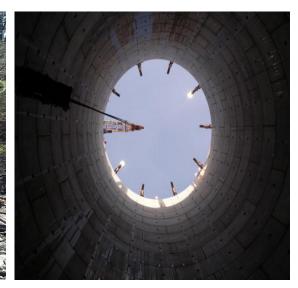
Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy

Community Town Hall Meetings

August 16, 2012 August 23, 2012









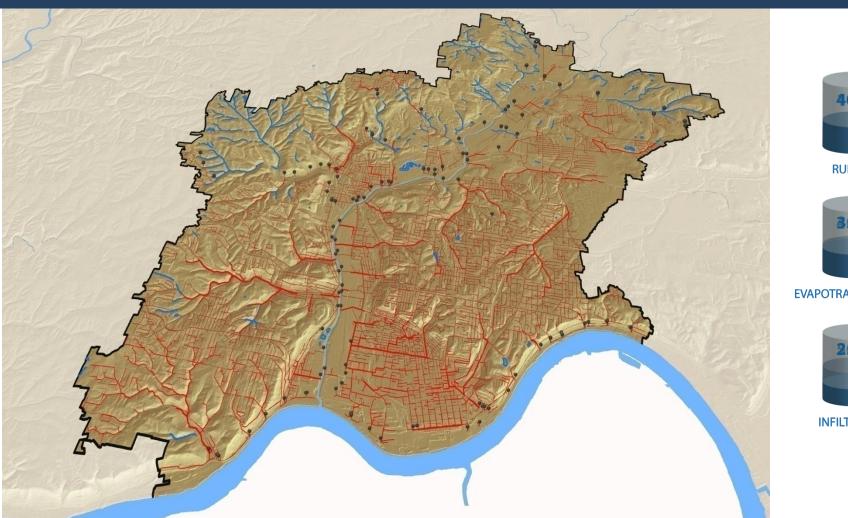
Today's Agenda

- Why are we here today?
- Where is this project located?
- What is the LMC regulatory mandate?
- How is MSD going to comply?
- Who is involved?
- When will the report be submitted?

WHY

Historical Drainage Perspective







RUNOFF



EVAPOTRANSPIRATION



INFILTRATION

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Wet Weather Impacts

WHY



Guerley Road & Sunset Avenue Lick Run Watershed



CSO #5 Lick Run

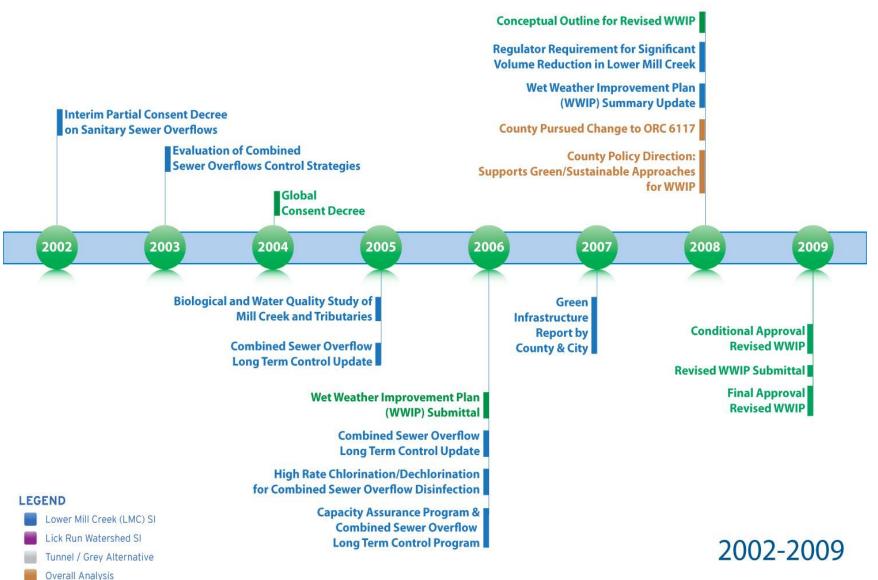


CSO #483 Kings Run



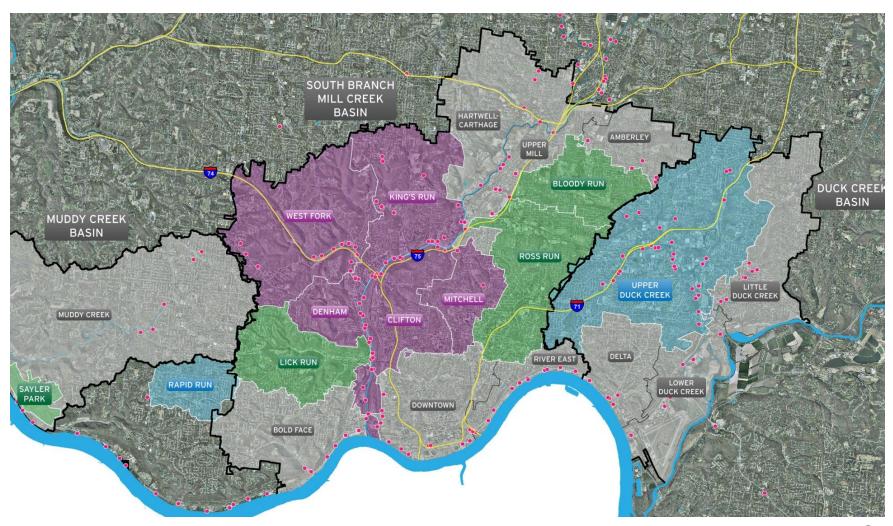
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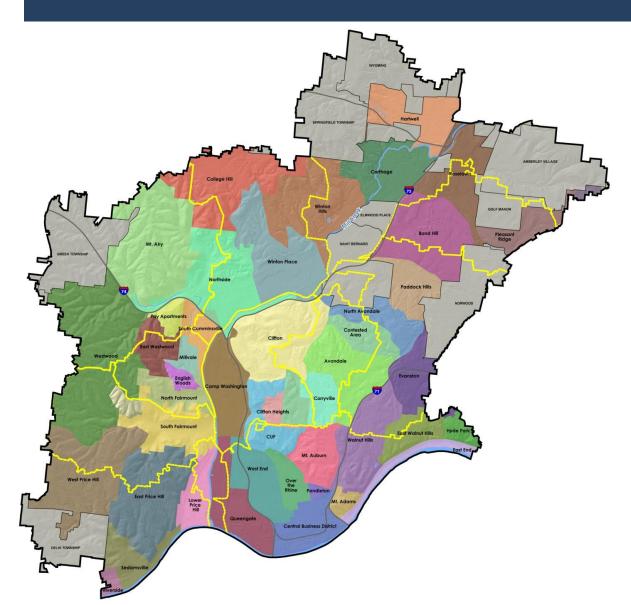
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MSD's Watersheds & Sub-Basins



"The Lower Mill Creek Watershed"

WHERE



NEIGHBORHOODS

Camp Washington

Clifton

College Hill

East Price Hill

Lower Price Hill

Mt. Airy

Northside

Queensgate

S. Cummingsville

S. Fairmount

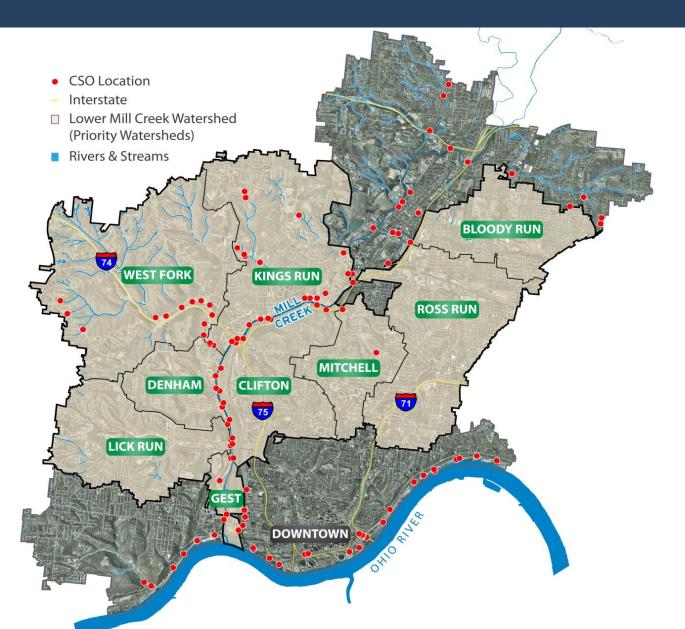
Spring Grove

Westwood Twp

Winton Hills

"The Lower Mill Creek Watershed"

