

Phosphorus Removal within the SuAsCo River Watershed



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Can 0.1 mg/L TP be achieved? Yes, but.....

- Depends on the Permit Language
 - Push for Seasonal Average or Median Load or Concentration
 - Consider Regulating Ortho-P vs. TP (to mitigate non-reactive P)
 - Delete Maximum Day Limits – Nutrients are Not Toxic and are a Chronic Not Acute Concern
- Pushing Detection Limits
- It is Costly to Construct
- It is Costly to Operate
 - Power including Intermediate Pumping
 - Cost of Chemicals - Coagulation and Alkalinity
 - Increase in Sludge Production

Is it Worth It?

Environmental Benefits/Impacts

- Upgraded Facilities are Now More Reliable
- Phosphorous Processes also Improve Solids and Metals Removal
- In-stream Phosphorus Concentrations Trending Downward
- Non-point Sources Now the Most Prominent Source of Phosphorus in the Watershed
- Chemical Use and Sludge Production have Increased
- Power and Thus Greenhouse Gas Emissions have Increased

How Can You Use This Information?

Knowledge is Power!

- Communities
 - Visit Facilities
 - Understand Costs
 - Understand Receiving Waters
 - Think About Re-use
- Vendors
 - Reduce Power
 - Reduce Chemicals
- Regulators
 - Understand the Receiving Waters
 - Understand the Indirect Environmental Impacts of Permit Limits
 - Consider Seasonal Limits
 - Be Reasonable
 - Think Holistically
- Consultants
 - All of the Above

Assabet River Consortium

Hudson, MA
Marlborough, MA (Westerly)
Maynard, MA
Westborough, MA

Assabet River Consortium

Background – Summary and Goals

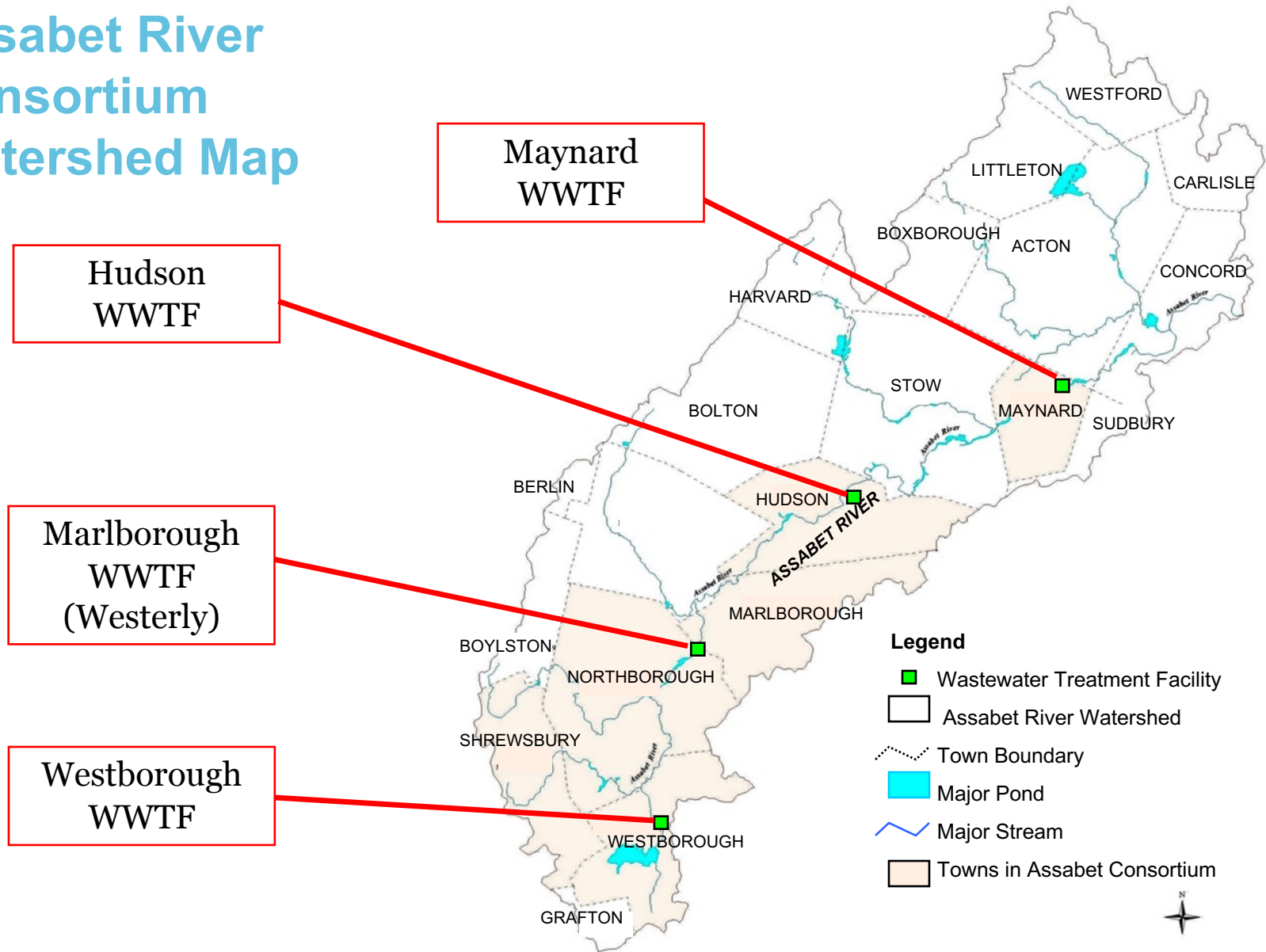
Summary

- Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Shrewsbury, Westborough and Westborough Treatment Plant Board
- Joint CWMP/EIR Ran Concurrently with the MassDEP's TMDL Study
- Watershed Based Management Approach to Wastewater Regulation
- Cooperative Effort to Balance Environmental Protection, Smart-growth, and Local Fiscal Stability

Goals

- Upgrade Aging Facilities
- Address Need Areas
- Meet New Seasonal Phosphorous Limit (0.1 mg/L)
- Future Lower Limits (< 0.1 mg/L)

Assabet River Consortium Watershed Map



Hudson, Massachusetts IDI AquaDAF[®] Technology



Hudson, Massachusetts

History of the Facility

- Originally Constructed in 1960 Using Trickling Filters
- Renovated and Upgraded in 1979
- Operation
 - Trickling Filter Process During the Winter Months
 - Trickling Filter Process with Conventional Activated Sludge Process During the Summer Months

