



Innovative Root Cause Analysis to Identify Chronic Surface Flooding Countermeasures

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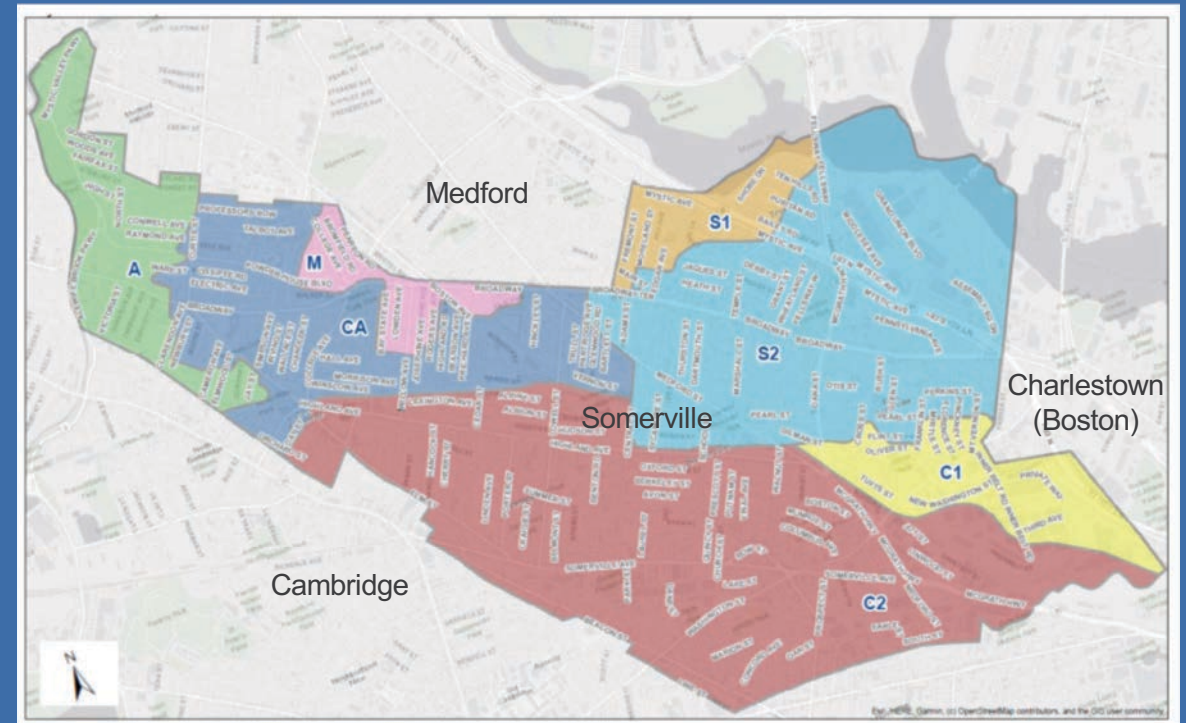
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Agenda and Introductions

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- Development of Flood Mitigation Alternatives
- Q/A

Background Information

- City of Somerville has a combined system which suffers from chronic street flooding
- City has engaged Dewberry to develop a City-Wide Drainage and Water Quality Improvements Plan
- Need to identify flooding countermeasures: storage, conveyance, and inlet capacity improvements



Sewershed Drainage and Water Quality Improvements Plan includes:

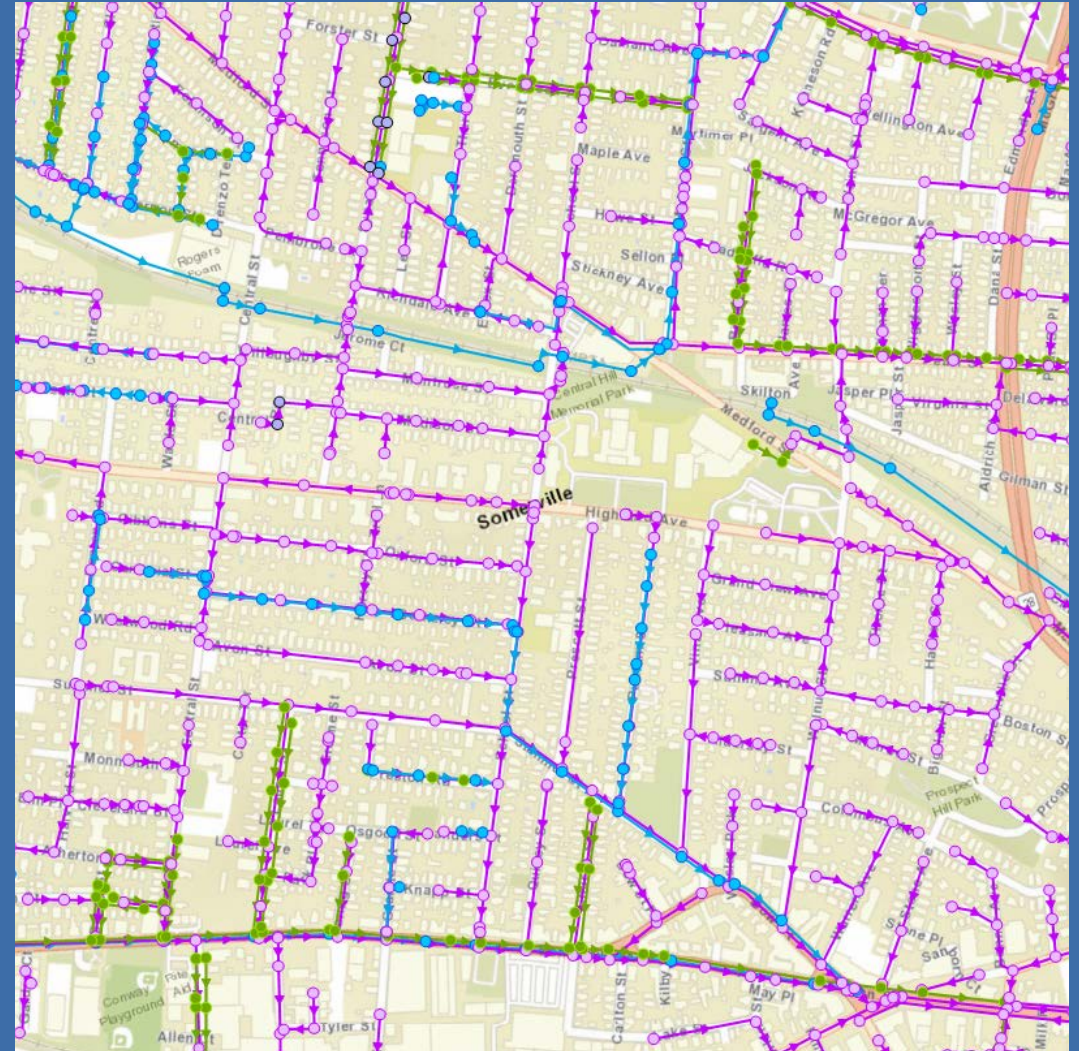
- Reduction of CSOs in combined areas
- Reduction of stormwater flooding
- Optimize use of existing system capacity with passive and/or real-time controls
- Propose water quality features and technologies to reduce Phosphorous (Green Infrastructure)

