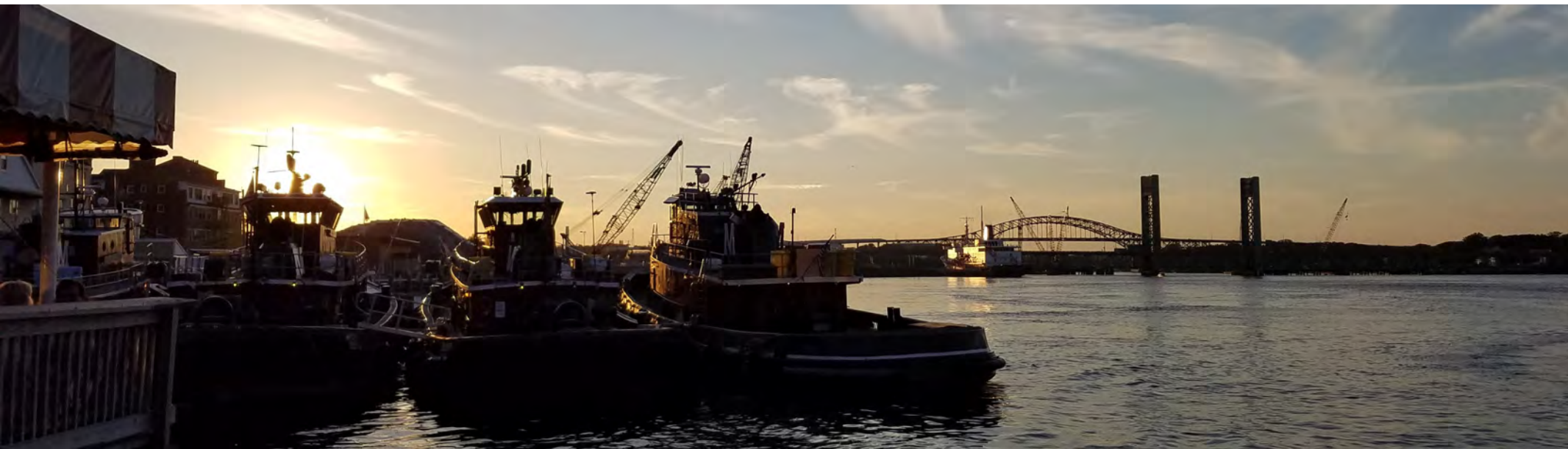


# Taking a Global Look Citywide Pump Station Assessment

City of Portsmouth, NH

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