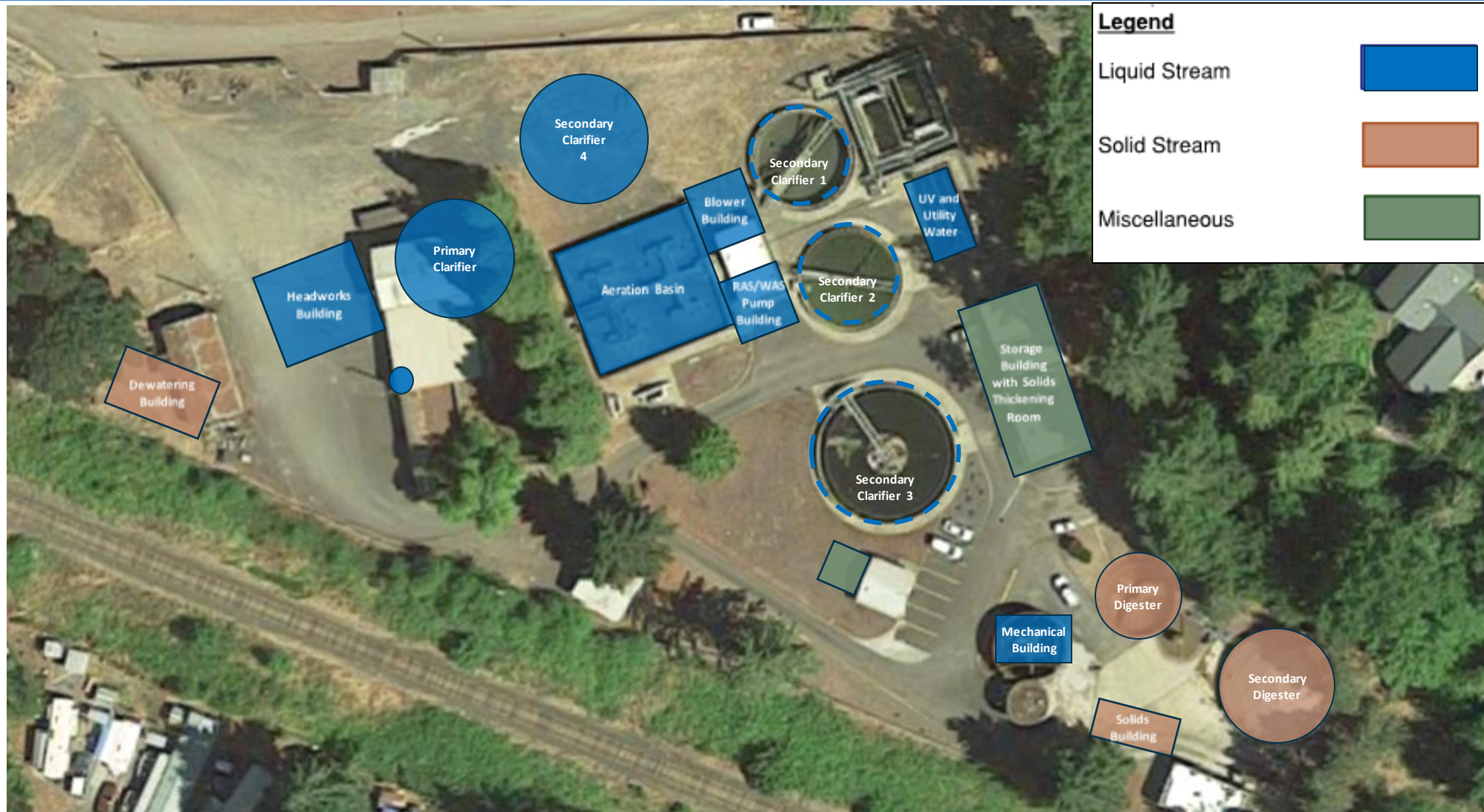




# 20% Schematic Design Base Upgrades

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# Schematic Design – Base Upgrades





