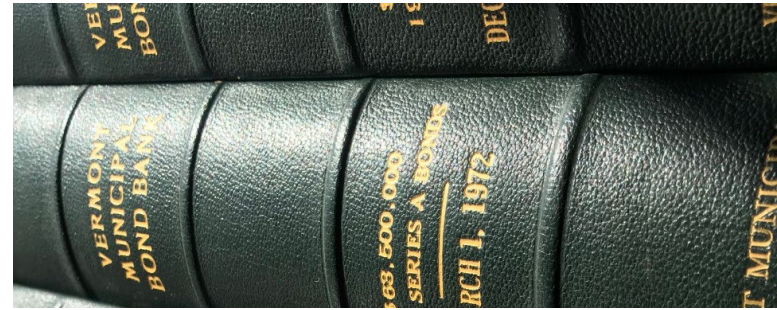




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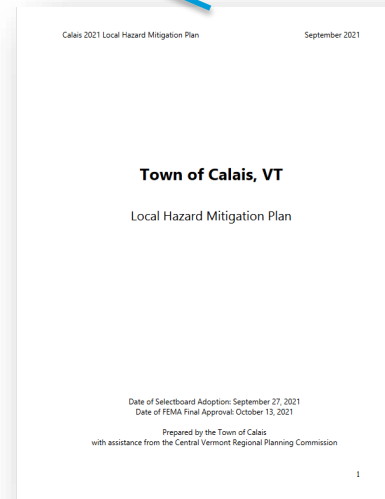
## CAPITAL PLANNING 101

Vermont Capital Planning Forum

*April 11, 2024*

# What is a Capital Plan?

- “The capital infrastructure built and maintained by local government is essential for a thriving community” – Government Finance Officers Association
- Plan for maintaining, updating, and creating new capital improvements in support of thriving community
- Document where other plans and studies become real through financial plan to accommodate the capital improvements needed
- Should cover at least five years, with best practice 10 to 25 years in length
- **It’s a plan!!! “All models are wrong but some are useful”**



# Why do a capital plan in Vermont?

## TOWN PLAN – Title 24, Chapter 117, Subchapter 005

(4) A utility and facility plan, consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective community facilities and public utilities showing existing and proposed educational, recreational and other public sites, buildings and facilities, including hospitals, libraries, power generating plants and transmission lines, water supply, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, storm drainage, and other similar facilities and activities, and recommendations to meet future needs for community facilities and services, with indications of priority of need, costs, and method of financing.

<https://www.trorc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Capital-Budgets-and-Programs-11292022-1.pdf>

## IMPACT FEES – Title 24, Chapter 131

### § 5203. Procedure

(a) A municipality may levy an impact fee on any new development within its borders provided that it has:

(1) been confirmed under section 4350 of this title and, after July 1, 1992, adopted a capital budget and program pursuant to chapter 117 of this title. The plan or capital budget and program may include:

- (A) indication of locations proposed for development with a potential to create the need for new capital projects;
- (B) standards for level of service for the capital projects to be fully or partially funded with impact fees;
- (C) proposed locations and project lists, cost estimates, and funding sources;
- (D) timing or sequence of development in the identified locations; and

(2) developed a reasonable formula that will be used to assess a developer's impact fee. The formula shall reflect the level of service for the capital project to be funded and a means of assessing the impact associated with the development such as square footage or number of bedrooms. The level of service shall be either:

- (A) an existing level of service;
- (B) a State or federal standard; or

**(C) a standard adopted as part of a town plan or capital budget.**

# Ideal table of contents

- Narrative describing vision and tie to larger planning efforts
- Capital asset policy – describe what constitutes a capital asset and depreciation schedule
  - Example long lived assets with intimal purchase value (capitalization threshold) in excess of \$10 thousand
  - See next slide on asset deprecation schedule
- \*Debt management and capital reserve policy – define the amount of debt desired by alongside policy for making capital reserve contributions\*
- Description of process for prioritizing projects and related scorecard
  - Typically points based system including items such:

Health and safety	Essentiality	Depreciation / desired level of service	Community demand / need	Lifecycle costs
Departmental priority	Climate resilience	Population equity	Availability of sources	

- Aggregate summary of projects by department with individual project solicitations attached as appendix to plan
- Long term financial projection in which sources equal uses

**Examples:** <https://www.vtbondbank.org/resource/capital-planning-resource-page>



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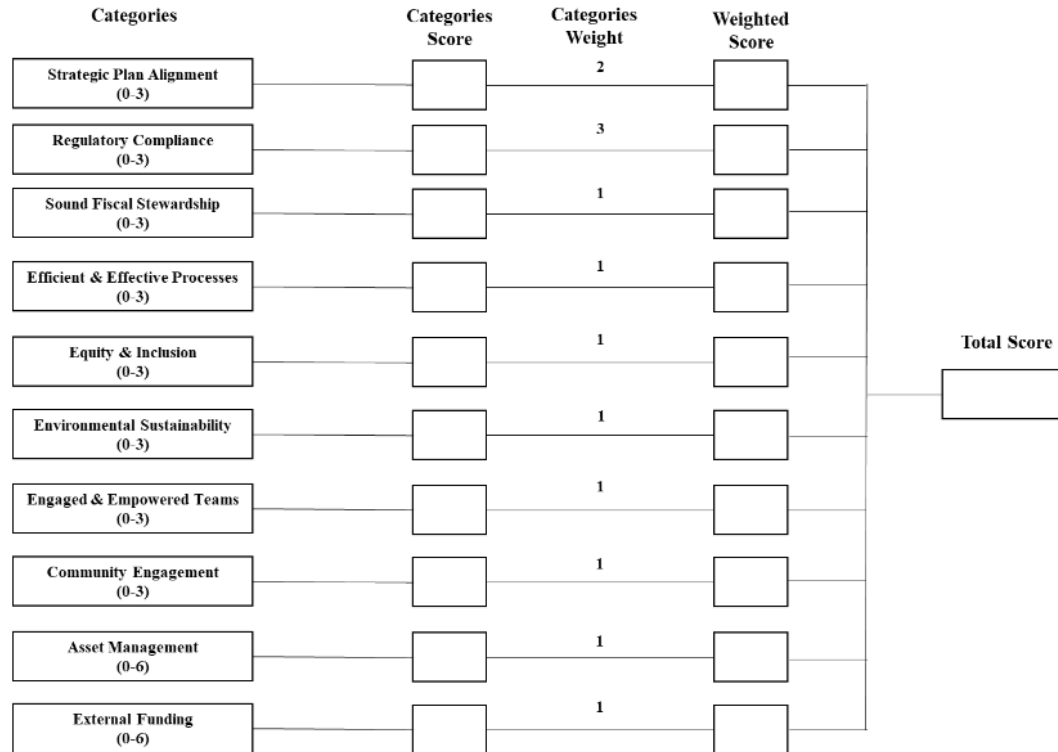
**From: TN Water & Wastewater Financing Board & Utility Management Review Board**

Buildings	30 to 50 years
Equipment & tools	10 to 15 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 to 10 years
Machinery, Equipment, Vehicles	5 to 15 years
Pumps and treatment equipment	15 to 20 years
Transportation Equipment	5 to 10 years
Water lines and storage	40 to 50 years

# Example Prioritization

## Production of CIP Plan

The final plan will be produced based on the evaluation of the CIP score, project type, funding, and schedule. The CIP will be re-evaluated on an annual basis to align growth, needs and budgeting.



[https://assets.lawrenceks.org/finance/Policies/CIP\\_Prioritization\\_guidelines.pdf](https://assets.lawrenceks.org/finance/Policies/CIP_Prioritization_guidelines.pdf)

# Adapting the capital plan

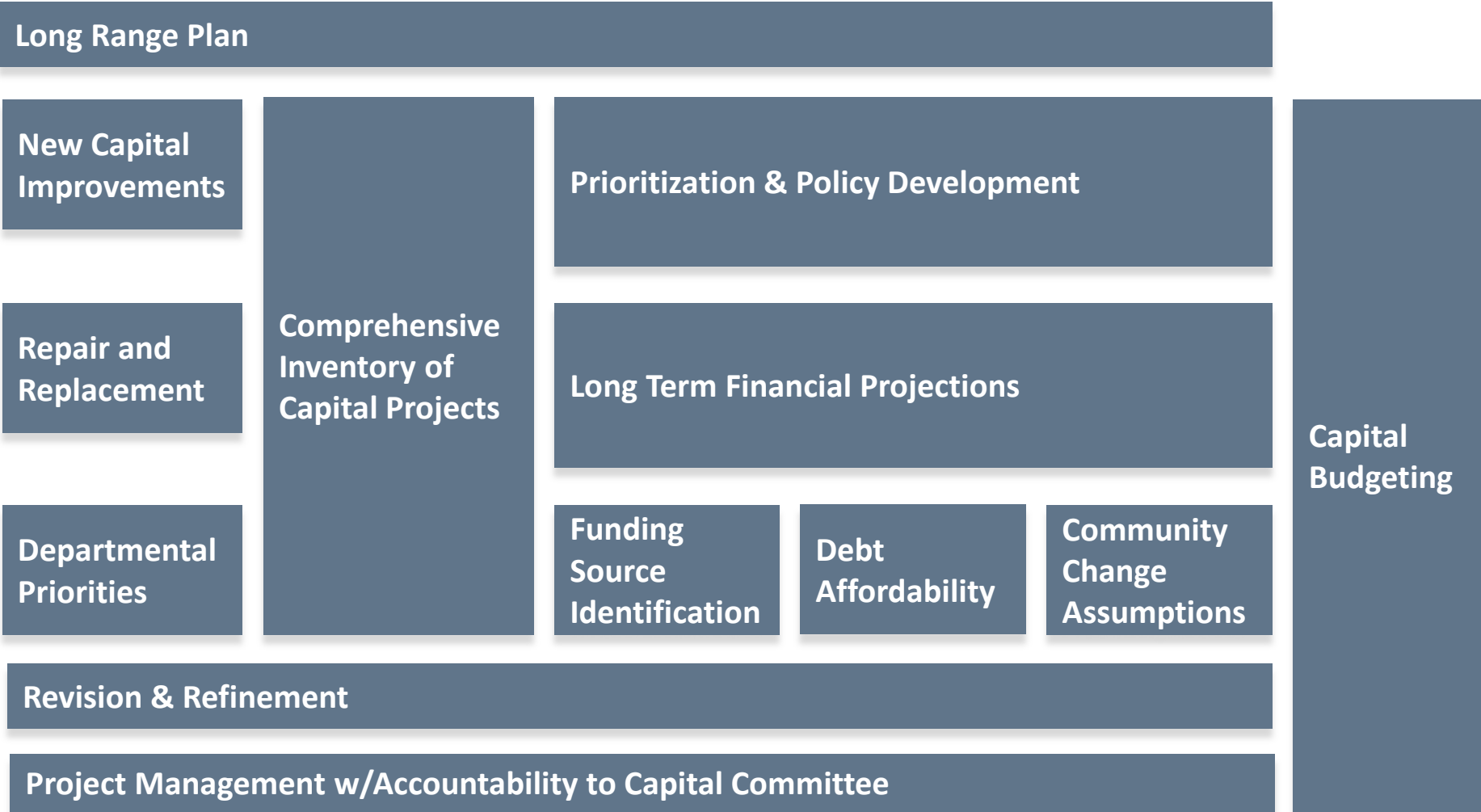
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- *Categorize equipment, facilities, and infrastructure by level of vulnerability to both acute and chronic risk. Acute risk occurs from a significant and often, isolated event.* This is typically the evaluation completed as part of local hazard mitigation plans. However, a changing environment is resulting in on-going challenges that will be faced on a shorter timeline than expected—like potholes
- *Integrate the above findings in the capital plan.* Climate and environmental risks are becoming an unavoidable component of municipal management and the mitigation strategies should similarly be integrated with existing documents
- *Move some portion of operating reserves topically used for unexpected repair and replacement to capital reserves to help anticipated the unexpected.*
- *Modify capital project scoring to also include furthering adaption in the scoring criteria.*
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- *Dedicate chapter or section to social infrastructure and natural systems such as cooling centers and wetlands.*

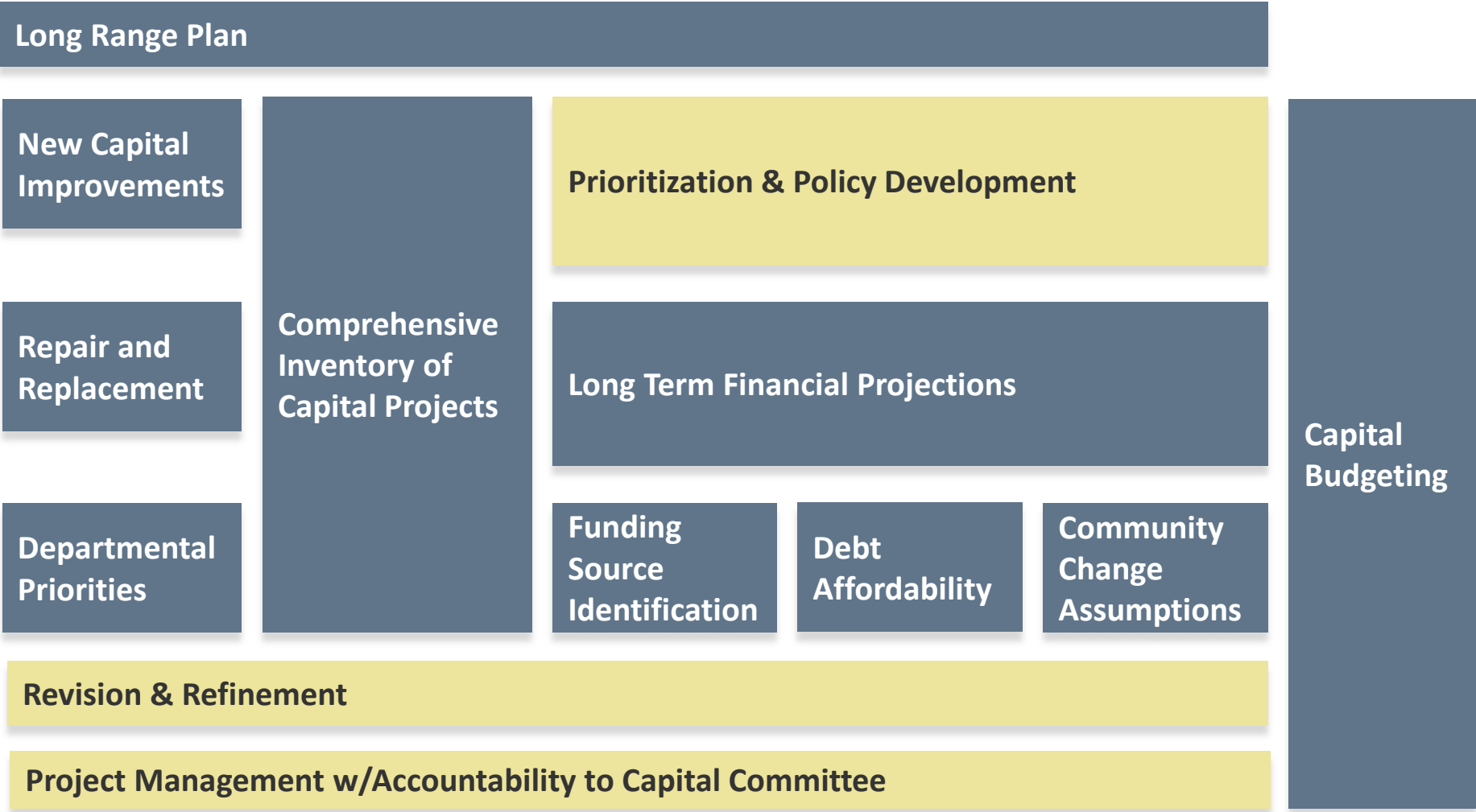
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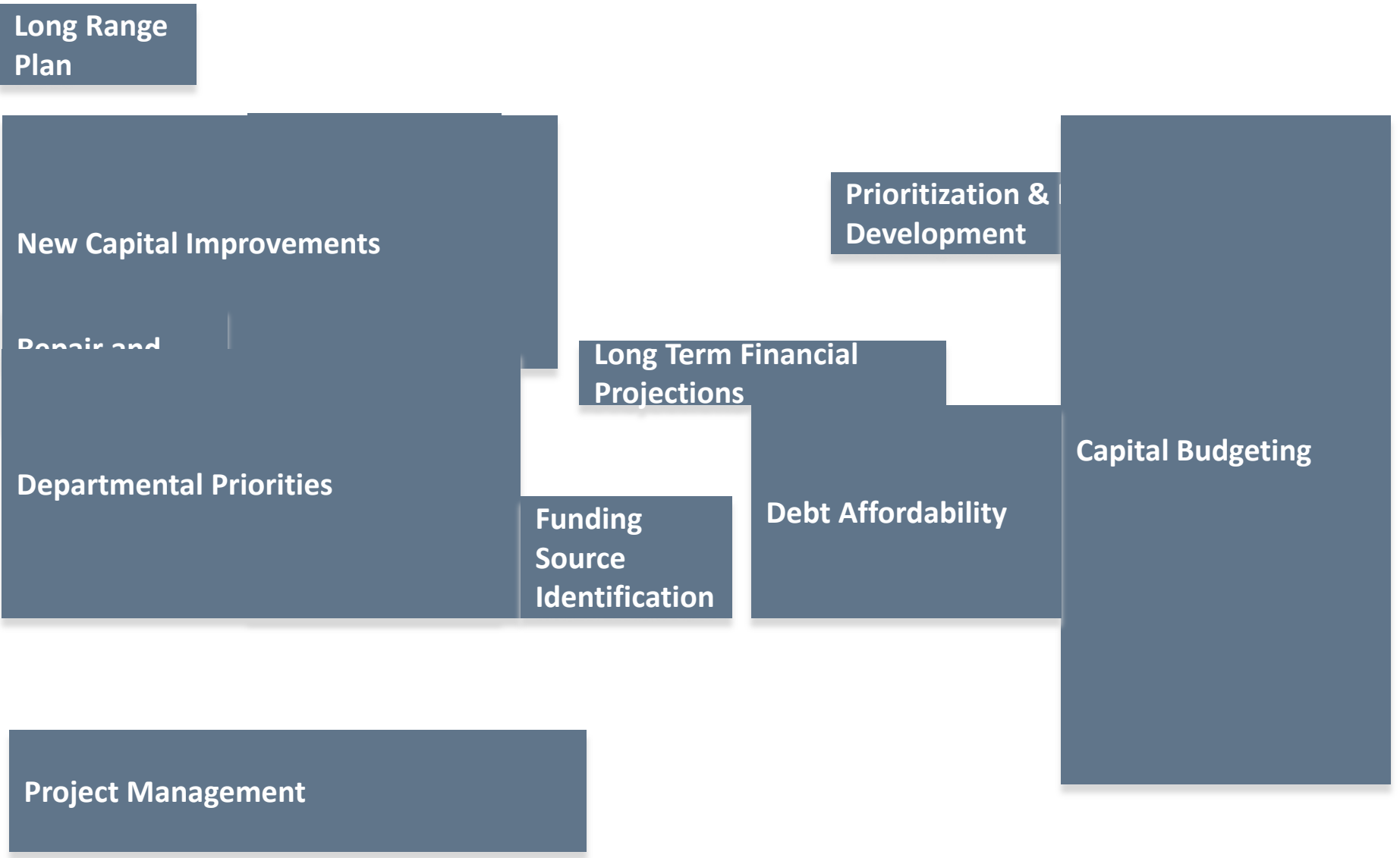
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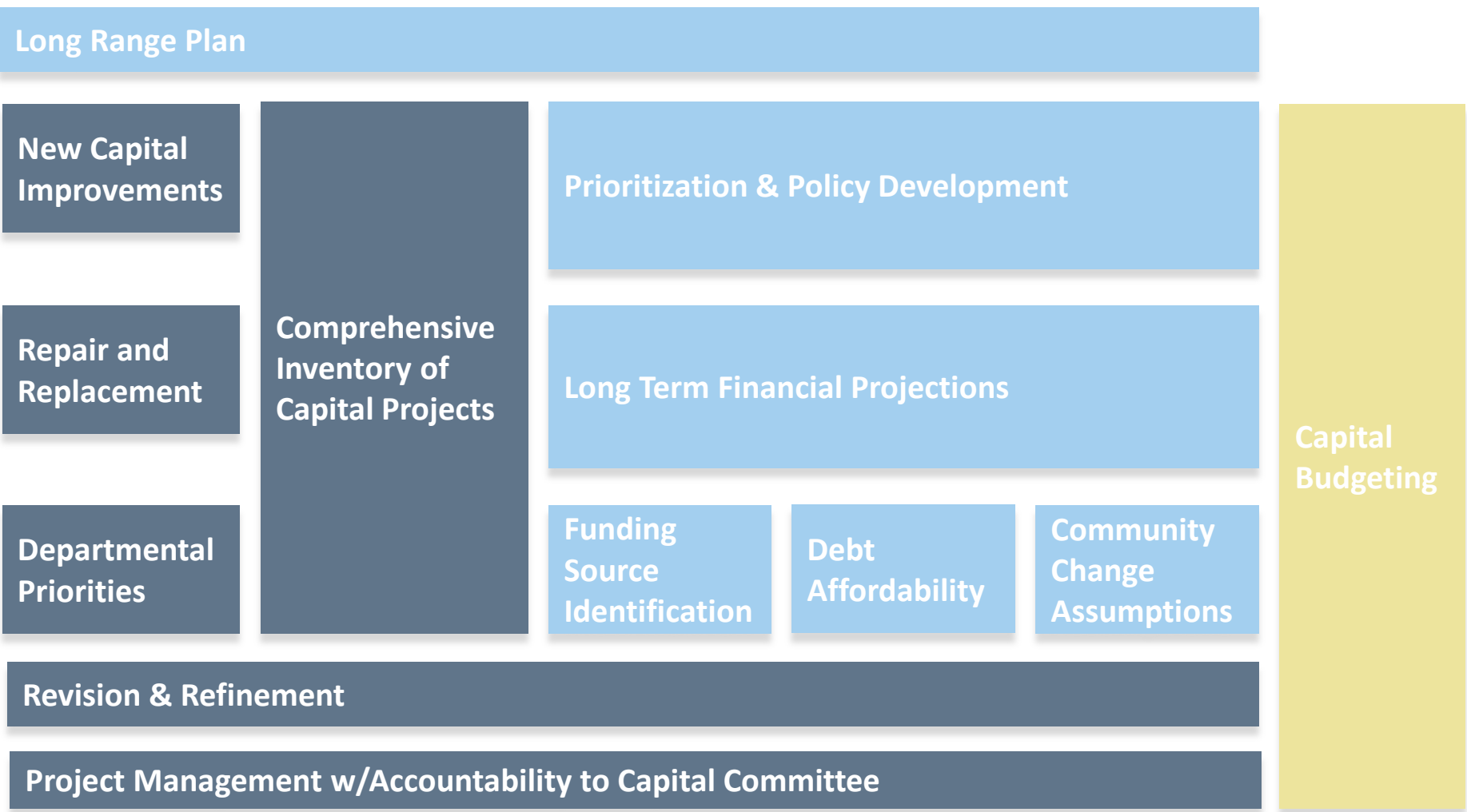