# Presentation Overview

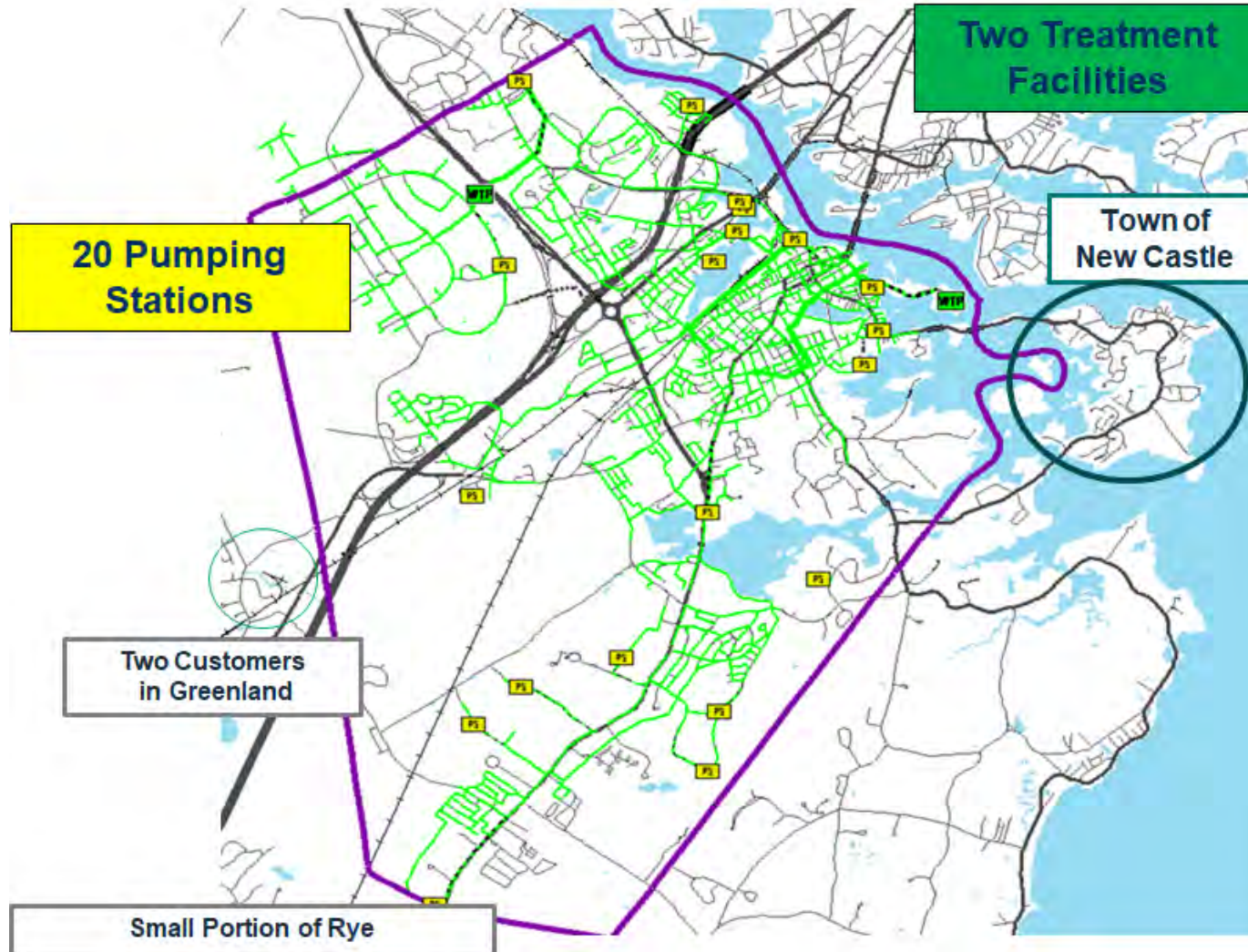
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# Background: City of Portsmouth