Hudson, Massachusetts Evaluation

- Ballasted Flocculation
 - Actiflo® Process
 - CoMag® Process
- Solids Contact Clarification
 - Densadeg® Process
- Direct Filtration
 - Deep Bed
 - Cloth Media
- Dissolved Air Flotation
 - AquaDAF®
- Membranes
 - Membrane Biological Reactor
 - Tertiary Membrane Filtration

Hudson, Massachusetts

Short List, Pilot Testing and Selection

Short List and Pilot Testing

- Ability to Meet TP of 0.1 mg/l and Future, More Stringent TP Limits
- Capital and O & M Costs
- Site Specific Effluent Quality (silica from industrial user)
- Stress Testing (Hydraulic / Solids)
- Capability to Pilot (Pilot Testing Required to be Selected)
 - Kruger, Inc. - Actiflo®
 - IDI AquaDAF®
 - CoMag® (Pilot Not Available)

Selection

- Dissolved Air Flotation (IDI AquaDAF®) System Selected
- Lowest Capital Construction Cost
- Produces a “Thick” Sludge
 - Reduced Solids Handling Costs
 - Smaller Holding Tanks Required
- Site Visits to Existing DAF Facilities to Confirm Selection
- Ease of Operation (preferred by Town)

Hudson, Massachusetts

Chemical Pumping, Recycle Rate/Saturator Pressure

Vassal and IDI AquaDAF® Floating Sludge



Hudson, Massachusetts

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	2011 – 2012 Values
Flow (MGD)		
Average Daily Flow	3.00	1.95
Peak Day	9.20	10.00
Influent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	300	160
TSS	240	180
Phosphorous	6.0	5.5
Effluent (mg/L) (Summer / Winter)		
BOD ₅	15 and 30	6.8 and 7.6
TSS	15 and 30	3.1 and 4.5
Phosphorus	0.10 and 1.00	0.1 and 0.15

Hudson, Massachusetts

Plant Performance (continued)

Description	2011 – 2012 Values
Chemical Dosage (Summer / Winter)	
Ferric Chloride (mg/l)	141 and 116
Ferric Chloride (gpd)	455 and 406
Ferric Chloride (gal)	95,500 and 61,000
Power Usage (kWH per day)	765
Sludge Dewatered (gpd)	50,000
Labor (hours per day)	2 to 4
Operating Cost (Summer)	\$360,000
Phosphorous Pounds Removed	15,000
Cost per Pound of Phosphorus Removed	\$24.00

Hudson, Massachusetts

Operational Requirements and Summary

Operational Requirements

- Plugged Nozzles – Recycle now 215 gpm at 98 psi
- Reduced Scraping Frequency and Speed
- Better Access for Tank Cleaning
- FeCl₃ Usage
 - Primary Clarifier Effluent at 140 gpd
 - Trickling Filter Clarifier Effluent at 140 gpd
 - DAF System Influent at 100 gpd

Summary

- Upgrades Completed within Budget (\$14.98M) and on Schedule (SRF Loan Funded)
- DAF System Operating within NPDES Permit Limit
- DAF System Easy to Operate and Maintain
- DAF System assists with Cu Removal
- Actual DAF O&M Costs within Anticipated O&M Cost

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly) Bluewater Blue PRO® Technology



Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly)

History of the Facility

- Constructed 1973
 - 2.0 mgd
 - Secondary Treatment Facility
- Upgraded and Expanded 1988 to 2.89 mgd
 - Single-stage Seasonal Nitrification
- Upgraded and Expanded 2012 to 4.15 mgd
 - Single-stage Year-round Nitrification w/add-on TP Removal Process to Achieve 0.1 mg/L



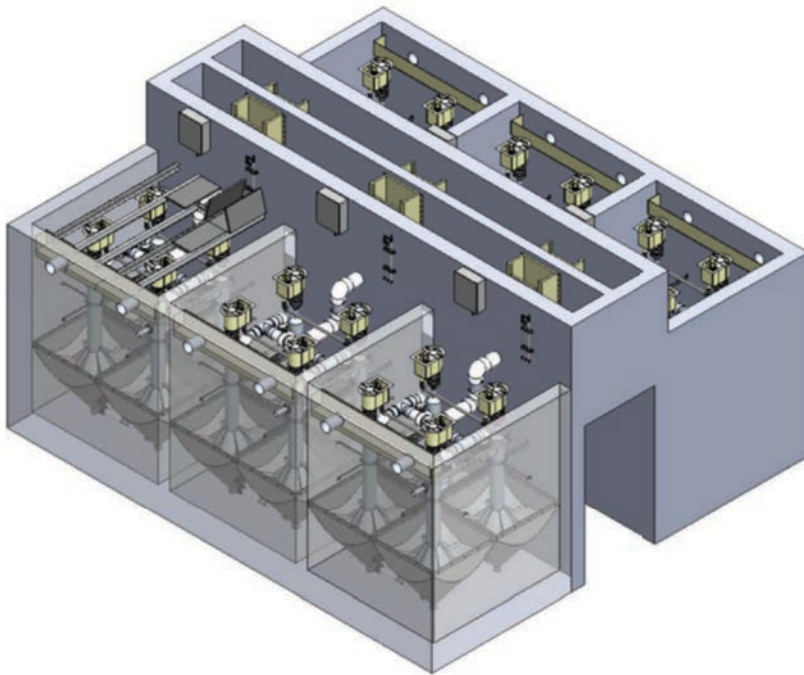
Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly) Evaluation and Selection

- Screening of Available Alternatives
- 2-week Trailer Mounted Pilot Study
 - CoMag®
 - Actiflo®
 - Blue PRO®
- RFP for Phosphorus Removal System
- Selection Based on Cost and Non-cost Factors



Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly) Evaluation and Selection (cont.)

