

Combating Climate Change with Smart Watershed Network Management

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Economic

60%-90% savings and accelerated outcomes



Resilient

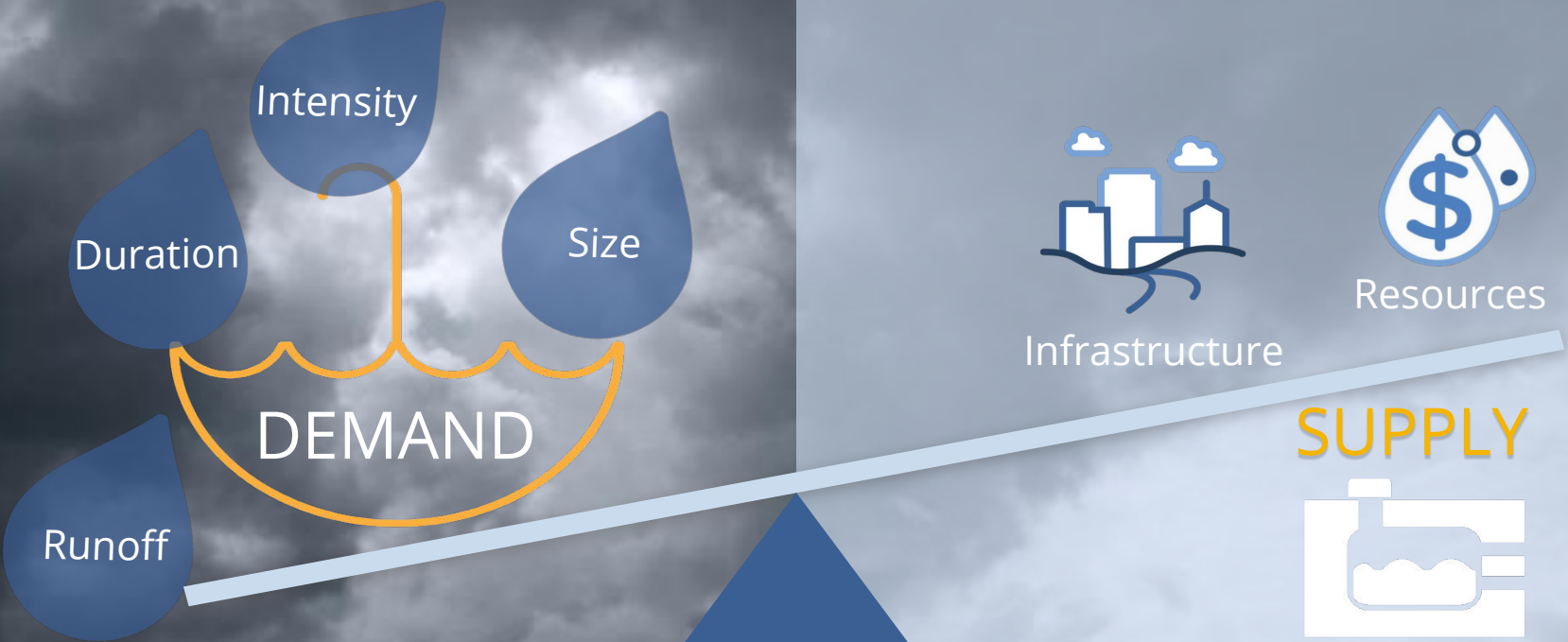
5-10X performance improvement and adaptive management



Peace of Mind

Improved safety and compliance

Realities of Stormwater Management



Timing and Predictability is Everything!

Traffic at 7:30



Traffic at 7:31



Challenges to Increasing Capacity

A perspective view looking down a long, circular tunnel. The tunnel walls are made of concrete with a visible spiral reinforcement pattern. At the bottom of the tunnel, there is a dark, rippling surface of water. The tunnel leads to a bright light at the far end, creating a strong sense of depth and direction.

Limited Land

Cost & Disruption

Conveyance

Utilization of Storage

Unknown Future

Operations & Maintenance



APIs



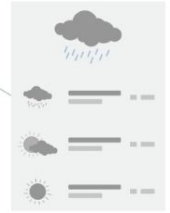
Web-based Dashboards with Real-time and Historical Data



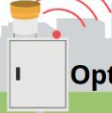
Applications

- Cisterns
- Detention & Retention
- Green Infrastructure
- Lakes & Reservoirs
- Ponds
- Pumps
- Rainwater Harvesting
- SCADA Integration
- Sewers
- Streams
- Subsurface Tanks