# Schematic Design – “3R” Elements



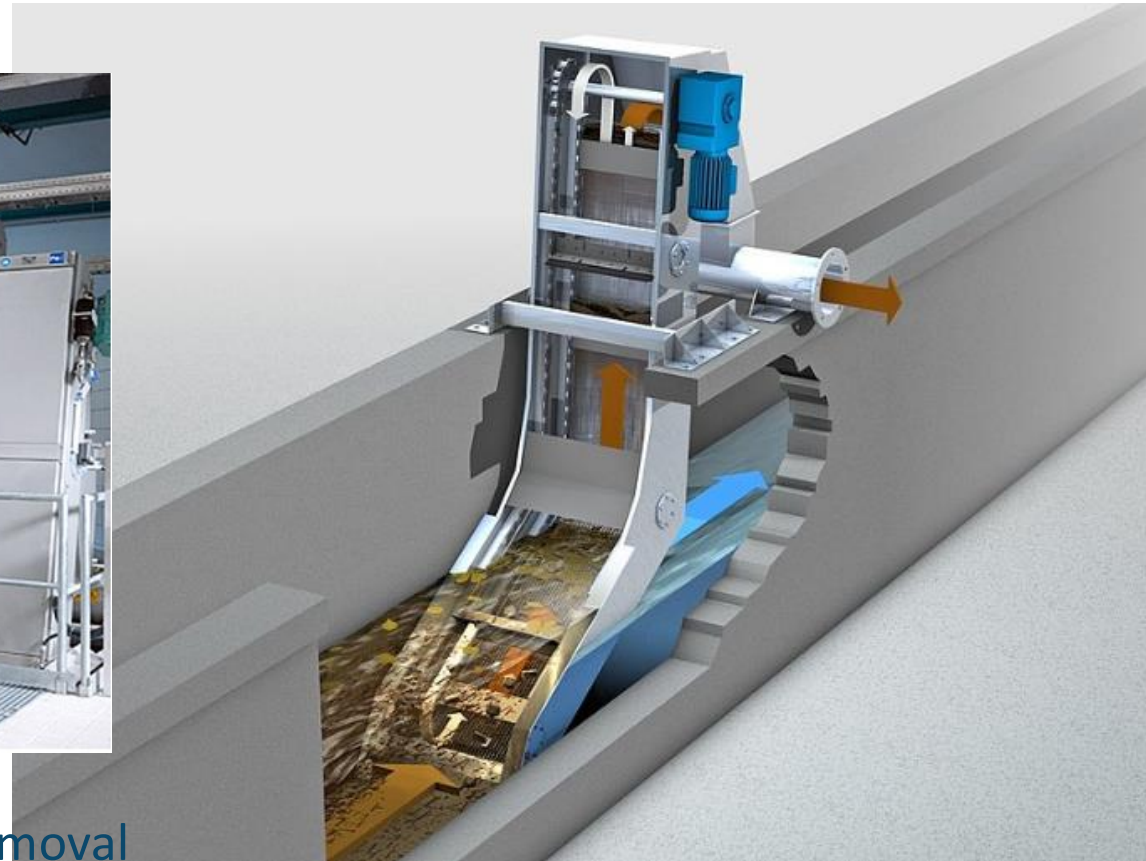
# Influent Pump Station



Reuse and rehabilitate existing influent pump station wet well saves \$\$ for other upgrades



# Headworks Screening and Grit Removal



Construct new headworks with grit removal to improve overall process and biosolids quality

# Primary Clarifier

- Add one new primary clarifier
  - Provisions for future expansion
- Allows plant solids process to be converted to anaerobic digestion
  - Eliminates energy-intensive aerobic process
- Provides possible incentives from Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO)



# Aeration Basin Modifications

- Extend and rehabilitate the existing basin
- Change the flowpath
- Improve aeration
- Improve operational flexibility



# Secondary Clarifiers



Rehabilitate 3 existing Secondary Clarifiers  
Add one new (larger) Secondary Clarifier #4



# UV Disinfection



Convert existing CCB to  
Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection

# Solids Thickening



Construct new Storage/Thickening Building



Install Sludge Thickening Equipment



# Solids Digestion



Construct new Primary Anaerobic Digester



Convert existing Aerobic Digester to  
Secondary Anaerobic Digester

# Solids Dewatering

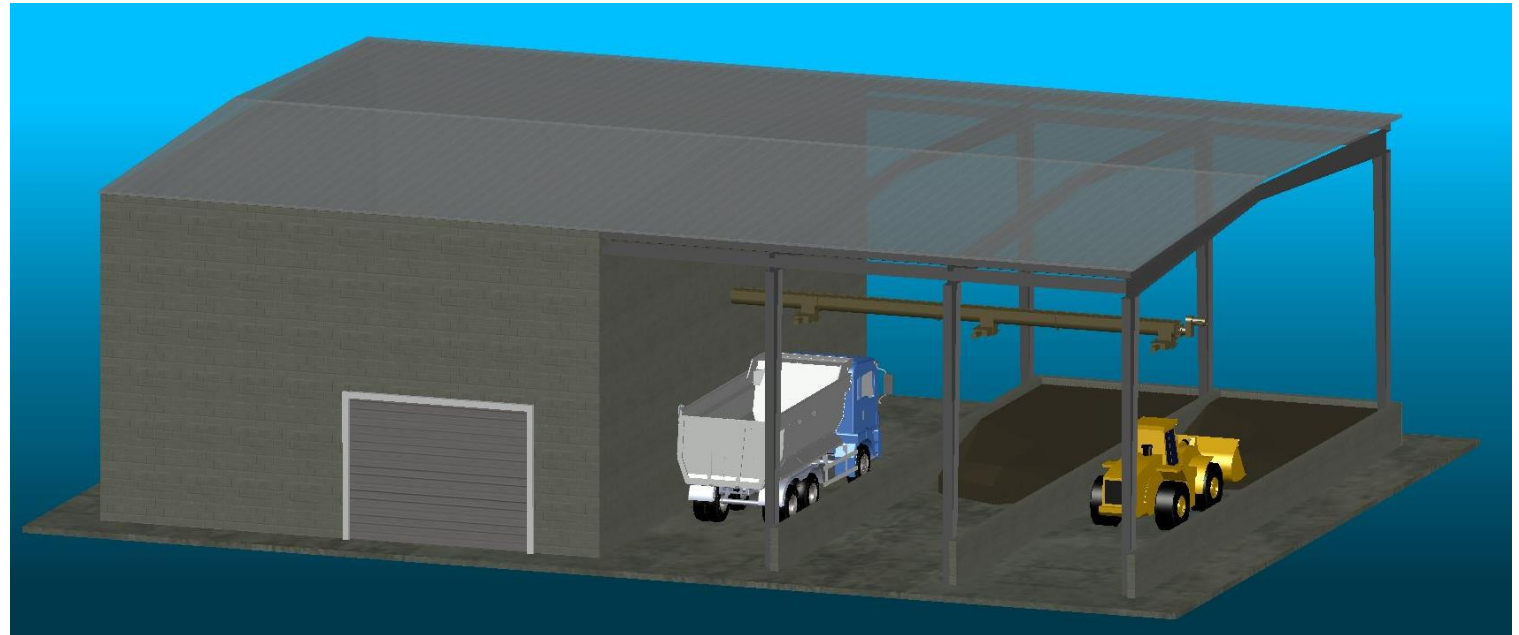


Demolish Existing Dewatering Facility



# Solids Dewatering

- New Dewatering Building on Upper Plant Area
- Cost-effective Premanufactured Metal Building
  - Enclosed screw press
  - Covered “cake” storage area
- Produce high quality Class B Biosolids product
- Class B gives City options to eliminate \$130,000/year landfilling fees
- Class A Biosolids provide more disposal options



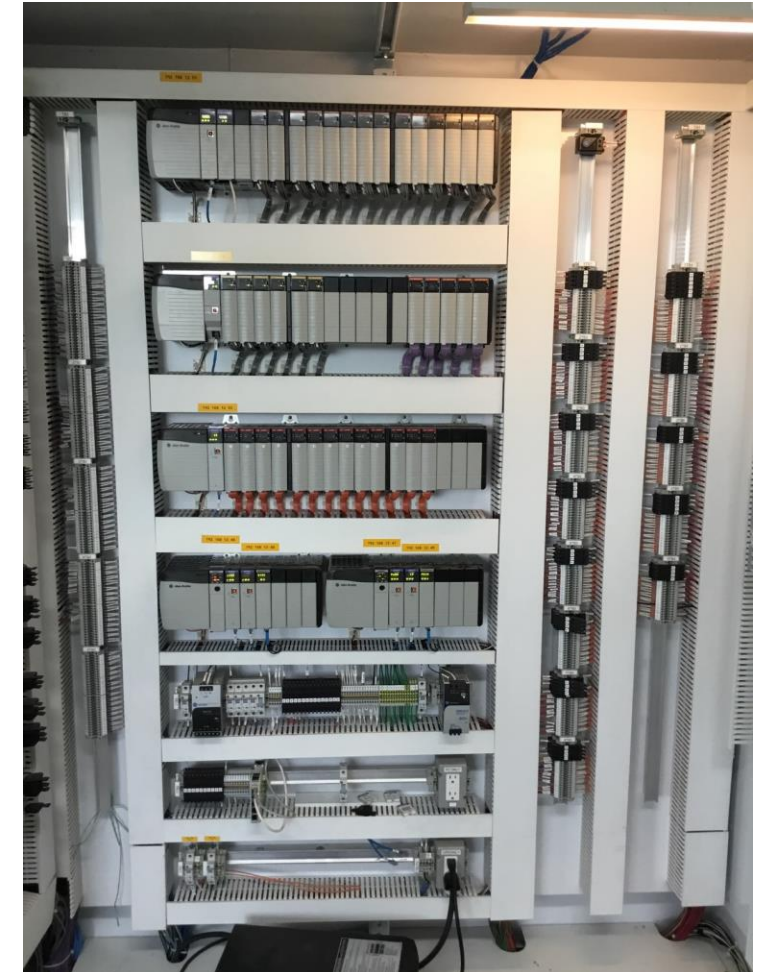
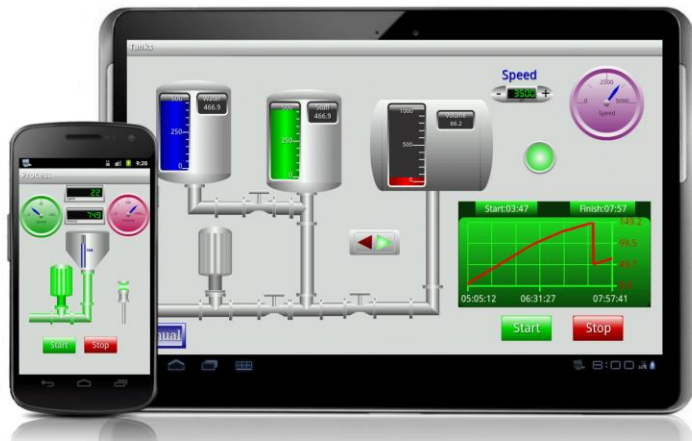
# Civil Site Improvements