# Capital Planning Process...in Reality





# Capital Planning Process...for Discussion



# Connecting Operating Budget to Capital Budget

Contributions to Debt Service, Reserves, and  
PAYGO allowing capital plan sources to  
equal capital plan sources

DEPARTMENT	FY 18--19	FY 19--20	FY 20--21	FY 21--22	FY 22--23	FY 23--24	Total	%
<b>I. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>								
1 Town Offices/Buildings/Grounds	58,000	141,000	70,000	48,000	97,000	97,000	511,000	2.4%
2 Cemetery	5,000	5,000	8,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	43,000	0.2%
3 Police	243,527	179,246	125,961	99,998	74,308	149,431	872,470	4.0%
4 Rescue	252,000	411,700	30,000	104,000	88,000	275,000	1,160,700	5.3%
5 Fire	48,000	660,600	85,000	0	0	750,000	1,543,600	7.1%
6 Highway Infrastructure	105,000	90,000	90,000	95,000	895,000	95,000	1,370,000	6.3%
7 Highway Equipment & Bldgs.	172,000	560,000	562,082	271,695	229,988	129,061	1,924,826	8.9%
8 Public Works: Roads and Bike/ped Paths	34,600	120,200	4,642,100	271,100	45,900	2,170,000	7,283,900	33.6%
9 Recreation	43,000	68,000	350,000	0	39,000	0	500,000	2.3%
10 Library & Town Center	6,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	6,500,000	29.9%
11								
12								
13 Sub-Total, Gen'l Fund	7,461,127	2,235,746	5,963,143	894,793	1,474,196	3,680,492	21,709,496	100.0%
14								
15								
16 Stormwater	15,900	404,000	24,000	325,000	24,000	390,000	1,182,900	
17 Water Department Projects	125,000	260,000	320,000	365,000	35,000	1,015,000	2,120,000	
18 Wastewater/Sewer Dept. Projects	2,104,153	118,000	261,000	428,000	160,000	250,000	3,321,153	
19								
20								
21								
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<b>II. FUNDING OF GENERAL FUND PROJECTS</b>								
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31 Bond Issue/Loan	6,600,000	320,000	1,315,420	0	800,000	4,033,000	13,068,420	60%
32 Police Cruiser Fund	35,400	34,650	95,765	38,202	44,112	84,235	332,363	2%
33 Hwy Equip. Repl. Fund Loans	145,000	460,000	246,488	181,695	204,988	27,741	1,265,912	6%
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# Connecting Operating Budget to Capital Budget

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	85,730	80,095	5,635
<b>OTHER</b>			
Selectboard discretionary	3,000	1,154	1,846
Community events	1,500	1,090	410
Tree conservation	9,000	3,758	5,242
Committee support	1,500	50	1,450
Miscellaneous expense	-	25,294	(25,294)
	15,000	31,346	(16,346)
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Principal	715,628	653,500	62,128
Interest	158,144	158,144	-
	873,772	811,644	62,128
<b>TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>			
Special revenue funds	23,071	29,833	(6,762)
Capital projects funds	193,944	254,377	(60,433)
Enterprise funds	36,289	36,289	-
	253,304	320,499	(67,195)

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# What Mix Assuming Level Fund Capital?

	Debt	PAYGO	Reserves	Grants / Outside Funding
Debt	+	-	-	+ / =
PAYGO	-	+	=	+
Reserves	=	-	+	+
Grants / Outside Funding	+ / =	=	+ / =	+
Spending Capacity	High	Low	Medium	Low to High
Risk	High	Low	Low	Low to High

# Resources

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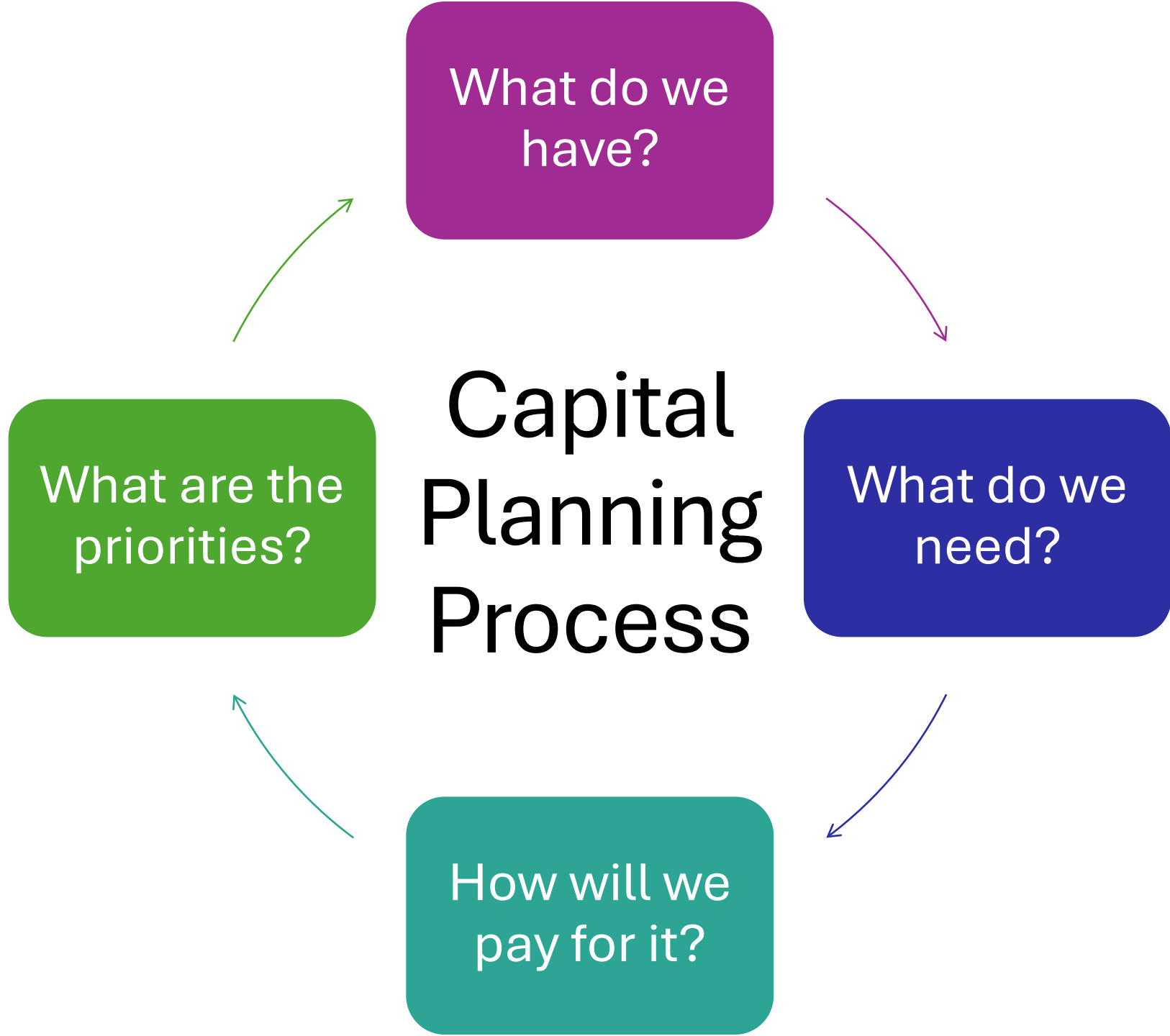
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# Capital Planning 101



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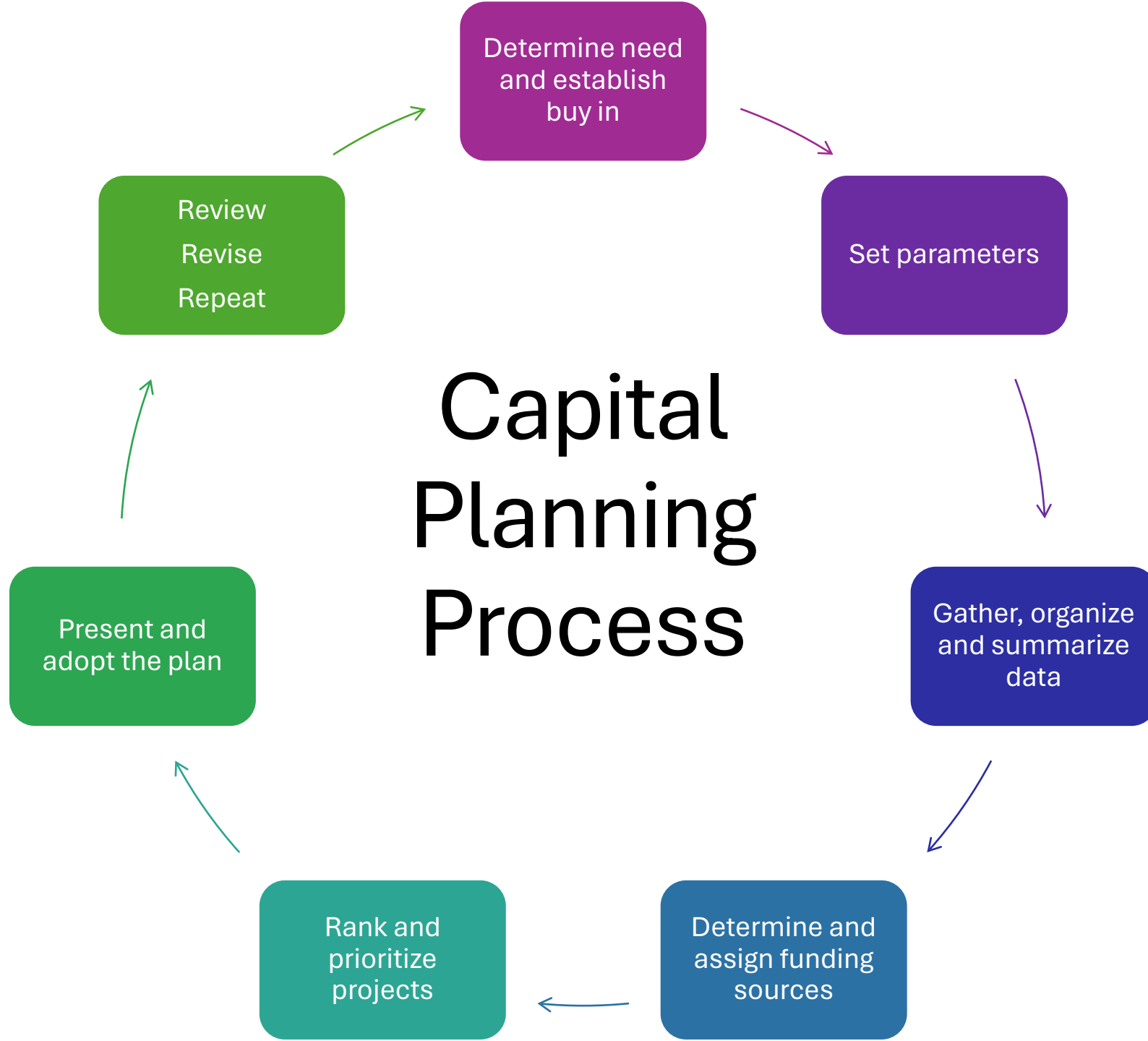
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# Capital Planning Process

What do we need?

How will we pay for it?

What are the priorities?



# Determine Need and Establish Buy In

## Selectboard Approval

- Budgets as policy
- Required policy work
- Documented priority status
- Keeps process visible

## Internal Support

- Communicate benefits
- Set clear and manageable expectations
- Iterative process



# Set Parameters

## Capital Planning Policy

- Define scope
  - Timeframe of the Plan
  - Definition of Capital Project
- Identify participants and responsibilities
- Requirement for ranking criteria
- Funding strategies



# Set Parameters

## Beyond the Capital Planning Policy

- Determine which data characteristics will be captured in the process
- Project ranking and prioritization criteria
- Process to submit projects
- Other related policies
- Annual timeline





# Gather, Organize, and Summarize Data

## Gather Data

1. Existing assets and projects
  - Audit data; insurance data
  - Input from department heads
  - Physical inventory
2. New projects
  - Input from department heads
  - Input from elected officials
  - Town plan documents
3. Third party data
  - Existing engineering studies
  - Road and Sidewalk condition reports

# Gather, Organize, and Summarize Data

## Organize Data

- Use excel or a database to enter the data

## Summarize Data

- Create project sheets
- Group like items to create projects
- Basis for the CIP document
- Project sheets become implementation guides and the starting point for next year



# Identify and Assign Funding Sources

## Allocation of Current Resources

- Capital reserves
- One-time resources
- Establishing dedicated revenue streams

## State, Federal, Local Grants

## Impact Fees

## Debt Financing

- Leases
- Short term debt
- Long term debt

## Donations

## Others?



# Rank and Prioritize Projects



Create a predetermined clear, objective set of criteria to evaluate all projects

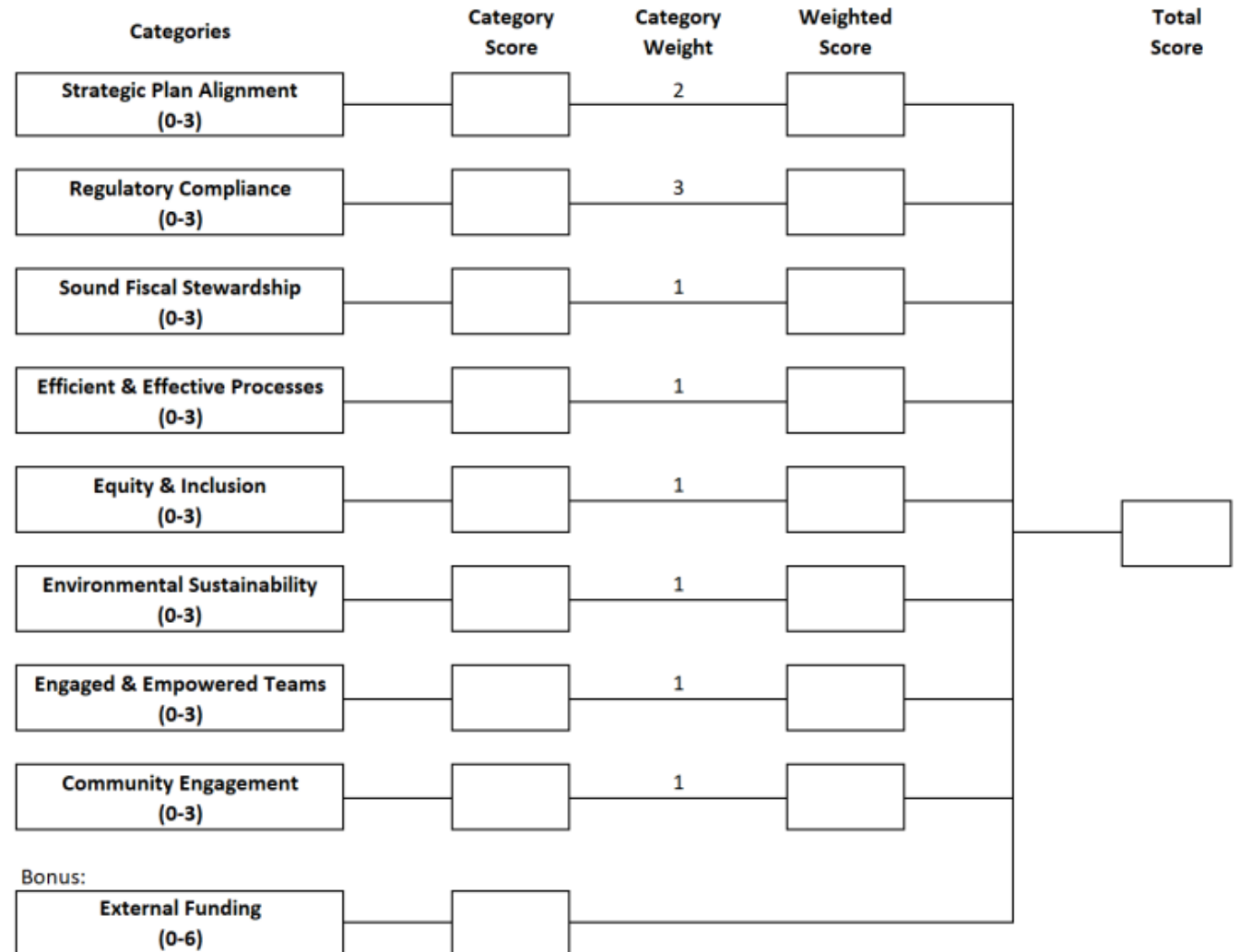
Promote procedural justice in the allocation of limited resources

Ensure existing assets are maintained before embarking on new initiatives

# Rank and Prioritize Projects

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## Example Rubric



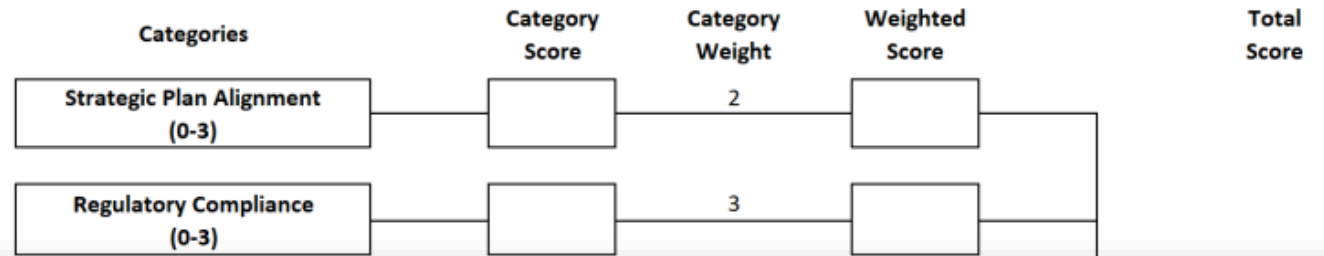
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# Example Rubric



## CIP Ranking Criteria

1. **Strategic Plan Outcome Alignment** – The strategic plan and other plans such as Plan 2040, various master plans, departmental strategic plans, and asset management plans are prepared to provide the City of Lawrence with a valuable aid for continuing efforts to meet and exceed goals set forth by City departments, advisory boards and commissions, and the community at-large. Plans include those documents that have been prepared internally to assure consistent adherence to industry best practices, as well as those documents that have been created with the assistance of outside consultants. The score will be based on answers to the following question:
  - a. How many progress indicator(s)/strategy(ies) outlined in the strategic plan does this project align with?