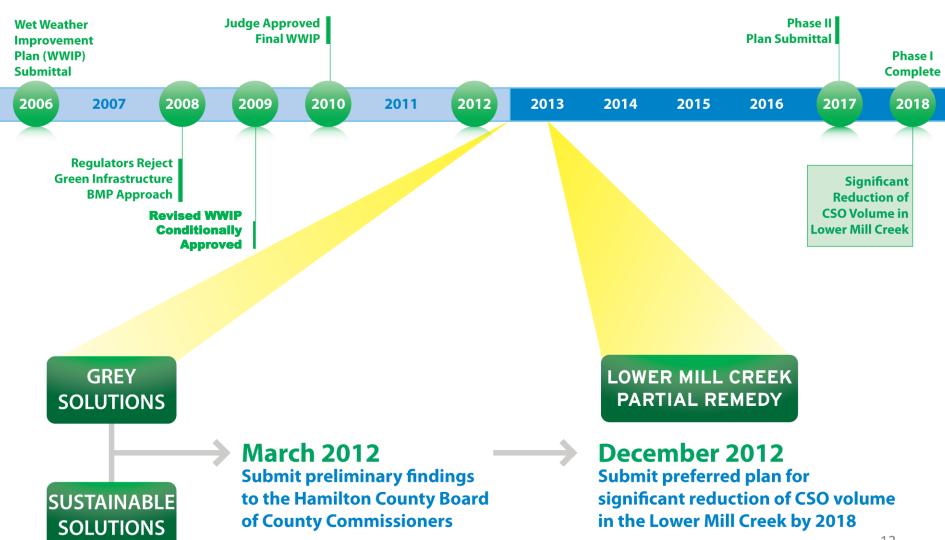




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CSO LMC Control Mandates

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USEPA Guidance Criteria for LMCPR



Guidance Pertaining to Consideration of Any Proposed Revised Original Lower Mill Creek
Partial Remedy Defendants May Choose to Submit in Accordance With Paragraph A.2 of
the Wet Weather Improvement Program
Draft for Discussion

Under the consent decrees between the United States, State of Ohio and Ohio River Water Sanitation Commission (the Regulators); and the Board of County Commissioners for Hamilton County and City of Cincinnati (Defendants), Defendants are required under to construct the Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy (LMCPR) described in Attachment 1C to the Wet Weather Improvement Program (WWIP); in accordance with the schedule, performance criteria and design criteria set forth in Attachments 1A and 1B of the WWIP.

Paragraph A.2.a of the WWIP provides:

Phase 1 will include a 3-year study/detailed design period to examine green measures and other measures to refine the Original LMCPR approach and cost estimates. Defendants may submit to the Regulators proposed changes to, or improvements on, the Original LMCPR remedy as a result of this study, provided the proposed revised remedy ("Revised Original LMCPR") provides equal or greater control of CSO annual volume as the Original LMCPR and is completed by the Phase 1 End Date. Defendants shall submit to the Regulators a LMCPR Study Report and any proposal for a Revised Original LMCPR by December 31, 2012.

The purpose of this document is to provide the Metropolitan Sewer District of Great Cincinnati (MSDGC) with guidance on certain issues that Defendants should consider if they choose to submit a proposed Revised Original LMCPR to the Regulators in accordance with Paragraph A.2.a of the WWIP. This document does not replace, revise, or amend the WWIP itself, or the consent decrees.

- 1. The primary means of determining if green control measures are equivalent to a planned grey infrastructure control measure will be model runs. The Hydrology and Hydraulic Model would be used to simulate the effects of the source control and green infrastructure measures (along with grey infrastructure elements that would be built) and provide specific information on the volume of overflows in a typical year. The Regulators will need to have a good understanding of the assumptions that were used in the model run, e.g., adjustments to the Hydrology inputs to reflect the source control/green infrastructure projects in order to conduct a review and concur on the model run results.
- In addition to the model runs, a proposed Revised Original LMCPR should include the following:
- (a) A detailed description of the source control/green infrastructure project(s), including specific technologies to be employed, project dimensions and configurations, material specifications and characteristics, project drawings that include the drainage area tributary to the proposed project, intended mode(s) of operation, and any other available information that may aid the Regulators in their assessment of the proposed project.

USEPA Policy Memo

"Cincinnati's 2004 consent decree (CD) ... opportunities to incorporate green infrastructure solutions by substituting "green for grey" on a project by project basis."

"The city is currently evaluating potential green infrastructure projects and has a three year study and detailed design period to examine green solutions in the Lick Run Watershed, in Mill Creek Valley on the west side of Cincinnati."

"One promising project in the Lick Run drainage area, a corridor that includes an environmental justice community, would remove storm water flows from the combined sewer system and create a new above-ground drainage feature with surrounding park land."



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

APR 2 0 2011

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Protecting Water Quality with Green Infrastructure in EPA Water Permitting and

Enforcement Programs

FROM: Nancy Stoner

Acting Assistant Administrator

Office of Water (OW)

Cynthia Giles / Mttti

Assistant Administrator
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)

TO: EPA Regional Administrators, OW & OECA Office & Division Directors

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) strongly encourages and supports the use of green infrastructure approaches to manage wet weather through infiltration, evapotranspiration, and rainwater harvesting. As stated in previous memoranda, EPA recognizes that green infrastructure can be a cost-effective, flexible, and environmentally-sound approach to reduce stormwater runoff and sewer overflows and to meet Clean Water Act (CWA) requirements. Green infrastructure also provides a variety of community benefits including economic savings, green jobs, neighborhood enhancements and sustainable communities. The benefits of green infrastructure are particularly enhanced in urban and suburban areas where green space is limited and environmental damage may be more extensive. The Office of Water (OW) and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) are committed to working with interested communities and water resource managers to successfully incorporate green infrastructure into National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, as well as remedies designed to address non-compliance with the CWA, to better manage both stormwater runoff and sewer overflows.