- Site entrance and accessibility
- Site security
- Stormwater management



# Electrical and SCADA Improvements

- 3 Electrical Rooms on site
- Central CP in Administration Building
  - Redundant PLC's
  - Remote I/O in other Electrical Rooms
- Provide remote login capability for Plant Staff
- Plant Wifi Network with operator tablets



# Base Project Cost Summary

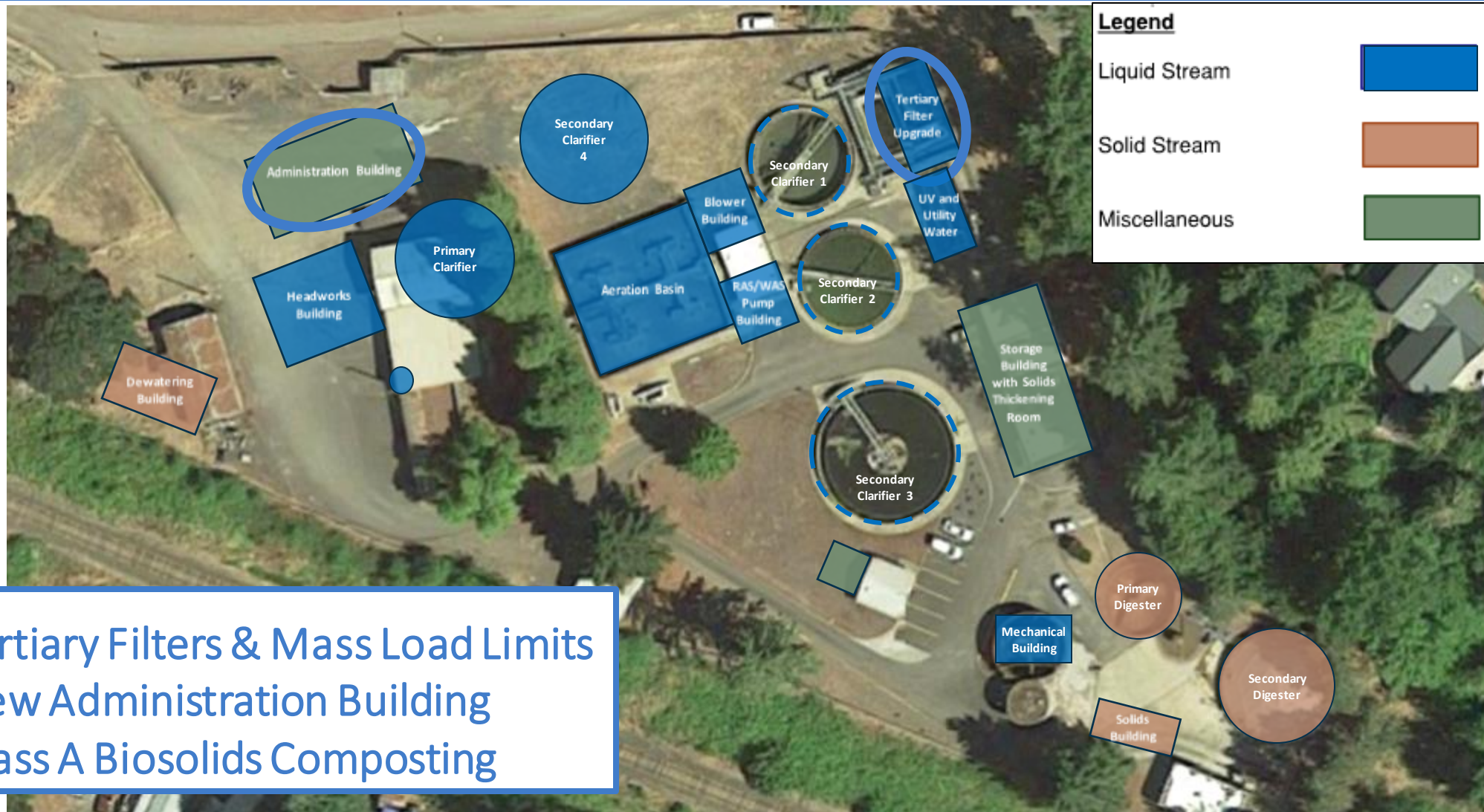
Base Project Costs <sup>(1)</sup>	
Influent Pump Station	\$2,100,000
Headworks Screening and Grit Removal	\$2,900,000
Primary Clarifier	\$1,700,000
Aeration Basin Modifications	\$3,500,000
Secondary Clarifiers	\$2,400,000
UV Disinfection	\$1,300,000
Solids Thickening	\$900,000
Solids Digestion	\$3,100,000
Dewatering and Biosolids Storage	\$1,300,000
Civil Site Improvements	\$1,500,000
Electrical and Instrumentation	\$2,800,000
<b>Subtotal of Base Project Costs</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>