## Scoring Scale

0	1	2	3
The project does not align with any progress indicators or strategies outlined in the strategic plan	The project aligns with one (1) progress indicator or strategy outlined in the strategic plan	The project aligns with two (2) progress indicators or strategies outlined in the strategic plan	The project aligns with three (3) progress indicators or strategies outlined in the strategic plan

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# Rank and Prioritize Projects



## Example Rubric

Categories	Category Score	Category Weight	Weighted Score	Total Score
2. <b>Regulatory Compliance</b> – This includes compliance with regulatory mandates such as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directives, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and other County, State and Federal laws. This also includes compliance with self-imposed City ordinances, such as achieving 100% renewable energy within municipal operations. The score will be based on answers to the following questions:				
a. Does the proposed project address a current regulatory mandate? If yes, which one(s)?				
i. If the project addresses Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, does it implement the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design for newly constructed or altered State and Local Government facilities?				
b. Will the proposed project proactively address a foreseeable (within the next 5 years) regulatory mandate? If yes, which one(s)?				
c. Does the proposed project have a lasting impact on promoting regulatory compliance over the long term (more than 10 years)?				

### Scoring Scale

0	1	2	3
The project does not address a regulatory compliance issue	The project provides a short-term fix for an existing regulatory compliance issue or for one anticipated in the near future	The project provides a moderate-term fix for an existing regulatory compliance issue (maximum score for self-mandated projects)	The project resolves a pressing or long-term regulatory compliance issue and at least half of the project budget is tied to meeting a regulatory compliance standard

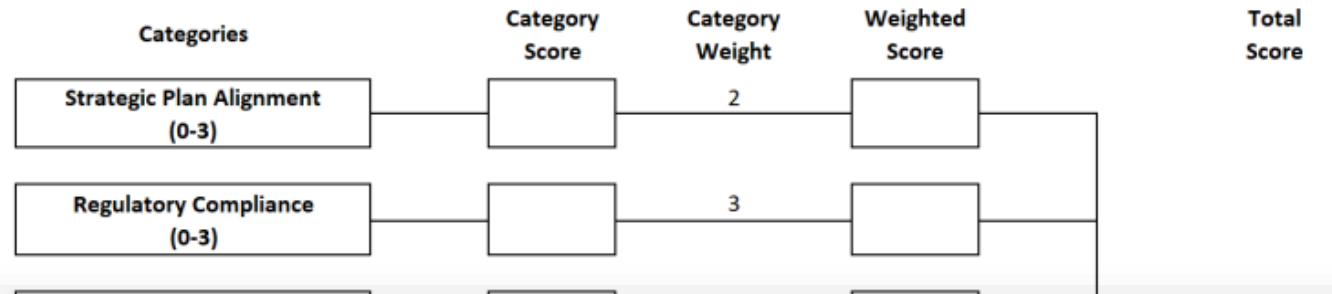


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# Rank and Prioritize Projects



# Example Rubric

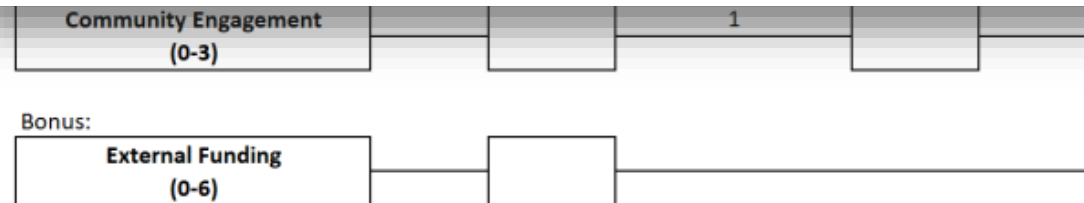


### Bonus Section

- External Funding** – Capital improvement projects may be funded through sources other than City funds. Grants through various agencies, public private partnerships, and donations can all be sources of external funding for a project. The percentage of total cost funded by an outside source will determine the score in this category.

#### Scoring Scale

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0% to 14% External Funding	15% to 28% External Funding	29% to 43% External Funding	44% to 57% External Funding	58% to 71% External Funding	72% to 85% External Funding	86% to 100% External Funding



Source: City of Lawrence, Kansas – [CIP Prioritization Summary](#)

# Present and Adopt Plan

Create a final CIP document incorporating:

- Narrative
- Summary data
- Project sheets

Final step in the process is adoption:

- Present to Selectboard
- Incorporate feedback as needed
- Hold public hearing
- Selectboard to adopt the CIP



# Review, Revise, Repeat

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Budgeting is a living process that requires ongoing evaluation and improvement

While the experience is still fresh, consider:

- Was the process timely?
- Did stakeholders have adequate time to participate?
- Was there data missing?
- Are there policy points that need clarification?



## Combining Tables and Named Ranges in create Data Validation Lists

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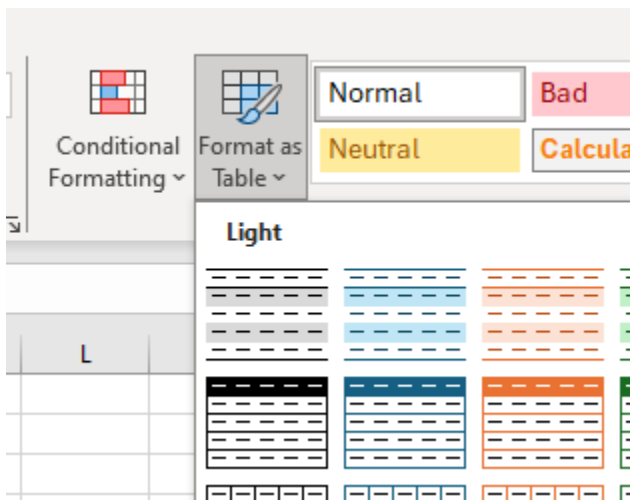
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3	Water	
4	Public Works	
5	Admin	
6	Clerk	
7	Recreation	
8		
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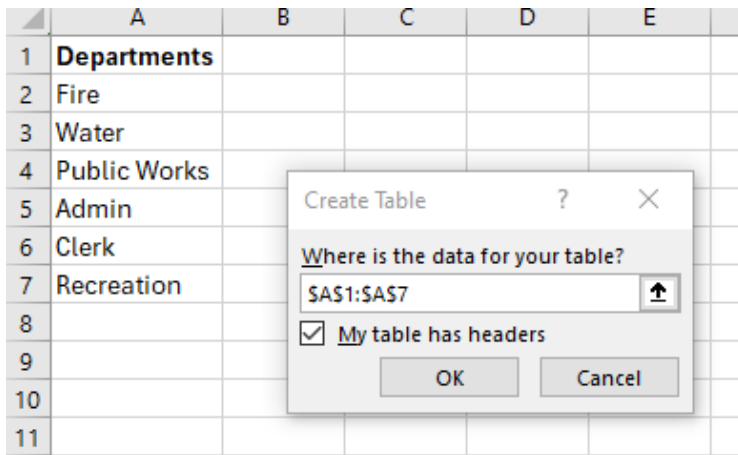
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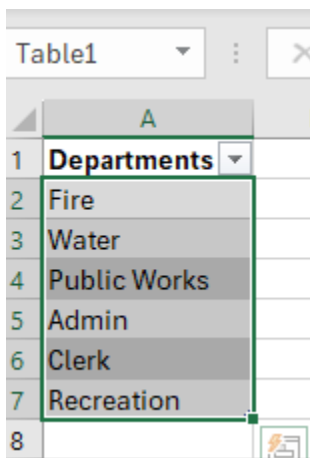
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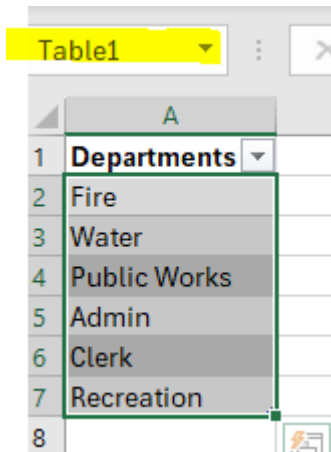


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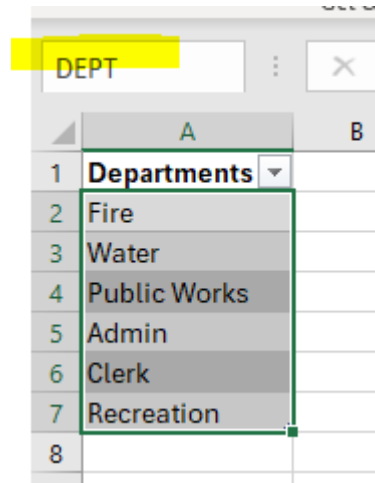
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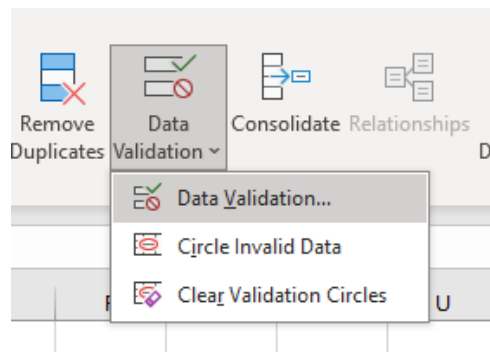


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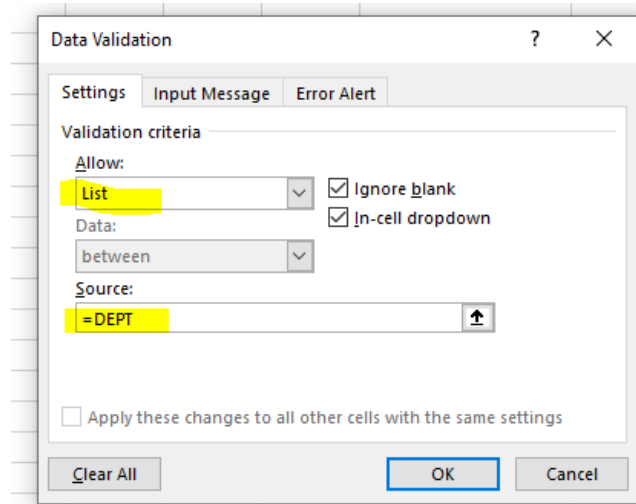


**Step 4: Used the Named Range as the Source of a List in Data Validation**

Select Data Validation from the Data Validation drop down menu on the Data tab



Allow for a List and enter an equals sign followed by the name of your range as the source:





April 11, 2024

# Efficiency Vermont Overview

Vermont Bond Bank  
Capital Planning Forum

Mike Crowley

Commercial & Industrial Portfolio Manager, Efficiency Vermont



# Who we are

- Statewide energy efficiency utility
- Reduce the cost of energy for all Vermonters
- Help families, businesses, and institutions understand and make better use of energy and reduce greenhouse gases



# What we do

- Direct support through incentives, training, and technical advice
- Market transformation through supply chain engagement
- Partnership with energy service providers



# The impacts of efficiency

Over \$3 billion

Lifetime savings from  
2000-2021

Over 13 million  
metric tons of  
CO<sub>2</sub>e

Lifetime avoided  
from 2000-2021

2.8 million  
cars

Equivalent impact of  
GHG emissions  
avoided

38% lower

Vermont's average  
energy bills, below  
the national average

9,832 jobs

Vermont's energy  
efficiency jobs – 58%  
of the clean energy  
workforce

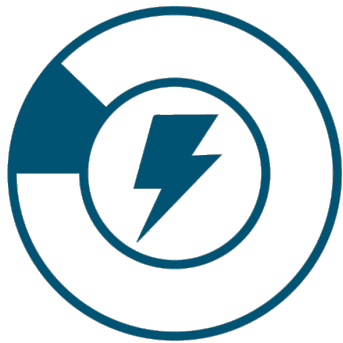
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businesses

Efficiency Excellence  
Network members

# The economic value of efficiency

Efficiency comprises over 15% of VT's electric portfolio, delivered at 75% of the cost of purchasing new power.



15.1%

Percentage of Vermont's 2021 electric needs met by efficiency



5.32¢/kWh

Cost of saving electricity with efficiency



7.4¢/kWh

Cost of supplying electricity

VS



\$13.00/MMBtu

Cost of saving fossil fuel with efficiency



\$23.55/MMBtu

Cost of supplying fossil fuel

VS

# Commercial Prescriptive Offers

- ✓ Point of Sale rebates with participating distributors
- ✓ Online or mail-in after purchase rebate forms

## Supported Projects and Technologies:

- Building Envelope
- HVAC (e.g., Heat pumps, wood boilers & furnaces)
- Commercial Refrigeration Equipment
- Agricultural Equipment
- Commercial Kitchen Equipment

# Commercial Custom Program

- ✓ Team of Account Managers and Energy Consultants
- ✓ Incentives determined on a project-by-project basis
- ✓ “Structured Custom” offers guarantee incentive amounts

## Services include:

- Commercial New Construction Technical Assistance
- Design Assistance (e.g., audits and energy modeling)
- Energy Treasure Hunts
- Strategic Energy Management
- Retrofit Lighting
- Flexible Load Management



# What is “Strategic Energy Management” (SEM)?

## 1. Organizational Commitment

- a) Policy & Goals
- b) Resources

## 2. Planning & Implementation

- a) Energy Management Assessment
- b) Energy Map
- c) Metrics & Goals
- d) Project Register
- e) Employee Engagement
- f) Implementation
- g) Reassessment

## 3. System for Measuring & Reporting Energy Performance

- a) Measurement
- b) Data Collection & Availability
- c) Analysis
- d) Reporting



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### CEE<sup>SM</sup> Strategic Energy Management Minimum Elements

#### Purpose

The CEE<sup>SM</sup> Strategic Energy Management (SEM) Minimum Elements describe, from the energy efficiency program perspective, the minimum conditions that an industrial company or facility should have in place in order to effectively and continuously improve their energy performance. The Elements do not describe efficiency program strategies or delivery approaches; these are detailed in the CEE SEM Program Case Studies. SEM has been effectively applied to many types of organizations and end uses; these Minimum Elements refer to the application of SEM to industrial businesses.

SEM as it is being practiced today is a relatively new approach to industrial energy efficiency. There is confusion currently regarding what exactly SEM is, which is intensified by the proliferation of program names and terms different market actors are using to describe similar ideas, including CEI, SEP, and ISO 50001. Additionally, because the term “energy management” has been used for more than 25 years in the US to describe audits and classic retrofit projects, there is a real need to be able to intelligently speak to all audiences about the differences between SEM and the more common, less strategic, project centered approach to energy efficiency.

By establishing a simple, clear description of what it means for an industrial site to be practicing SEM, these minimum elements provide a basis for consistent communication about SEM with industrial end users, which will improve market awareness and acceptance of SEM and help bring it to scale. For that objective to be achieved, program administrators, program implementers, and energy management service providers, who often are the communicators of the business case for SEM, need to come together around relatively straightforward language to describe what it is.

#### Definition

Strategic Energy Management can be defined simply as taking a holistic approach to managing energy use in order to continuously improve energy performance, by achieving persistent energy and cost savings over the long term. It focuses on business practice change from senior management through shop floor staff, affecting organizational culture to reduce energy waste and improve energy intensity. SEM emphasizes equipping and enabling plant management and staff to impact energy consumption through behavioral and operational change. While SEM does not emphasize a technical or project centric approach, SEM principles and objectives may support capital project implementation.