Blue PRO[®] System



- Lowest Capital and Operation and Maintenance Costs
- Reactive Filtration Observed Potential for Some Level of Non-reactive P Removal
- Willing to Agree to Guarantees, Warranties and Bonds
- Financial Backing of Shaw Group

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly)

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	2012 - 2014
Flow (mgd)		
Average Daily Flow	4.15	1.93
Maximum Daily Flow	7.5	4.5
Influent (mg/L)		
CBOD	184	200
TSS	269	312
Phosphorus	6.1	7.2
Effluent (mg/L)		
CBOD	15 to 25	0.88
TSS	15 to 30	2.70
Phosphorus – in season	0.1	0.089
Phosphorus – off season	1.0	0.21

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly) Plant Performance (continued)

Description	2012 - 2014
Chemical Dosage	
Ferric Chloride (mg/L)	
- To Primaries	47
- To Filters	21
Magnesium Hydroxide (lbs/day) (2012 only)	1,050
Blue PRO Power Usage (kWh per day) (not incl. PS)	210
Sludge Production (dry tons/day)	2.37
Labor (hours per day)	2

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Westerly) Summary

- \$27.5M Project Completed (\$4.5M Under Planning Estimate); TP Removal Approx. 22% of Total (\$6 million)
- 30 Month Construction Duration
- Utilized SRF Funding
- 2012-2014 Operational Data Shows Exceptional Removal Efficiencies
- Award Winning Construction Project Met Administrative Ordered Construction Schedule



Maynard, Massachusetts CoMag[®] Technology



Maynard, Massachusetts

History of the Facility

- Conventional Secondary Plant, Dates to 1930s
- Converted from activated sludge to RBC's in 1986
- Discharges to Assabet River at ~1.0 MGD (Average) and 5.0 MGD (Peak)
- 10,000 residents with 95% Sewered



Maynard, Massachusetts

Evaluation and Limitations

Evaluation

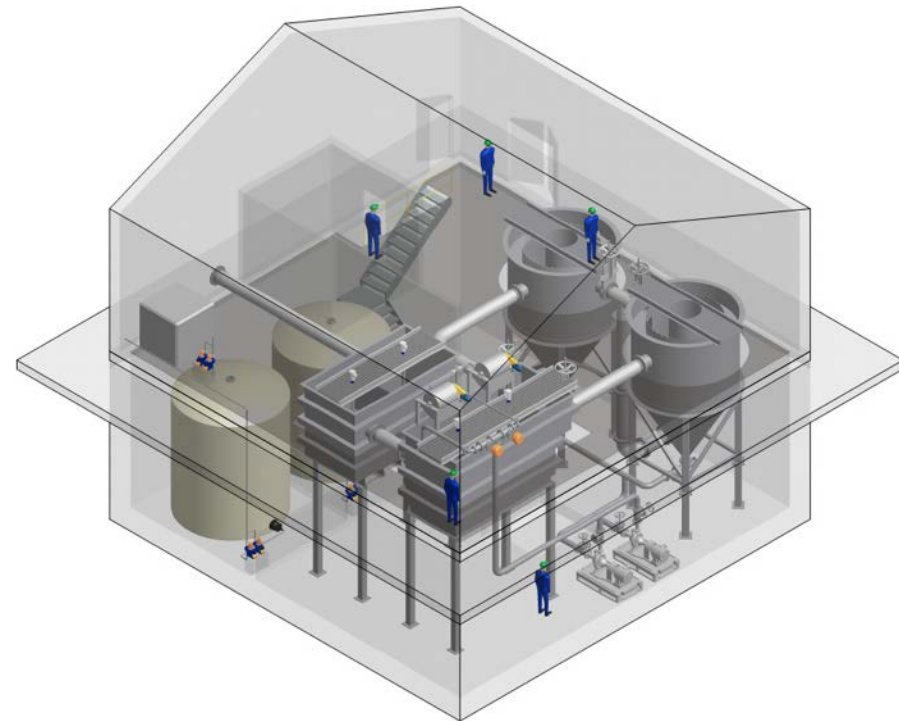
- Review of Technologies Capable of Achieving
 - Ability to Achieve Concentrations Less Than 0.1 mg/l
 - Operational Simplicity
 - Capital and Operational Cost
 - Impacts to Sludge Handling and Production

Limitations

- Constrained Existing Site
- Significant Budget Limitations
- Considerations for Other Upgrades

Maynard, Massachusetts Selection

- Selection in Part Based on “Polishing Filter” to Help Achieve Potential 0.05 mg/l Limits
- Significant Input Regarding O&M Considerations
- Conceptual Design of CoMag[®] Mimicked Concord WWTP
- Partial Re-use of Existing Aeration Basins



Maynard, Massachusetts

Design Optimization



Review

Review and Observation of Concord WWTP Performance



Identify

Identification of Key Areas for Improvement

- *Flow Transition / Distribution*
- *Floc Stability*



Adapt

Adaptation to Optimize Cost and Fit within Existing Structure

- *Eliminate Round Peg in Square Hole*
- *Considerations for Seasonal Operational Flexibility (lower winter limits)*

Maynard, Massachusetts

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	Current Values
Flow (MGD)		
Average Daily Flow	1.45	1.06
Peak Hourly Flow	5.0	1.97
Influent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	225	190
TSS	225	189
Phosphorous	10	3.51
Effluent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	30	1.2
TSS	30	2.1
Phosphorous – Winter	1	<1
Phosphorous – Summer	0.1	0.17

Maynard, Massachusetts

Plant Performance (continued)

Description	Design Values	Current Values
Chemical Dosage		
PAC (Winter / Summer)	60 to 90 ppmv / 80 to 150 ppmv	
Polymer	0.8 to 1.2 ppmv	
Sodium Hydroxide	As Necessary	
Soda Ash	100 lbs/day	
Magnetite	10 lbs/day	
Power Usage (kWH per day)	1,841	
Sludge Production (dry tons/day)	0.88	
Labor (hours per day)	2 to 4	

Maynard, Massachusetts

Operations and Conclusions

Operations

- Stability
 - Good Operational Consistency
 - Some Sensitivity Related to Peripheral Equipment
- Performance
 - Lower Chemical Usage (400 gpd to About 125 gpd)
 - Reduced Sludge Production
 - Stable Magnetite Usage (About 10 lbs/day)

Conclusions

- Successfully Implemented New Design Features
- Demonstrated Ability to Achieve Performance Approaching 0.05 mg/l Without Additional Filtration
- Created Increased O&M Flexibility
- Maintained Overall O&M costs
- Met Construction Budget