USEPA Integrated Planning Framework



Nancy Stoner, County Commissioner Portune, Director Parrott touring Lick Run Watershed





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Approach Framework

FROM:

Nancy Stoner

Acting Assistant Administrator

Office of Water

Cynthia Giles

Assistant Administrator (TOUL)
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

TO: EPA Regional Administrators

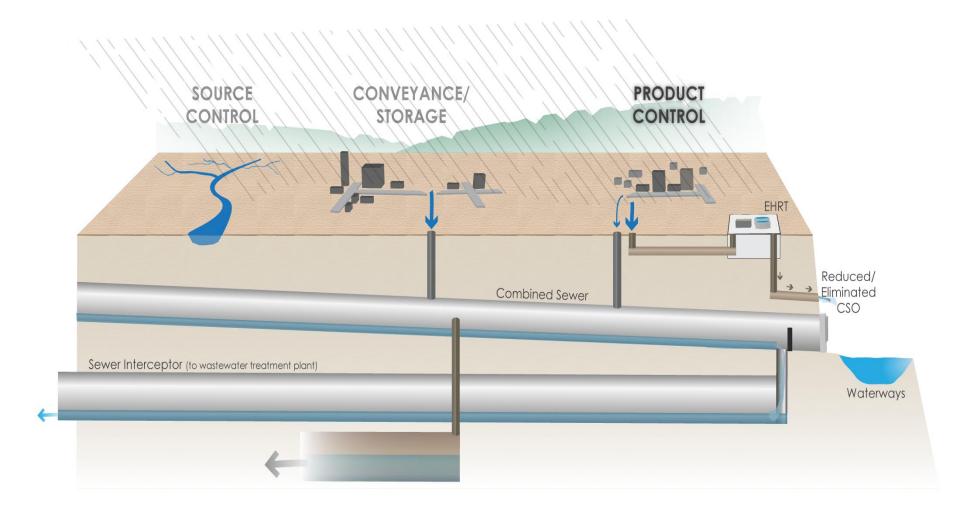
Regional Permit and Enforcement Division Directors

In recent years, EPA has increasingly embraced integrated planning approaches to municipal wastewater and stormwater management. EPA further committed to work with states and communities to implement and utilize these approaches in its October 27, 2011

memorandum "Achieving Water Quality Through Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Plans." Integrated planning will assist municipalities on their critical paths to achieving the human health and water quality objectives of the Clean Water Act by identifying efficiencies in implementing requirements that arise from distinct wastewater and stormwater programs, including how to best prioritize capital investments. Integrated planning can also facilitate the use of sustainable and comprehensive solutions, including green infrastructure, that protect human health, improve water quality, manage stormwater as a resource, and support other economic benefits and quality of life attributes that enhance the vitality of communities.

To provide further guidance on developing and implementing effective integrated plans under this approach, we have developed, with extensive public input, the attached Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Planning Approach Framework document. We are posting the framework document on our website and, as they become available, will provide practical examples of how municipalities are implementing this approach. We would like to thank Regions 2, 4, 5, 7 and 10 for their assistance in conducting public workshops to gain input on the draft framework. We encourage all Regions to work with their States to identify

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Current Conditions in the Community



and safety

Leverage MSD's Investment



Community's Vision for the Future



Property value at a substantial decline



Expand & improve parks and greenspaces

Opportunities for improved mixed use and affordable housing

> Incentives for business retention or redevelopment

economics

sustainability

recreational.

education

quality place community assets

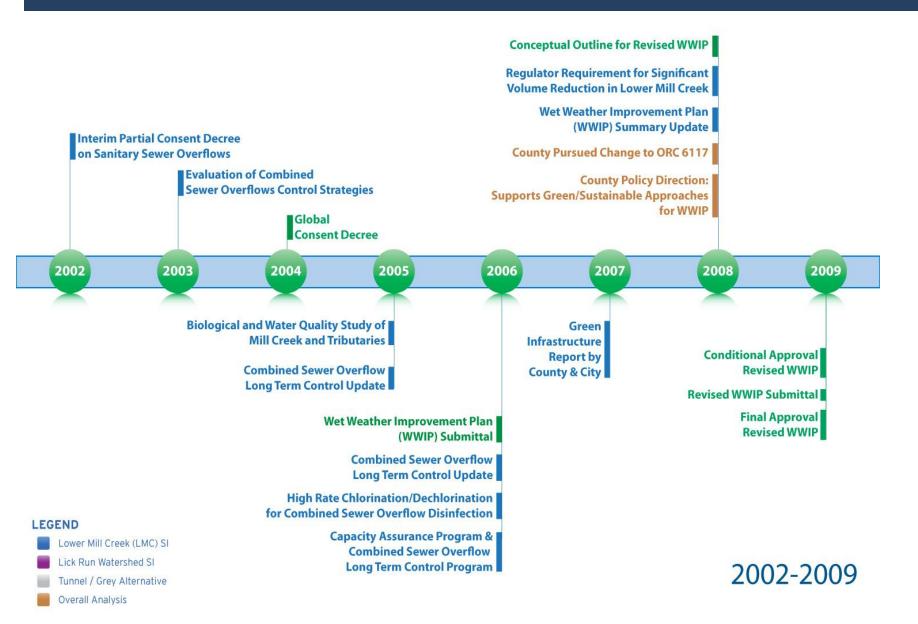


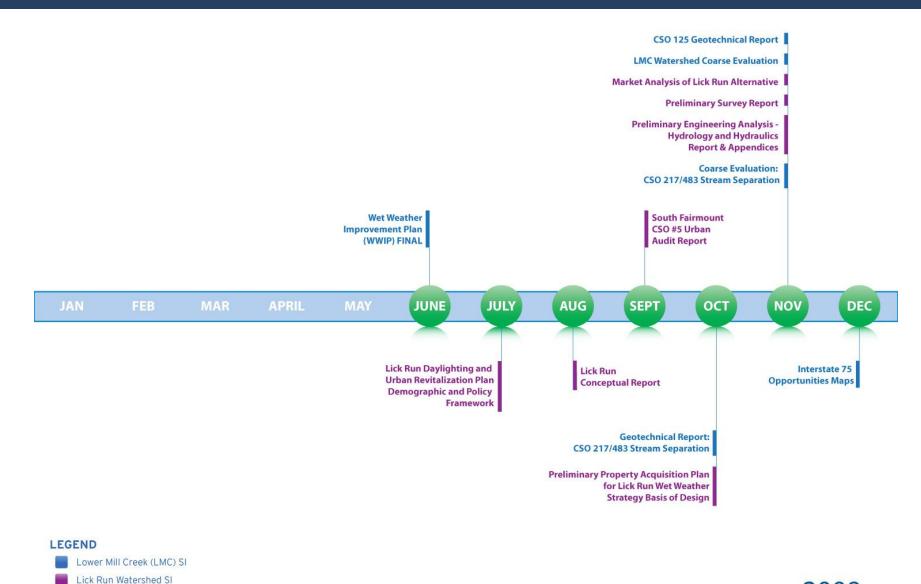
Investment to reduce sewer overflows and meet federal mandates