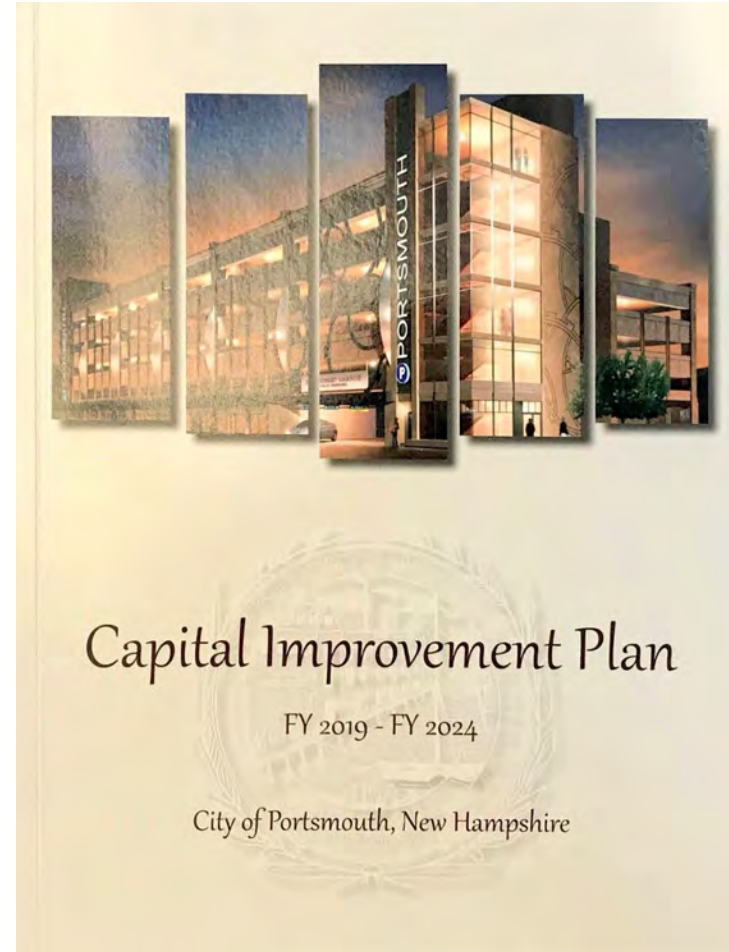
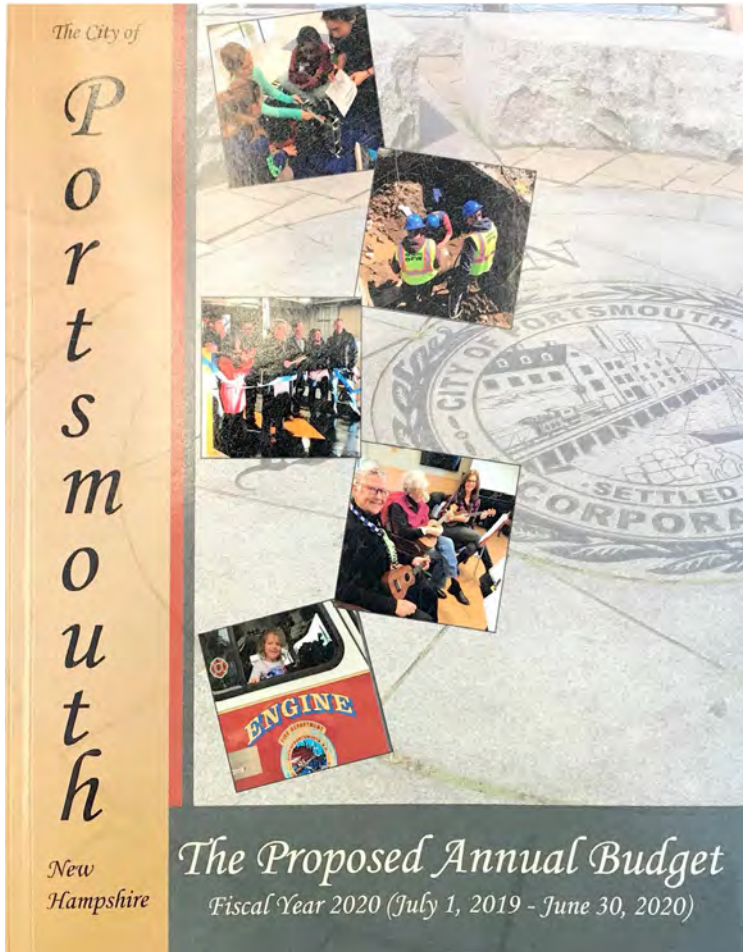


- Coastal community
- Population 22,000
- Regional wastewater treatment
- Peirce Island WWTF
  - 6.13 MGD ADF, Biological Aerated Filter
  - 22.0 MGD Peak Wet Weather
- Pease WWTF
  - 1.2 MGD ADF, Sequencing Batch Reactor
- 20 pump stations
- ~110 miles gravity sewer
- ~9 miles force main
- 3 combined sewer overflows

# Background: City of Portsmouth



# Project Goals



- Comprehensive planning document
  - Annual budget
  - City's 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- Master Plan
  - Implementation Tool
  - Living Document
  - Reference Document

# Project Goals

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- “First” Comprehensive Condition Assessment
  - Facilities
  - MEP
  - Pumping Equipment
  - Instrumentation and Controls
  - Codes
    - Building
    - Electrical
    - NFPA
    - DES
  - Flood Resiliency