Westborough, Massachusetts Kruger ActiFlo® Technology



Westborough, Massachusetts

History of the Facility

- Original in 1899
- Upgraded Early 1970s
- Upgraded in 1987
- Allocation of Flows
 - Shrewsbury - 4.39 mgd
 - Westborough - 2.89 mgd
 - Hopkinton - 0.40 mgd



Westborough, Massachusetts

Evaluation and Selection

- Technologies
 - Blue Water Technologies, Inc. - Blue PRO®
 - Infilco Degremont, Inc. - AquaDAF®
 - Kruger, Inc. - Actiflo®
 - Evoqua Water – CoMag®
- Protocol
 - Week 1: Set-Up
 - Week 2: Coagulant Optimization
 - Week 3: Flow and Loading Optimization
 - Week 4: Stress Conditions
- Performance
- Cost (Capital and O&M Costs)
- Miscellaneous
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Footprint and Aesthetics
 - Responsiveness of Manufacturer
- Operation & Maintenance
 - Chemical Alternatives
 - Simplicity and Flexibility
 - Effects on Process
- Interview

Westborough, Massachusetts Evaluation and Selection (cont.)

- Kruger, Inc. - Actiflo®



- Achieved Low Phosphorus Levels
- Utilizes Multiple Chemicals
- Fit within the Existing Hydraulics of the WWTF
- Lowest 20-year Life Cycle Cost
- Track Record and Full-Scale Operations for Phosphorus Removal in United States

Westborough, Massachusetts

Phosphorous Treatment Components

- Anaerobic Selector Tank for Biological Phosphorous Reduction
- Lime Silo for Alkalinity and pH Adjustment
- Kruger, Inc. - Actiflo®
 - 100 Percent Redundancy
 - 2 mg/L to 0.1 mg/L
- Multi Point Chemical Addition
 - Pre and Post Primary Clarifiers
 - Pre and Post Secondary Clarifiers
- Sludge Processing
 - Co-Thickening with Primary Sludge
 - Gravity Belt Thickeners
 - Gravity Thickeners



Westborough, Massachusetts

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	Current Vaues
Flow (MGD)		
Average Daily Flow	7.68	5.7
Peak Hourly Flow	14.43	11.0
Influent (lbs/day)		
BOD ₅ (lbs/day)	250	210
TSS (lbs/day)	250	220
Phosphorous (mg/L)	10	5.67
Effluent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	10	<2
TSS	10	<2
Phosphorus – In Season	0.10	0.06
Phosphorus – Off Season	0.75	0.51

Westborough, Massachusetts Plant Performance (continued)

Description	Current Values
Chemical Dosage	
Ferric Chloride (mg/L)	30
Polymer (mg/L)	0.4
Lime (lbs/day)	60
Power Usage (kWH per day)	864
Sludge Production (dry tons/day)	6.93
Labor (hours per day)	4
Operating Cost (April – October 2012)	\$188,000
Phosphorous Pounds Removed	50,800
Cost per Pound of Phosphorus Removed	\$3.70

Westborough, Massachusetts

Construction Facts

- \$54M Project Completed
\$1.8M Under Budget
- 30 Month Construction
Duration Completed 45 days
Ahead of Schedule
- Maintained NPDES Permit
Compliance Throughout The
Construction Period
- Completed Construction
Activities with No Lost Time or
OSHA Violations
- Secured 0% SRF Funding
Resulting in a Savings of Over
\$17M
- Received a Federal Stimulus
Grant of Over \$8.0M and
Energy Rebate of \$150K
- Receiving Alternative Energy
Credit Rebate of \$125K Per
Year
- Operational Data Shows Cost
Effective and Exceptional
Removal Efficiencies