History of Consent Decree

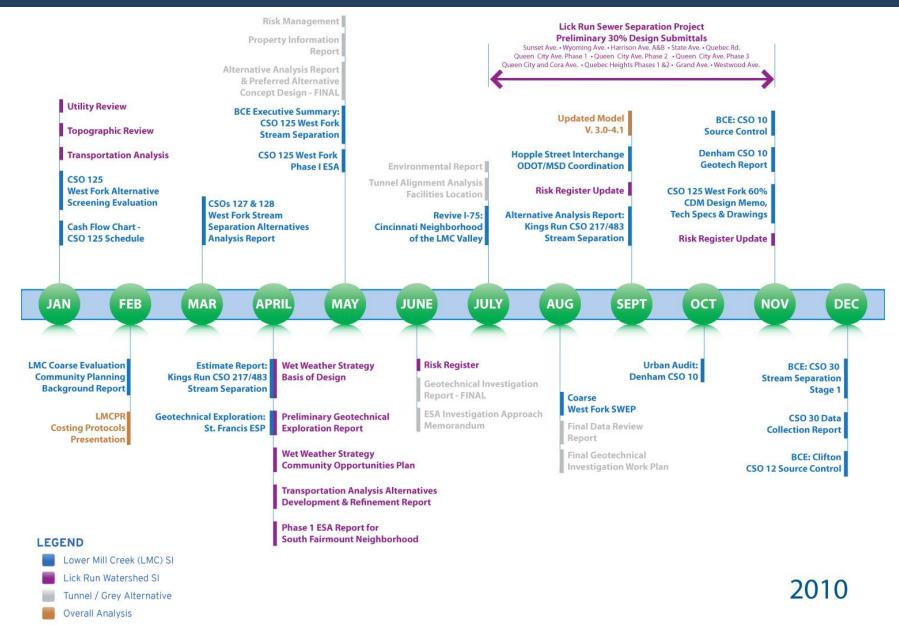


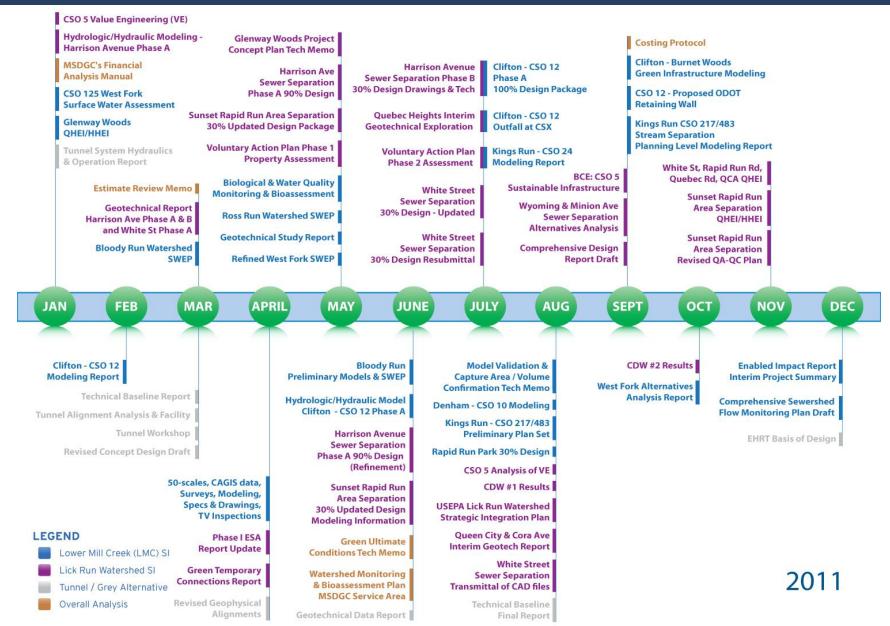


Tunnel / Grey Alternative

Overall Analysis

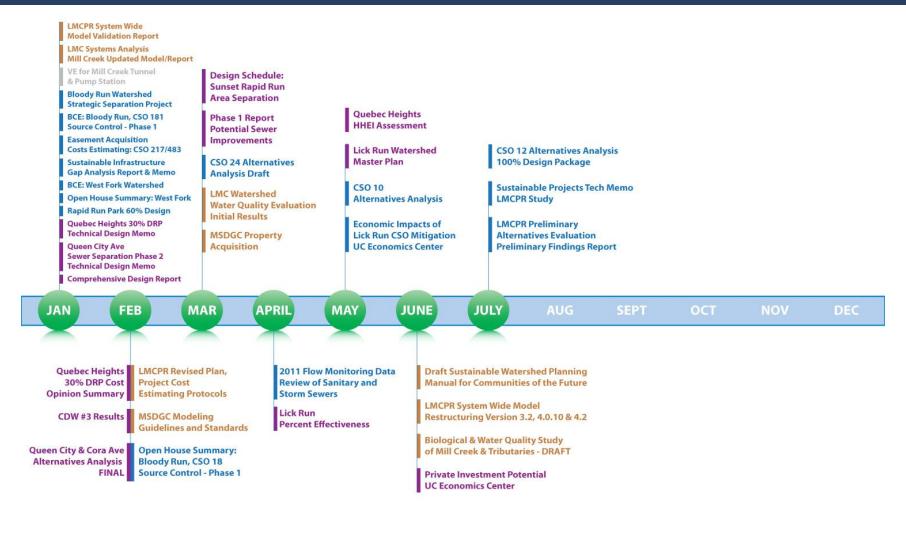
LMC Study Technical Evaluation & Analysis





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2012





Lower Mill Creek (LMC) SI

Lick Run Watershed SI

Tunnel / Grey Alternative

Overall Analysis

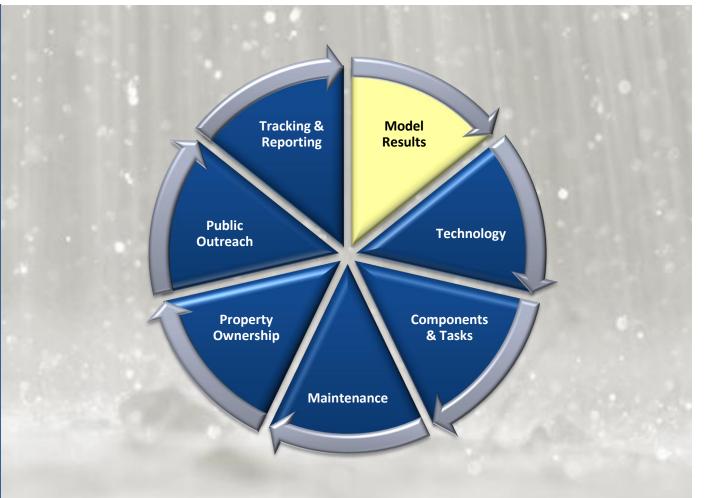
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Activity #1 = Model Updates

Model Results

"The <u>primary means</u> of determining if green control measures are equivalent to a planned grey infrastructure control measure will be model runs."

- Simulations for grey
 & green
 infrastructure
- Volumes overflow reduction
- Understanding of assumptions
- Hydrology inputs



Source: "Guidance Pertaining to Consideration of Any Proposed Revised Original Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy Defendants May Choose to Submit in Accordance with Paragraph A.2 of the Wet Weather Improvement Program", USEPA, October 11, 2011.

Model Technology - 2005

Model Software

EPA-SWMM Software (version beta G)

State of the Art software 2004-2006

EPA Approved MSD Modeling Work Plan

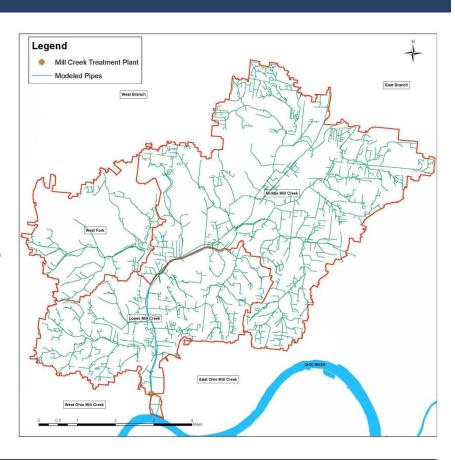
Long computational run times for updates

Limited hydraulic interaction

Limits on output file size = limits on simulations that can be evaluated

Generates planning level size, capacity, and performance





System Infrastructure from GIS

Model Technology Advances - 2011

Model Software

Updated EPA-SWMM Software (version 5.0.13)

Advanced methodology uses calculations in lieu of fixed values

More realistic modeling of pumps, gates, RTCs, and hydraulics

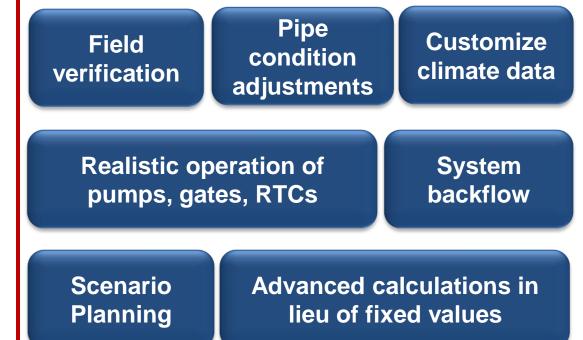
Added evaporation to the model

Hydrologic parameters reviewed via GIS data, aerials, drawings, site visits

Hydraulics adjusted for pipe diameter & shape, sediment accumulation

CSO structures modeled to consider backflow conditions

Model calibrated using system flow monitoring data



System Infrastructure from GIS

Updated Baseline LMCPR Model

The updated baseline model better reflects operational behavior of MSD's combined sewer system due to advances in modeling software and computing speed since 2006.