Working Together, Advancing Efficiency

# Make a Commitment

Adopt a formal Energy Policy and share the message with all staff



Form a cross-functional Energy Team, empowered by site leadership, that meets regularly and leads the effort



Raise energy awareness, provide training, and gain staff and stakeholder support

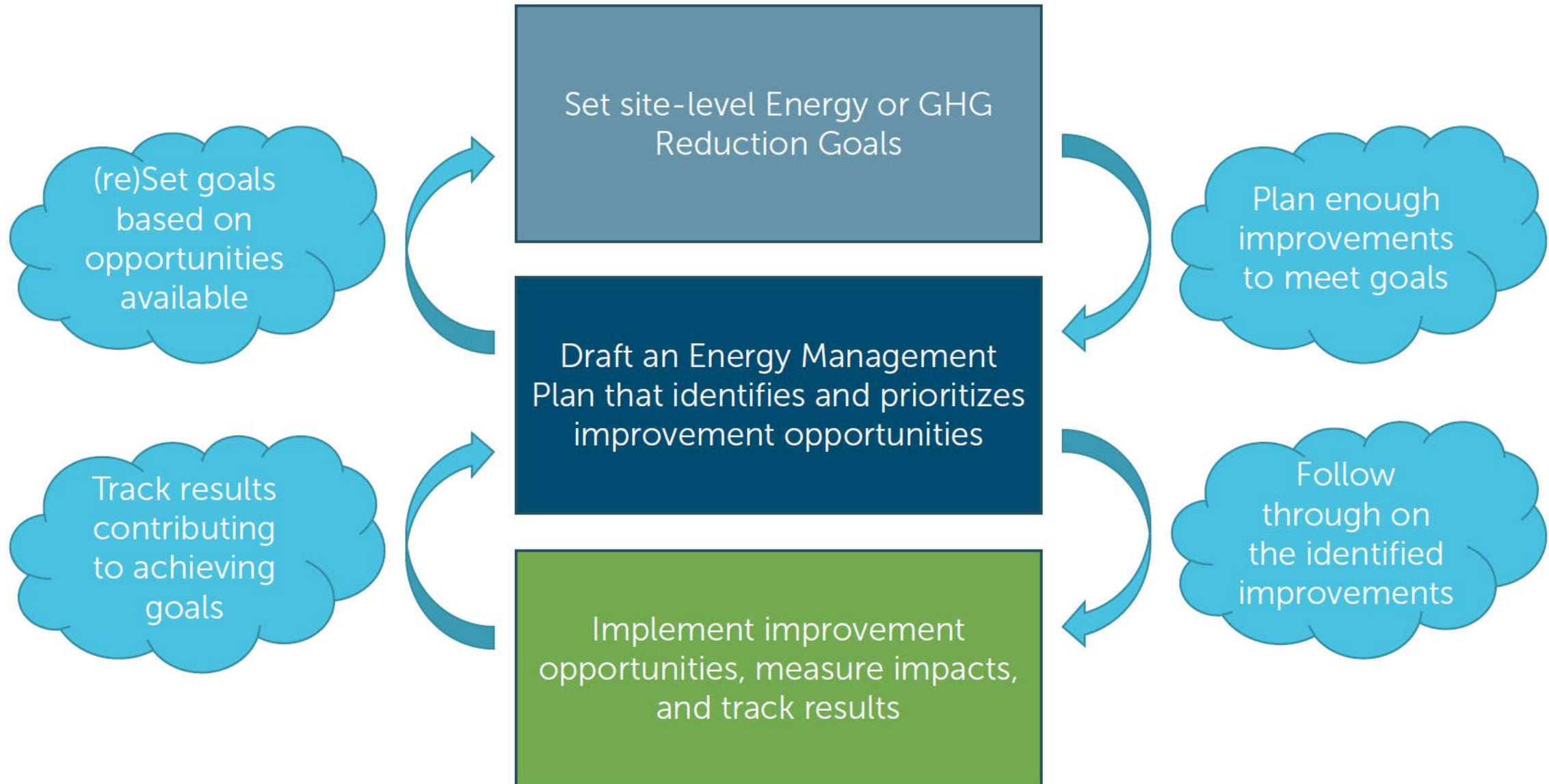
Include a commitment to setting and meeting goals

Provide the team with sufficient resources (people, time, \$) to meet goals

Enlist everyone's support to meet goals



# Plan & Implement Improvements



# What is an Energy Treasure Hunt?

A facilitated site walkthrough focused on:

- Identifying low- and no-cost energy savings, carbon reduction or demand reduction opportunities that can be implemented quickly;
- Identifying cost-effective capital projects to reduce energy cost and or consumption and other resource savings ideas;
- Engaging staff in energy and emission reduction efforts.

**Energy Treasure Hunt outcomes:**

- A prioritized portfolio of actions resulting in improved energy efficiency and reduced energy costs spanning immediate low and no cost measures up to long term capital projects requiring planning and budgeting;
- A formal effort to keep staff engaged in implementing the identified actions to establish or reinforce a persistent strategic energy management culture.

# EXPLORE

What are we looking for? **Ask 4 Quick Questions to assess opportunities:**



# EXPLORE



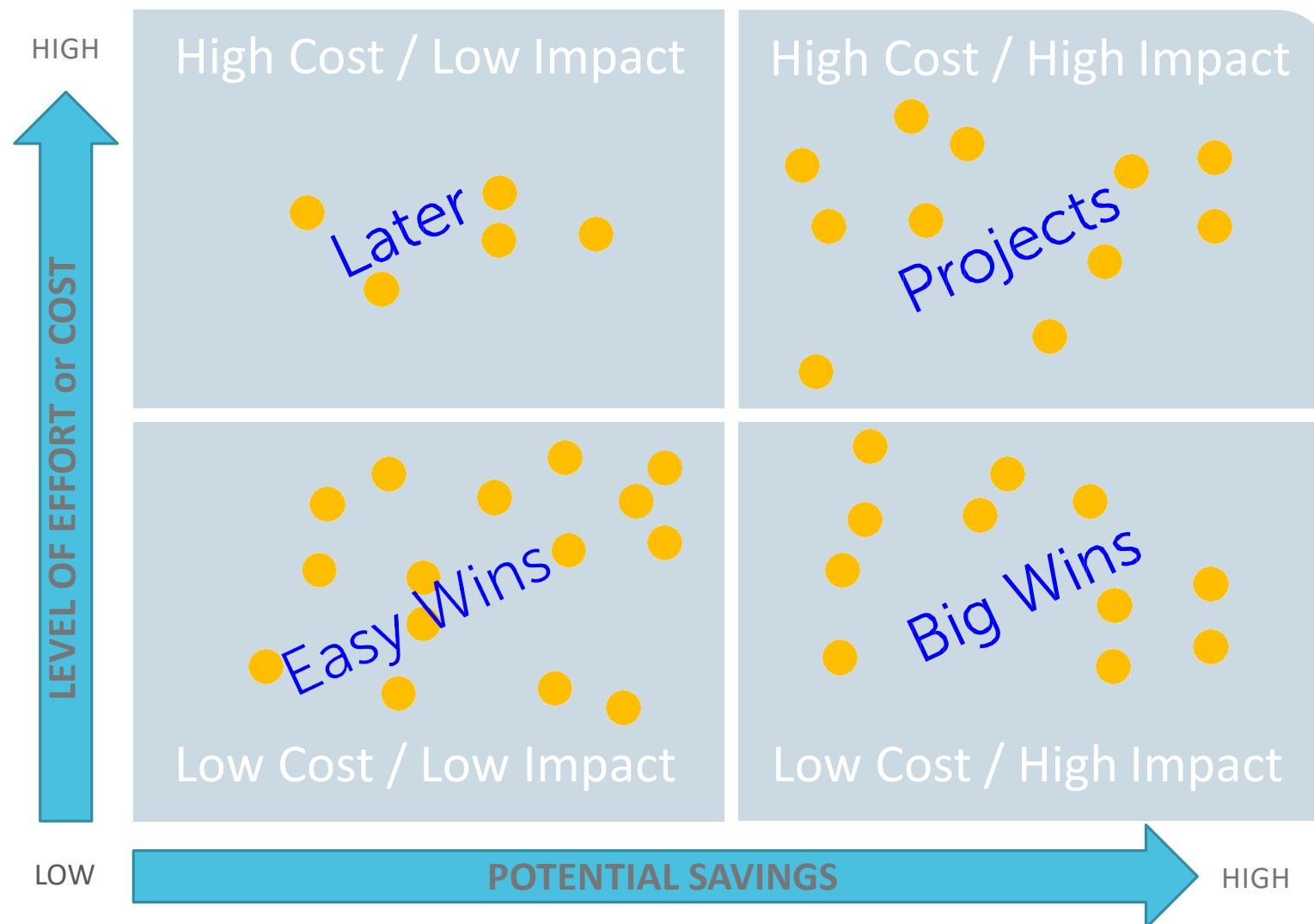
## Energy Treasure Hunts

# PRIORITIZE

With all participants,  
*briefly* present your ideas

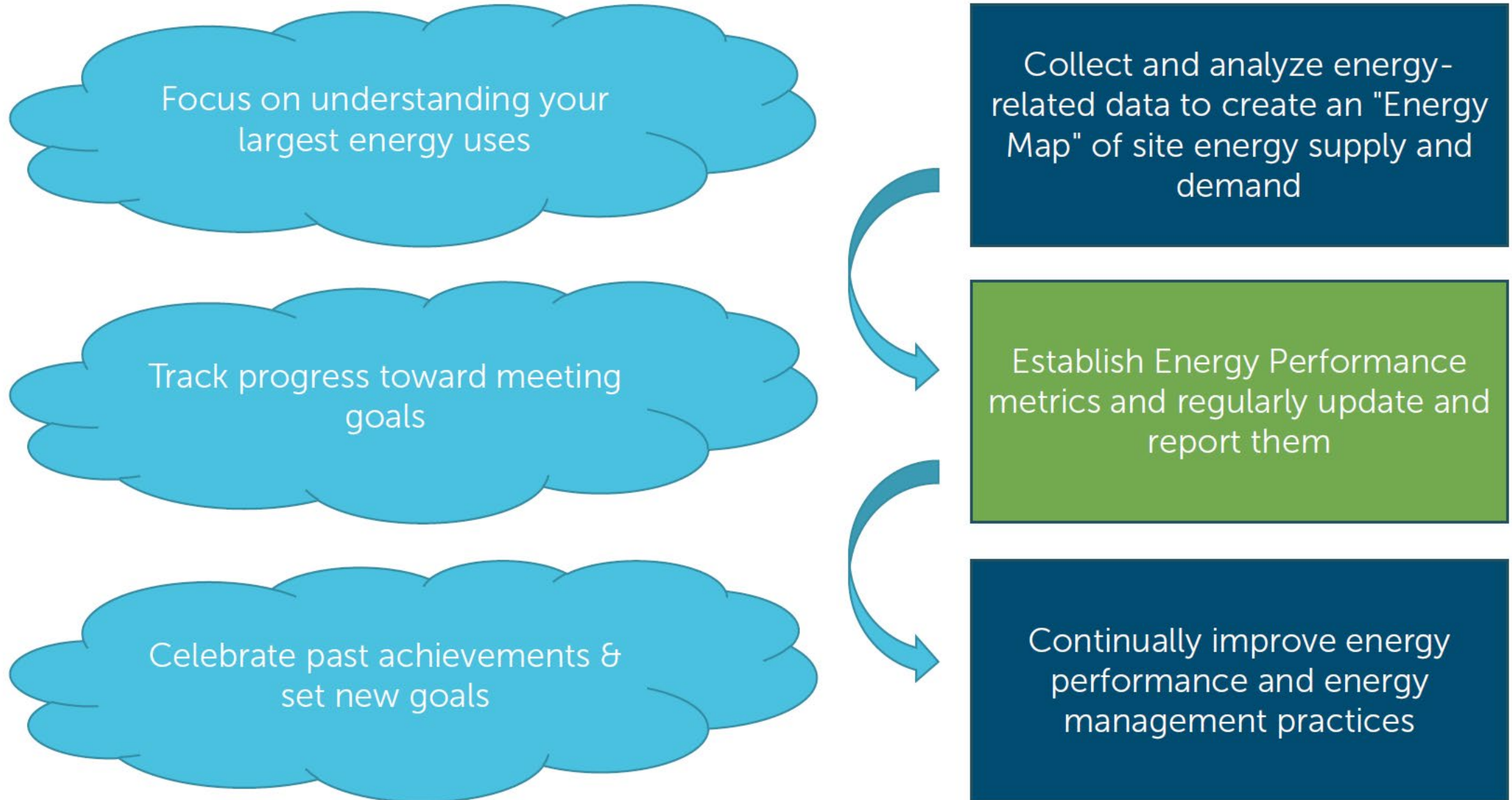
Rank the ideas based on *Level of Effort* and *Potential Savings*

Classify each idea as “Big Win”, “Easy Win”, “Project”, or “Later”





# Measure & Report Results



# REPORT FINDINGS

Provide a briefing on the Energy Treasure Hunt to site management

Include the following:

- ✓ Summary of the event
- ✓ Overview of Top 10 opportunities
- ✓ Other findings or observations
- ✓ Next steps

Ask for management approval to proceed to implementation as needed

Measure Category	Measure Description	Savings (kWh/yr)	Savings (therms/yr)	Estimated Simple Payback	Savings (\$/yr)
Big Wins	Repack valve on Boiler 3 to repair steam leak		2,080	1 month	\$800
	Boiler staging optimization		22,908	< 6 months	\$9,200
	Apply an unoccupied schedule to the kitchen exhaust and make up air unit	45,290	4,420	< 1 week	\$4,900
	Employ the OR ACH set back during unoccupied periods	31,600	3,940	< 1 week	\$3,800
Easy Wins	Audit and repair/replace failed steam traps		27,050	~6 months	\$10,800
	Repair condensate leaks at the header and collection tank		6,250	< 2 months	\$2,500
	Apply occupancy schedule to AHU 13	20,000	1,500	< 6 months	\$2,000
	Optimize schedule for AHU 18	8,000	500	< 2 months	\$800
	Apply occupancy schedule to AHU 37 zones: 41,43,44 surgical registration, PPT work room, B1 area (6 VAV boxes)	4,090	440	~1 year	\$500
Projects	Replace existing burners with AutoFlame fully modulating		27,630	10 - 11 years	\$11,100
	Increase steam pipe insulation in D Wing		215	5 - 6 years	\$100
	Insulate bare valves and fittings in the boiler room		8,850	9 - 10 years	\$3,500
	Insulate steam valves		500	3 years	\$200
<b>Total</b>		<b>108,980</b>	<b>106,283</b>	<b>&lt;3.5 years</b>	<b>\$50,200</b>



# Efficiency Vermont SEM Support

**1**

Help you define and measure progress toward Energy Performance goals

**2**

Create an Energy Management Plan including a prioritized portfolio of measures, projects, and activities that will help your meet your goals

**3**

Introduce globally recognized Energy Management best practices

# Thank you

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Micah 3, Caleb 5

Mt. Philo, VT photo credit: Jane Stratton (Mom)

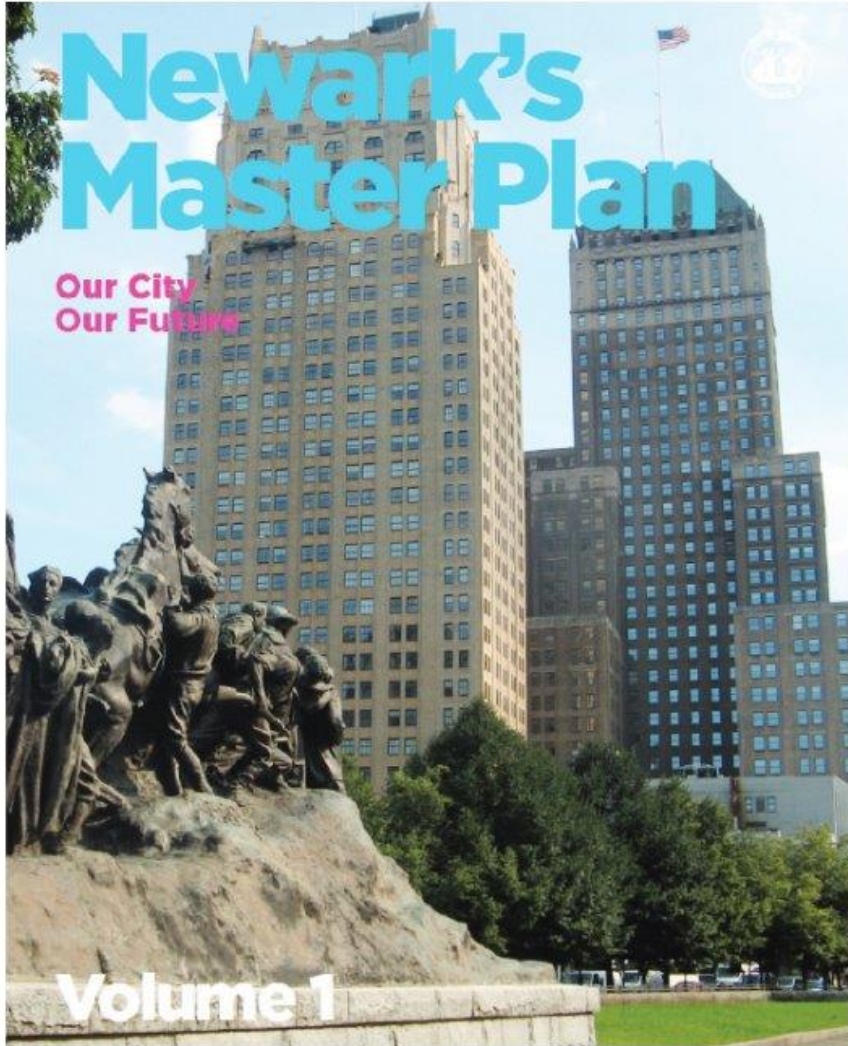


Caleb 38, Childhood home

North Ferrisburg, VT photo: Jen Stratton (wife)







# Newark's Master Plan

Our City  
Our Future

Volume 1

## Indicator 7 Diverse Population

- 71 Race and ethnicity
- 72 Income distribution
- 73 Household type
- 74 Age

Newark's neighborhoods continue to support a diverse and integrated range of households and individuals

Newarkians are proud of their cultural heritage. Over the years, the city has become home to a wide range of people, families, and communities many of which have contributed significantly to our society - locally, nationally, and internationally. A city is defined by its population, and diversity is critical to the economy of a city as it responds to evolving economic and markets. In understanding the composition of its evolving population and household composition, Newark will be better positioned to meet the demands of its communities.



# Tropical Storm Irene 2011: 6" Rainfall

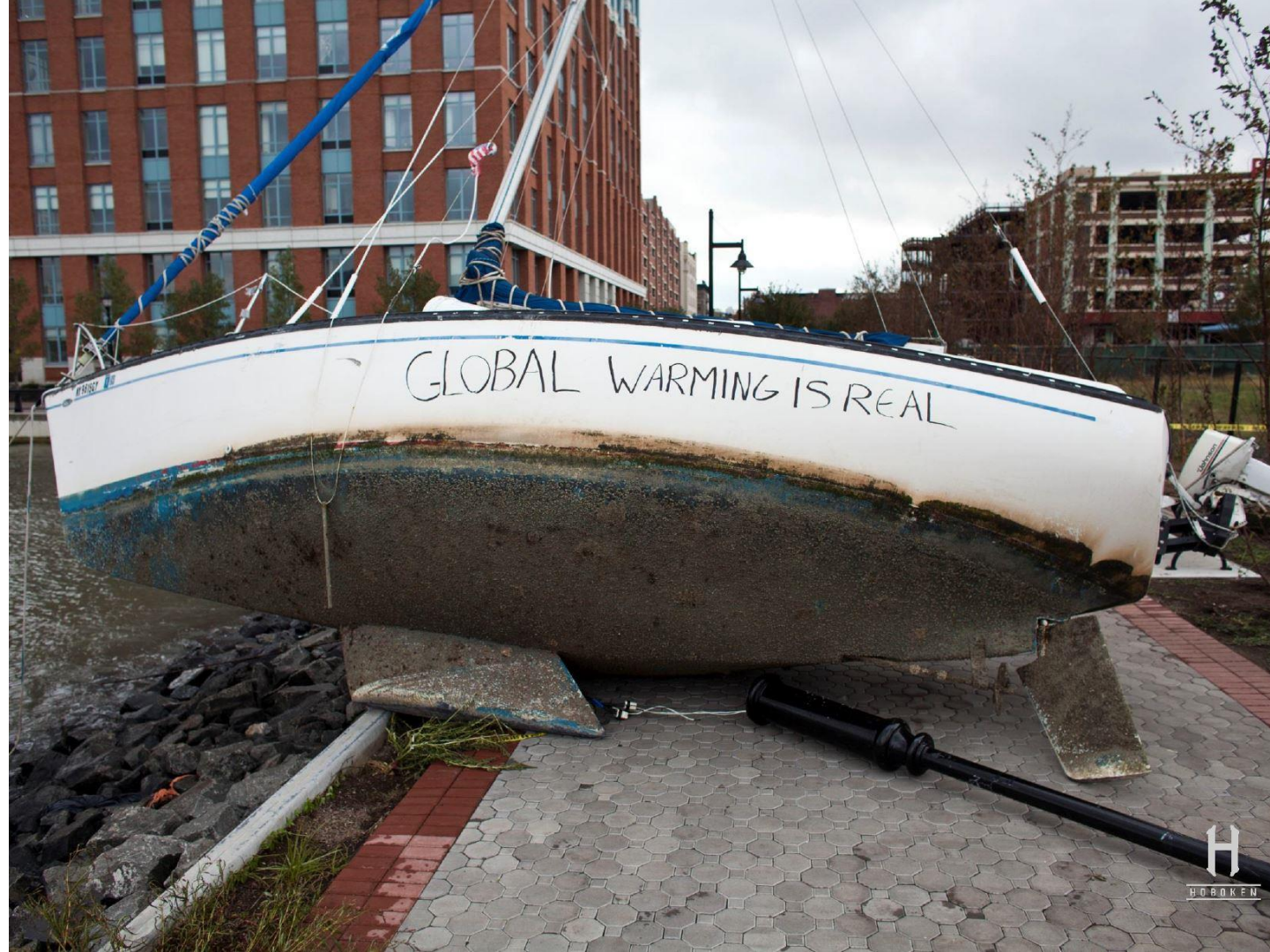


2011



# Superstorm Sandy 2012: 12' Surge



















# Hurricane Henri: 2021





# Hurricane Ophelia: 2023



# VERMONT

## ATLAS OF DISASTER

**REBUILD  
BY  
DESIGN**



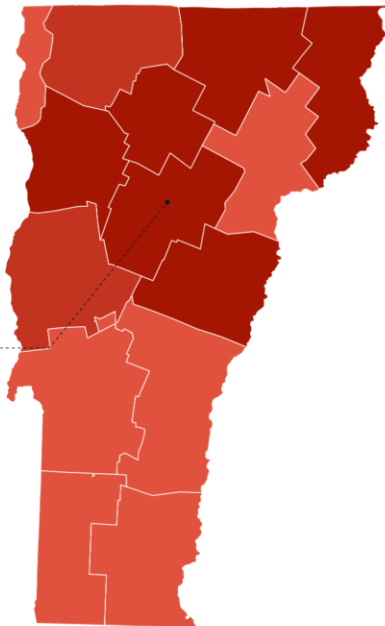
### DISASTER OCCURRENCES 2011-2021

FEDERALLY DECLARED CLIMATE DISASTERS BY COUNTY

**117**  
disaster  
declarations

Every county in Vermont has had four or more recent climate disasters. Six out of the 14 counties have had 10 or more.