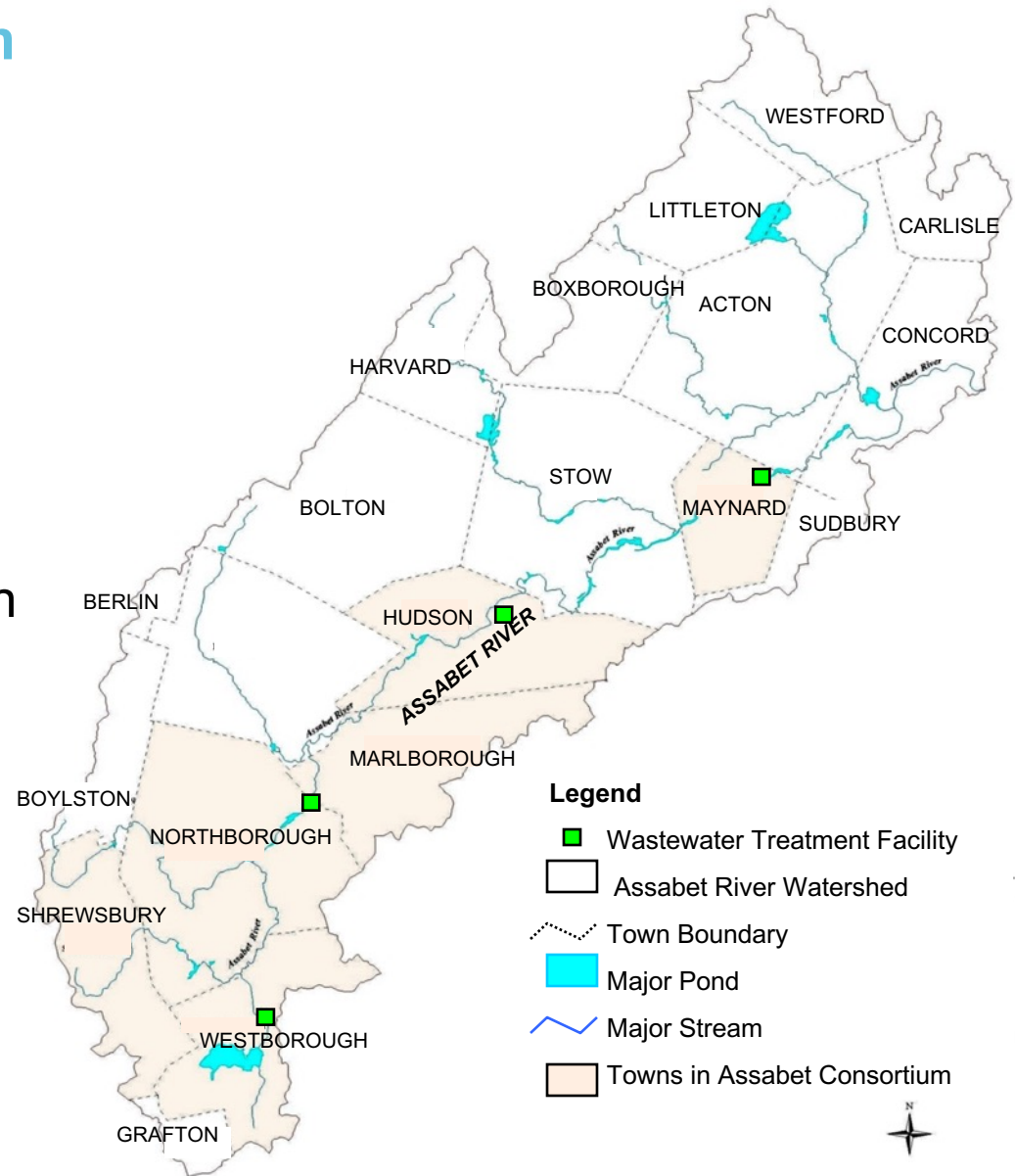
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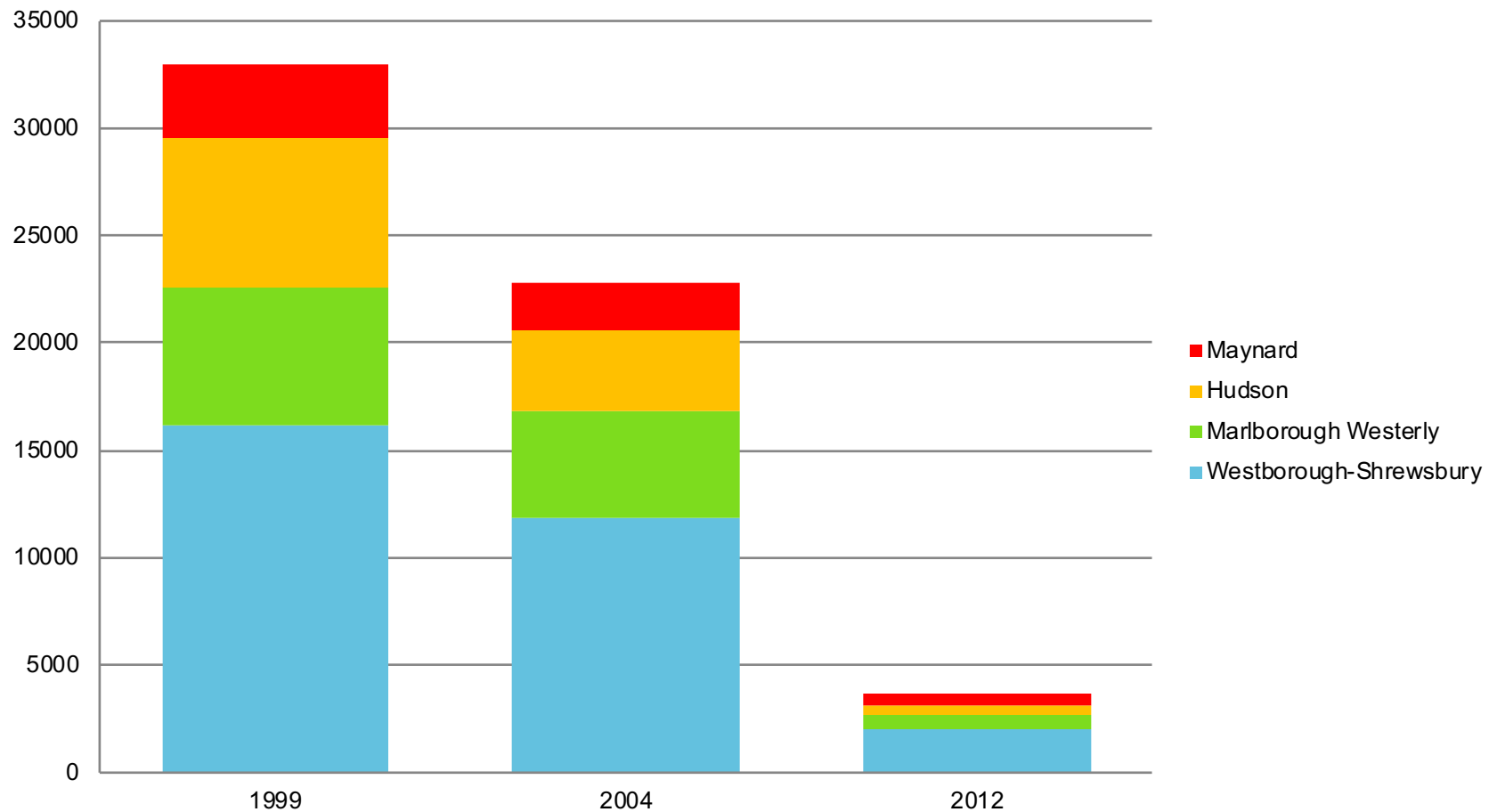
Summary of the Four Facilities

- Phosphorus Reduction
- Increase of Indirect Environmental Impacts
 - Greenhouse Gas Emission
 - Chemical Use
 - Sludge Production