Precipitation Forecast



Rain Gauge



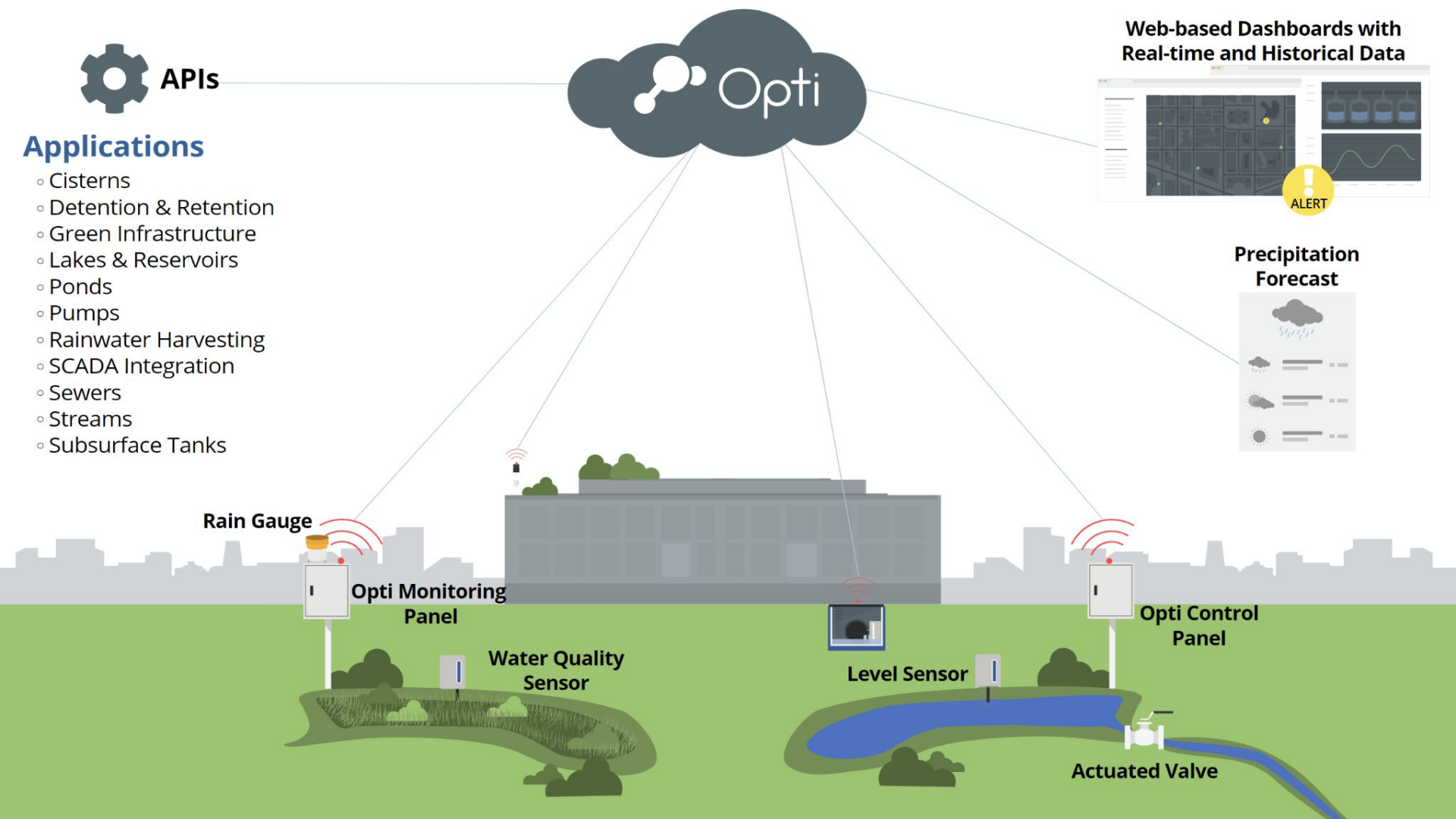
Opti Monitoring Panel

Water Quality Sensor

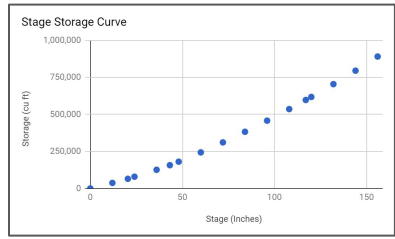
Level Sensor

Opti Control Panel

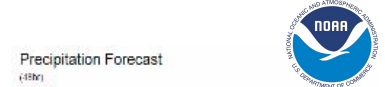
Actuated Valve



Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control



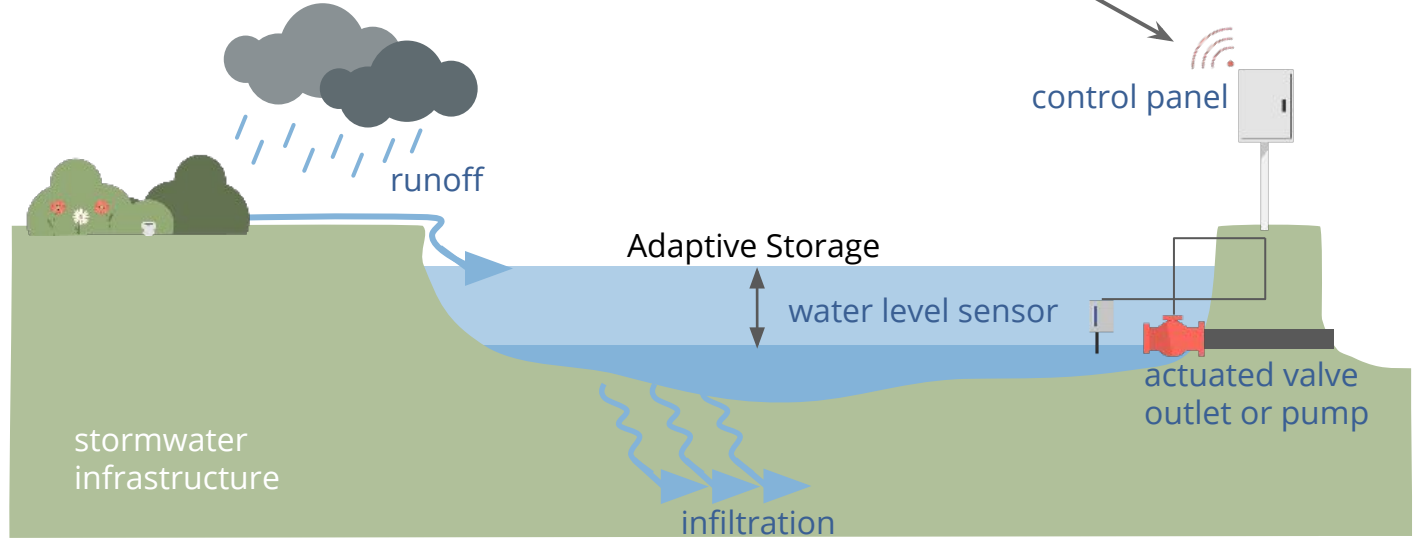
web-based dashboard



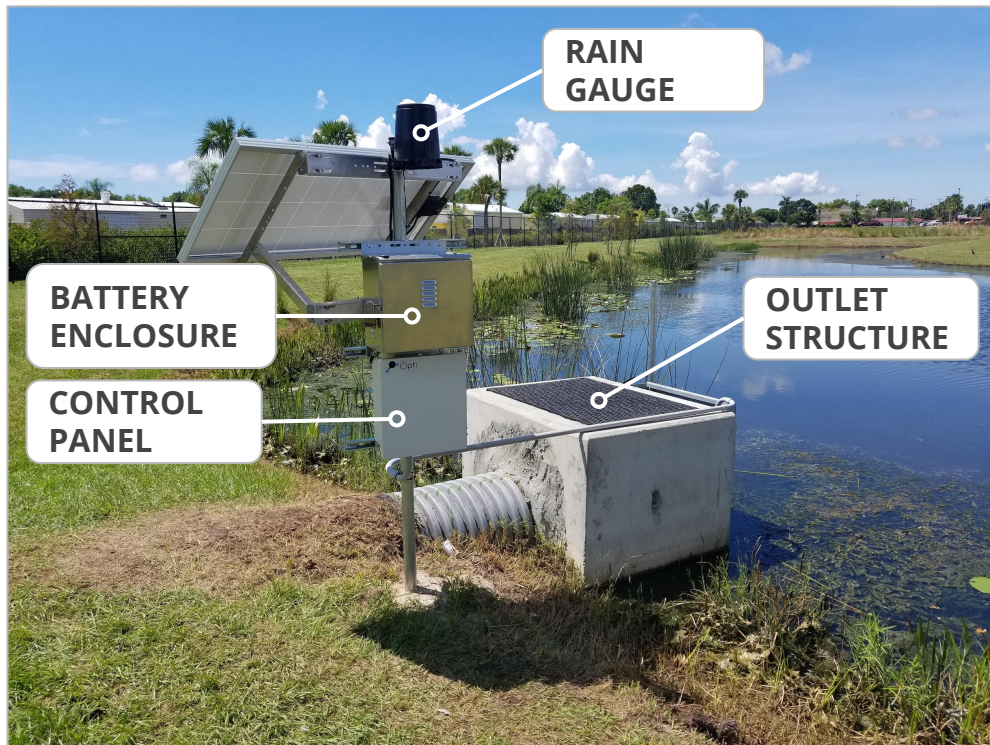
Product Configuration

Example Parameters

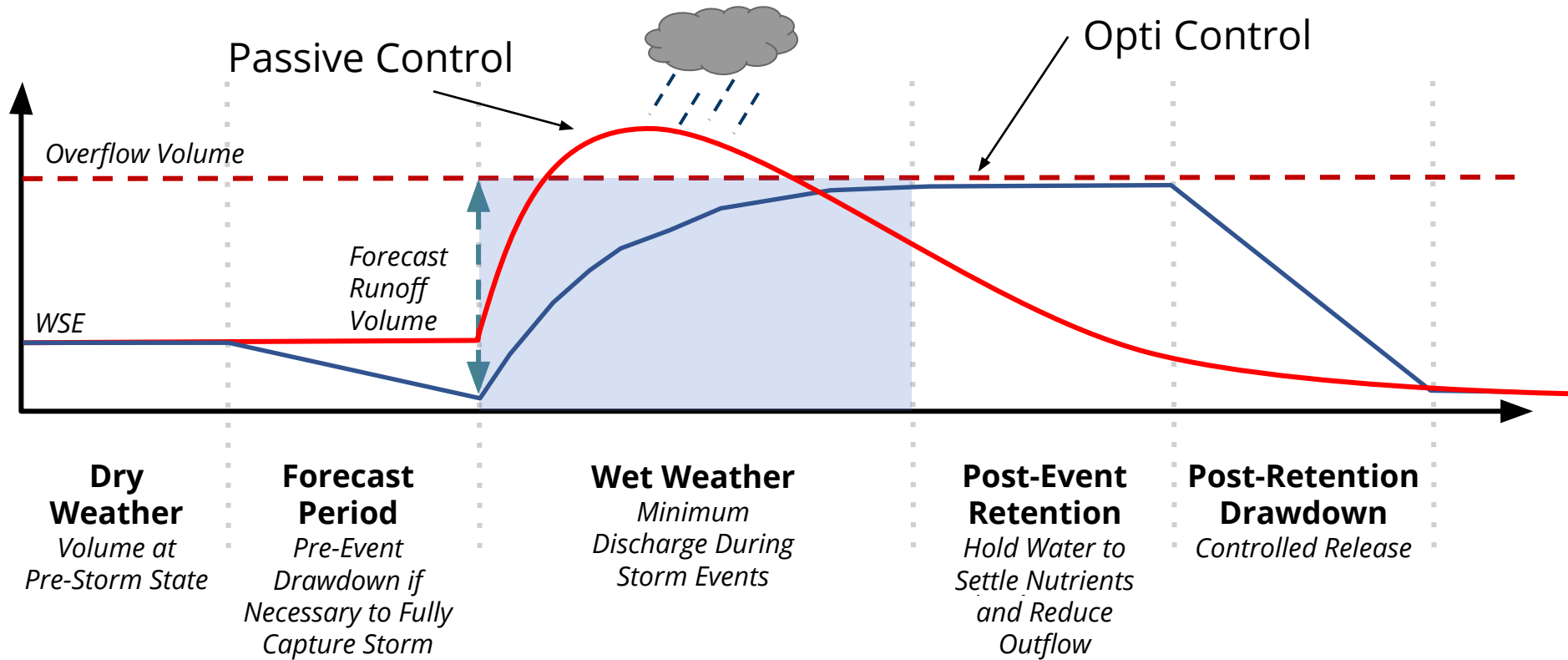
- Watershed Area
- Impervious Area
- Valve Diameter
- Overflow Invert
- Peak Discharge
- Retention Period
- PoP Threshold



Equipment: Typical Opti Devices



Optimized Control



Opti Dashboard- Site View



MANUAL
OVERRIDE