# Project Goals

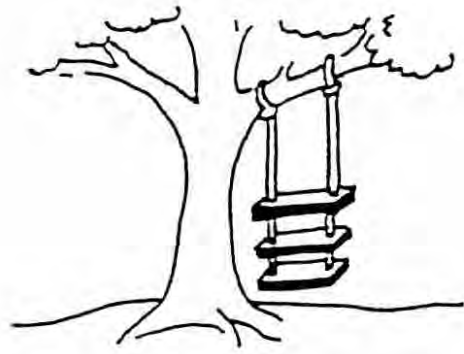
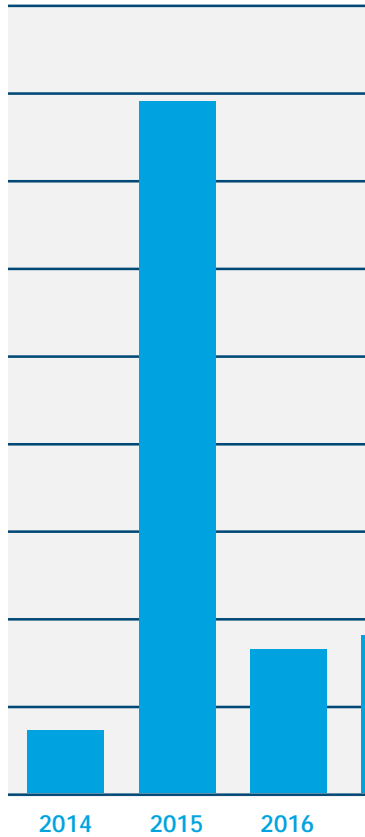
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- **Design vs Actual vs Potential Flow Needs**
  - Buildout Projections and Land Use
  - Over/Under-Sized Pump Stations
  - Extraneous Flow and Combined System Influence on Pump Operation and Capacity
- **Benchmark Condition and Performance**
  - Facilities and Pumping Equipment
  - Efficiency
  - Energy use
- **Integration with NH DES Energy Study**
- **Potential Integration For Future Asset Management Approach**

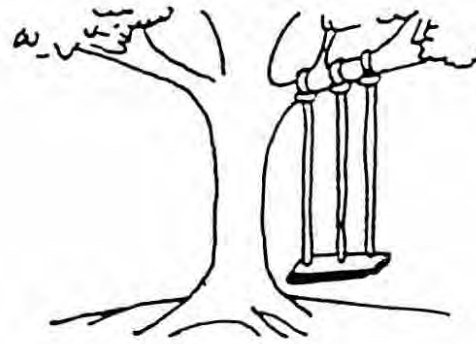


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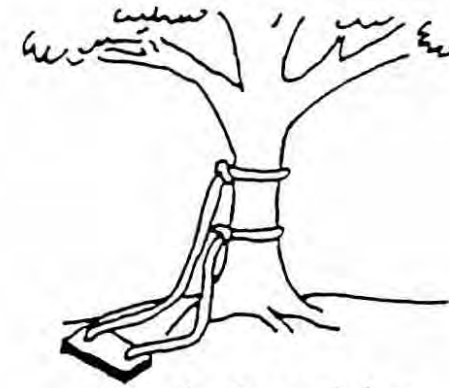
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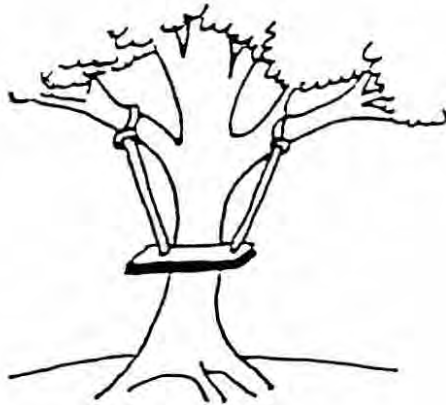
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*As specified in the project request*



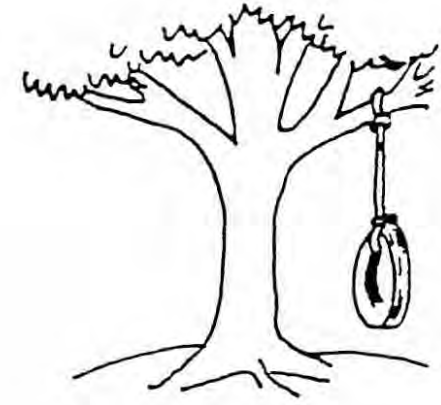
*As designed by the senior analyst*



*As produced by the programmers*



*As installed at the user's site*



*What the user wanted*

Tree Swing graphic by S. Hoeh 1993 - from Businessballs.com/treeswing.htm 2013

valuation  
n criticality





# Approach: High Priority Stations



- Critical large stations
  - Wet-weather
    - Mechanic St – up to 22 MGD
    - Deer St – up to 12 MGD
- Key mid-sized stations
  - Gosling Rd
  - Leslie Dr
  - Rye Line
- Individualized physical evaluations
- Scheduled upgrades
  - Heritage Ave
  - Lafayette Rd