Flood Risk Modeling and Root Cause Analysis

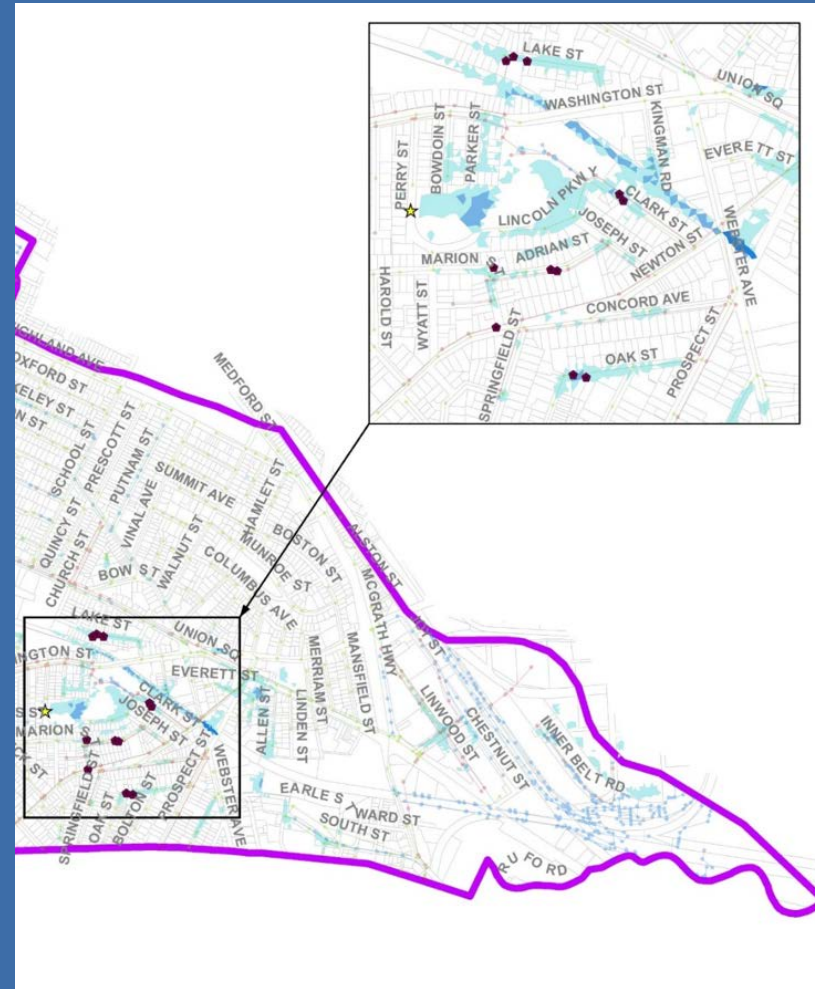
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Modeling Considerations and Parameters

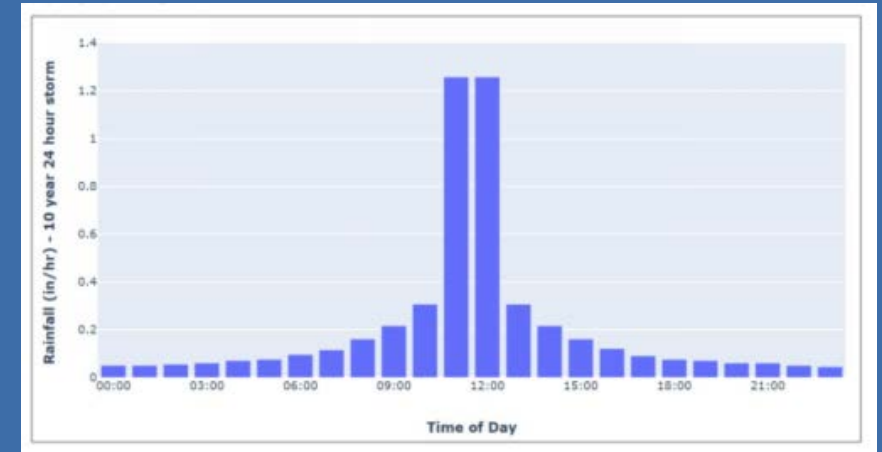
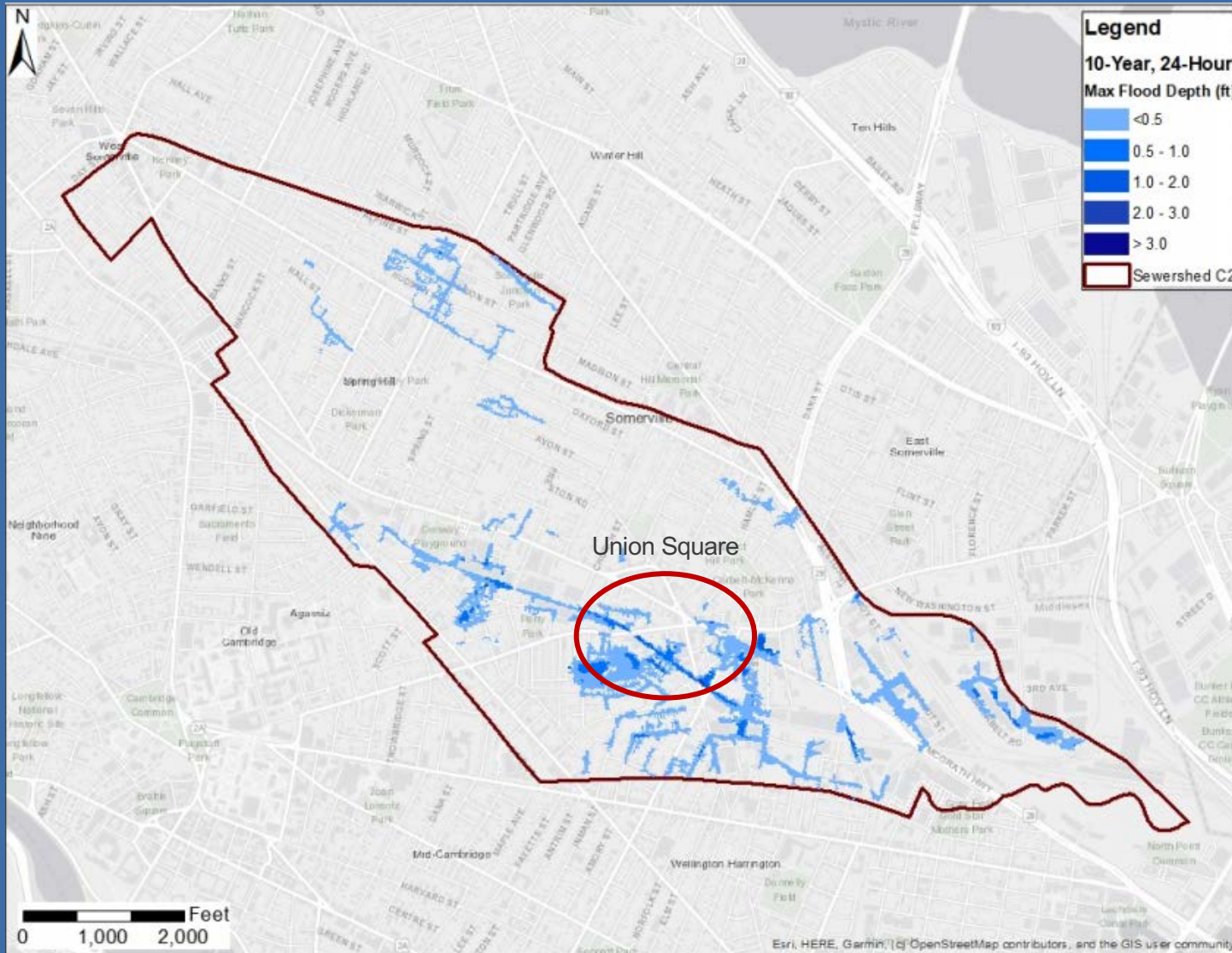
- City GIS Network and existing model as a base
- Need model to accurately reflect existing conditions – MH Inspections and CCTV Updates
- Flow metering data and flood complaints