Washington County has experienced 11 recent disaster declarations - the highest in the State.



Number of Disaster Events

Major Disaster Declarations (2011-2021)

- 0 occurrences
- 1 occurrence
- 2-3 occurrences
- 4-6 occurrences
- 7-9 occurrences
- 10+ occurrences

SOURCE: FEMA 2021  
MAPS COURTESY OF IPARAMETRICS

### FEDERAL ASSISTANCE 2011-2021

POST-DISASTER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDS OBLIGATED BY COUNTY FOR CLIMATE DISASTERS

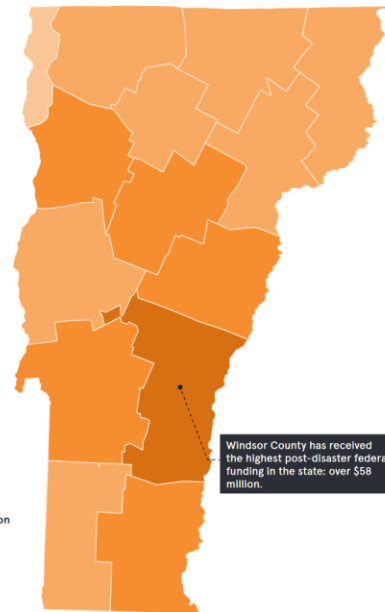
**\$370M**  
post-disaster  
assistance

\$331M FEMA obligations

\$39.5M HUD CDBG-DR Funds

\$370M FEMA + HUD assistance

\$593 per capita cost



Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation

Federal Share Obligated (2011-2021)

- \$0 to \$100K
- \$100K to \$1M
- \$1M to \$10M
- \$10M to \$50M
- \$50M to \$100M
- \$100M to \$1B
- \$1B to \$9B

Windsor County has received the highest post-disaster federal funding in the state: over \$8 million.

SOURCE: FEMA 2021  
MAPS COURTESY OF IPARAMETRICS

Is the risk real?




# WINDHAM COUNTY

IN 2011, SEVERE FLOODING FROM TROPICAL STORM IRENE SWEEPED A BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM, POSING THREATS TO DAM SITES INCLUDING BALL MOUNTAIN LAKE DAM IN JAMAICA, VERMONT.<sup>7</sup>

SEPTEMBER 2011

IMAGE SOURCE: FRANK FEDELE | US ARMY CORPUS OF ENGINEERS


## Did this happen?



\$5.29B

A 2021 study by University of Vermont predicts \$5.29 billion in flood damages along the Winooski River in the next century, affecting over 140,000 Vermonters.<sup>8</sup>





7.5

inches is the increase in average annual precipitation in Vermont between the early 1900s and 2020, averaging a rise of 1.4 inches per decade since 1960.<sup>5</sup>

## \$558 MILLION IN LOSSES

ACCORDING TO THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION, WEATHER-RELATED INSURED LOSSES COST AUTO, HOMEOWNERS, AND FARM POLICIES \$558 MILLION FROM 2010 TO 2019.<sup>6</sup>

JULY 2023 | BARRE CITY

IMAGE SOURCE: JONATHAN WILLIAMS

Will it  
happen again?



# Should we do nothing?

Producing no for an answer, within the context of a negotiation, is easier than trying persuade anyone (an angry mob of community members for example) to actually agree on saying yes.

14

counties were hit hard by a historic flood in July 2023, resulting in extensive property damage, closure of 100+ roads, and significant damage to rail lines.<sup>2</sup>



**IN A SPAN OF 38 HOURS,**

VERMONT WAS DRENCHED WITH 6.23 TO 9.05 INCHES OF RAIN, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. THE WINOOSKI AND LAMOILLE RIVERS SURGED PAST THEIR PREVIOUS WATER LEVEL RECORDS SET DURING THE DEVASTATING HURRICANE IRENE IN 2011.<sup>3</sup>

JULY 2023 | MONTPELIER

IMAGE SOURCE: SENIOR MASTER SGT MICHAEL DAVIS US AIR NATIONAL GUARD



# WASHINGTON COUNTY

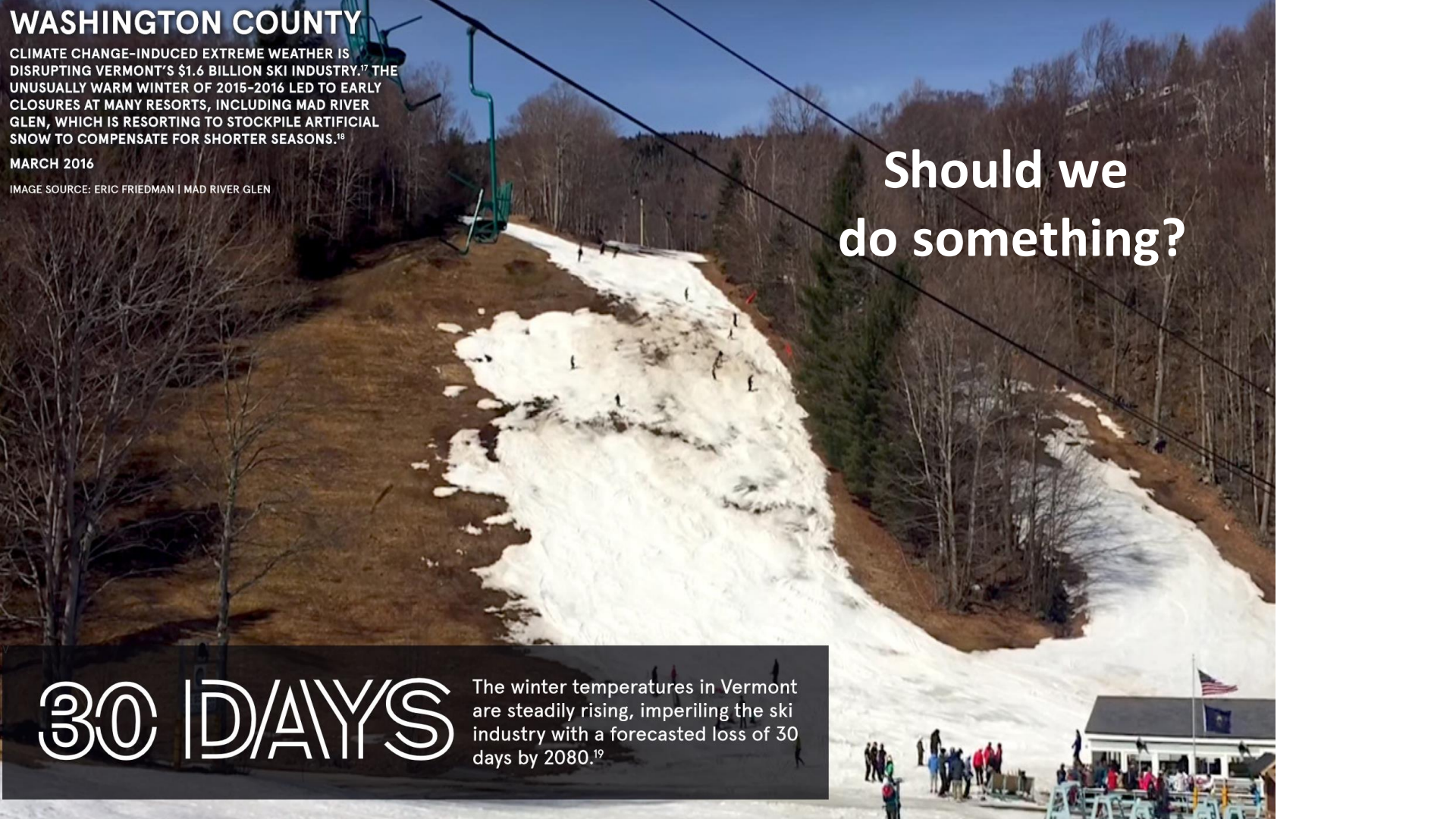
CLIMATE CHANGE-INDUCED EXTREME WEATHER IS DISRUPTING VERMONT'S \$1.6 BILLION SKI INDUSTRY.<sup>17</sup> THE UNUSUALLY WARM WINTER OF 2015-2016 LED TO EARLY CLOSURES AT MANY RESORTS, INCLUDING MAD RIVER GLEN, WHICH IS RESORTING TO STOCKPILE ARTIFICIAL SNOW TO COMPENSATE FOR SHORTER SEASONS.<sup>18</sup>

MARCH 2016

IMAGE SOURCE: ERIC FRIEDMAN | MAD RIVER GLEN

## Should we do something?

**30 DAYS** The winter temperatures in Vermont are steadily rising, imperiling the ski industry with a forecasted loss of 30 days by 2080.<sup>19</sup>





# CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

## 1. GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT

In September 2020, the Vermont State Legislature passed the Vermont Global Warming Solutions Act (H.688), creating legally binding emissions reduction targets. The Act calls on the state to reduce greenhouse gas pollution to 26% below 2005 levels by 2025, 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% below by 2050. The Act also created the Vermont Climate Council and charged them with developing an initial state Climate Action Plan. Notably, the Act creates a pathway for private citizens to take legal action against the State, should it not create, implement, or enforce rules necessary to achieve the targets.<sup>23</sup>

## 2. MIDDLEBURY RIVER RESTORATION

In a groundbreaking effort, the town of Middlebury spearheaded the restoration of the Middlebury River in 2019. By investing \$3 million, they reconnected the river with its floodplain, enhancing stability and reducing erosion by 20%. Local collaborations further improved fish habitats and bolstered the region's resilience to climate change. This innovative project turns a once-degraded river into a symbol of Vermont's commitment to environmental integrity, reflecting a forward-thinking approach to climate adaptation that promises lasting impacts on the state's ecological landscape.<sup>25</sup>

## 3. BARRE CITY HOME BUYOUTS

Facing repeated flooding, Barre City implemented a strategic home buyout program in 2013. Investing over \$1.2 million in funds from federal, state, and local sources, the city acquired and demolished 15 properties in flood-prone areas. These spaces were

transformed into public parks and natural flood barriers, mitigating flood damage by an estimated 30%. The program stands as a compelling example of turning climate vulnerability into community strength, providing both safety and aesthetic value to the city's landscape.<sup>25</sup>

## 4. THE AFFORDABLE HEAT ACT

Enacted into law in 2023, The Affordable Heat Act (S.5) aims to provide financial support to low-income households struggling with heating costs. The Act offers subsidies and support to eligible individuals, while ushering a transition to cleaner energy. The legislature will vote on its implementation in 2025.<sup>24</sup>

## 5. REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE

Vermont's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative has been instrumental in reducing the state's carbon footprint, with a 20% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions from power plants since 2008. The program also generated over \$100 million in revenue for the state, further supporting its environmental efforts.<sup>27</sup>

## 6. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN HINESBURG

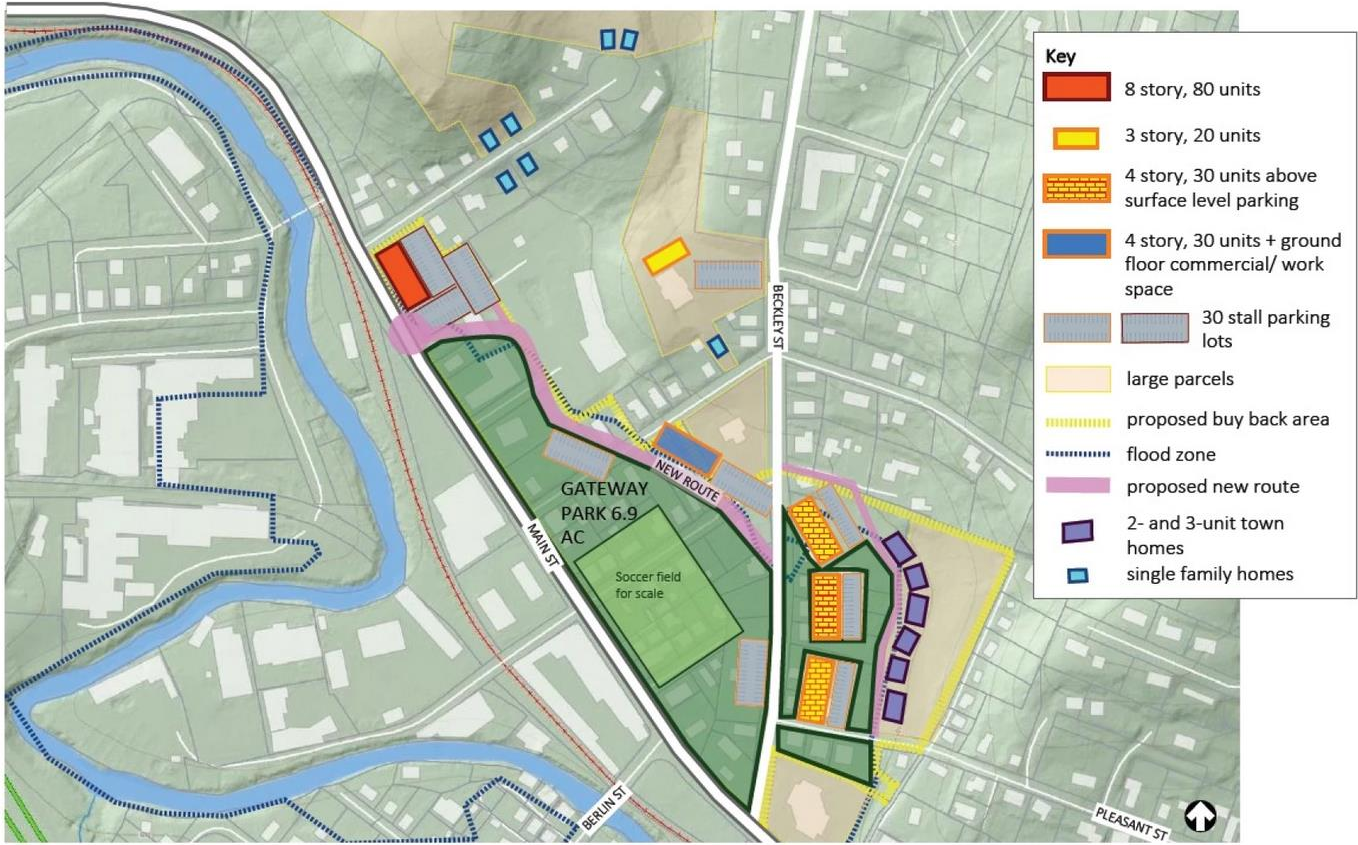
Hinesburg, Vermont, sets a commendable example with its adoption of a green infrastructure plan. The town is pioneering strategies to manage stormwater and reduce flooding, contributing to the entire state's resilience and adaptation in the face of climate change.<sup>28</sup>



IMAGE SOURCE: STATE OF VERMONT | AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES



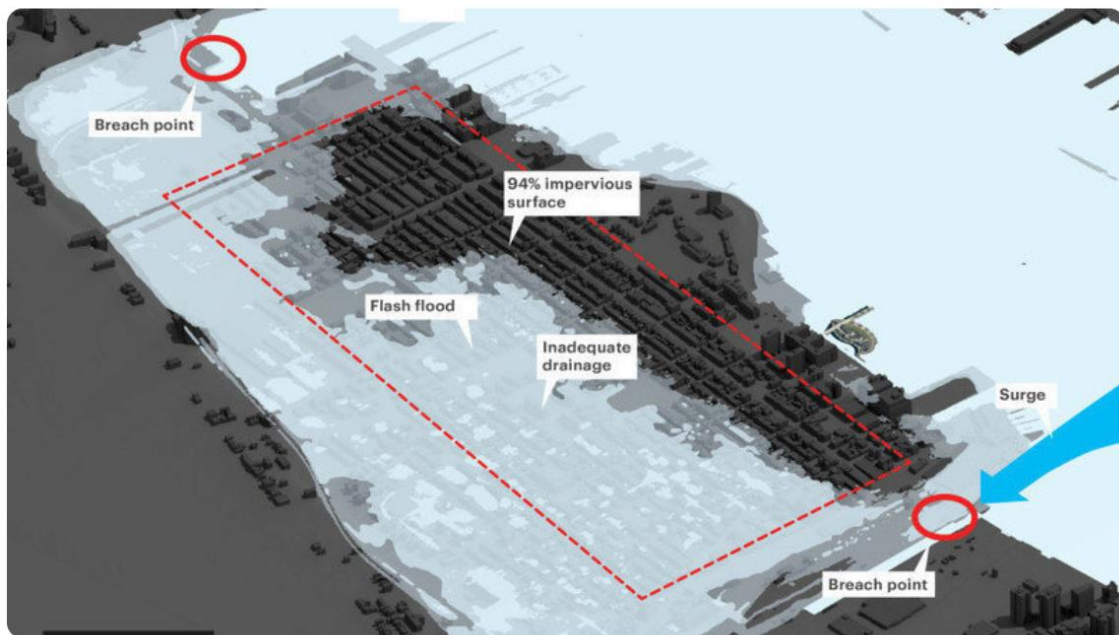
IMAGE SOURCE: VPIRG | STUDENT CLIMATE RALLY 2019



Study Option: ~225 dwellings, high rise, mid rise, town homes, single family homes  
 10/24/23  
 North Barre Gateway Park Feasibility Study

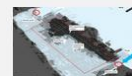


# SAY NO TO OPTION A: Stop Hoboken from Building a Wall that Doesn't Protect All Residents



## Petition Closed

This petition had 742 supporters



SAY NO TO OPTION A: Stop Hoboken from Building a Wall that Doesn't...