(1) Costs include markups for General Conditions (8%), Mobilization (8%), Contractor O&P (12%), Design Contingency (20%), Construction Contingency (10%), and Engineering, Legal, and Contract Administration (25%)

# Additional Project Elements to Address Unanticipated Challenges

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# Unanticipated Project Elements





# Existing Tertiary Sand Filters

- Sand filtration not generally good in WW treatment
- Requires pumping
- Limited capacity
  - 2 to 4 MGD
- Uses Chlorine
  - Converting to UV disinfection
- Difficult to operate



# NPDES Permit Limits

- NPDES Permit Expired in 2010
- Mass Load Limits may limit discharge in future as ADWF increases
- Pursue Mass Load Increase through DEQ
  - Anti-Degradation Evaluation Required
- Recommend keeping tertiary filtration to maximize potential for mass load increase

Treated Effluent Outfall 001

(1) May 1 - October 31:

Parameter	Average Effluent Concentrations		Monthly* Average lb/day	Weekly* Average lb/day	Daily Maximum lbs
	Monthly	Weekly			
CBOD <sub>5</sub> (See Note 1)	10 mg/L	15 mg/L	120	180	240
TSS	10 mg/L	15 mg/L	120	180	240

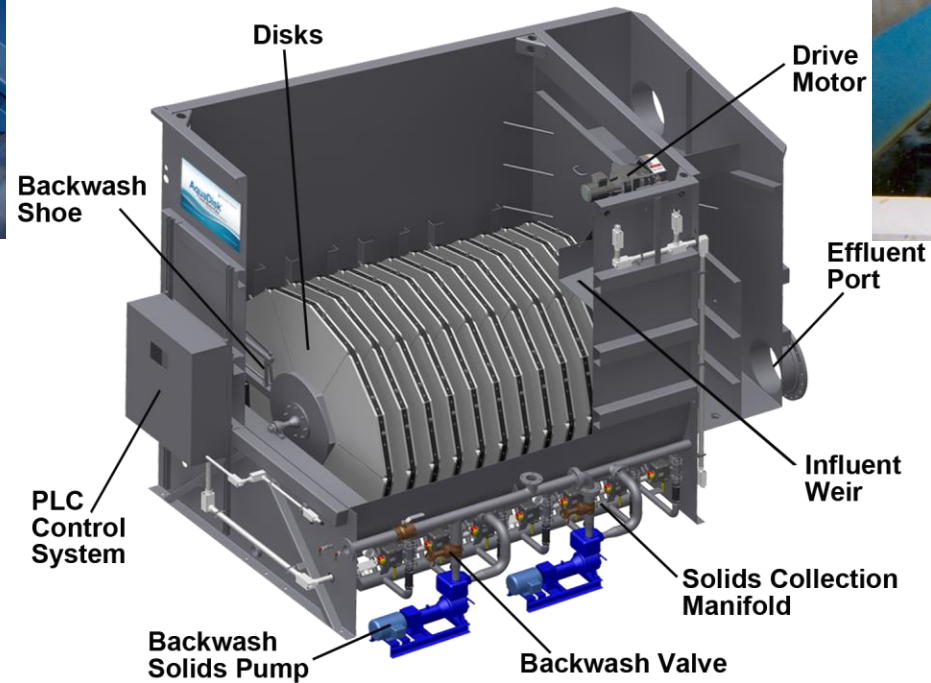
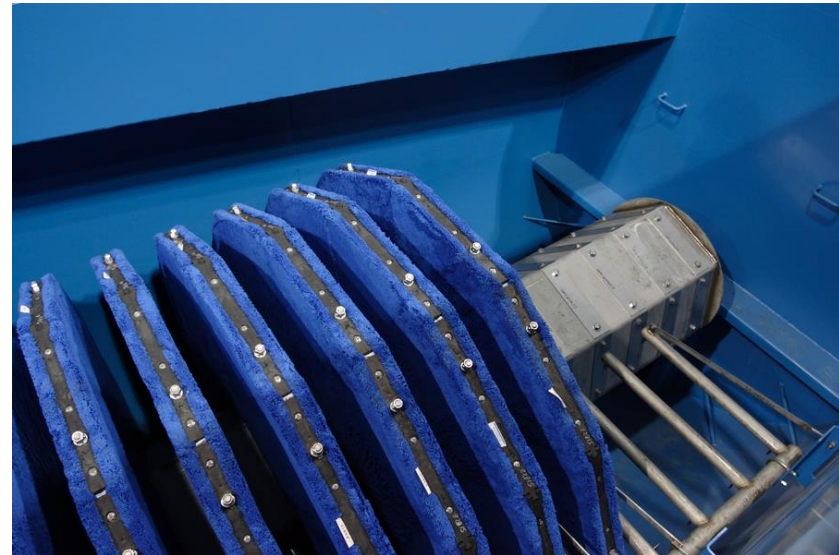
(2) November 1 - April 30:

Parameter	Average Effluent Concentrations		Monthly* Average lb/day	Weekly* Average lb/day	Daily* Maximum lbs
	Monthly	Weekly			
CBOD <sub>5</sub> (See Note 1)	15 mg/L	23 mg/L	290	460	630
TSS	20 mg/L	30 mg/L	350	520	690

\* Average dry weather design flow to the facility equals 1.38 MGD. Mass load limits have been individually assigned and are based upon prior permit.