CURRENT
CONDITIONS

FORECAST
VIEW

ONLINE
STATUS

MANAGED
STORAGE

CUMULATIVE
RAIN GAUGE

VALVE
POSITION

Opti + SCADA: A Natural Integration



Stormwater Management Automation Platform



- *Predictive controls for stormwater management*
- *Common stormwater asset model*
- *Stormwater analysis*

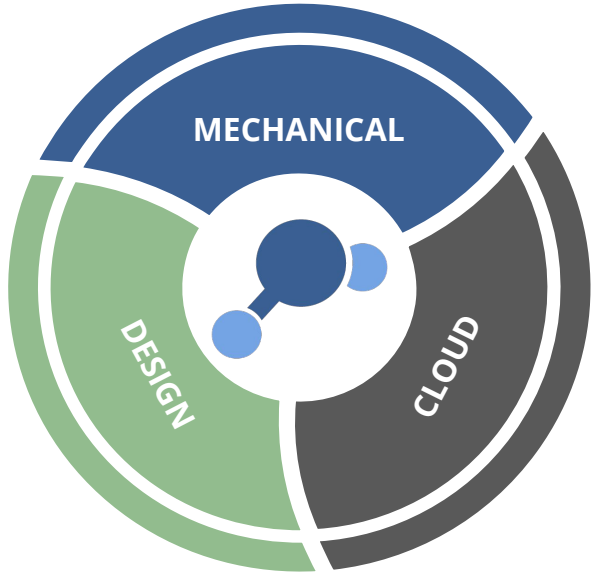
SCADA

General Purpose Automation Platform



- *Treatment plant operations*
- *All purpose monitoring*
- *CMMS & ERP integrations*

Safety and Security



Cloud-Based:

- Alarms
- Remote Manual Control
- Internationally Certified Data Centers
- Product Release Cycles
- 3rd Party Security Audit

Mechanical:

- Battery Backups
- Local Fail-Safe Logic
- Onsite Manual Control

Civil Design:

- Passive Overflow
- Downstream Condition Assessment

Stormwater Management From Site to Watershed

Applications

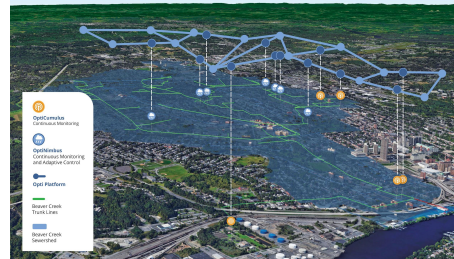
Existing Asset Optimization



Land Development



Smart City



Drivers

Flooding & Water Quality

Cost and Land Availability

Public Safety
Environmental Protection
Compliance

Operations & Maintenance

Journey to a Smart Watershed

Monitoring and Analytics



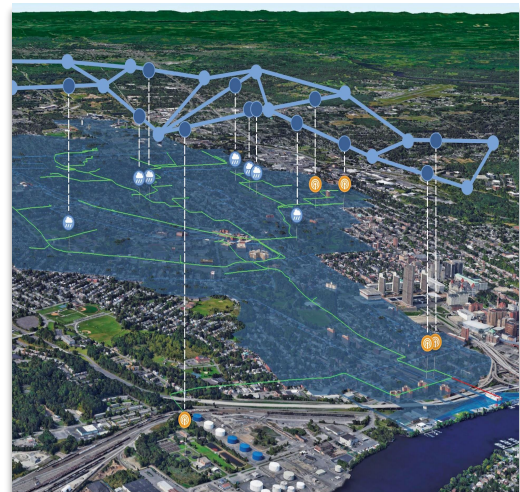
Enhance Existing Infrastructure



Optimize New Infrastructure



Smart Watershed Network Management (SWNM)





Case Study

Albany, NY



Economic

+90% Savings

Compared to passive construction



Resilient

89% Flow Capture

Average annual wet weather performance

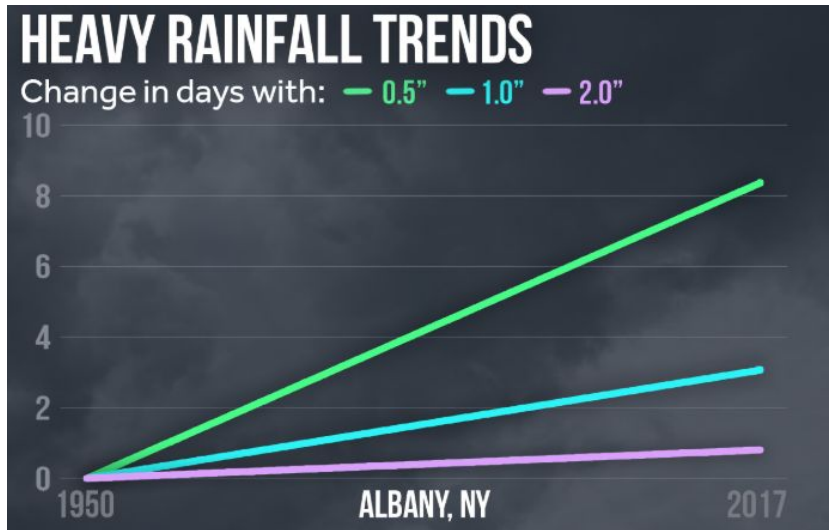


Peace of Mind

Improved Customer Service

Public safety and real-time reporting

Background - Flooding and CSOs



August 2014: Flash flood event in Beaver Creek

- *3 inches of precipitation in one hour*
- *Catalyzing new approaches to stormwater management*