Modeled Volumes	Original WWIP Model	Updated Baseline Model 3.2			
Inflow (MG)	13,282	10,160			
Overflow (MG)	8,286	5,142			
	2006 kinematic wave	2012 fully dynamic			

Leveraging Benefits from Existing Infrastructure

Real Time Control Facilities are designed to optimize the amount of combined sewage while minimizing overflows by storing wet weather flows until the interceptor has capacity.

- All four existing RTCs included in LMC Study
 - CSO 5 Lick Run = 455 MG
 - CSO 125 Badgeley Run = 97 MG
 - CSO 482 Mitchell Avenue = 34 MG
 - CSO 487 Ross Run = 151 MG
- Updated baseline model demonstrates 0.74 BG CSO reduction with the four RTCs



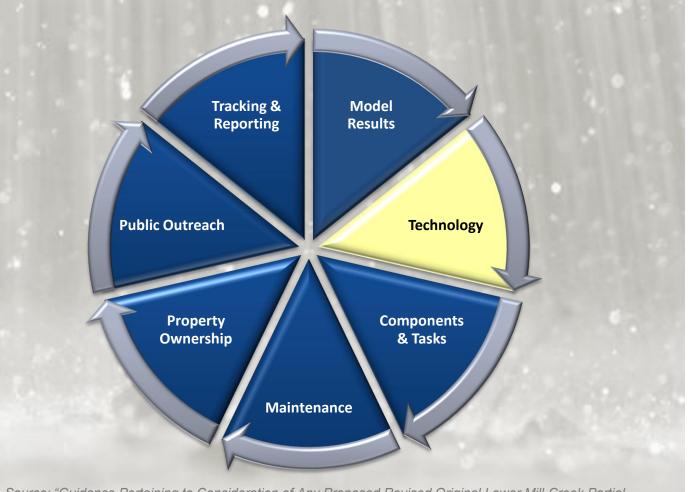


Activity #2 = Default Remedy Evaluations

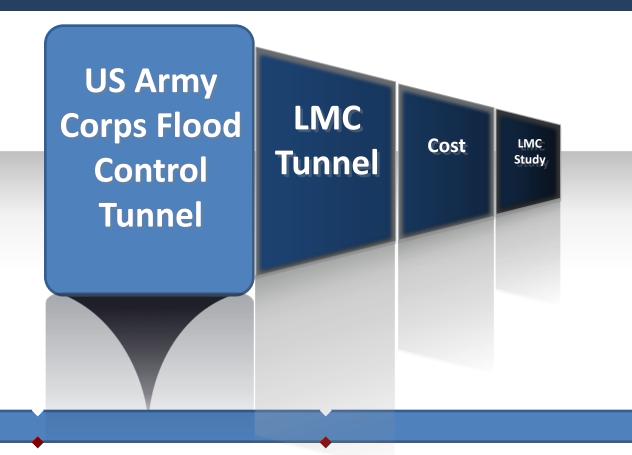


Technology

Detailed description of technologies and intended mode of operation



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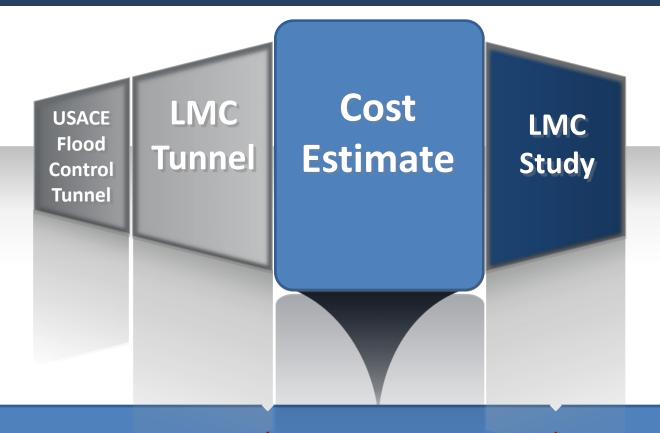
2000-2004 Global Consent Decree negotiated in context of potential 16-mile USACE flood control tunnel in Mill Creek



2006-2008 USEPA & OEPA insisted on developing CSO control measures in Mill Creek

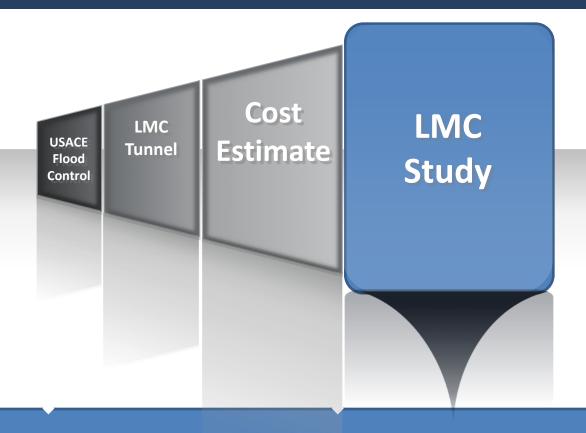
Conceputal Outline for tunnel to Mitchell Avenue

Concept based on similar projects across US and assumed geotech conditions



Considerable review and vetting 2008-2009 by PMC & Consultants

Wet Weather Improvement Program estimates approved by USEPA, OEPA, County, and MSD Costs were planning level and additional site-specific studies and detailed design was necessary to evaluate costs.



All parties recognized costs were highly conceptual.

Due to considerable uncertainty over costs and the impact of such a large project on the overall affordability of the WWIP, Regulators approved a three year LMC Study because they recognized uncertainty inherent in moving from planning to detailed design.

Cost Refinement

2005	2009	2011
2005	2009	20

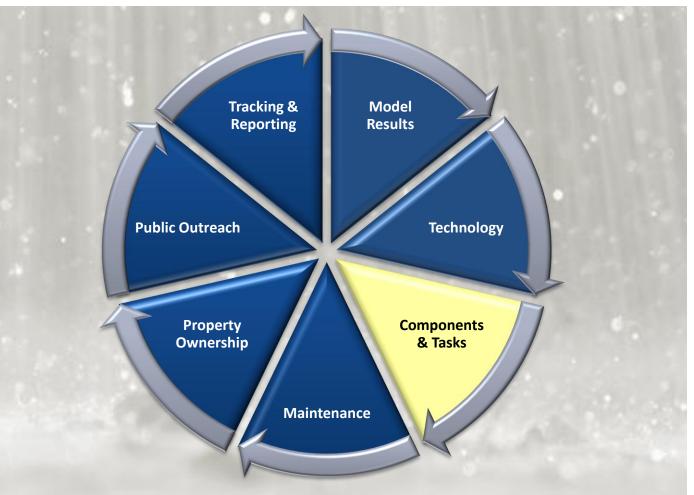
Project Component		Original Project Estimate	Updated Original Project			Revised Project Estimate		
Tunnel	\$	104,783,000	thicker walls required for drop shafts	\$	137,498,000	shallower depth for tunnel, extension on northern terminus for future connection	\$	120,776,000
Consolidation Sewers	\$	12,128,000	additional 5,000 ft sewers, higher unit prices	\$	32,305,000	4 CSO diversion relocations, extra 1,350 ft long, 72-in dia, 230-ft deep microtunneled sewer crossing CSX rail yards	\$	50,750,000
Pump Station	\$	15,688,000	screening, electrical, control building	\$	24,618,000	screening structure, cavern style station for hydraulics and safety, 2 deep shafts	\$	54,235,000
Enhanced High Rate Treatment	\$	13,712,000	higher unit prices	\$	19,638,000	no change	\$	19,638,000
Contingencies	\$	36,579,000	% of higher prices	\$	53,515,000	% of higher prices	\$	65,031,000
Soft Costs Total	\$ \$	61,452,000 244,342,000	% of higher prices	\$ \$:	89,907,000 357,481,000	% of higher prices	\$ \$4	104,016,000 414,446,000

Costs are presented in 2006 dollars

Activity #3 = Develop Alternatives

Components & Tasks

List of tasks required for implementation with cost and schedule



Source: "Guidance Pertaining to Consideration of Any Proposed Revised Original Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy Defendants May Choose to Submit in Accordance with Paragraph A.2 of the Wet Weather Improvement Program", USEPA, October 11, 2011.