# Approach: Medium Priority Stations



- Suction lift stations
- 130-400 GPM
- 16-37 years old
- Limited physical evaluation
- Group 'like stations' together
  - Age
  - Original construction contract
  - Physical configurations
- Assumptions, desktop analysis for some

# Approach: Low Priority Stations



- Small stations
- < 100 GPM
- 5-13 years old
- Limited physical evaluation
- Assumptions, desktop analysis for some

# Approach: Project Engineers




- Visit all pump station sites
- Collaborate with City staff
  - History
  - Upgrades
  - Issues
- Maintenance
- Understand service area
  - Future growth, build-out
  - Commercial, Industrial connections
- Inventory all equipment
- Preferences for potential upgrades
- Drawdown testing

# Approach: Supporting Engineers



- Architects, Structural, Mechanical HVAC, Electrical, Instrumentation
- Site visits: Economical and cost effective approach
  - Led by team project engineers
  - Collaboration with City staff
  - Critical and high priority stations
  - Group similar stations together
- Desktop evaluation
  - Similar stations not visited
  - Record information
  - Information gathered by project engineers


# Approach





City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
COASTAL RESILIENCY INITIATIVE

**Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment  
and Adaptation Plan**

April 2, 2013



 This project was funded by the Gulf of Maine Council through a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). 

## GIS Analysis

- Coastal Resiliency: 2050 and 2100
- Zoning, buildout potential
- Service area mapping

## Force Main evaluation

- Age
- Material, soil analysis
- Criticality
- Size, velocities as relates to pump station
- Maintenance, break history
- Recommendations for further evaluation

# Approach

## ENERGY EVALUATION

City of Portsmouth Pease Wastewater Treatment Facility and  
Collection System Pump Stations

Portsmouth, New Hampshire



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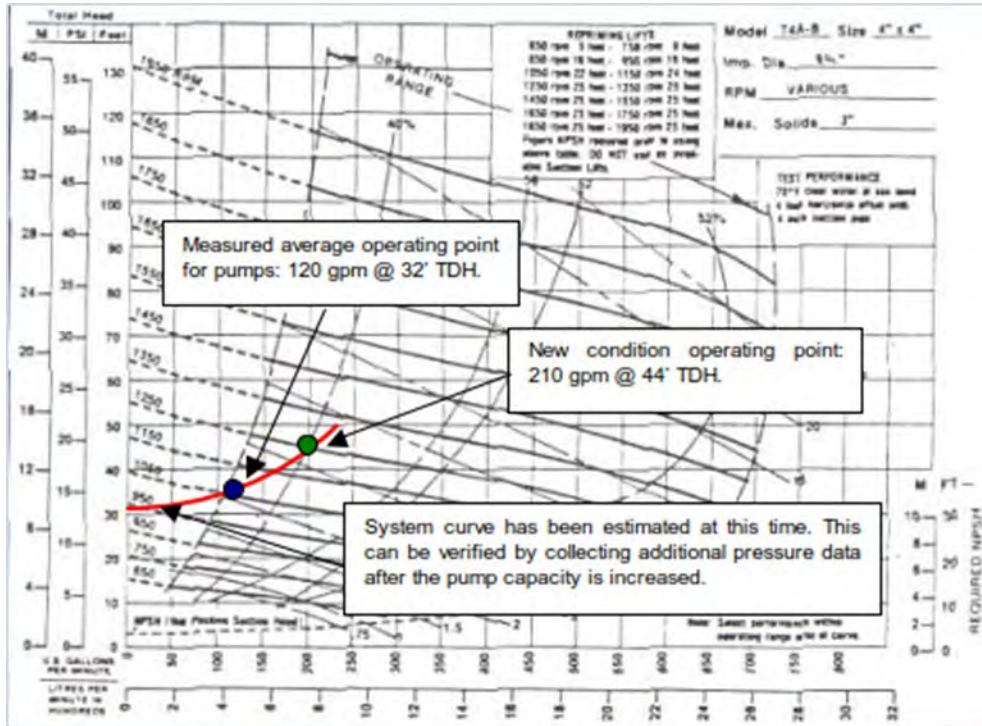
## Energy Evaluation