Customer Journey to A Smart Watershed





Opti Monitoring
Continuous Monitoring



Opti Plus
Continuous Monitoring
and Adaptive Control



**Third Party
Integrations**



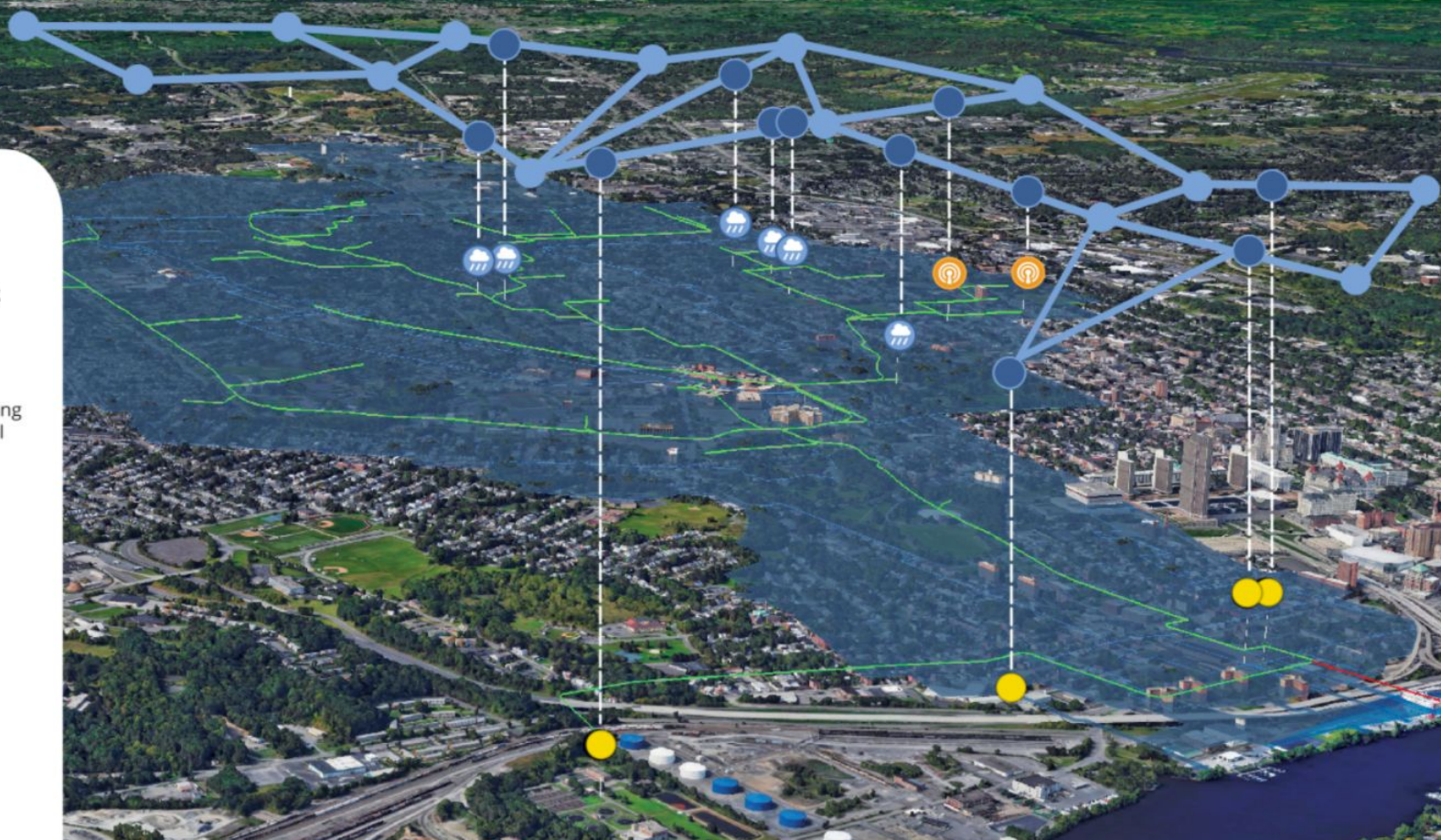
Opti Platform

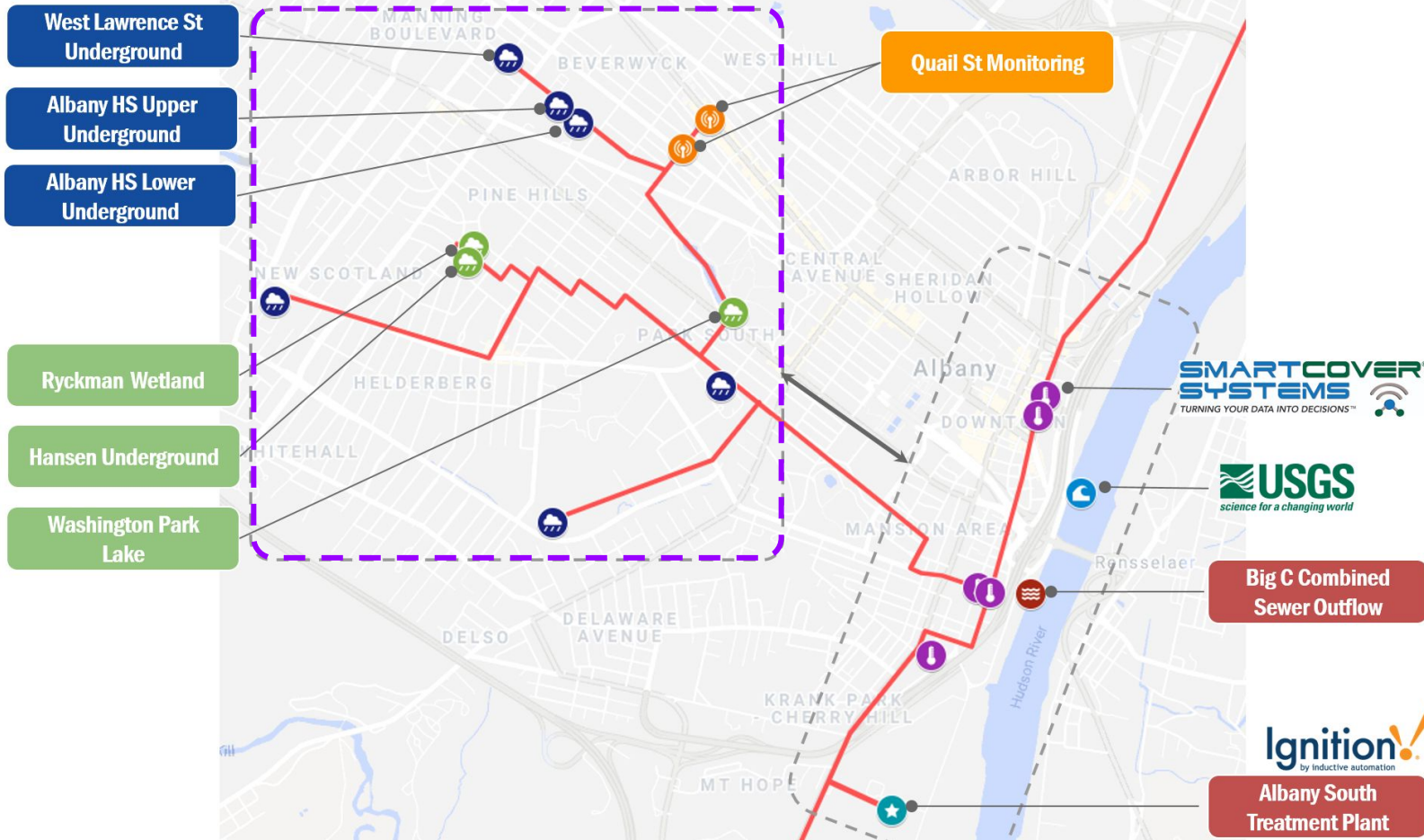


**Beaver Creek
Trunk Lines**

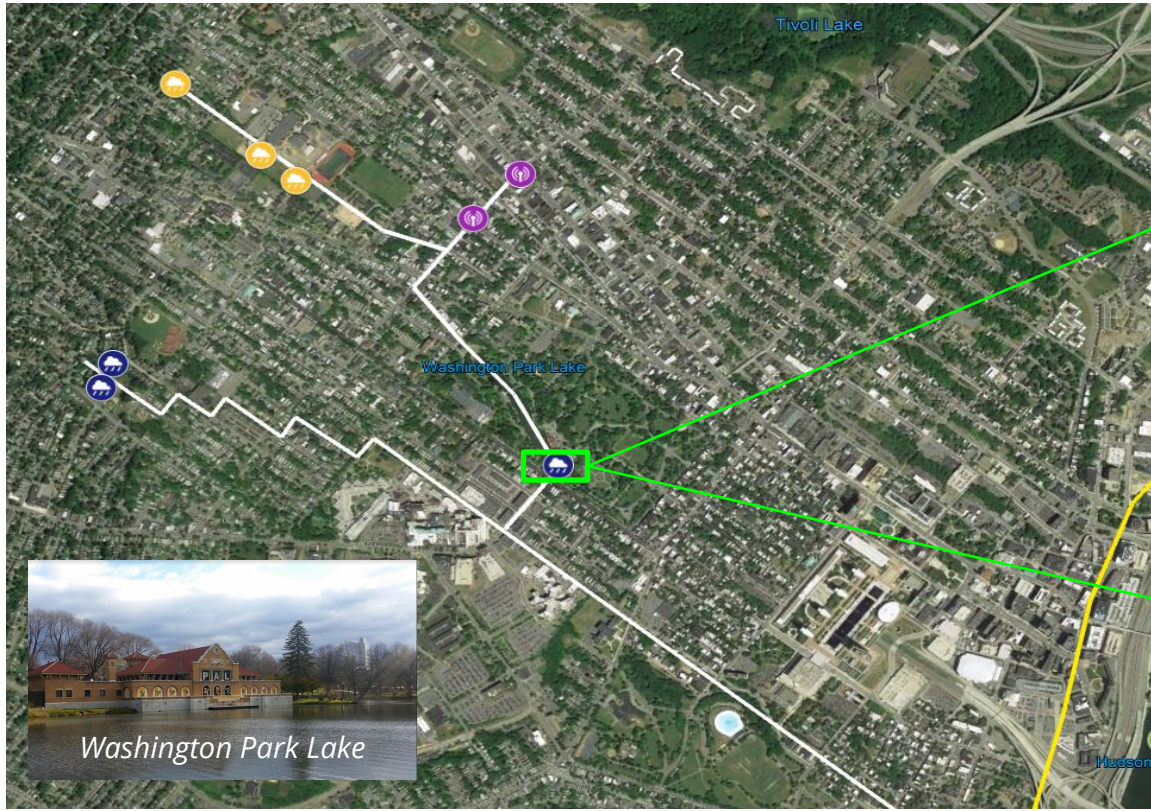


**Beaver Creek
Sewershed**