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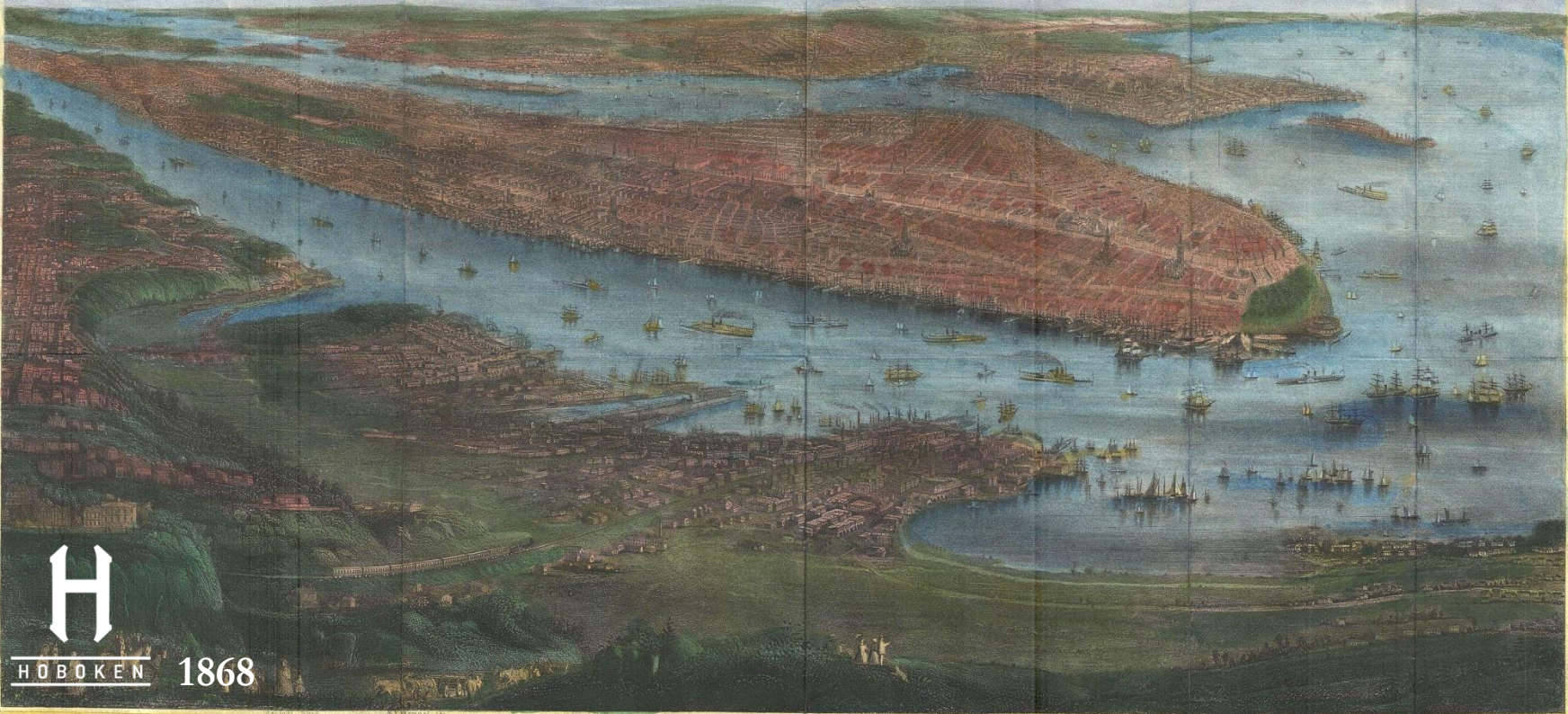
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Petition to Director, Office of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures David Rosenblatt and [6 others](#)





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**HOBOKEN 1868**

Hudson, N.Y.      Hackensack River      Hackensack Landing      N.Y. University      City Hall      Battery      Governor's Island

West Hoboken      Central Park, N.Y.      **HOBOKEN** - State of New Jersey      HUDSON RIVER      JERSEY CITY - State of New Jersey      Castle Point      Castle Point

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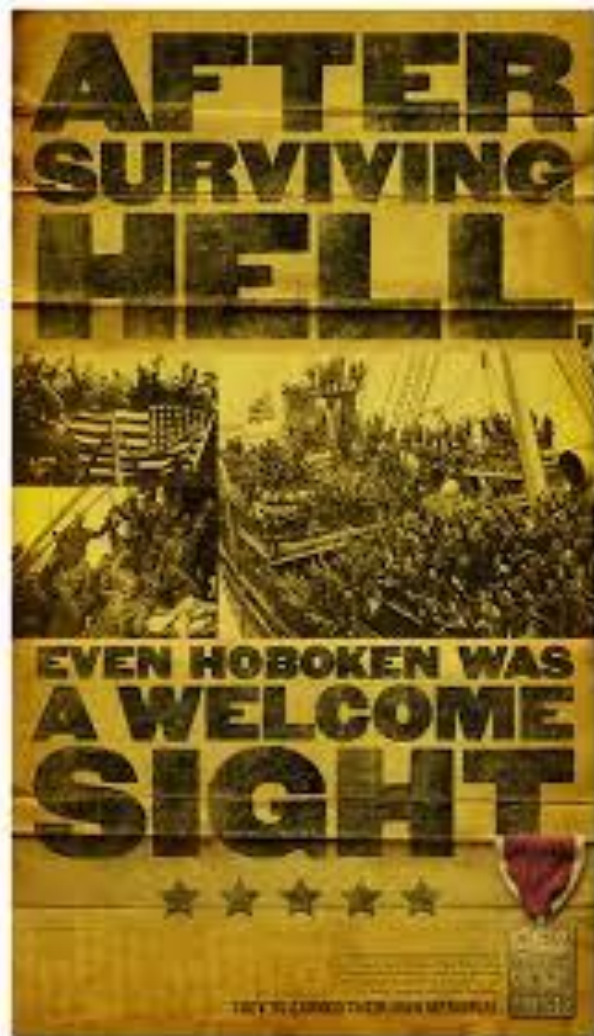




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Hoboken Historical Museum





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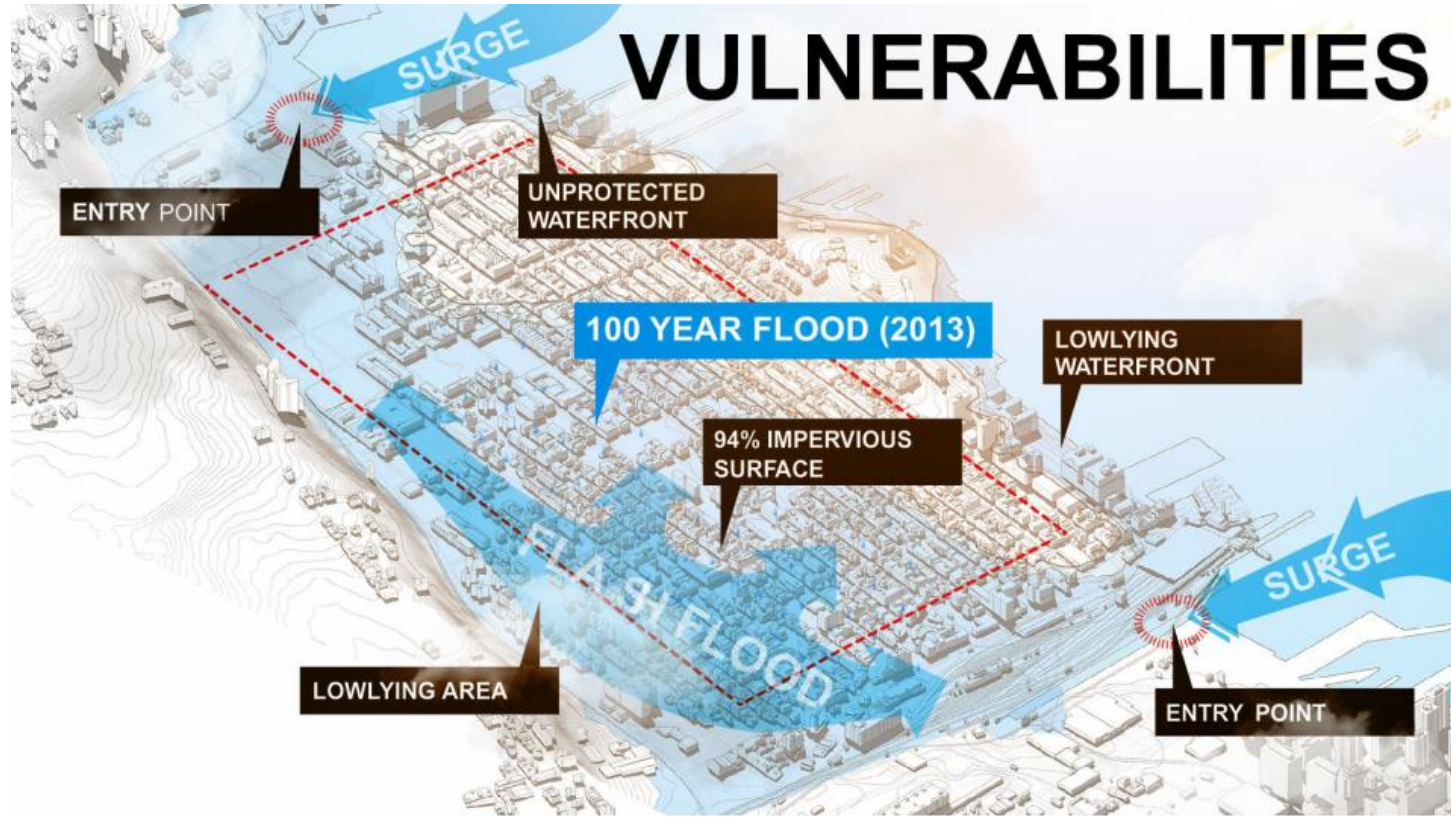






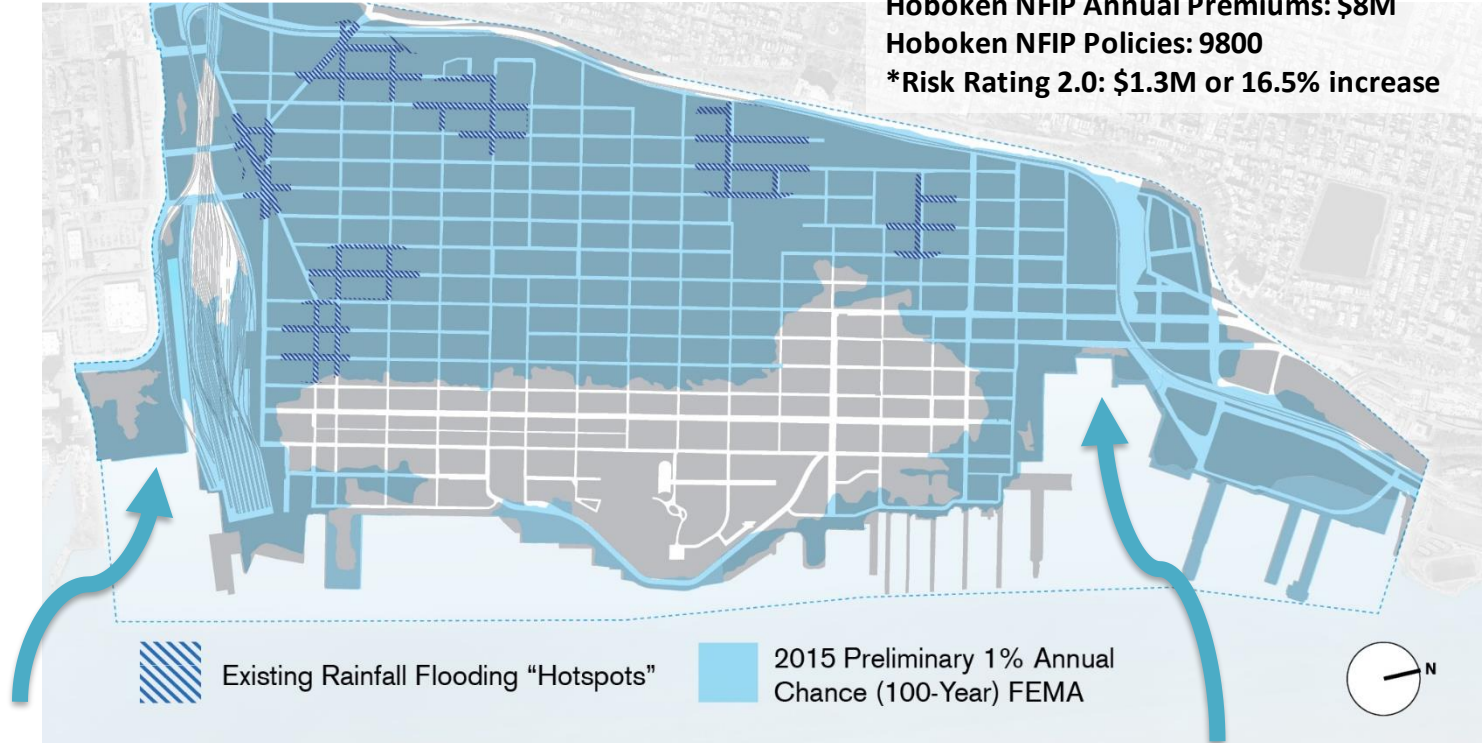
# Hoboken's dual flooding risk

Coastal flooding & flash flooding

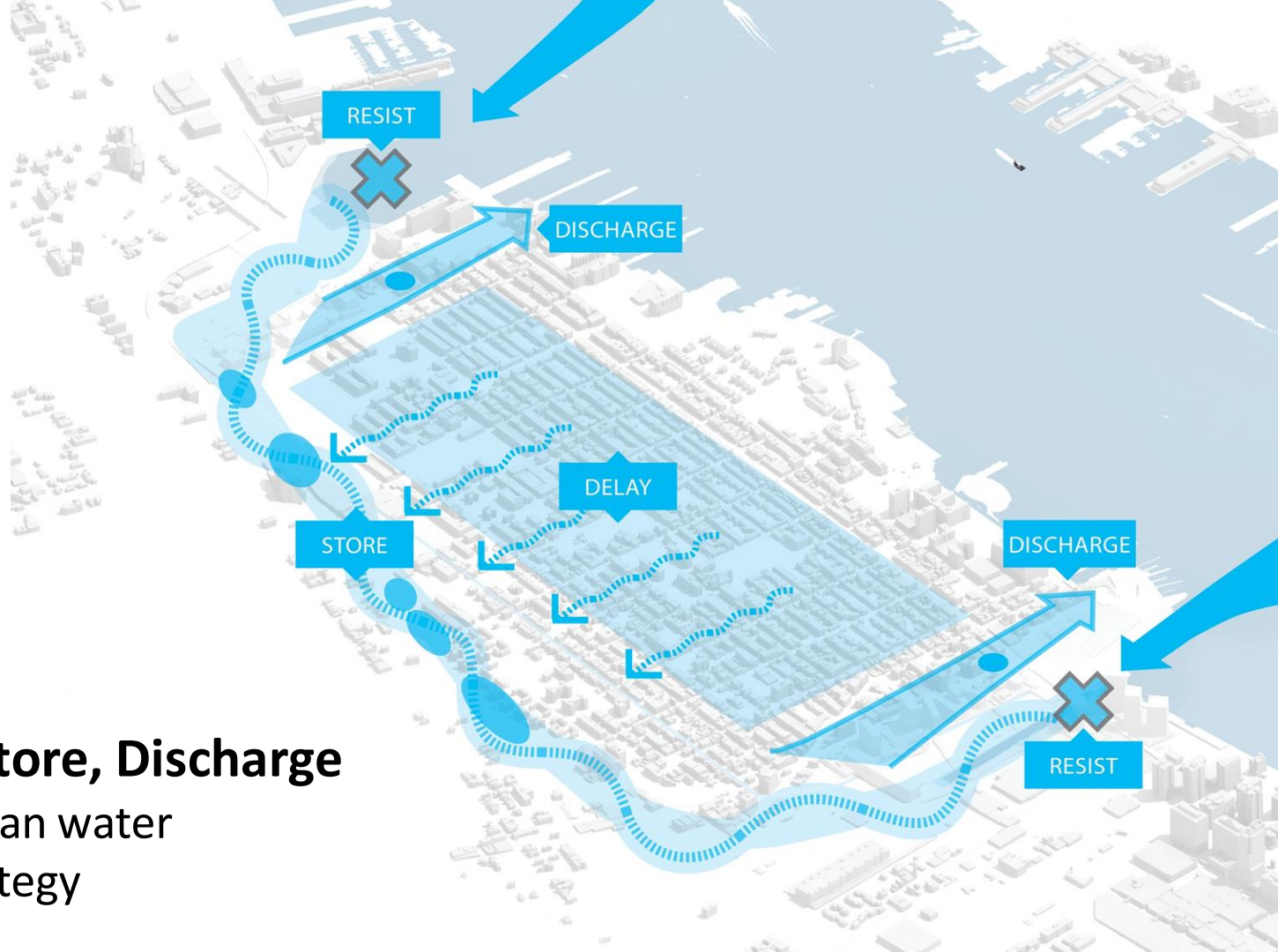


# Flood Risk

Landmass within Flood Zone (A): 63.85%  
Landmass within Flood Zone (V): 7.41%  
Landmass within Flood Zone (X): 7.66%  
Hoboken Tax Base: \$12B  
Hoboken NFIP Total Liability: \$2.3B  
Hoboken NFIP Annual Premiums: \$8M  
Hoboken NFIP Policies: 9800  
\*Risk Rating 2.0: \$1.3M or 16.5% increase