2043 ADWF = 1.85 MGD (34% increase)

# New Tertiary Filter Option



# Admin Building Rehabilitation

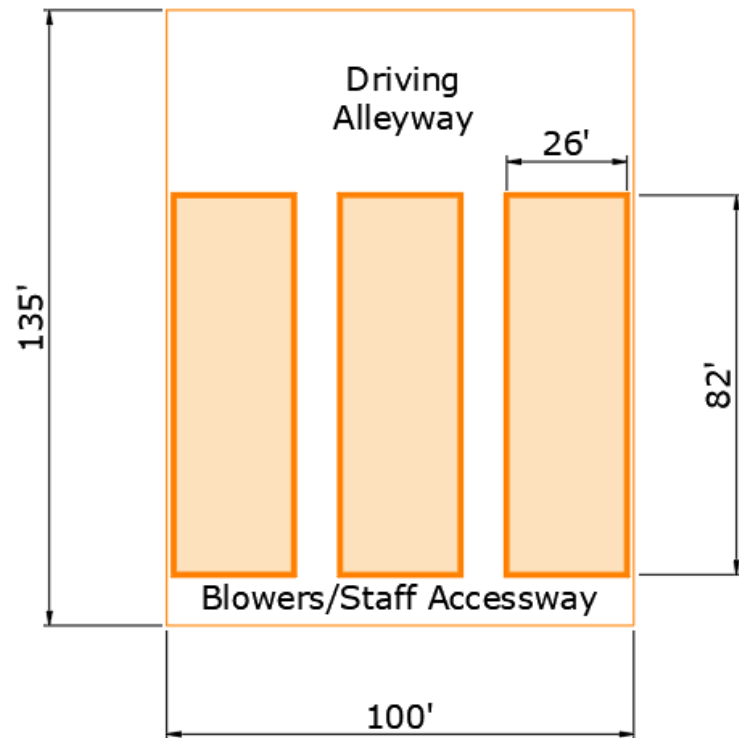


- Significant exterior upgrades required
- Men's locker room is marginal and there is no women's locker room
- ADA access issues throughout building
- Undersized and poorly laid out WQ Laboratory
- Few operator/staff works stations