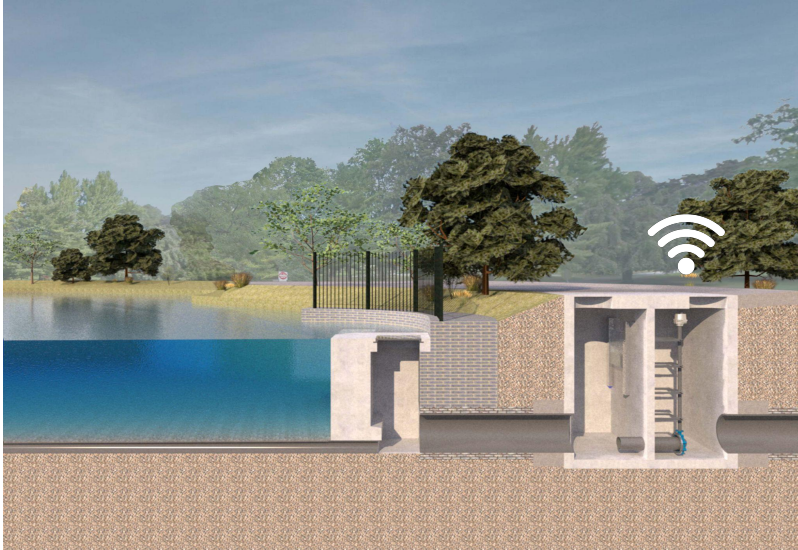




Washington Park Lake: Enhance Existing Storage

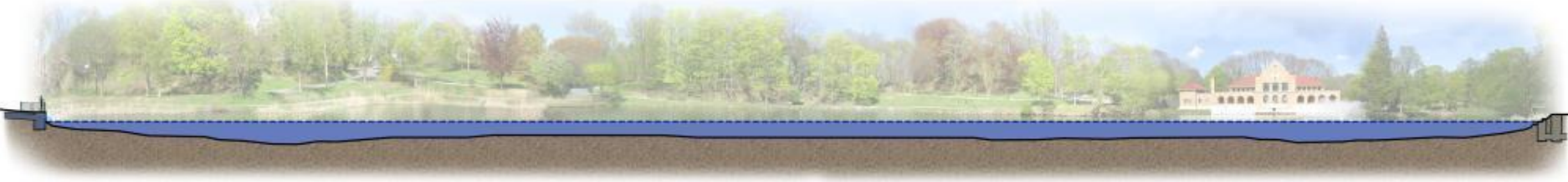


Washington Park Lake

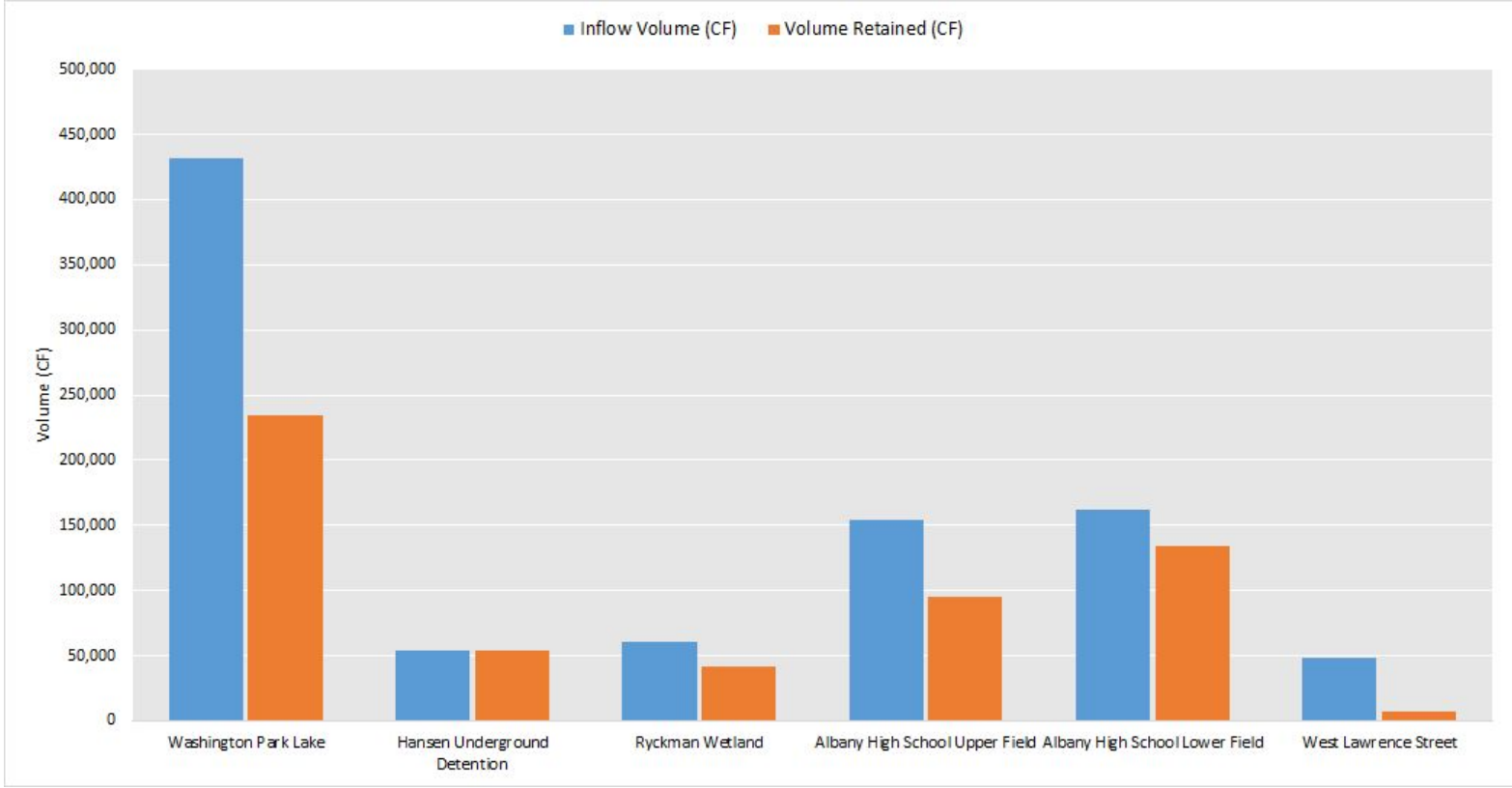


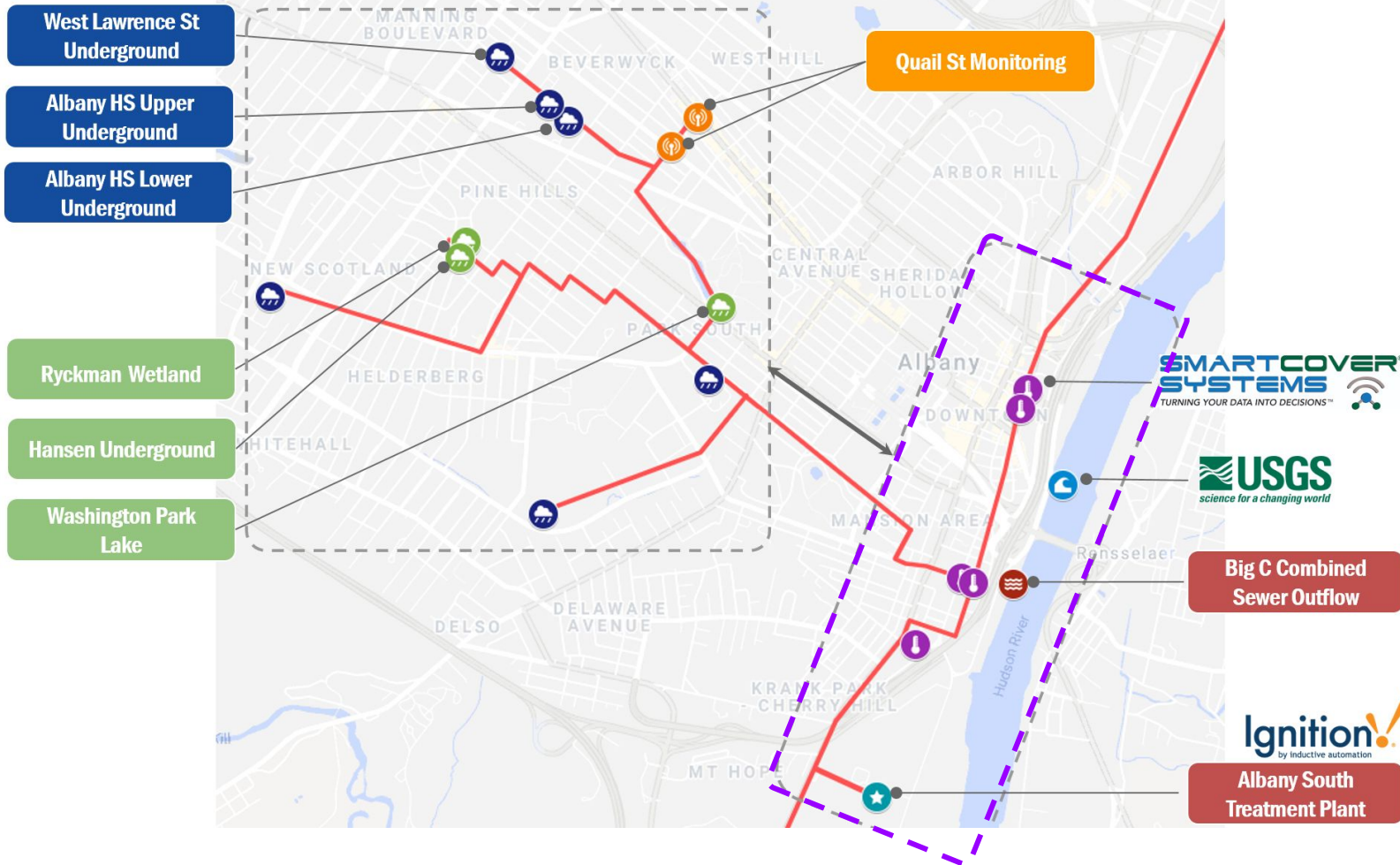
Quick Stats

- Online since 2017
- 102.6 Acres of drainage
- 9,000,000 Gallons of active storage
- **89% Annual wet weather capture**