Basis for LMC Study Alternatives Evaluation

- The Final Wet Weather Improvement Program required that any Lower Mill Creek PARTIAL Remedy alternative provide equal or greater control of CSO annual volume as default project, be completed by applicable WWIP deadlines, and work within a plan for a Lower Mill Creek FINAL Remedy.
- The alternatives that follow are based on a target volume capture of 2 BG *under the updated modeling,* which recognizes less overflow from the system than did the original model.
- The 2 BG figure is used here merely to illustrate potential grey and sustainable alternatives and does not necessarily represent a final requirement for an LMCPR alternative submission.
- Lower Mill Creek overflows that are not addressed in the LMCPR in Phase 1 will be addressed in Phase 2 of the WWIP in the Lower Mill Creek FINAL Remedy.

Grey Alternative Components

- Real-time control (RTC) (four total)
- West Fork Channel grate modifications vs. as-is condition
- Deep tunnel (25 feet in diameter, 15,300 feet in length) vs. 7,600 feet
- Consolidation sewers
 (varying diameter, 10,400 feet in length vs. 5,000 feet
- Deep tunnel pump station (84 million gallons per day)
- Enhanced high-rate treatment (EHRT) facility (84 mgd)

Real-Time Control Facility Proposed EHRT **Proposed Tunnel Shaft** West Fork Channel Grate Improvements Proposed Deep Tunnel **Proposed Consolidation Sewer** DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI 38

LEGEND

Mill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

Interstate

River/Stream

Lower Mill Creek Watershed Boundary

Phase 1 Grey Alternative Components

Grey Alternative

Project scope and cost based upon updated model.

Project Component		Revised Project Estimate	Grey Alternative			
Tunnel	\$	120,776,000	extended tunnel 7,700 feet to pick-up overflows from CSO 15, reduced tunnel diameter to 25 ft	\$	164,460,000	
Consolidation Sewers	\$	50,750,000	additional sewers to collect flows from CSOs 12, 13, 14, and 15	\$	46,962,000	
Pump Station	\$	54,235,000	no change	\$	54,235,000	
Enhanced High Rate Treatment	\$	19,638,000	no change	\$	19,638,000	
Contingencies	\$	65,031,000	% of updated prices	\$	99,853,000	
Soft Costs	\$	104,016,000	% of updated prices	\$	152,261,000	
Total \$ 414,446,000			\$537,409,000			

Costs are presented in 2006 dollars

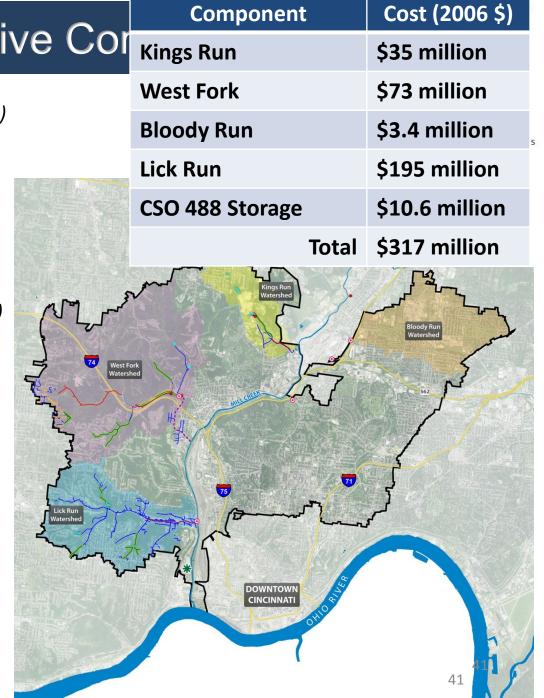
Preliminary Tunnel Concept serving CSO 15



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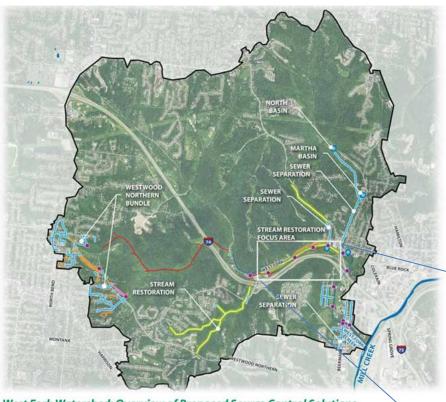
Sustainable Alternative Cor

- Real-time control (RTC) (five total)
- West Fork Channel grate mods
- New Storm Sewers (varying diameter, 104,400 feet in length)
 - West Fork, Kings Run, Lick Run
- Relocated combined sewers
 (varying diameter, 21,500 feet in length)
- Naturalized channels (5,500 feet in length)
- Valley conveyance system (8,100 feet in length)
- Stream separation (20,000 feet in length)
- Stormwater detention basins (80 acre-feet)
- Storage tanks (6.5 million gallons)



LEGEND

Preliminary West Fork Source Control/Stream Restoration



Existing
Condition:
Concrete
channel
w/grates and
overflow
structures



West Fork Watershed: Overview of Proposed Source Control Solutions



Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)

Proposed Interceptor
 Proposed Sanitary Sewer

Proposed Stream Restoration
Proposed Open Channel

Proposed Open Channel
 Proposed Storm Sewer

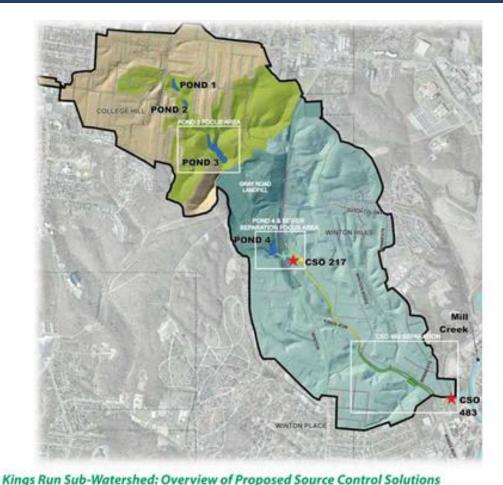
Proposed Detention / Storage

West Fork Watershed Boundar
River/Stream

Potential Solution: Separate flow from combined, consolidate overflows and construct natural conveyance



Preliminary Kings Run Source Control



Potential Solution: Intercept stormwater runoff and release it back into combined sewer system, stabilize stream banks, direct stormwater to Mill Creek

- Stormwater detention basins
- **Separate storm & sanitary sewers**
 - **Dedicated storm sewer along** Winton Road, Kings Run Road, & Winton Ridge Road (to Kings Run stream)
 - **New combined sewer along Kings** Run Road & convert existing to storm (to Mill Creek)
- **Stream Restoration**
 - Stabilize banks & minimize erosion
 - Improve CSO discharge conveyance

Proposed Separation Drainage (CSO 217)

Phase 2 Treatment/Storage Proposed Storage Tank Proposed Sanitary Sewer Proposed Detention Basin Proposed Storm Sewer Proposed Detention Basin Drainage Proposed Combined Sewer Proposed Separation Drainage (CSO 483)