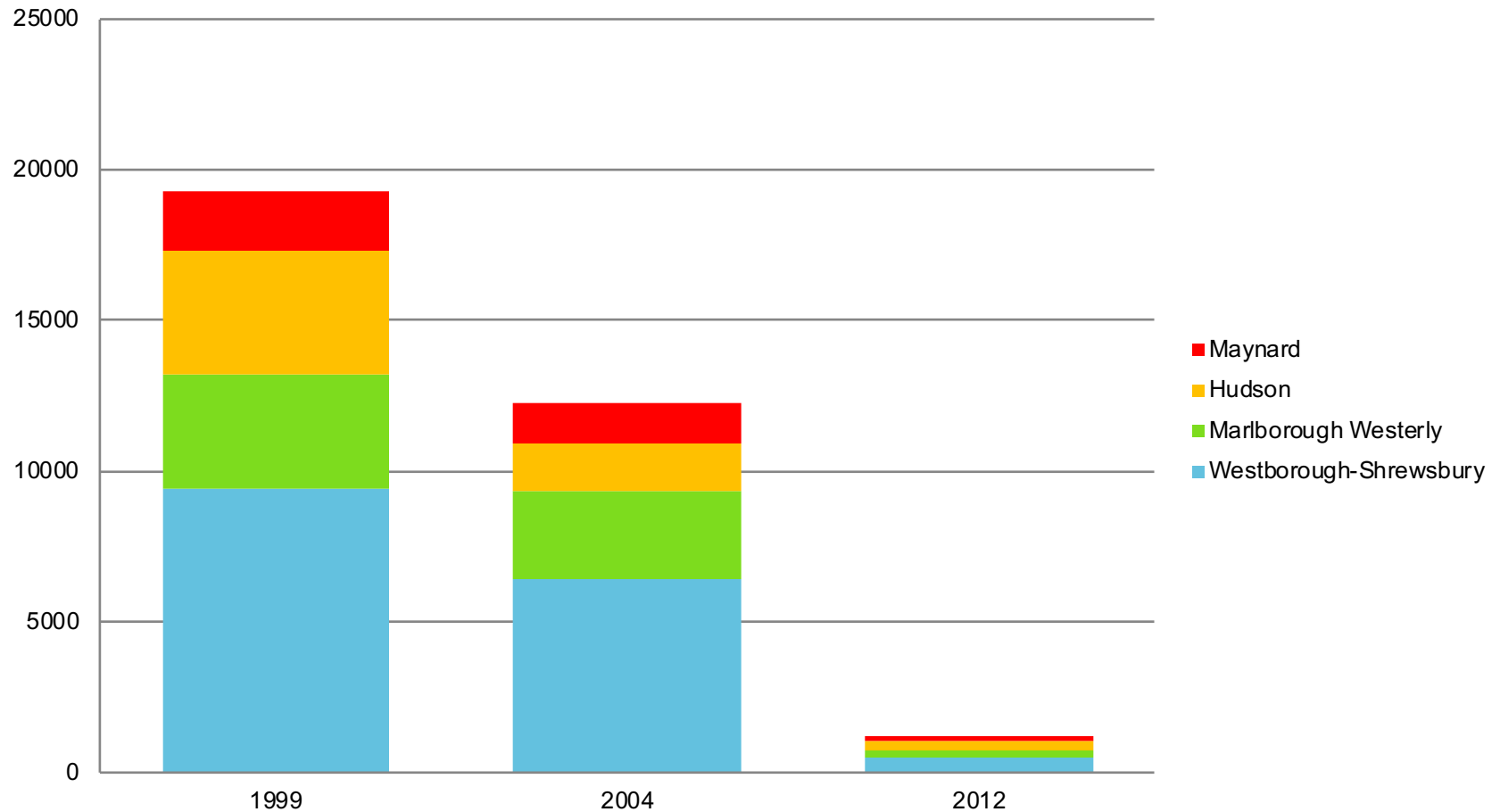
Annual Phosphorus Load to the Assabet River from POTWs - 89% Reduction From 1999 to 2012

Annual TP Load vs. Time



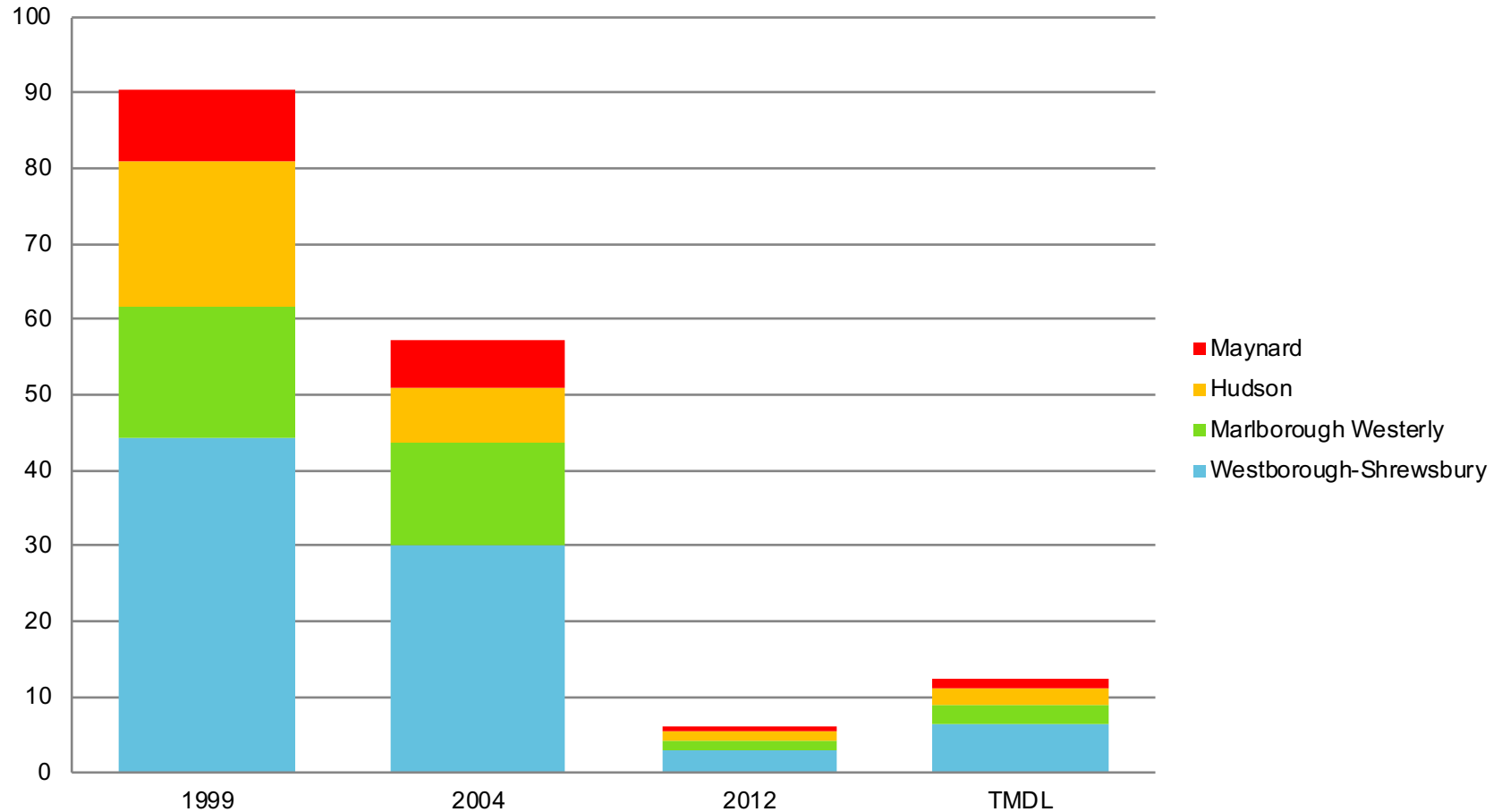
Seasonal Phosphorus Load to the Assabet River from POTWs - 94% Reduction From 1999 to 2012