Model Development, Calibration, Validation



Existing and Proposed Alternatives Modeling

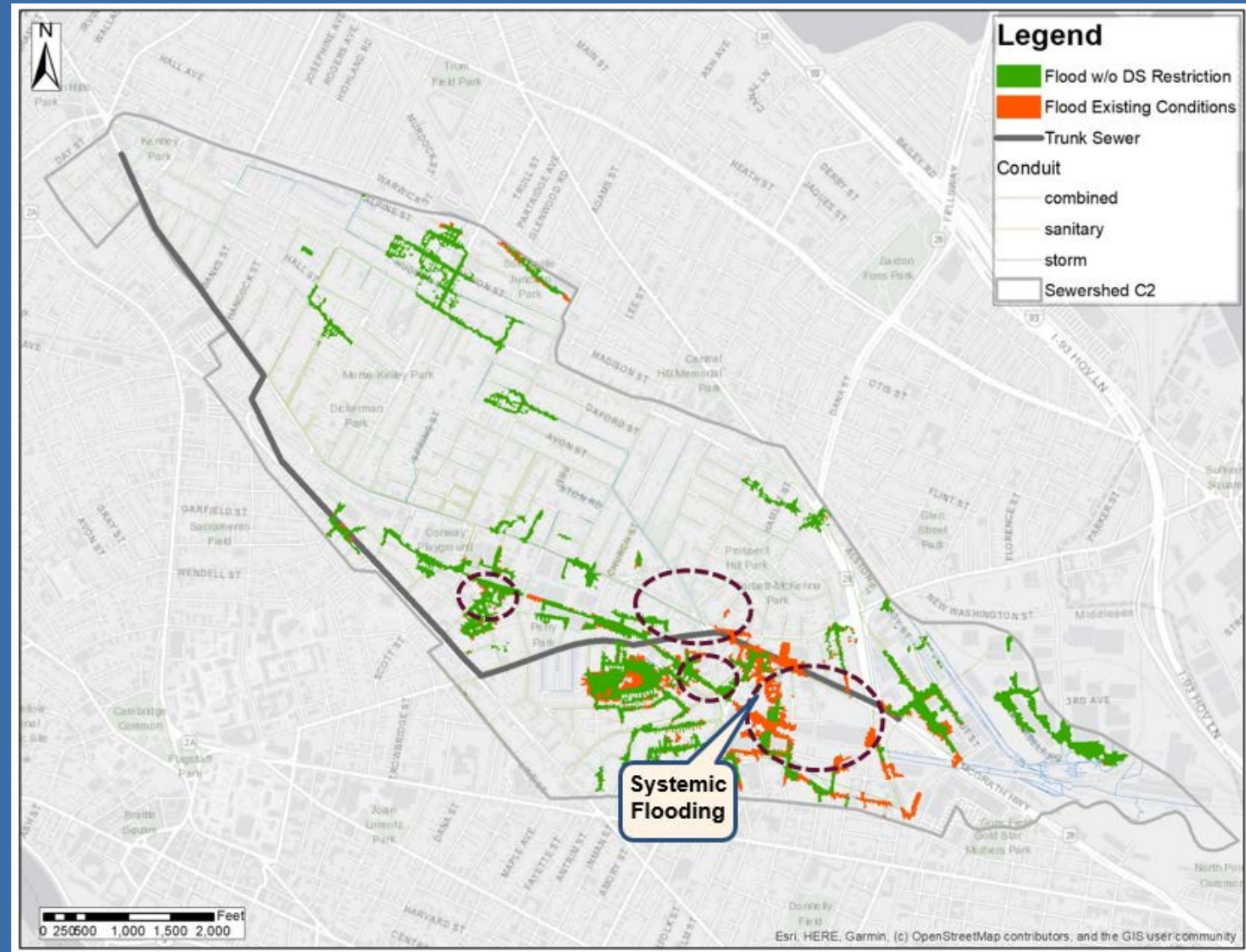


PDS-based precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches)¹

Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)									
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500	1000
5-min	0.302 (0.240-0.376)	0.371 (0.295-0.462)	0.484 (0.363-0.606)	0.577 (0.454-0.728)	0.706 (0.537-0.944)	0.801 (0.597-1.10)	0.904 (0.655-1.31)	1.03 (0.695-1.51)	1.22 (0.790-1.87)	1.38 (0.873-2.17)
10-min	0.428 (0.340-0.533)	0.525 (0.417-0.655)	0.685 (0.542-0.857)	0.817 (0.642-1.03)	1.00 (0.761-1.34)	1.14 (0.846-1.56)	1.28 (0.929-1.85)	1.46 (0.985-2.14)	1.72 (1.12-2.65)	1.95 (1.24-3.07)
15-min	0.503 (0.400-0.627)	0.618 (0.491-0.771)	0.806 (0.638-1.01)	0.962 (0.756-1.21)	1.18 (0.895-1.57)	1.34 (0.995-1.84)	1.51 (1.09-2.18)	1.71 (1.16-2.52)	2.03 (1.32-3.11)	2.30 (1.46-3.61)
30-min	0.687 (0.546-0.856)	0.845 (0.672-1.05)	1.10 (0.873-1.38)	1.32 (1.04-1.66)	1.62 (1.23-2.16)	1.83 (1.37-2.52)	2.07 (1.50-3.00)	2.36 (1.60-3.47)	2.80 (1.82-4.29)	3.17 (2.01-4.98)
60-min	0.871 (0.693-1.09)	1.07 (0.852-1.34)	1.40 (1.11-1.76)	1.68 (1.32-2.12)	2.06 (1.56-2.75)	2.33 (1.74-3.21)	2.64 (1.91-3.81)	3.00 (2.03-4.42)	3.57 (2.31-5.47)	4.05 (2.56-6.36)