Potential Phased Stream Restoration

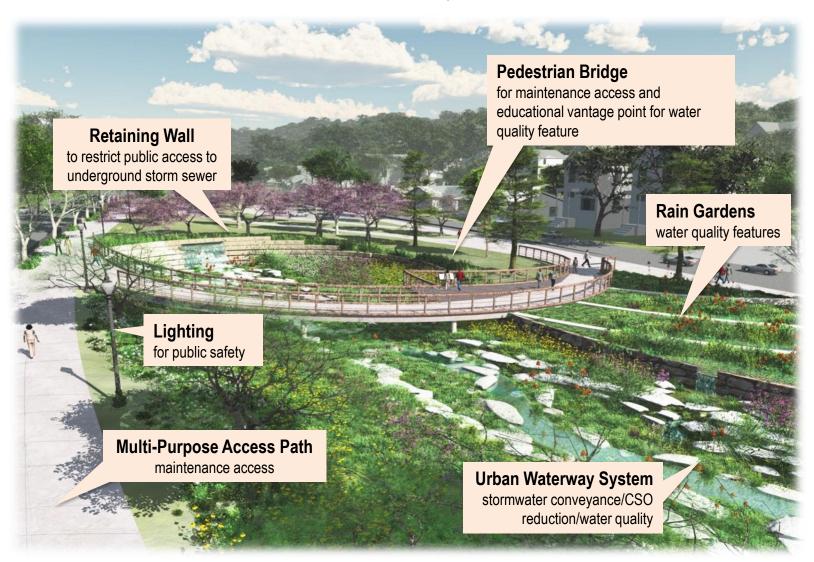
Existing Combined Sewer Existing Sanitary Sewer Existing Storm Sewer

Preliminary Lick Run Urban Waterway Concept

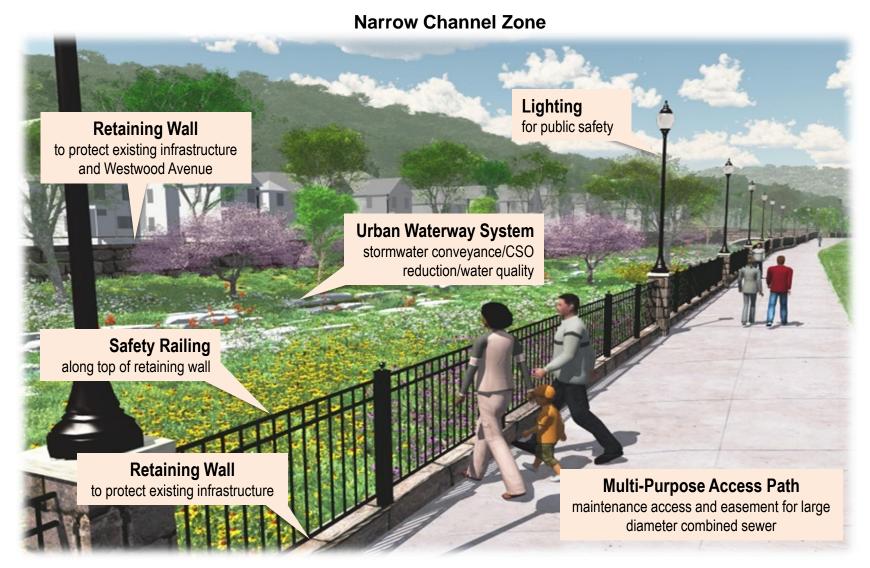


Leveraging Benefits of Integrated Solutions

Western Gateway Zone

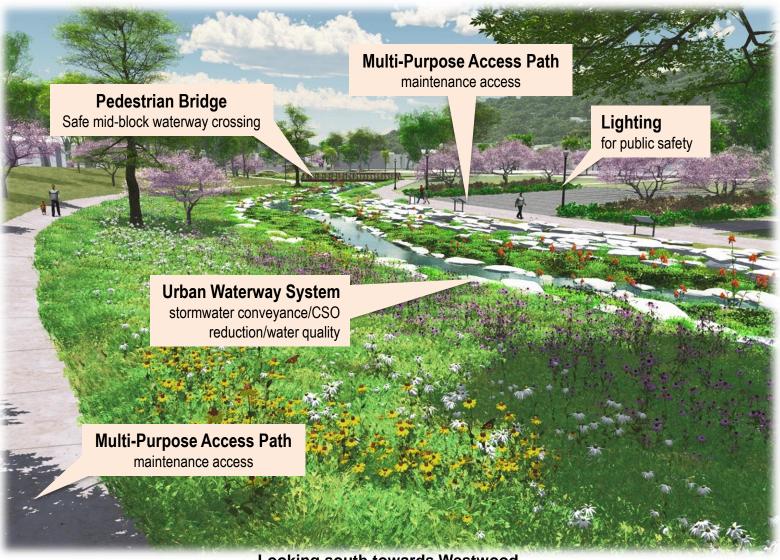


Leveraging Benefits of Integrated Solutions



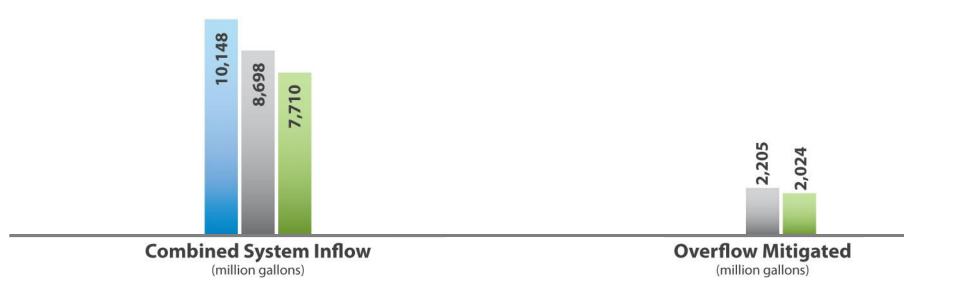
Leveraging Benefits of Integrated Solutions

Civic Recreation Hub



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Model Results Comparison









Model Results Comparison







Benefit & Risk Comparison

Significant CSO reduction

Greater reduction of bacteria in Mill Creek Returns more base flow to Mill Creek

Reduction of rainwater volume to WWTP
Scalable for increased CSO reductions
Opportunity for private/public \$

Construction jobs for local workforce Less purchased energy

Adaptable to future needs
Repurposing of land
Community revitalization





Significant CSO reduction

More flexibility for interceptor maintenance

Bacteria reductions



Benefits

Risks



Additional assumptions for modeling Potential future stormwater regulations

Sustainable Alternative

Solution not adaptable long-term
Complex construction methods
Limited local construction participation
Higher energy demand & cost
Potential future NPDES regulations

Grey Alternative

Cost Comparison

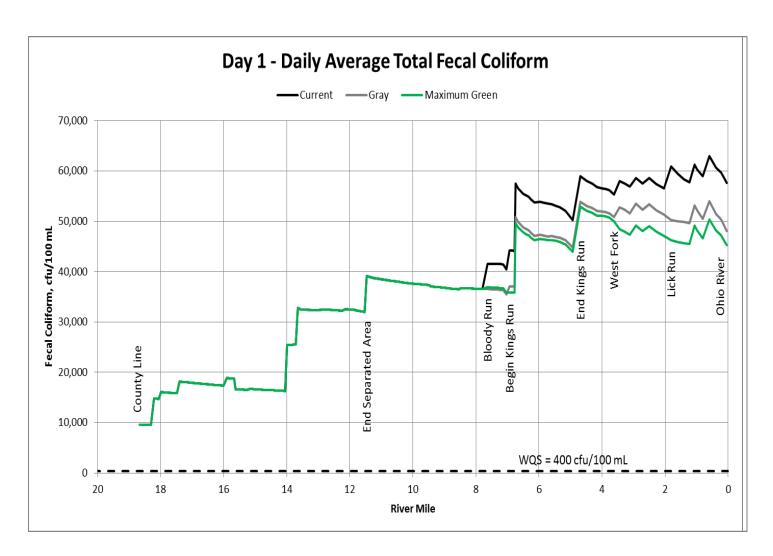
All project costs continue to be evaluated and refined as designs are advanced.