- NHDES Funding
- Energy Audit
- Wrap into the Master Plan document
- Many recommendations, City Staff projects

## Asset Management

- NHDES Funding Opportunities
- Requirements parallel Master Plan scope
  - Inventory, Condition, Criticality, CIP
- Challenges: Software, Staffing

# Results



- Very well maintained, despite age
- Aging Infrastructure
  - >40 years: 3 stations, 2 pumps
  - 30-40 years: 9 stations, 16 pumps
  - 15-30 years: 5 stations, 11 pumps
- Diminishing capacity
  - 2 pumps < 50% of design flow (55 gpm)
  - 12 pumps 50-60% of design flow (55-320 gpm)
  - 4 pumps 60-70% of design flow (~400 gpm)



# Results



## Immediate Replacement

- Lafayette - 2019
- Heritage - 2020
- Mechanic - TBD...\$\$\$\$\$

## Replace within 5-10 years

- Constitution
- West
- Woodlands I
- Woodlands 2

# Results



## Code Updates, NFPA 37, Electrical:

- Comprehensive electrical replacement: 14
- Instrumentation and controls (0-5 years): 14
- Generator relocation; panel, MCC: 3
- Generator room fire rating; egress issues: 2

## Code Updates, NFPA 820, Mechanical:

- Ventilation, declassification
  - 9 stations
- Wetwell penetration seals
  - 3 stations

# Results



## Coastal Resiliency, 100-year coastal flood

- 5 stations; current flood elevation
- 7 stations with 2050 flood elevation
- 9 stations with 2100 flood elevation
- Only 2 stations scheduled for replacement
  - Current Improvement Plan
  - Recommendations

# Results: Mechanic Street Pump Station



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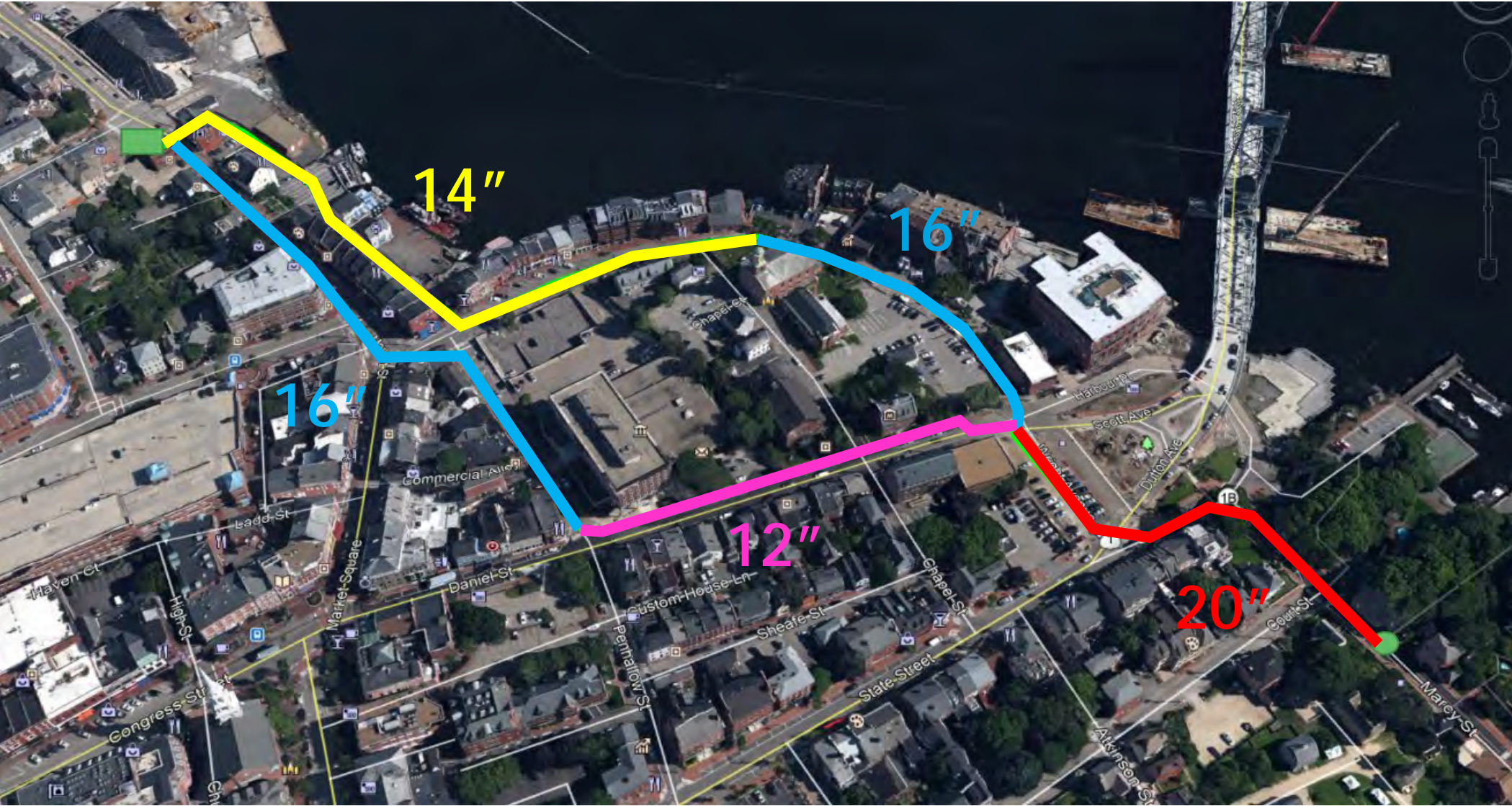
# Results: Force Main Priorities