2-hr	1.12 (0.900-1.39)	1.39 (1.12-1.73)	1.84 (1.46-2.29)	2.20 (1.75-2.76)	2.71 (2.08-3.61)	3.08 (2.32-4.22)	3.49 (2.56-5.03)	4.00 (2.72-5.84)	4.80 (3.13-7.30)	5.51 (3.49-8.55)
3-hr	1.31 (1.05-1.61)	1.62 (1.31-2.00)	2.14 (1.71-2.65)	2.57 (2.04-3.21)	3.16 (2.44-4.19)	3.60 (2.72-4.91)	4.07 (3.00-5.85)	4.68 (3.18-6.78)	5.63 (3.67-8.50)	6.46 (4.11-9.97)
6-hr	1.70 (1.38-2.08)	2.10 (1.70-2.58)	2.76 (2.22-3.39)	3.31 (2.65-4.09)	4.06 (3.14-5.33)	4.61 (3.50-6.23)	5.22 (3.85-7.41)	5.98 (4.08-8.58)	7.17 (4.69-10.7)	8.21 (5.23-12.5)
12-hr	2.18 (1.78-2.65)	2.68 (2.19-3.26)	3.50 (2.84-4.28)	4.18 (3.37-5.14)	5.11 (3.98-6.65)	5.80 (4.42-7.75)	6.55 (4.85-9.17)	7.47 (5.13-10.6)	8.89 (5.84-13.1)	10.1 (6.47-15.2)
24-hr	2.64 (2.17-3.18)	3.27 (2.68-3.95)	4.30 (3.52-5.22)	5.16 (4.19-6.30)	6.34 (4.97-8.19)	7.21 (5.53-9.56)	8.16 (6.08-11.3)	9.34 (6.44-13.1)	11.2 (7.36-16.3)	12.8 (8.19-19.0)

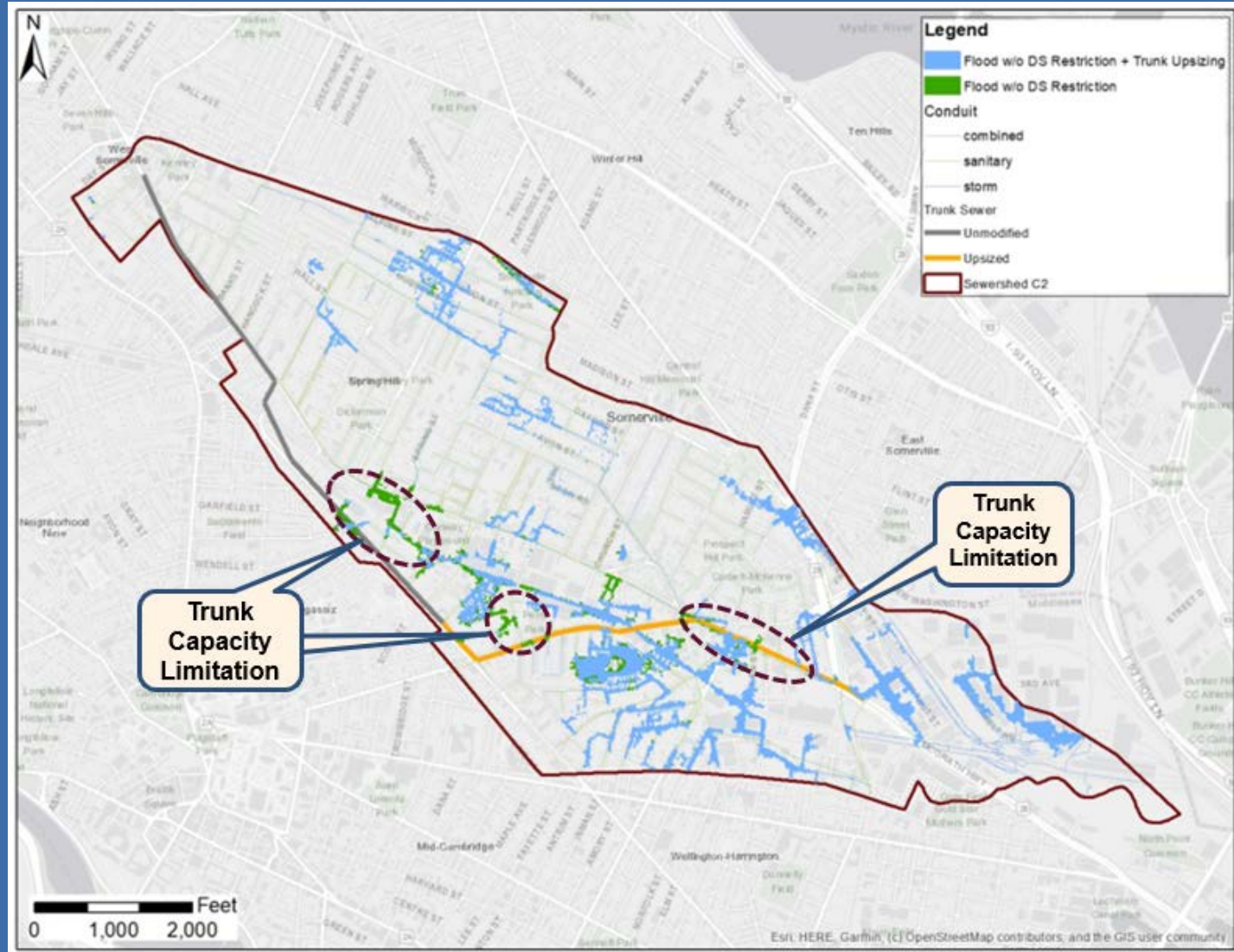
System-Wide Regional Limitations

- Boundary condition limitations specific to each sewershed (e.g. Interceptor system capacity, end-of line pump capacity, or river and ocean levels)