**REBUILD  
BY  
DESIGN**

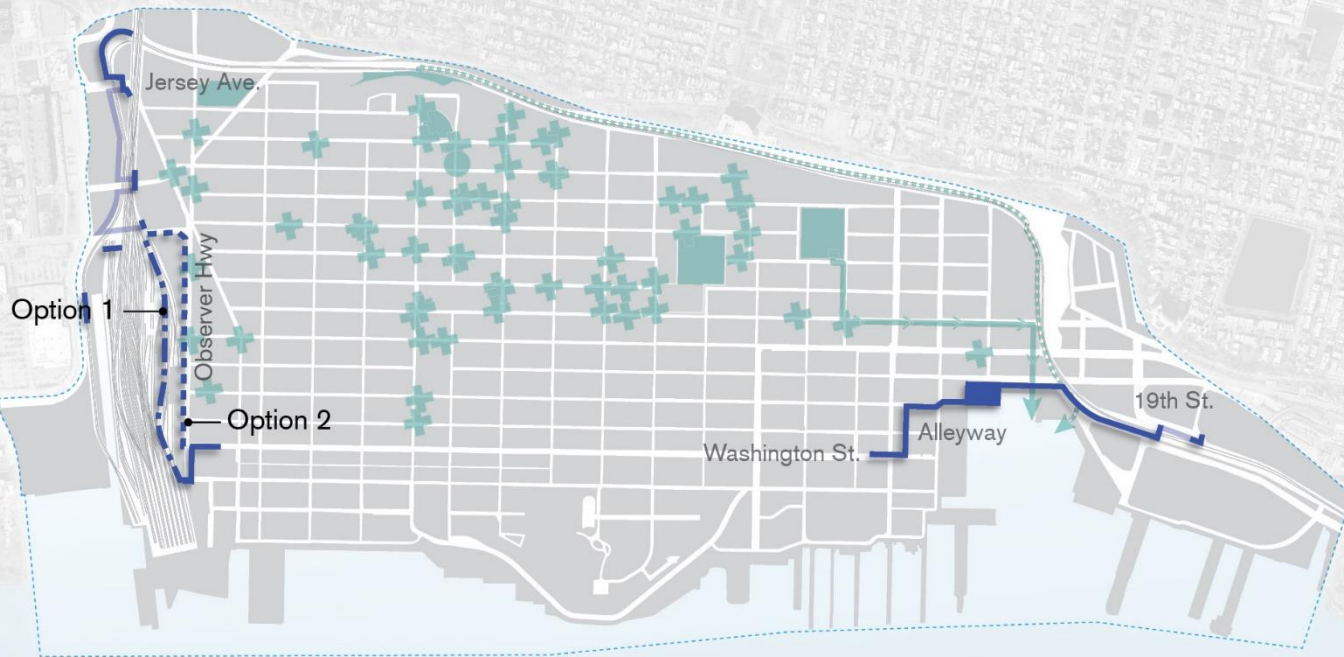


## **Resist, Delay, Store, Discharge**

An integrated urban water management strategy



# Resist, Delay, Store, Discharge



— Resist - Alternative 3    — Existing Structures    ■ Delay, Store, Discharge

\*For more information on Alternative 3, please see the project boards





JERSEY CITY

UNION CITY

HOBOKEN

COVE PARK

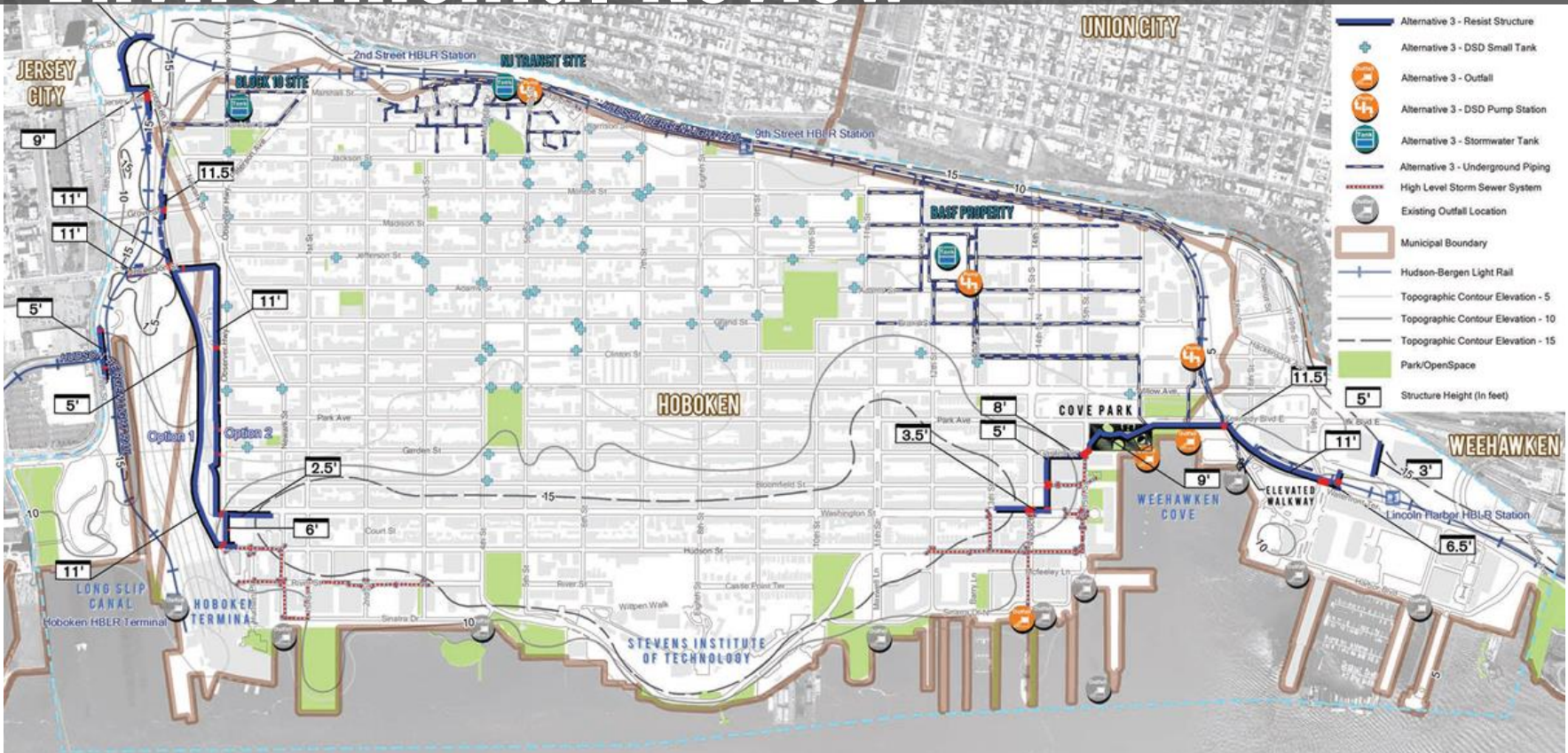
WEEHAWKEN

HUDSON RIVER

# Environmental Review

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Alternative 3 - Gate
- Alternative 3 - Sheeting
- Alternative 3 - Resist Structure
- Alternative 3 - DSD Small Tank
- Alternative 3 - Outfall
- Alternative 3 - DSD Pump Station
- Alternative 3 - Stormwater Tank
- Alternative 3 - Underground Piping
- High Level Storm Sewer System
- Existing Outfall Location
- Municipal Boundary
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail
- Topographic Contour Elevation - 5
- Topographic Contour Elevation - 10
- Topographic Contour Elevation - 15
- Park/OpenSpace
- Structure Height (in feet)



## Rebuild by Design EIS

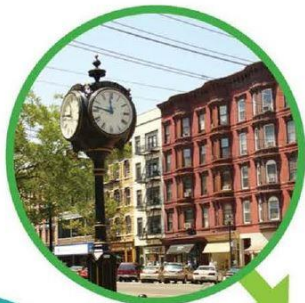




Environmental Education

**Urban Identity**

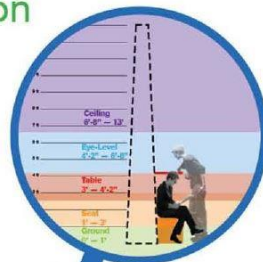
Signage



Views

**Height**

Shade



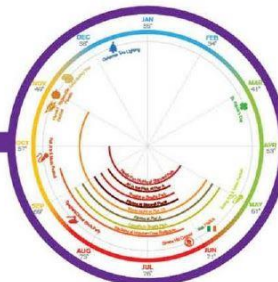
Bikeshare

Data Gathering

Hoboken Cove Boat House



Festivals and Events



All-Weather Use

**Existing Initiatives**

Washington Street Redevelopment

Public Wifi

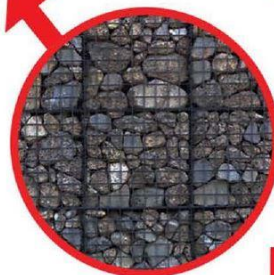
Maintenance



**Seasonality**

Sustainability

**Materiality**



**Dry vs. Wet**

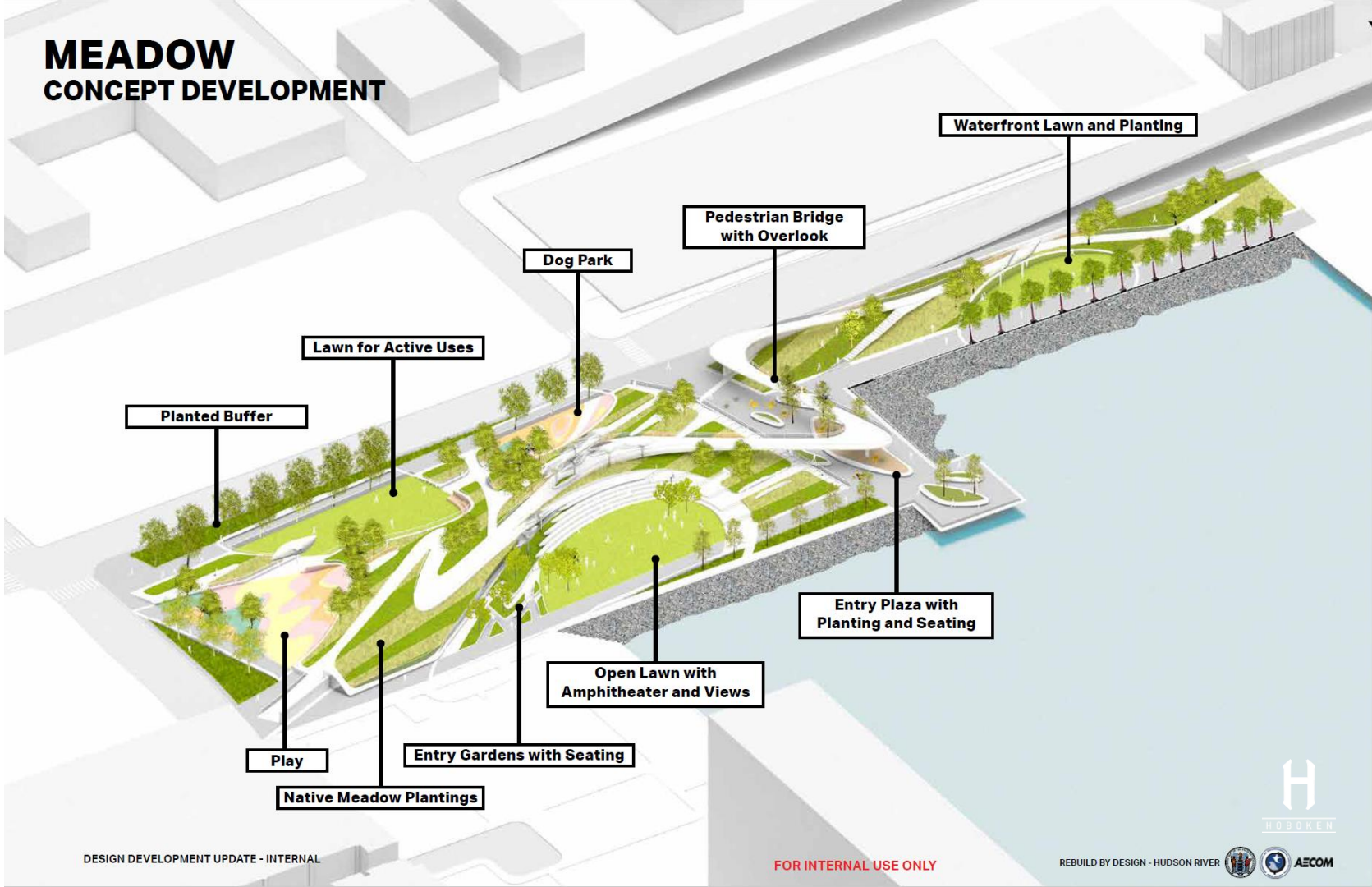
Adaptability

Weather Resistant



# MEADOW

## CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT



Planted Buffer

Lawn for Active Uses

Dog Park

Pedestrian Bridge with Overlook

Waterfront Lawn and Planting

Entry Plaza with Planting and Seating

Open Lawn with Amphitheater and Views

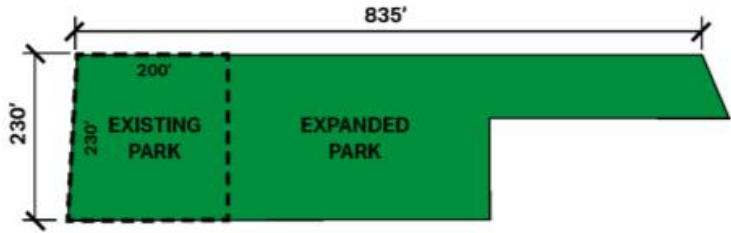
Entry Gardens with Seating

Play

Native Meadow Plantings



# Resist: In Construction



# General Sequence of Construction

## 3. Install foundation and backfill.



## 4. Install stem wall.



Illustrative examples from other projects.

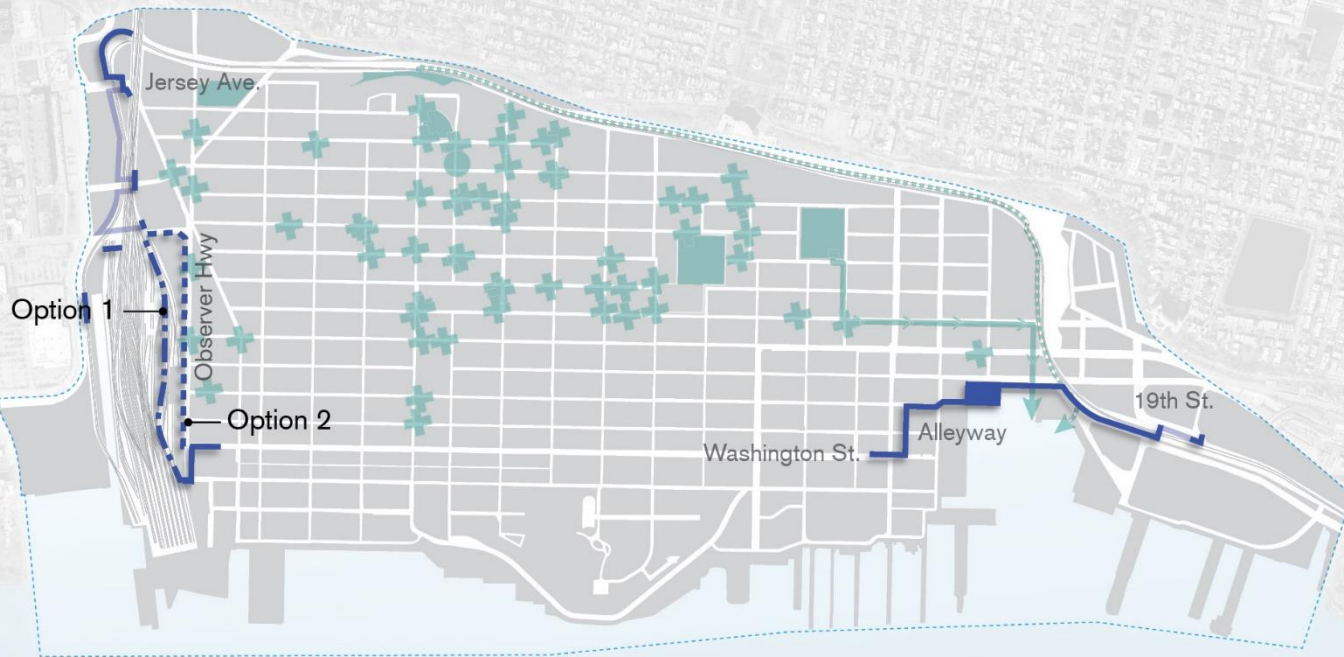








# Resist, Delay, Store, Discharge



— Resist - Alternative 3    — Existing Structures    ■ Delay, Store, Discharge

\*For more information on Alternative 3, please see the project boards





# Master Planning



2010 Master Plan



# H1 and H5 Pump Stations





# “Discharge” - H-5 Wet Weather Pump Station

- Will alleviate flooding in NW Hoboken
- 40M gallons/day

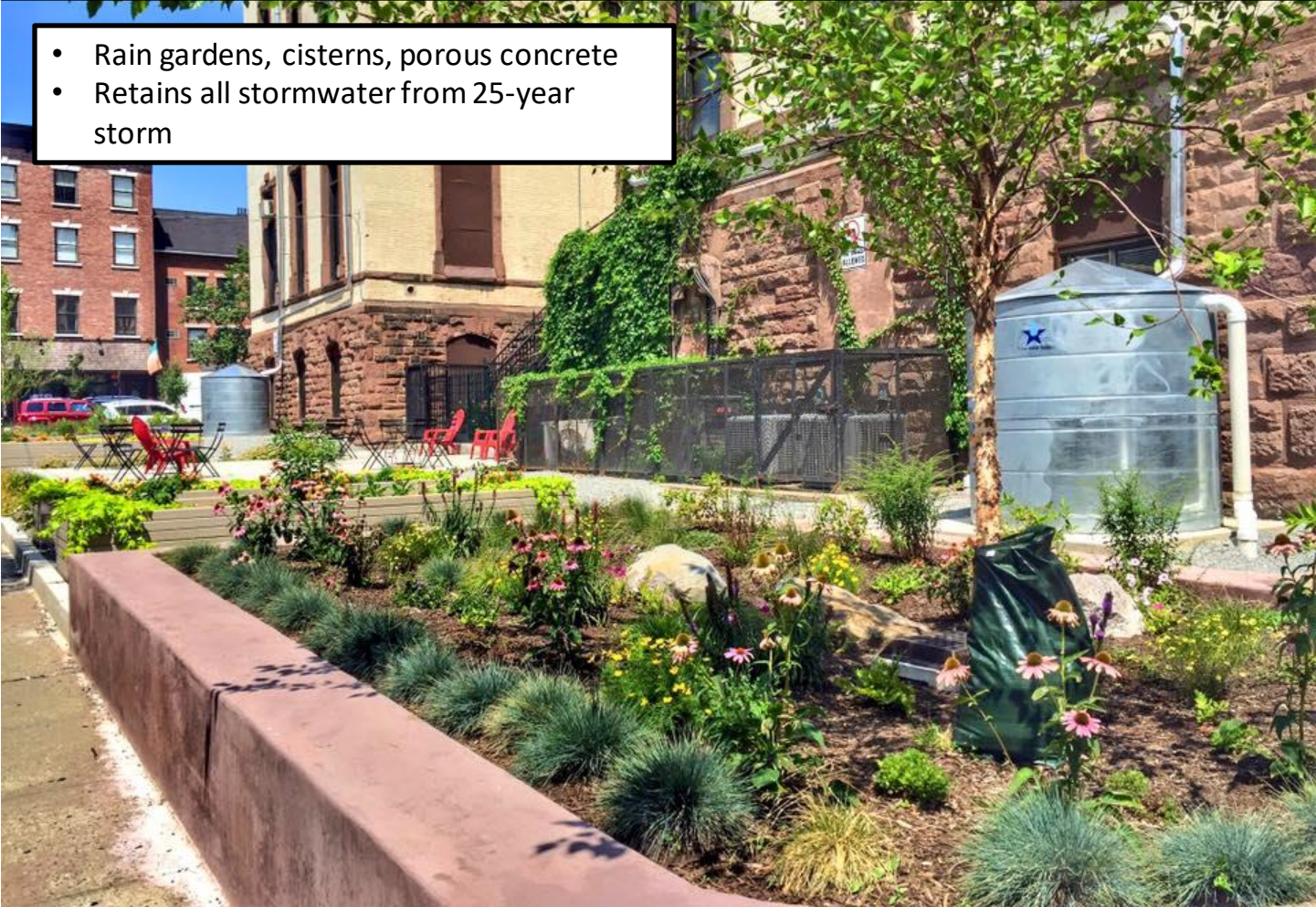






# “Delay” & “Store” – City Hall Demonstration Project

- Rain gardens, cisterns, porous concrete
- Retains all stormwater from 25-year storm