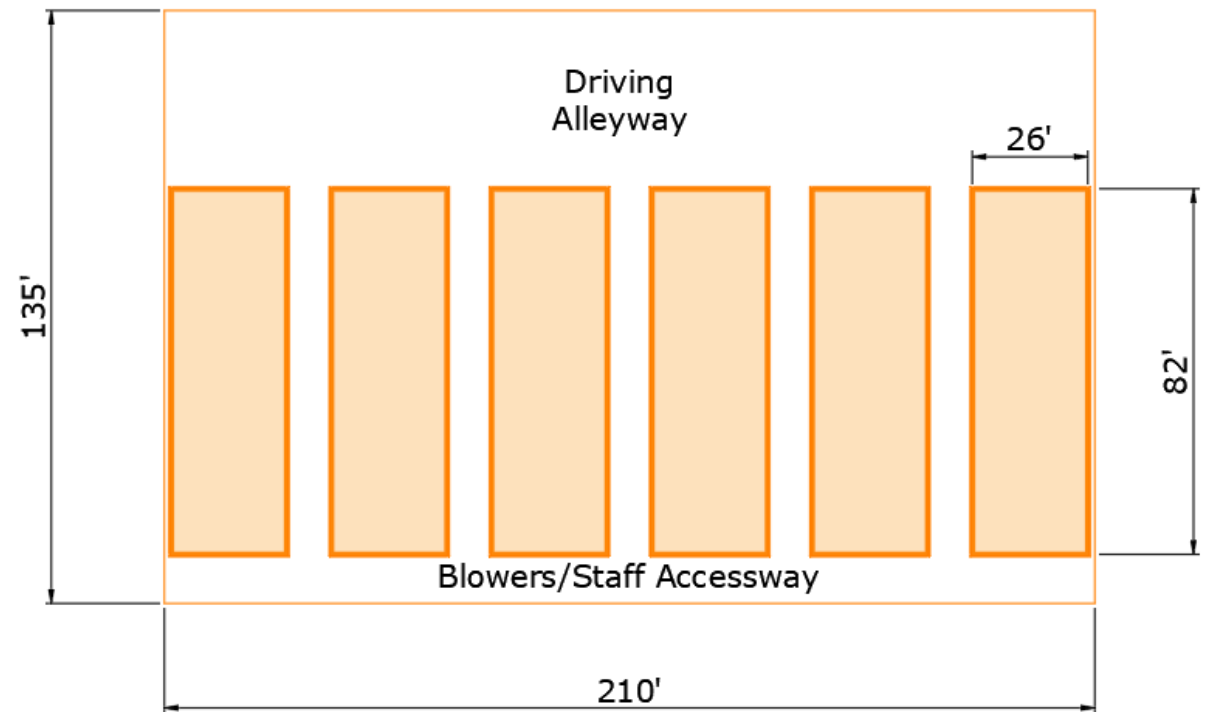
# Offsite Class A Biosolids Composting



**Covered Compost Pile at Florence OR WWTP**



Phase 1



20-yr Buildout

# Why Class A Biosolids Composting?

- EPA-approved, sustainable solution to resolve biosolids disposal problem
- Exceptional Quality Class A Biosolids can be beneficially reused on City parks, open spaces and provided to ratepayers with no restrictions
  - No restrictions on Class A Biosolids once it leaves the site
- Not subject to the whims of third-party material receivers as required for Class B Biosolids land application
- Create a high quality, valuable product that would save \$130,000 in annual landfill tipping fees

# How to Compost Biosolids?

- Treated biosolids are mixed with green waste (wood chips, leaves, grass clippings) collected from City streets and parks
- Compost piles are aerated to provide oxygen for aerobic microbes
- Compost piles are continuously monitored to meet EPA minimum temperatures to kill pathogens
- 4-6 weeks later the compost is ready for public use
- Composting requires adequate room for material storage and equipment movement (1+ acres present day / 2.5+ acres full buildout)



# Additional Project Elements Cost Summary

Additional Element Costs <sup>(1)</sup>	
Tertiary Filter	\$1,850,000
New Administration/Lab Building	\$1,250,000
Offsite Class A Biosolids Composting Facility (Phase 1)	\$1,600,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,700,000</b>

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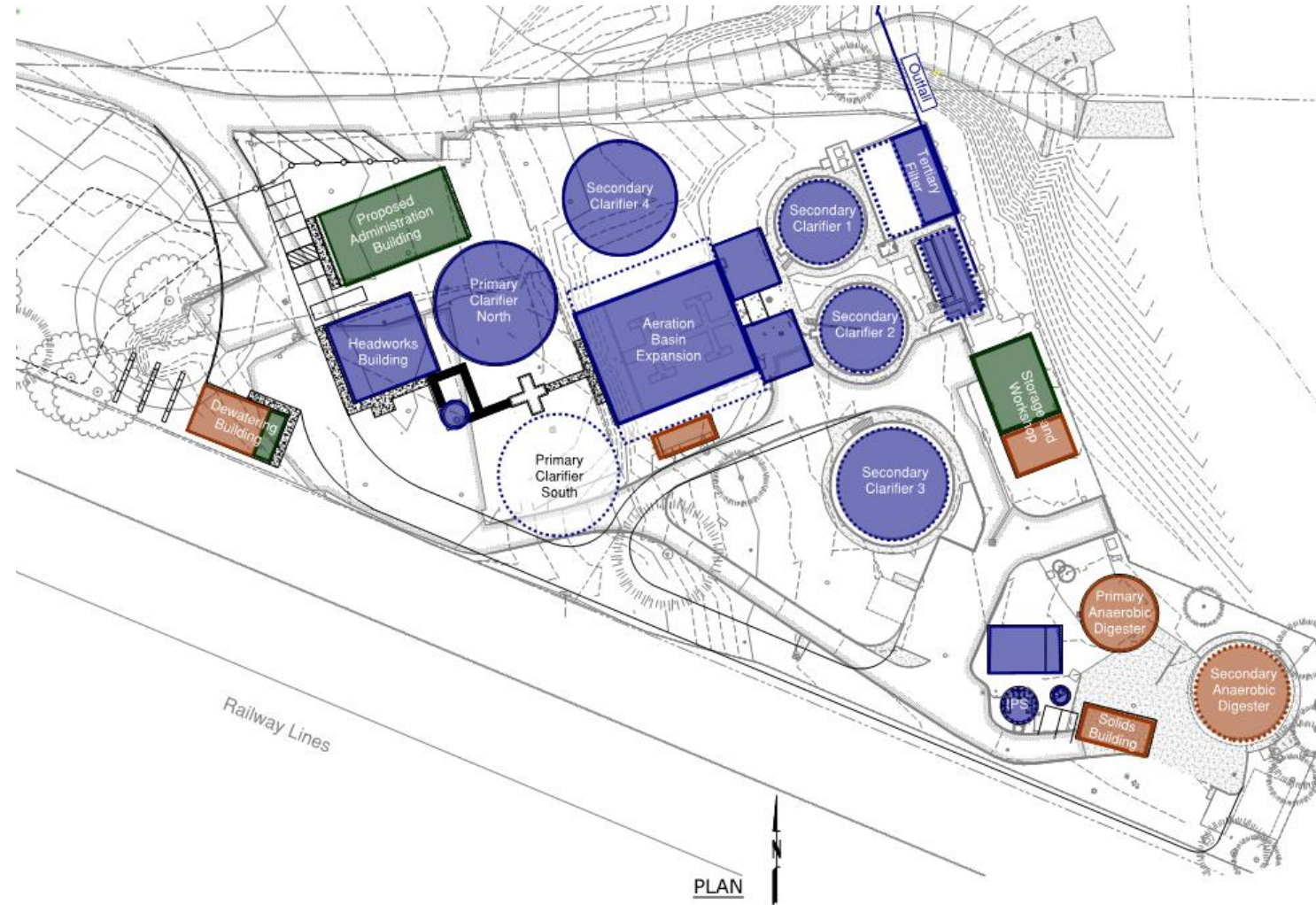
# Total Cost Summary