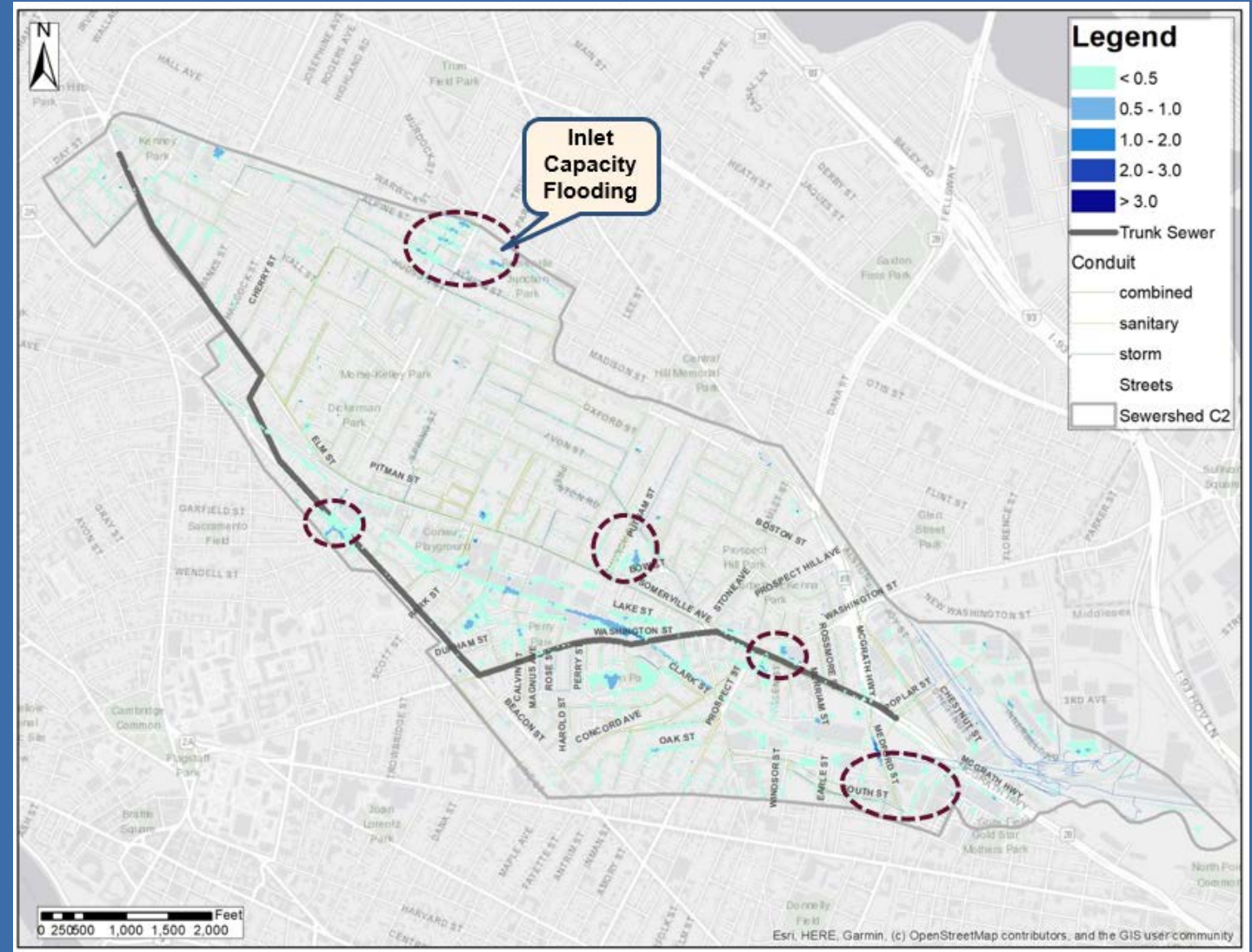
Trunk Conveyance System Limitations

- Identify trunk conveyance system bottlenecks (i.e. downstream combined sewer trunk lines)



Localized System Limitations

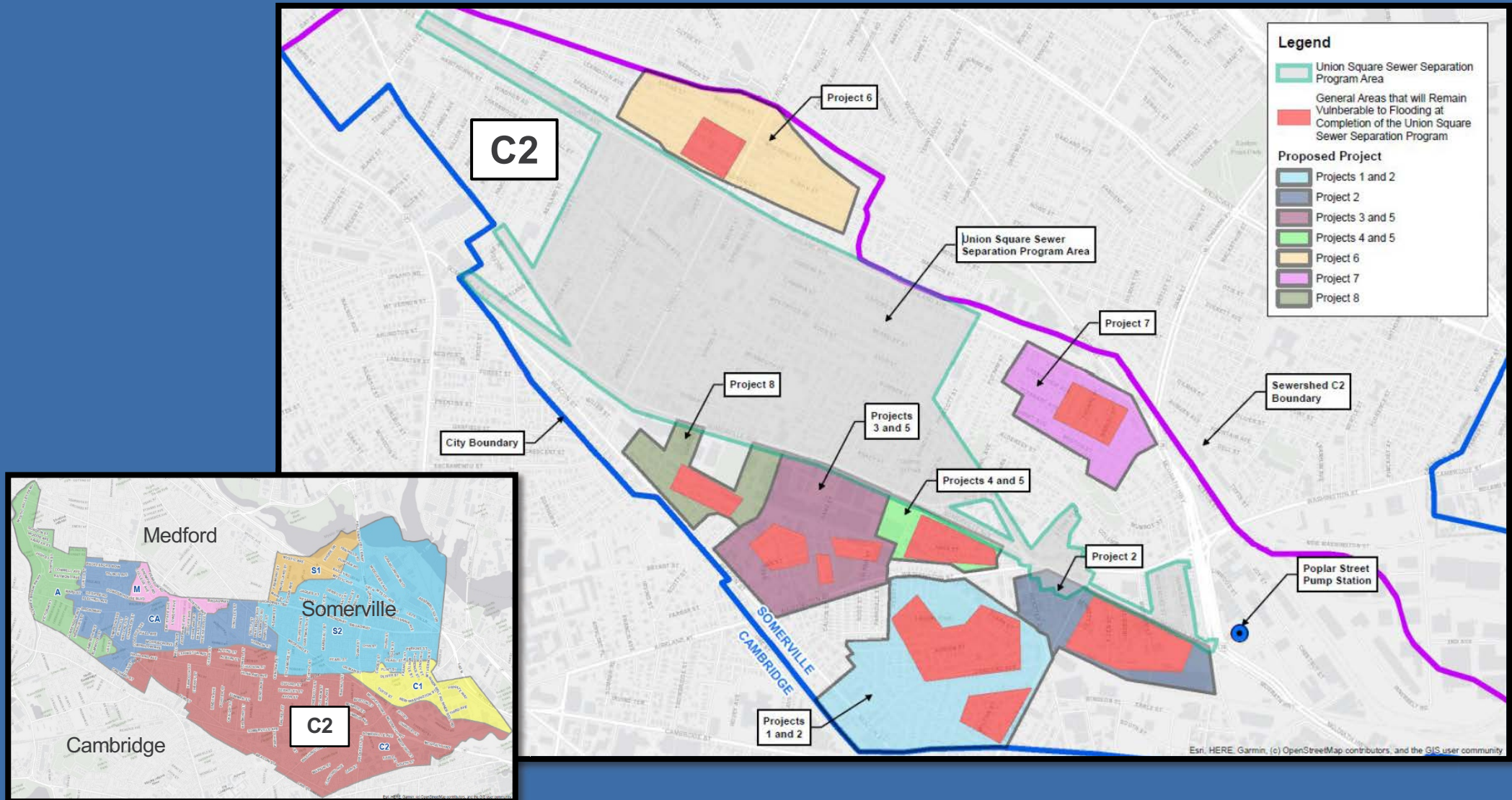
- Identify flood issues that remain once the systemic and trunk conveyance limitations are removed.
 - Undersized local conduits, lack of inlet capacity, localized low-lying areas, etc.
- Create Scenario for CBs and Rain on Mesh Model (ROMM)