Seasonal TP Load (Apr-Oct) vs. Time



Total Daily Phosphorus Load from POTWs to the Assabet River ½ of TMDL Requirements in 2012

Daily TP Load vs. Time



Billerica, Massachusetts CoMag[®] Technology



Billerica, Massachusetts

History of the Facility

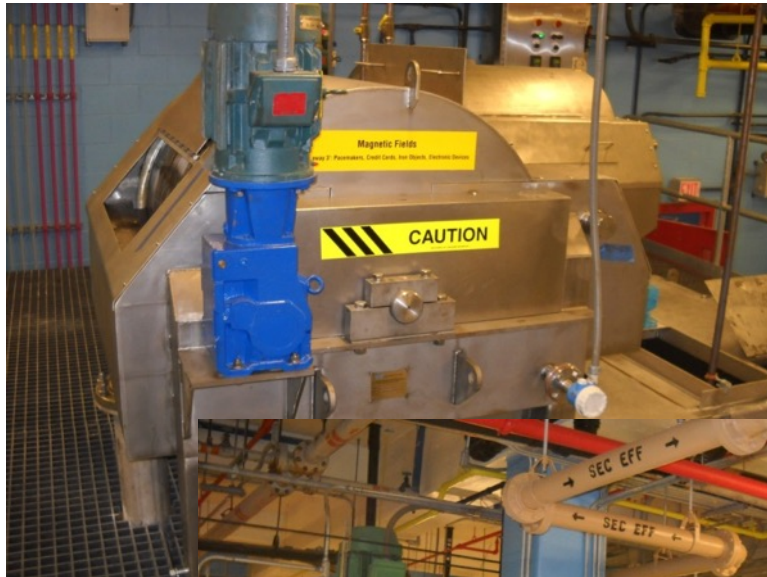
- Conventional Activated Sludge Facility
- Originally Constructed in 1966, Upgraded Multiple Times
- 2005 NPDES Permit Renewal required 0.2 mg/L Total Phosphorus and 357 µg/L Total Aluminum
- Mandated Facility Upgrades within a 4 Year Timeframe
- Comprehensive Planning Recommended Installation of Tertiary Treatment and Solids Handling System Modifications

Billerica, Massachusetts

Evaluation and Selection

- CoMag® System by Evoqua Water
 - Coagulants Pilot Tested - Aluminum Salts and Ferric
 - Aluminum Sulfate Selected as Most Cost Effective Coagulant
- Eliminated Sludge Batching and Installed Gravity Thickeners for Sludge Co-Thickening
- Small Available Area Required Re-use of Existing Buildings and Tanks

Billerica, Massachusetts Pumping, Magnetic Drum Separator and CoMag® Floc



Billerica, Massachusetts

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	Current Values
Flow (MGD)		
Average Daily Flow	5.4	3.8
Peak Hourly Flow	16.5	12.8
Influent (lbs/day)		
BOD ₅ (lbs/day)	12,600	4,202
TSS (lbs/day)	10,100	7,933
Phosphorous (mg/L)	0.20	
Effluent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	30	<2
TSS	30	<2
Phosphorus – In Season	0.20	0.06
Phosphorus – Off Season	1.00	0.51

Billerica, Massachusetts

Plant Performance (continued)

Description	Current Values
Chemical Dosage (mg/L)	
Alum	50 ppmv
Polymer	3 gal/day
Power Usage (kWH per day)	Unknown
Sludge Dewatered (gpd)	50,000
Labor (hours per day)	4 to 6

Billerica, Massachusetts

Performance and Construction Facts

Performance

- Overall the System Works Well
 - Results
 - Benefits
 - Location of CoMag® Ability to Experiment
- Keys
 - Understanding of Flow Pattern
 - Conditioning
 - Chemical Addition
 - Settling
 - Wasting/Return
- Pro-active not Reactive!

Construction Facts

- \$12.3 M Construction
- Maintained NPDES Permit Compliance Throughout The Construction Period
- Completed Construction Activities with No Lost Time or OSHA Violations
- Utilized SRF Funding

Concord, Massachusetts CoMag[®] Technology

Concord, Massachusetts

History of the Facility

- Originally Constructed in mid 1980s
 - 1.2 mgd
 - Trickling Filters
- Upgraded 2008 to Meet New Permit Limit
 - 0.2 mg/L
 - First CoMag[®] Installation