Compiled WWTP Costs for Base and Additional Elements <sup>(1)</sup>	
Estimated Base Cost	\$23,500,000
Additional Elements Cost Summary	\$4,700,000
<b>Additional Elements Subtotal</b>	<b>\$28,200,000</b>

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# Providing for future WWTP expansion beyond 20 year planning horizon

- Additional channel for additional influent screen in Headworks
- Provide piping for adding second Primary Clarifier in future (if needed)
- Providing for future Aeration Basin Capacity expansion (if needed)
- Provide for future filter capacity expansion (if needed)



# Long Term O&M Considerations

**“...make decisions that do the most good, for the most people, for the longest period of time”** *(2017-18 City Council Goals)*

Proceeding with the \$28.2M project offers:

- “3R” Approach brings aging facility back to life for 40-50 years
- Full plant automation reduces staffing requirements and cost
- Upgrades provide for cost-effective expansion in future to address unforeseen challenges (e.g. NPDES Permit, Industrial Growth, etc.)
- High quality compost eliminates \$130k/year in landfill costs and provides a valuable end product for use by the City and residents

# Project Funding Update

- **City funds.** With recent WW rate increase, the City is now building considerable reserves to support the project.
  - Currently projecting ~\$7M in local funds at start of construction
- **Earmark Funding.** City is currently utilizing a \$2M earmark from the Oregon State Legislature, with potential for another \$3M earmark this legislative session.
- **USDA Grant Discussions.** Initial discussions with USDA indicate a grant of up to 25% of the unfunded balance may be available.
- **ETO Incentives.** Currently working with the Energy Trust of Oregon to identify energy efficiency incentives for the project.
- **Loans.** Currently discussing loan funding with multiple agencies.

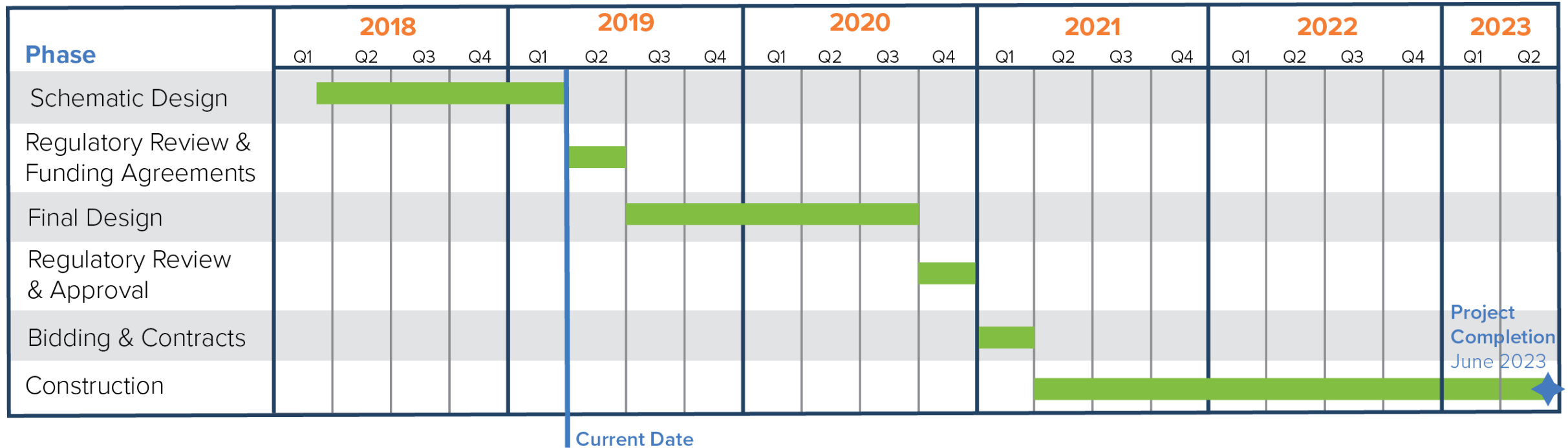
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# Schedule and Next Steps

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# Overall Project Schedule

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# Next Steps

- Proposed Public Process:
  - Public Hearings on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>
  - City Council Decision to proceed with project on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Finalize Schematic Design (USDA PER & ER)
- Contingency coordination with Oregon DEQ on NPDES Permit
  - Anti-degradation Evaluation for Mass Load Increase
  - Work to get NPDES Permit Renewal on DEQ Schedule
- Continue work to determine project funding (USDA, DEQ, etc.)
- Update rates and SDCs
- Proceed with final design in June
  - Murraysmith final design & CM proposal to be provided in May





Questions?