3.8 inch Storm Story - 62% Wet Weather Capture





Albany Watershed Network Management



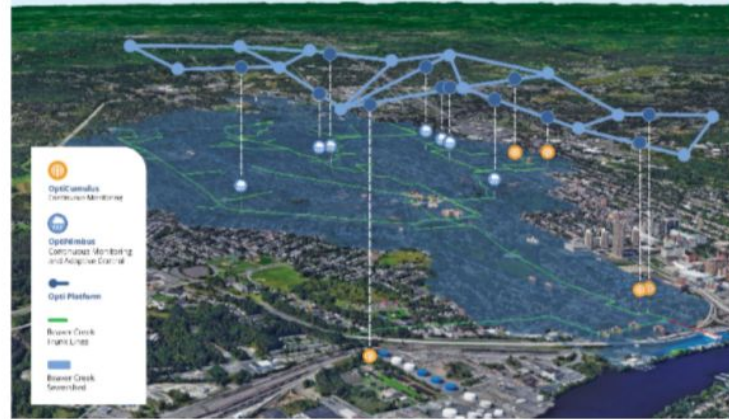
Total Rainfall:
10.31 in



Storms Controlled:
31



Time in Auto:
3 Months



FAST FACTS

Total Events in Which CSO Level > 46 in:
19

Total Hours in Which CSO Level > 46 in:
167

Hours Where CSO Level > 46" and Opti Withheld Volume:
156 (93% of total)