- 10 stations no issues
- 40-60 year old AC: 5 stations
- Low flushing velocities: 5 stations
- Ferrous piping w/ corrosive soil: 5 stations
- Mixed materials/diameters: 4 stations
- Lack of functional valving, isolation: 3 stations
- Twice design TDH: 1 station



# Results: Deer Street Pump Station Force Main

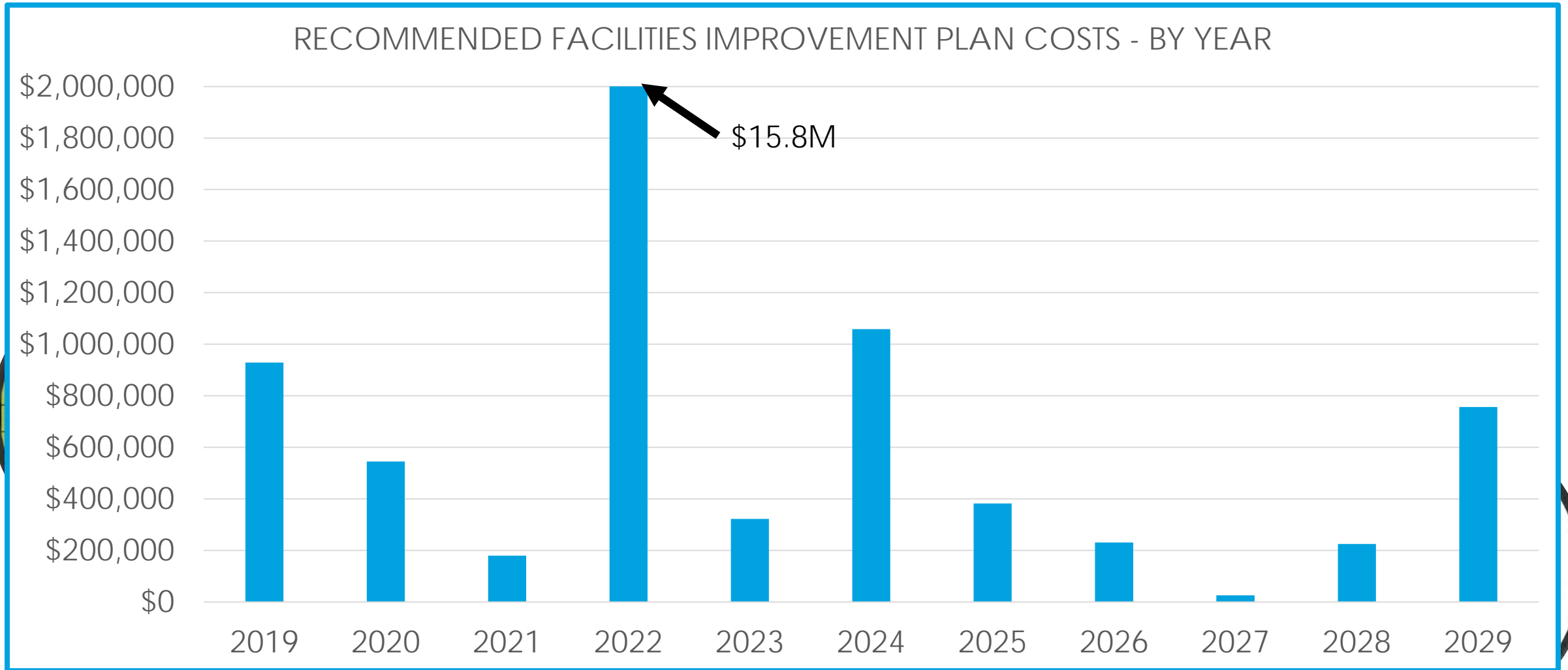


# Results

Woodlands II									
Updated 11/14/2018									
Item	Location	Unit Cost	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Estimated Cost	Priority	Year		
1	Extend exterior piping to the sewerhead	-	-	-	-	Low			
<b>Architectural / Structural Improvements</b>									
1	EVALUATE BUILDING CONDITION FOR SECURITY	\$10,000	LS	1	\$10,000	High	2022		
2	Replace roof with high strength roof	\$12,000							
3	Seal pump station dry well	\$500							
<b>Mechanical Improvements</b>									
1	Install mechanism to prevent backflow	\$1,000			\$1,000	High	2019		
2	Replace insulation	\$1,000			\$1,000	Medium	2020		
3	Replace piping	\$1,000			\$1,000	Medium	2020		
2	Replace piping in wet well	\$5,000			\$5,000	Low	2020		
<b>Electrical/Instrumentation Improvements</b>									
1	Install Exit/Emergency lighting	\$5,000	LS		\$5,000				
2	Replace gas leak safety labeling	\$500	LS		\$500		2019		
7	Install submersible transducer	\$2,500	LS	1	\$2,500		2022		
	Install intrinsically safe methods	\$3,000	LS	1	\$3,000		2019		
	Install instrumentation	\$100,000	LS	1	\$100,000		2024		
	Install instrumentation	\$15,000	LS		\$15,000		2025		
	Install UPS	\$2,500	LS		\$2,500		2019		
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>High</b>			
<b>Engineering and Administrative Allowance</b>					<b>\$118,000</b>	<b>Medium</b>			