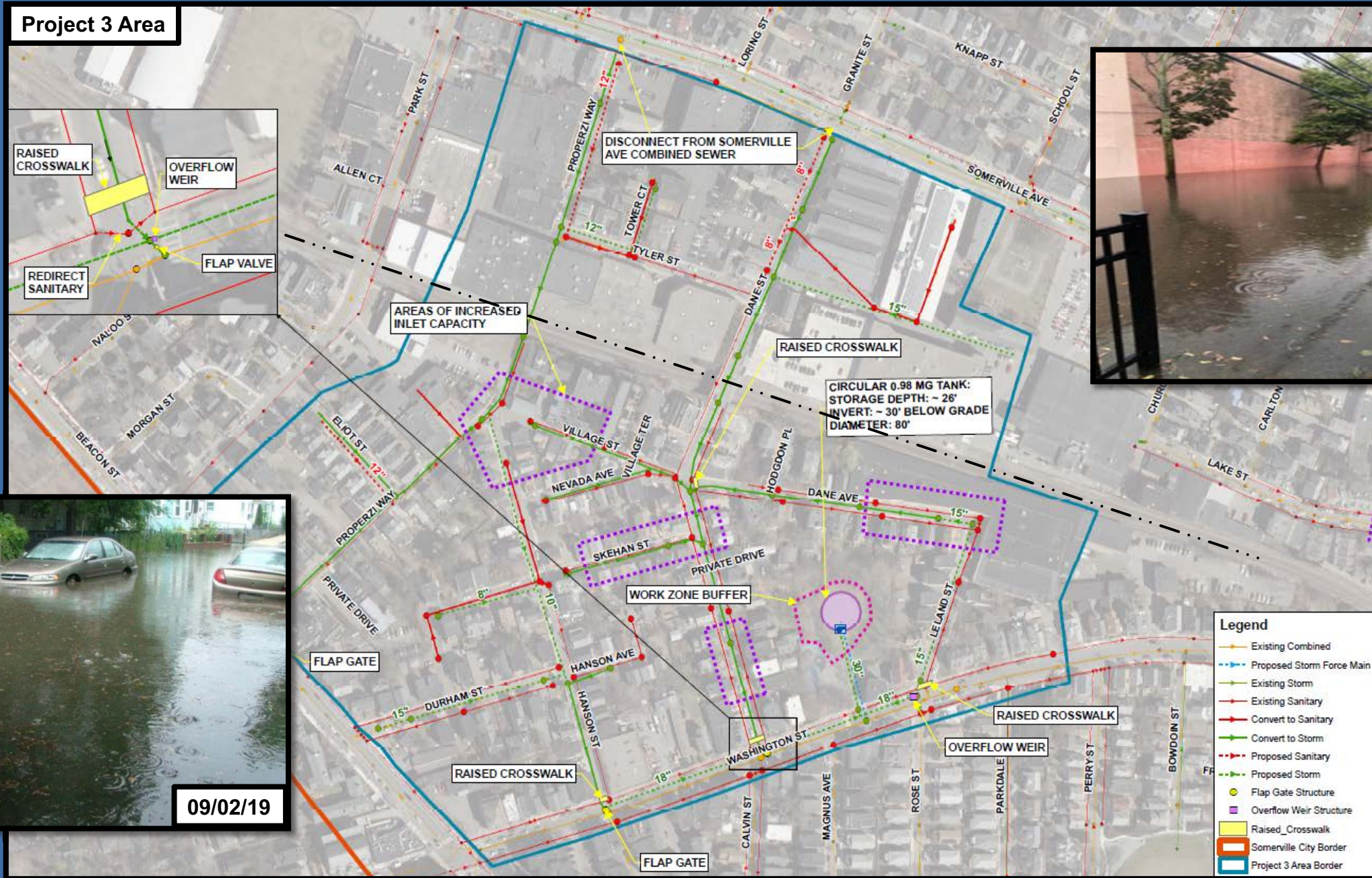
Development of Potential Mitigation Alternatives