Volume Withheld by Opti from Sewer During CSO Events:
62 Million Gallons

Customer Benefits

Cost Savings of \$6.4 million
(\$0.001 / gallon)



8x Performance Improvement



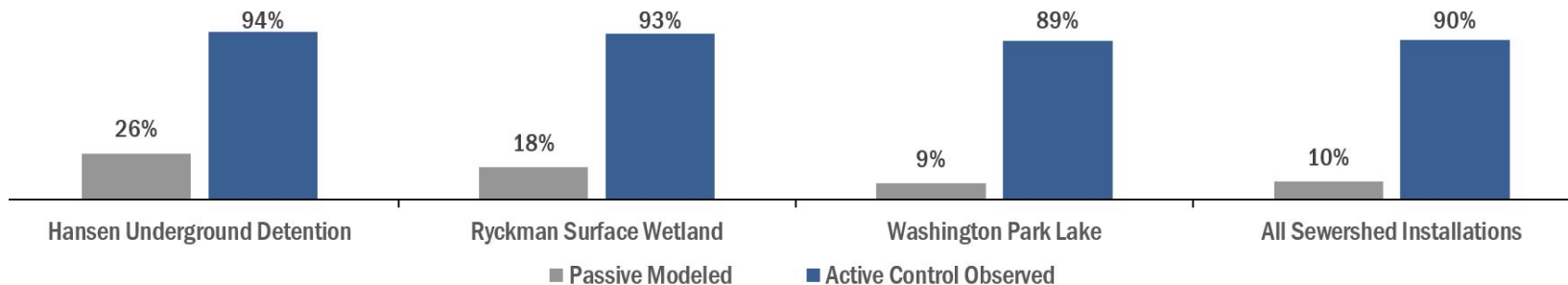
Public Safety for 100,000+ Citizens



Enhanced and Streamlined Operations



Wet Weather Flow Volume Reduction





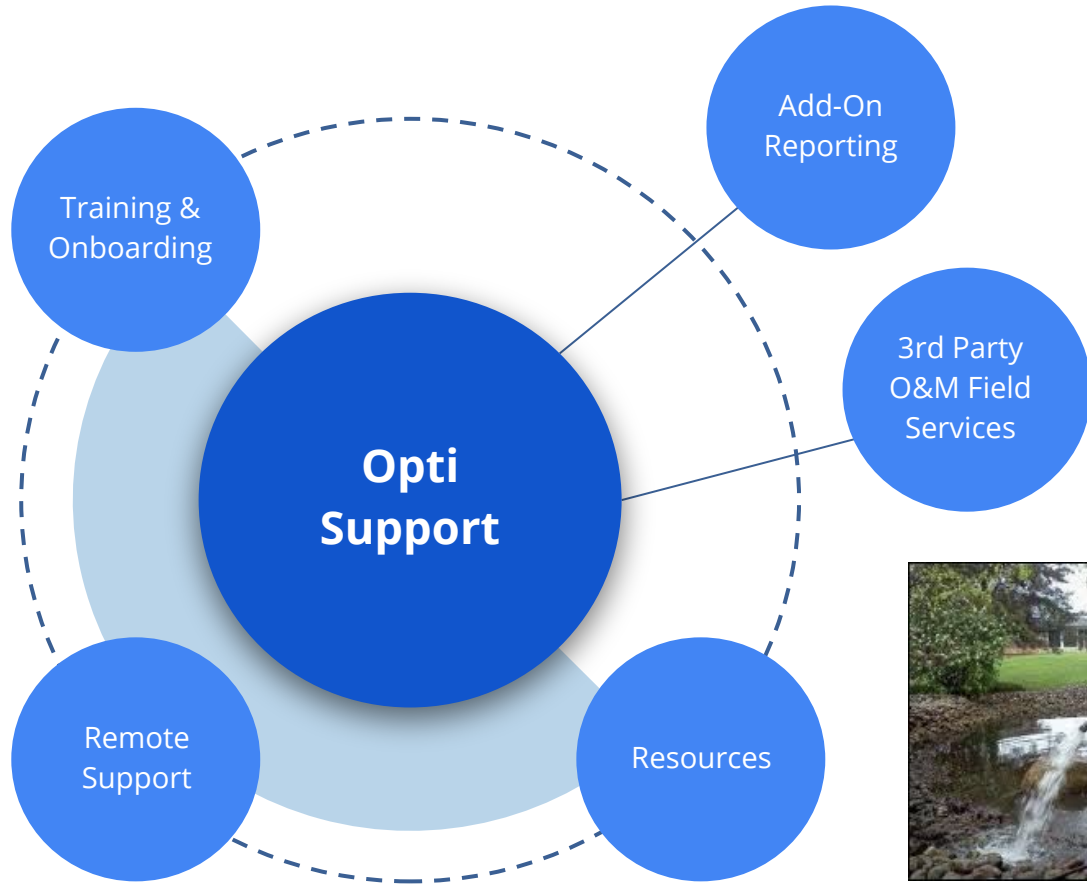
Actuator



Butterfly Valve



Level Sensor



Recognizing Our Community

Select Awards & Testimonials



2017 Award of Excellence

Green/Sustainability/Environmental Award category from the Maryland Quality Initiative



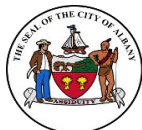
Recipient of **2018 National Environmental Achievement Award** from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)



Recipient of **2021 Achievement Award** from the National Association of Counties (NACo), County Resiliency: Infrastructure, Energy & Sustainability Category



2018 Project of the Year Award from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts



***2019 Platinum Award**
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of New York

***Winner: 2019 IDC Smart Cities North America Awards, Smart Water Category**



"Opti allows us to deal with an acre of stormwater runoff for **less than \$40,000**. The traditional approach... cost us \$150,000 an acre. So this is going to save Marylanders as taxpayers tens of millions of dollars."



"It's a completely different and **better way to look at solving stormwater problems**. It allows you to work with the existing infrastructure you've got ... It's like taking a vehicle and putting a much better, more efficient engine in it. I can **make my existing infrastructure more efficient** by just adding this technology."



"Continuous monitoring and automated controls of surface water management facilities are **valuable tools for protecting our community's water resources.**"

Notable Press Mentions



[Tech and Real Estate Turn to the Cloud to Protect Cities from Floods](#)



"The Opti-Azure system helps us make our sewers (and water systems) smart and helps make the lives of Kansas Citians better."



Opti takes US by storm to combat CSOs and flooding



[Investing in Intelligent Infrastructure](#)



Optimizing Stormwater Management