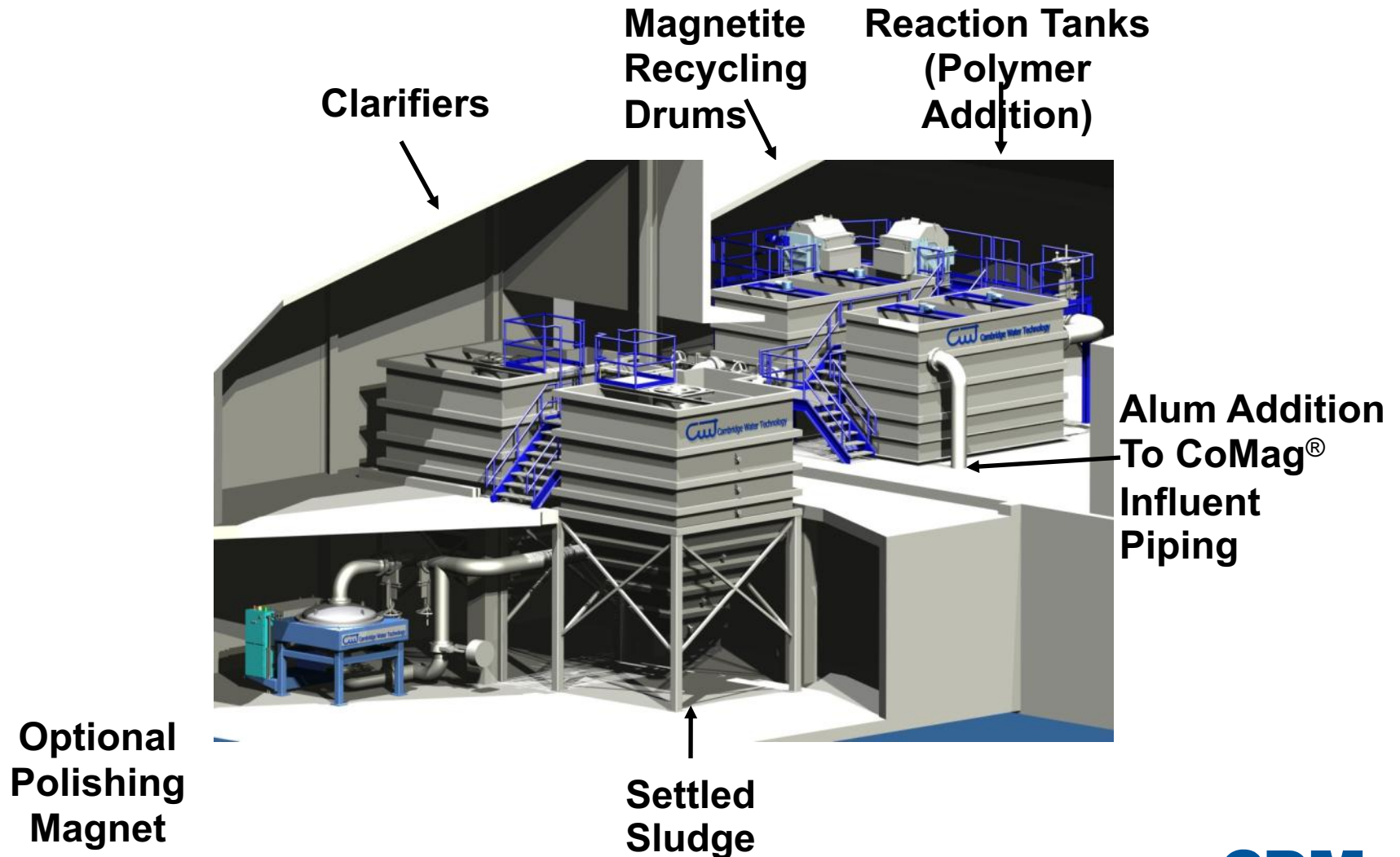


Concord, Massachusetts

Evaluation and Selection

- Evaluation Completed by the Town
 - CoMag® Commercial Demonstration Plant Operated for Several Years
 - Conducted Alternatives Evaluation which included Actiflo®, CoMag®, DensaDeg®, Cloth Filters, Membranes
 - CoMag® Had the Highest Overall Score
- Town Issued a Competitive Request for Bids since Other Viable Alternatives
- Bids Resulted in Pre-Purchase of CoMag® for \$3M and Incorporated into Larger Plant Upgrade

Concord, Massachusetts Process Schematic



Concord, Massachusetts

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	Current Values
Flow (MGD)		
Average Daily Flow	1.2	1.16
Peak Hourly Flow	2.4	4
Influent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	250	255
TSS	275	282
Phosphorous	5	-
Effluent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	30	4
TSS	30	3
Phosphorus – Winter	1	0.87
Phosphorus – Summer	0.2	0.183

Concord, Massachusetts

Plant Performance (continued)

Description	Current Values
Chemical Dosage - Alum (ppmv)	
Winter	70 to 80
Summer	88 to 100
Magnetite (lbs/day)	30
Power Usage (kWh per day)	1,380
Sludge Production (dry tons/day)	0.62
Labor (hours per day)	
Weekday	16 to 24
Weekend	4
Operating Cost (April – October 2018)	\$408,000
Phosphorus Pounds Removed	8,820
Cost per Pound of Phosphorus Removed	\$46.20

Concord, Massachusetts Summary

- \$13M Project Completed Including Installation of CoMag[®] Equipment
- 18 month Construction Schedule
- Utilized SRF Funding
- Achieving Permit Without Use of the Polishing Magnet



Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly) BioMag® Technology

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly)

History of the Facility

- Originally Constructed early 1970s
 - 5.5 mgd
 - Two-stage/Two-sludge Process
- Upgraded 2015 to Meet 0.1 mg/L TP Limit
 - Two-stage Process with A/O in First-stage and BioMag[®] in Second-stage



Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly)

Evaluation and Selection

- Evaluated BioMag[®], Actiflo[®] and Blue PRO[®] in Combination with Biological P Removal in First-stage
- BioMag[®] was selected for the following reasons:
 - Lowest Present Worth Cost
 - No Additional Tankage Required on a Site with Constraints
 - No Intermediate Pumping Station Required
- BioMag[®] was a Viable Option Due to Low Overflow Rates in Second-stage Clarifiers (similar to CoMag[®] rates)

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly) BioMag Equipment



Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly)

Plant Performance

Description	Design Values	Current Values
Flow (mgd)		
Average Daily Flow	5.50	3.75
Peak Daily Flow	8.83	4.5 to 8.5
Influent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	250	190 to 350
TSS	250	150 to 250
Phosphorus	---	3 to 12
Effluent (mg/L)		
BOD ₅	7 / 10 / 15	<=2
TSS	15 / 20 / 30	1 to 4
Phosphorus – In Season	0.10	0.05
Phosphorus – Off Season	0.75	0.05

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly)

Plant Performance (continued)

Description	Current Values
Chemicals Dosage	
Alum (GPD)	---
Ferric Chloride (GPD)	120 to 225
Polymer mg/L	0.75 to 1.0
Lime	pH Control
BioMag Power Usage (kWh per day)	960
Sludge Production (dry tons/day)	5 to 10
Labor (hours per day)	7

Marlborough, Massachusetts (Easterly) Summary

- 1st Major Upgrade since 1972
- \$45M Project Completed 90 days Ahead of Schedule
TP Removal Approx. 25% of Total (\$11M)
- Activities with 2 Lost Time or OSHA Violations
- Utilized SRF funding
- Received Energy Rebate of \$50K
- Maintained Permit Compliance Since System was Started (60 Day Rolling Average)



Questions