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Project Areas



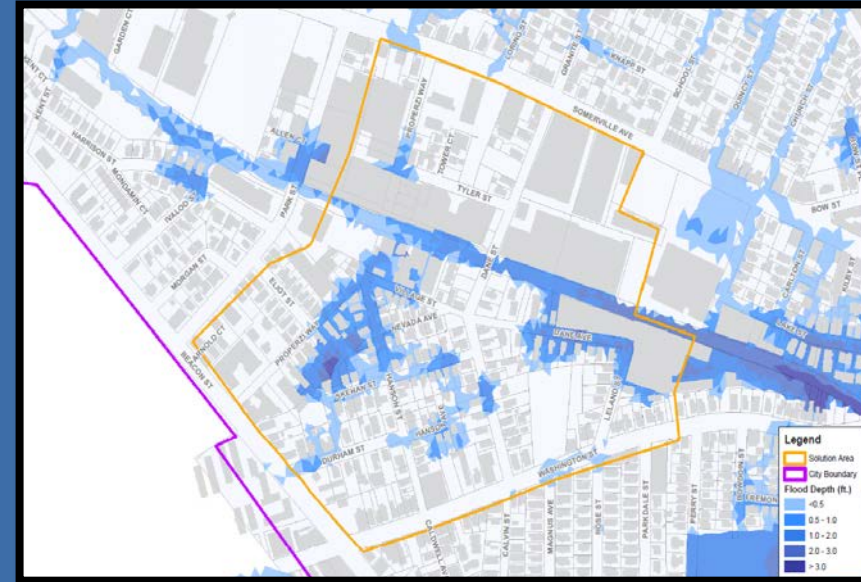
Project 3 Area



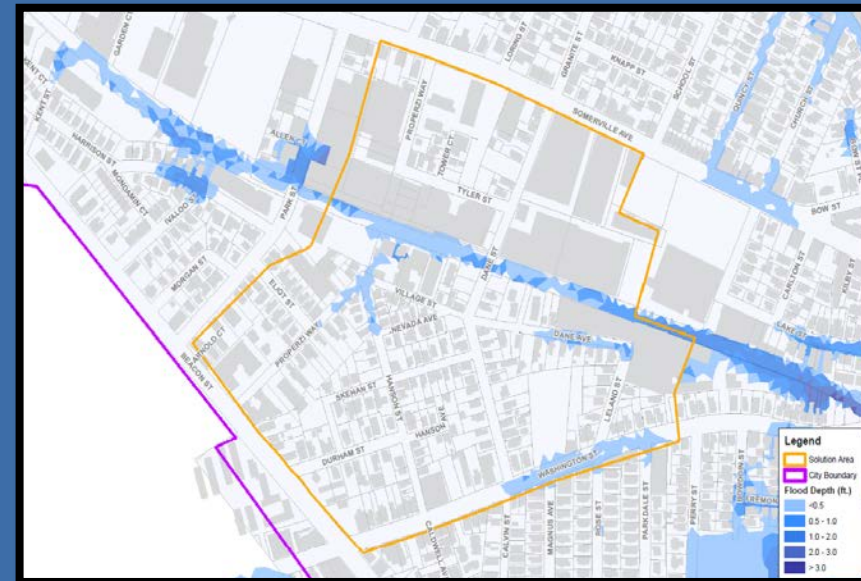
Project 3 Flood & I/I Reductions

Project 3 – Flood & I/I Volume Reductions	
Flooding during 10-Year 24-Hour Design Event (MG)	
Existing Conditions	1.49
At Project completion	0.21
Flooding during 10-Year 30-Minute Design Event (MG)	
Existing Conditions	0.57
At Project completion	0.11
I/I Volume Reduction (MG)	
Estimated I/I Reduction with Project as Proposed	N/A*
Project Cost Estimate*	\$19.8M