Costs presented are inclusive of work through April 2012.



"Voluntary" Water Quality Comparison

After a ¾inch
rainstorm,
the Mill
Creek as it
enters
Hamilton
County does
not meet the
bacteria
standard.



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Who is involved?

WHO



















Communities

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Cincinnati USA









Community







































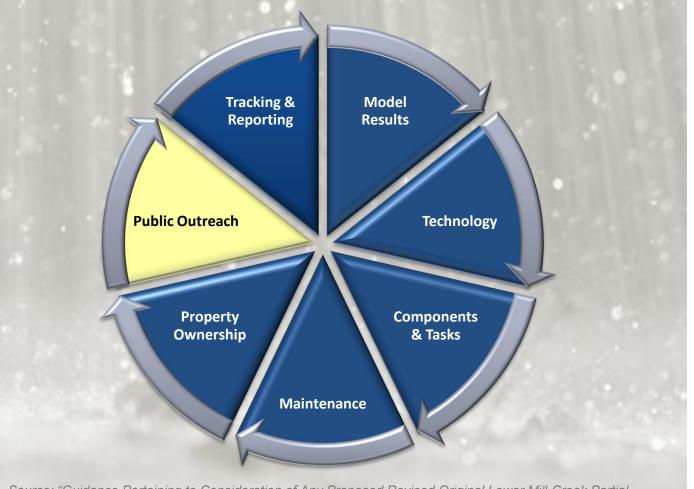


Community Feedback

Public Outreach

Stakeholder outreach and public participation program.

Identify areas of low household incomes, poor educational attainment, or concentrated minority population.



Source: "Guidance Pertaining to Consideration of Any Proposed Revised Original Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy Defendants May Choose to Submit in Accordance with Paragraph A.2 of the Wet Weather Improvement Program", USEPA, October 11, 2011.

Lower Mill Creek Open Houses

Outreach

West Fork Neighborhoods

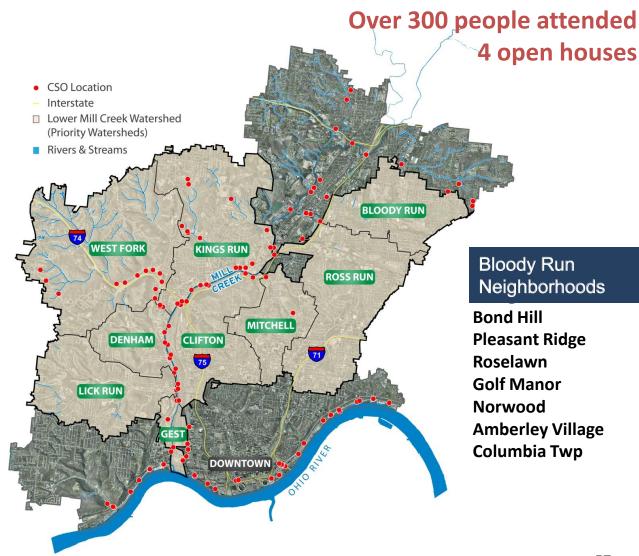
College Hill
East Westwood
Fay Apartments
Mt. Airy
Northside
South Cummingsville
Westwood
Green Township

Kings Run Neighborhoods

College Hill Spring Grove Village Winton Hills Northside

Lick Run Neighborhoods

Westwood South Fairmount Lower Price Hill East Price Hill



Lower Mill Creek Feedback

Public Outreach

✓ More than 60 Meetings MSD has engaged residents, property owners, and stakeholders to gain input on the deep tunnel and proposed sustainable infrastructure projects.

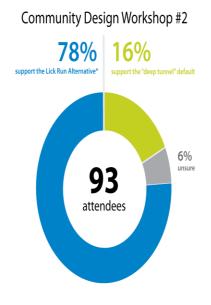








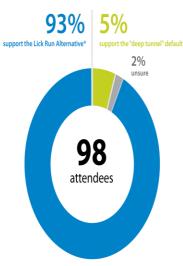
Hillside & Ridgetop Neighborhoods





Eastern Gateway Zone
Transportation & Trails Network
Green Planning Principles





Workshop Content:

Preliminary Master Plan

"Base Plan"
Waterway Character
CSO Reduction Solutions
Vision Plan
Transportation Network & Trails

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Next Steps

- USEPA & Ohio EPA Continuation of Technical Review and Discussions
- Continue Flow Monitoring & Model Refinements
- Potential Joint Session with City/County in late August to receive public comment
- City Council Action following public comment period on Recommendation for USEPA submittal
- County Commission Action following public comment period on Recommendation for USEPA submittal
- MSD to prepare submittal to USEPA

Complete submittal due to USEPA by December 31, 2012

We want your feedback!

HOW DO THE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS COMPARE?

MSD is required to control a significant volume in the Lower Mill Creek by 2018. The City and County have until December 2012 to submit a Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy plan to the Regulators. MSD developed performance metrics to compare the grey solutions and the sustainable solutions to overarching goals. A grey and a sustainable solution are compared below.

Grey Solution



- Lower Mill Creek Watershed Boundar
- --- West Fork Channel Grate In Proposed Deep Tunnel
- Proposed Consolidation Sewi

BENEFITS

- · Significant reduction in CSO volume
- · Fewer assumptions in modeled results · Higher degree of operational flexibility for interceptor maintenance
- Flexibility to incorporate various solutions for Carthage and SSO 700
- Provides bacteria reduction

- · Long-term solution not adaptable
- · Future NPDES regulations
- · Potential large cost variance
- · Complex construction methods
- · Limited local construction participation
- · Higher energy demand & cost
- · Larger carbon footprint

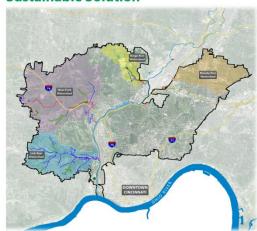
Total Capital Cost (2006 dollars)

\$537,409,000 >>>

Cost per Gallon¹



Sustainable Solution



· Less purchased energy

· Significant reduction in CSO volume

· Adaptable to future water quality needs

- · Additional assumptions for modeling
- · Potential future stormwater regulations

- · Opportunities to leverage private/public funding · Construction jobs available for local workforce & SBEs
- · Ability to capture more flow by adding separation areas · Brownfield remediation and repurposing of land for source

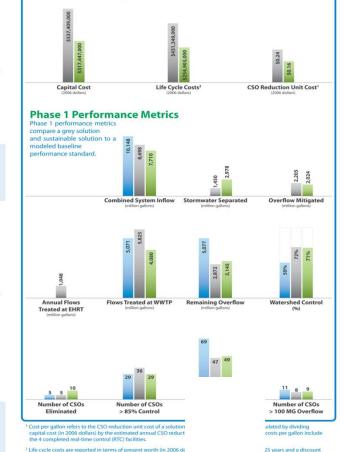
· Surface improvements & increased public acceptance

- · Reduction in rain water and natural drainage volume
- · Greatest reduction in peak bacteria levels in Mill Creek
- · Returns more base flow to the hydromodified Mill Creek

Total Capital Cost (2006 dollars)

\$317,447,000 >>>

Cost per Gallon¹



Sustainable Solution

Baseline Model 3.2

Phase 1 Cost Comparison



Questions & Comments