<b>Estimated Total Project Cost</b>					<b>\$40,500</b>	<b>Low</b>			
					<b>\$247,700</b>				



# Results



# Next Steps

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- 10-years of identified improvements: \$20.5M
  - High priority: \$15.6M
  - Medium: \$2.7M
  - Low: \$2.2M
- Organized by station, year of implementation
  - Collaboration meetings with City staff
  - Prioritized by criticality
- City staff improvements, low hanging fruit
  - Began implementing immediately

Mechanic St PS \$14.9M



# Next Steps



## Mechanic St – Interim Improvements

- \$15M a lot at this time
- Evaluate option to extend life 5-10 years
  - Replace pump(s), controls, electrical, etc.
  - Select facilities improvements
- Site Challenges and Opportunities
  - Waterfront
  - Own Adjacent Parcel
  - Tight Space, Adjacent Park Coordination

# Next Steps



# Next Steps



## Deer St – Interim Improvements

- Code Related
  - Architectural, HVAC
  - Generator room fire code
- Force Main
  - Replace isolation valves
  - Pipeline condition assessment
  - Replace air relief valves
  - Potential replacement alignments

# Next Steps

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- **Group like projects at multiple pump stations**
  - Pump station replacement – 5-10 years: 4
  - Electrical, instrumentation, HVAC, generator relocation: 3
  - Electrical upgrades: 4
  - Miscellaneous – painting, roofing, masonry, etc.
- **City staff projects**
  - Vary in complexity and type
  - Balance of operations and project time
- **Update “living” document**
  - As work is completed
  - In preparation for each budget/CIP cycle
- **Future asset management program**





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