Existing Conditions



At Proposed Project Completion



Note: Maps depict 10-yr 24-hr Rainfall Event

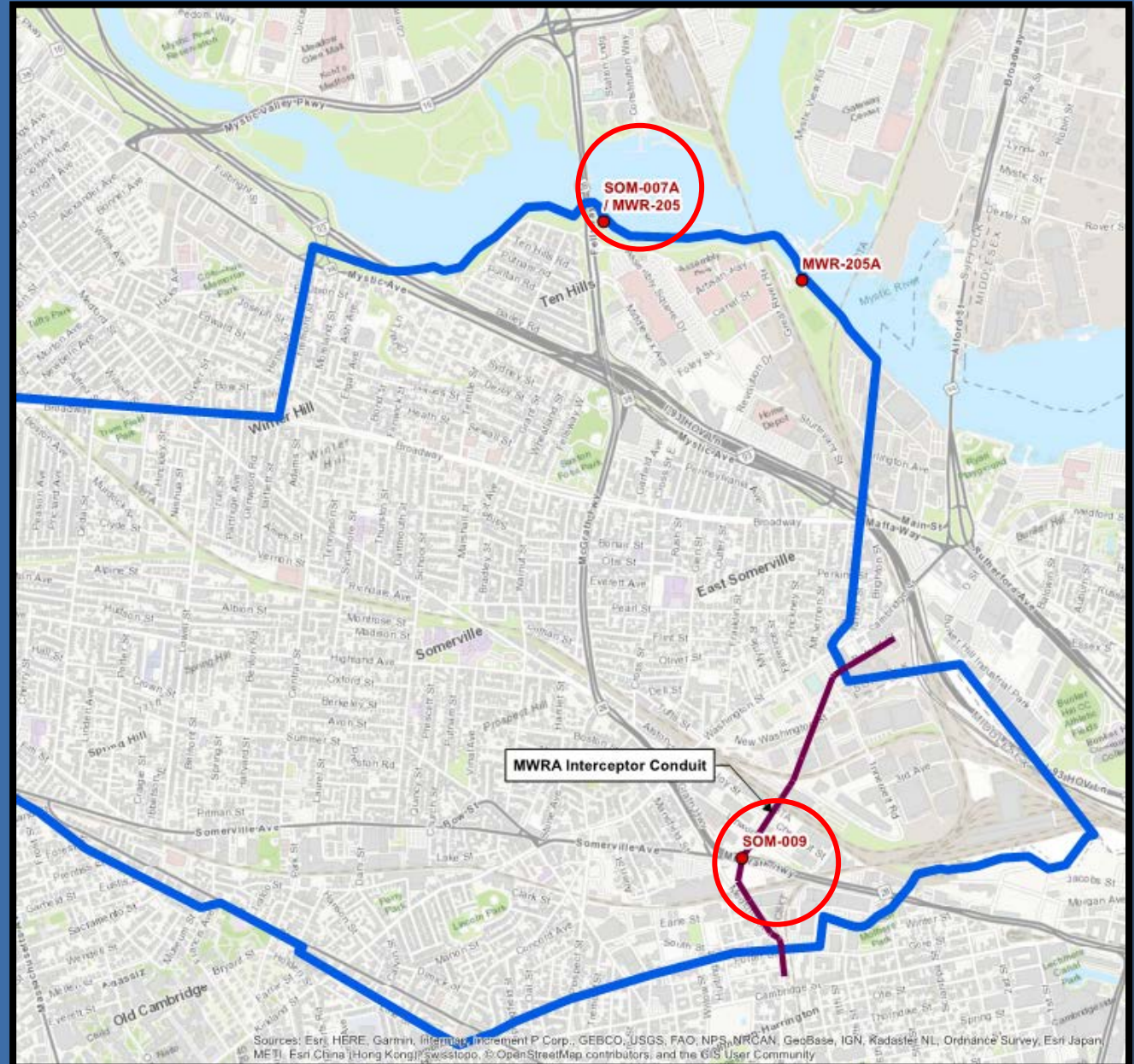
CSO Considerations

Design Criteria:
Do Not Worsen Conditions at CSOs

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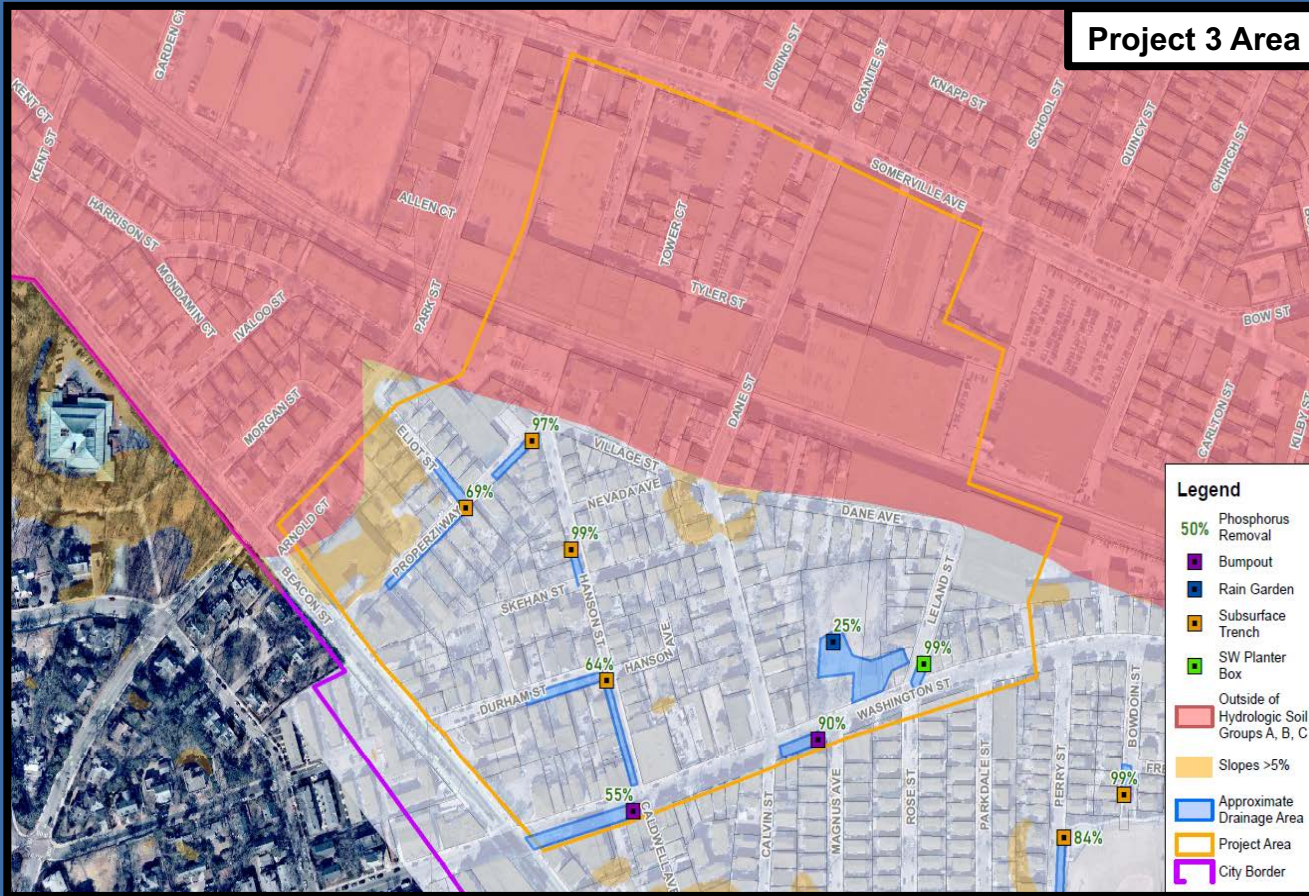
- SOM-009
- SOM-007A

	10-YR, 24-HR	
SCENARIO	SOM-009	SOM-007A
Existing Conditions	42.54	24.62
Completion of Ongoing Projects	36.73	24.45
Project 3	36.00	24.34



Green-Infrastructure Analysis Structural BMPs

Surface Area	Percent Impervious	Project Area PLER (lbs/acre/year)	Project Area Loading (lbs/year)	GSI Phosphorous Reduction (lbs/year)	GSI Phosphorous Reduction (Percent)
45.1	81.0%	1.5	69.4	1.3	1.9%



Siting Considerations:

- Within City Right-of-way
- Terrain / Slope
- Soil Type
- Groundwater Depth
- Sidewalk Width (for Planter Boxes)
- Adequate Clearance from Following Elements:
 - Underground Utilities
 - Buildings
 - Trees
 - Parking Meters
 - Railroad
 - Driveway / Curb Cut
 - Crosswalks / Sidewalk Ramps

Green-Infrastructure Analysis

Non-Structural BMPs

- Street Sweeping
 - Equipment Types:
 - Mechanical
 - Vacuum Assisted
 - High Efficiency Regenerative Air-Vacuum
- Catch Basin Cleaning
- Organic Waste & Leaf Litter Collection Program



Project Area Loading (lbs/year)	Street Sweeping Reduction* (lbs/year)	Catch Basin Cleaning Reduction (lbs/year)	Leaf Litter Collection Reduction (lbs/year)	Total Reduction (lbs/year)	Total Reduction (Percent)
69.4	0.38 – 0.97	0.73	1.50	2.62 – 3.20	3.8% – 4.6%

Cost Analysis

- Normal vs Conservative Scenarios
- Costing Considerations:
 - Open-Trench Pipe Installation
 - New Manhole & Catch Basin Installations
 - Redirection of Catch Basins & Sewer Services
 - CIP Rehabilitation & Manhole Lining
 - CCTV & Dye Testing; Pipe Cleaning
 - Linear Surface Restoration
 - Removal & Disposal of Contaminated Wastes
 - Stormwater Tanks & Regulator Structures
 - Lump Sum Items:
 - Trench Dewatering
 - Bypass Pumping
 - Traffic Control / Police Details
 - Mobilization

	Dane Street Area (Project 3)	
	Normal Scenario	Conservative Scenario
Estimated Construction Sub-total	\$12.3M	\$17.5M
Contingency		
Estimated Construction Total		
Engineering Design		
Resident Engineering		
Estimated Project Total	\$19.8M	\$28.2M

Conclusions

Sewershed Drainage and Water Quality Improvements Plan

Root Cause Analysis for Flooding Inundation

- System-wide or systemic limitations
- Trunk conveyance system limitations
- Local system limitations

Stormwater Model

- InfoWorks ICM – 2D Overland Flow Model
- Very detailed & well calibrated using field investigations & flow metering

Development of Flood Mitigation Alternatives

- Designed to level of service storm: 10-year, 24-hour
- Main Goals:
 - Eliminate flooding or reduce flooding to within public right-of-way
 - Do not worsen conditions at CSOs
 - Reduce Phosphorous concentrations in storm discharge

Green Infrastructure Analysis

- Structural & non-structural BMPs

Cost Analysis

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Questionnaire

True or False:

1. Trunk conveyance is one of the system limitations considered by the flood inundation root cause analysis.
2. Proposed alternatives were designed for a level of service storm equal to a 100-yr, 15-min rain event.