# Southwest Park

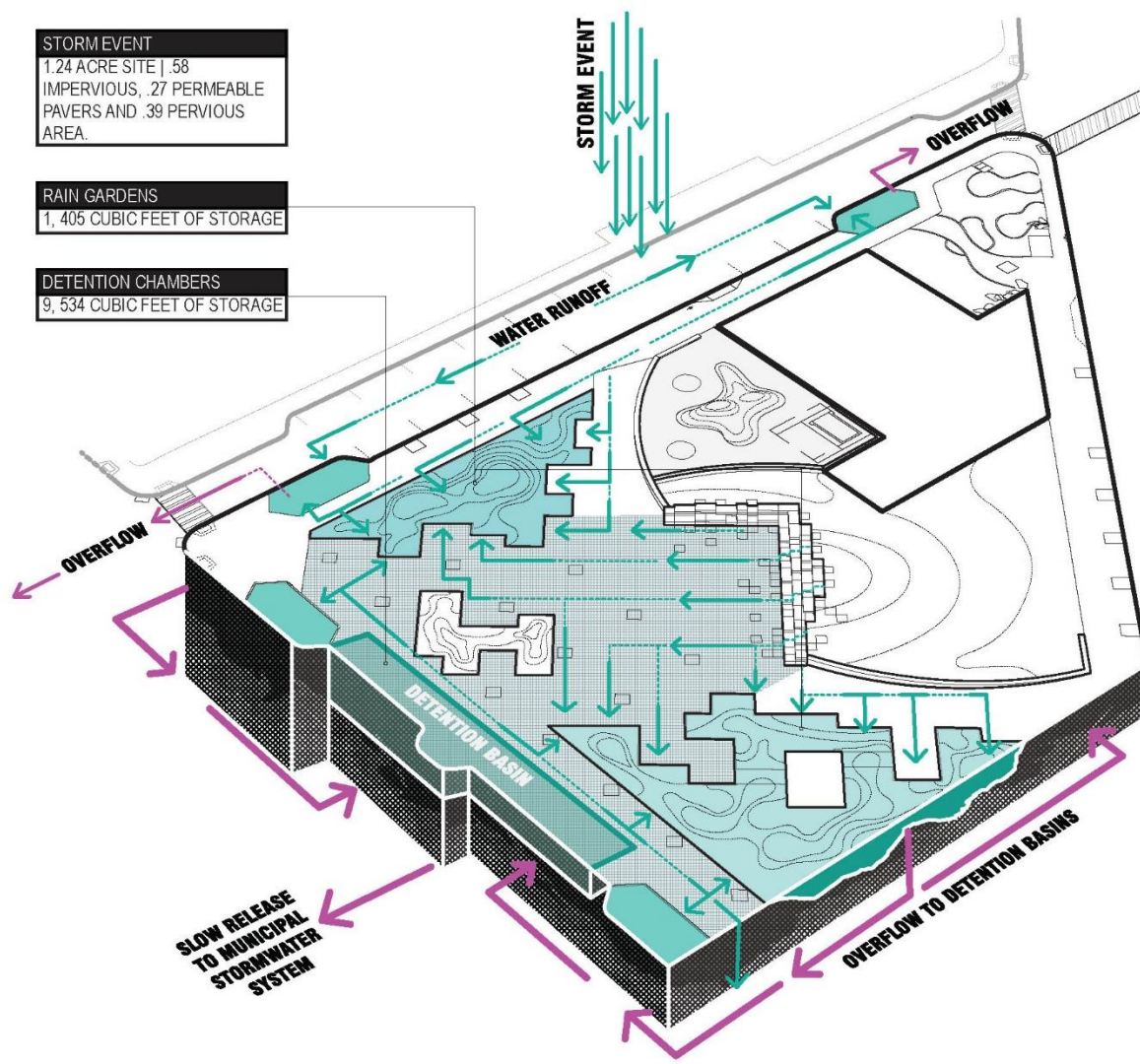




**STORM EVENT**  
1.24 ACRE SITE | .58  
IMPERVIOUS, .27 PERMEABLE  
PAVERS AND .39 PERVIOUS  
AREA.

**RAIN GARDENS**  
1,405 CUBIC FEET OF STORAGE

**DETENTION CHAMBERS**  
9,534 CUBIC FEET OF STORAGE







**H**  
**HOBOKEN**

**WELCOME TO SOUTHWEST PARK**

**Park Hours: 8am - 10pm**

**Please Do Not:**

- Litter or discard hazardous or commercial garbage
- Use glass containers (exceptions for food or drink consumption)
- Consume drugs or alcohol, or carry unopened alcoholic beverage containers
- Bully, harass or engage in any activity with an open flame
- Perform recreational activity, except by prior approval from the City of Hoboken
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- Post handbills, signs, posters, or other advertisements
- Perform live entertainment or public performance, except by prior approval from the City of Hoboken
- Erect any permanent or semi-permanent structures
- Build or public enclosures
- Lie in a prone position on any bench
- Let dogs off leash in the park, except within the dog run
- Remove walk or restrict path property
- Remove any natural element of the park
- Climb on any property or surface
- Enter any area that is fenced, posted, or marked "Keep Off Here" or "No Trespassing"
- Skateboard
- Operate recreational motorized vehicles or vehicles
- Operate gas or battery powered model airplanes and cars that are posing a safety risk to others
- Engage in profanity, fighting, or any act that endangers the safety of others

**H**





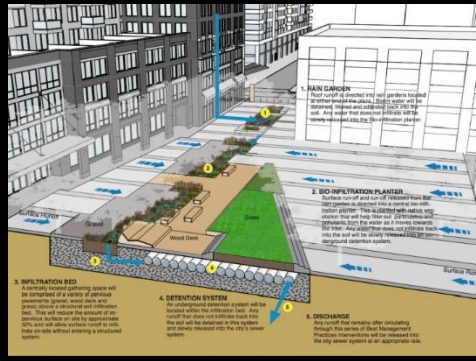


Southwest Resiliency Park



# "Delay" & "Store" – 7<sup>th</sup> & Jackson Resiliency Park

- 2 acres
- 300K gallons retention



BILEE CENTER

MONROE CENTER



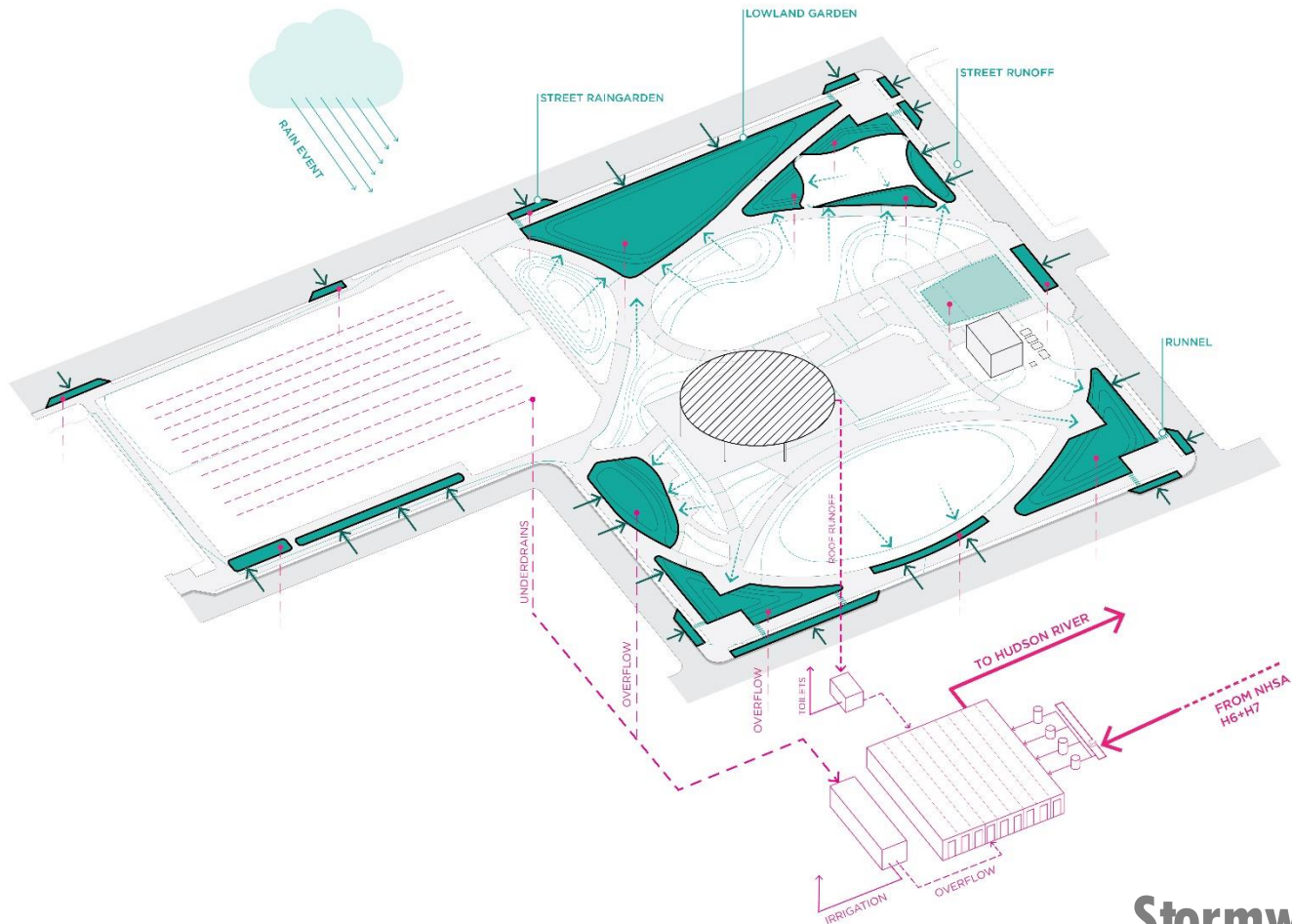












# Stormwater Management









**1 MG Detention Tank**





**MG Detention Tank**





**Lawn over 1 MG Detention Tank**





**Athletic Field over Gravel Detention**





**Basketball Basin**





**11 Right-of-Way Rain Gardens**



# H

HUBBARD



Site Aerial at Substantial Completion



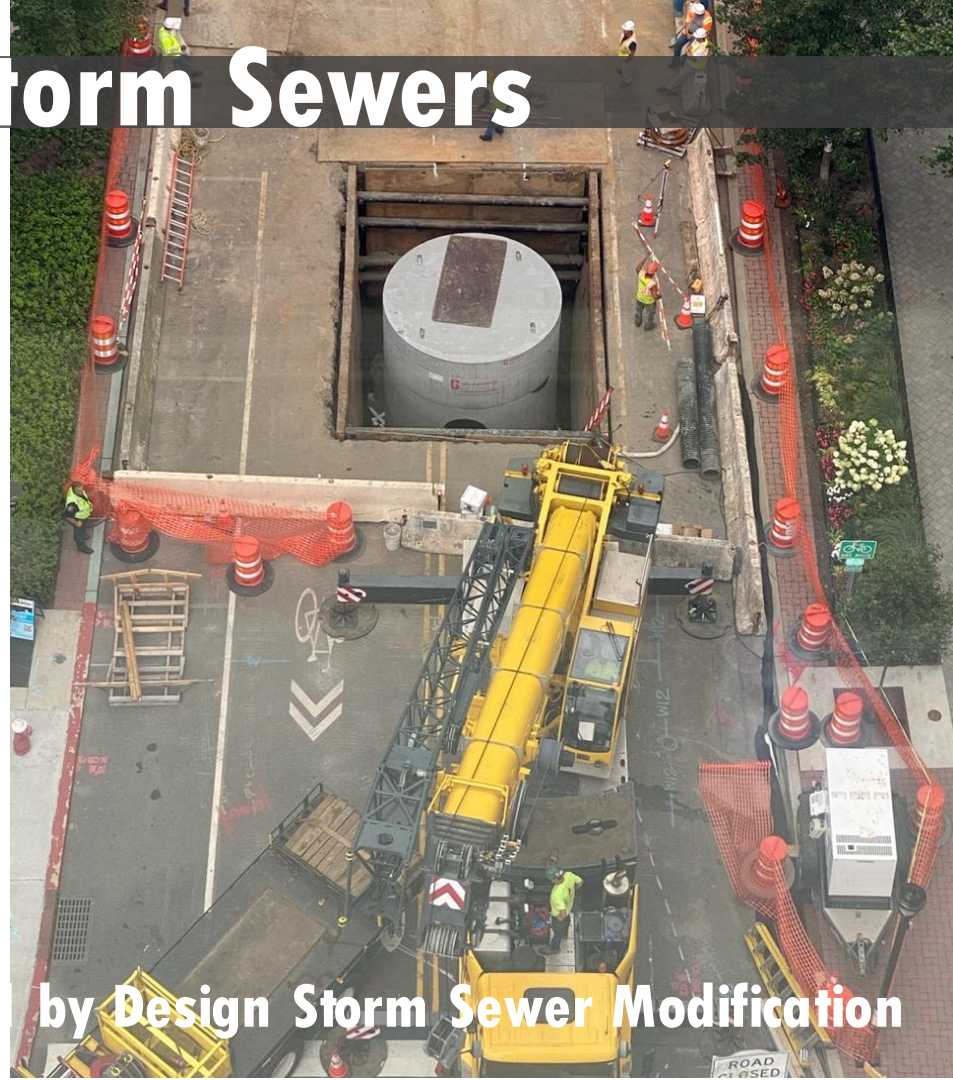
# Capital Projects: Roads

A photograph of a rain garden installed along a sidewalk. The garden features a concrete curb, dark mulch, various green plants, and a central area of light-colored rocks. A black metal railing runs along the sidewalk edge.

Washington Street Rain Gardens



# Capital Projects: Storm Sewers



Rebuilt by Design Storm Sewer Modification







# Private Projects: Green Roofs

An aerial photograph of a city street grid. Several buildings are highlighted with green roofs, indicating the focus of the document. The roofs are in various stages of development or completion. The surrounding area includes streets, parking lots, and other urban infrastructure.

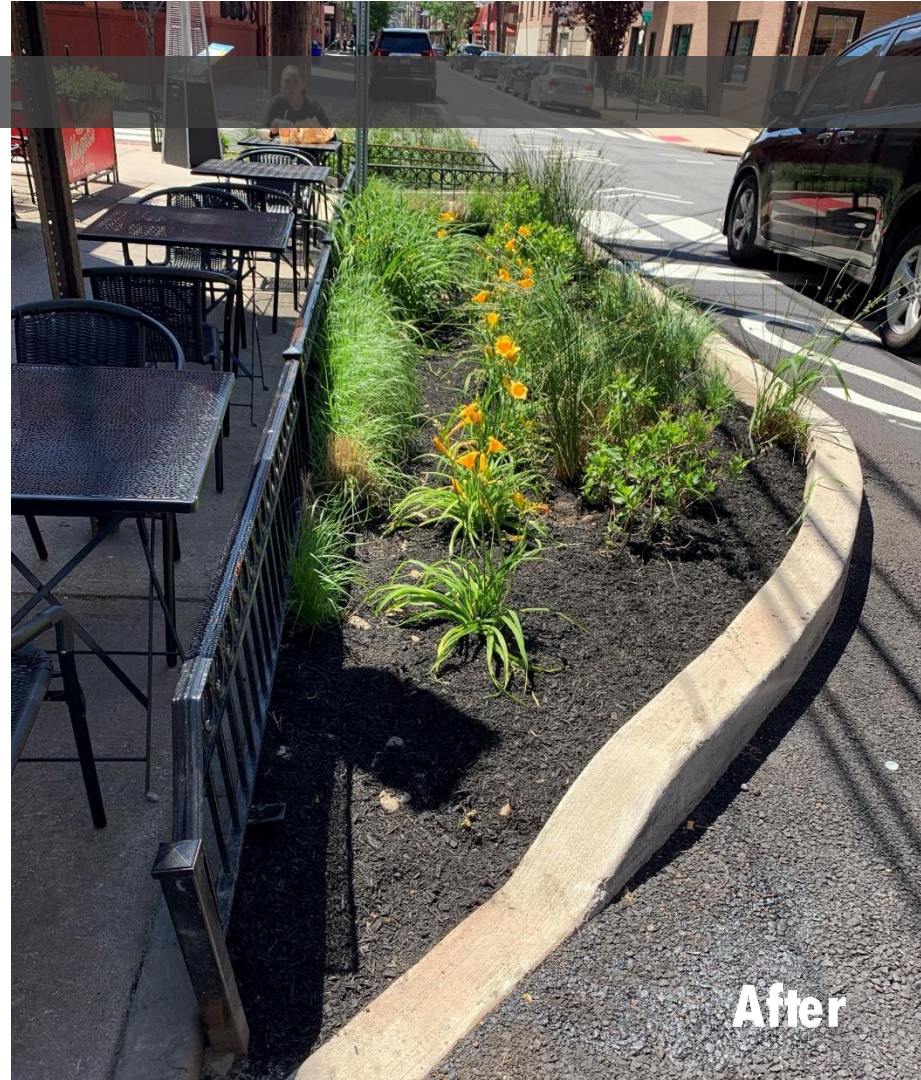
Green Roofs Ordinance, Resilient Building Design Guidelines



# Maintenance



Before



After



# Shared Services



**NHSA Cleaning  
Rain Garden Trash Screens**



# Training



**Youth Training Program**



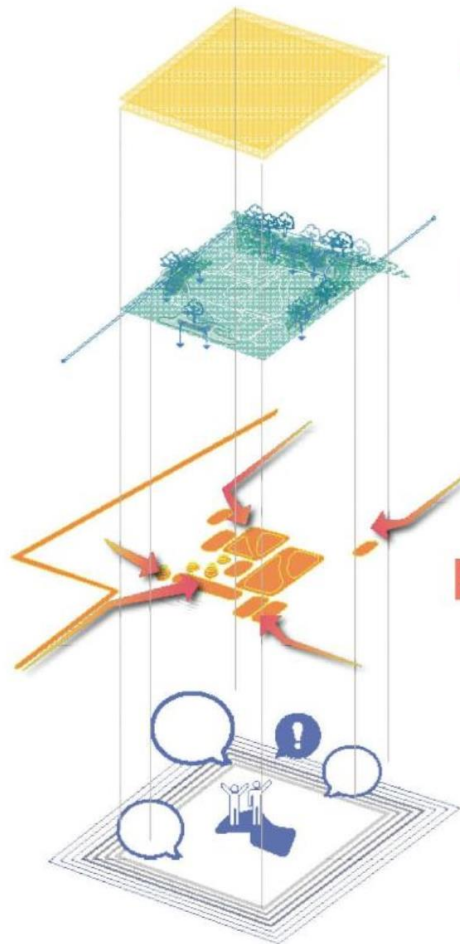
**Volunteers**



**Contractors**







## A CAPPED SITE



COMPLETED REMEDIATION AND CAPPING TO INFORM PROGRAM TYPE AND ORGANIZATION ON SITE



EXPLORE HOW TO WORK WITHIN THE CAPPING DESIGN TO STORE WATER

## DELAY, STORE, DISCHARGE



MAXIMIZE FLOOD RISK REDUCTION WITHIN PROJECT CONSTRAINTS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF STORMWATER BEST PRACTICES



NATIVE, ORNAMENTAL LOW-MAINTENANCE PLANTINGS AND WOODLAND SCREENING



EVALUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED STORMWATER CONVEYANCE TO REDUCE IMPACTS FROM LOCALIZED FLOODING

## STRATEGIC PROGRAMMING



CONNECTION TO THE GREEN CIRCUIT WILL ENHANCE BIKE CULTURE



PROGRAMMING WILL ACT AS CONNECTORS BETWEEN ADJACENT GREEN SPACES, GREEN CIRCUIT, AND THE LIGHTRAIL STATION



A MIXTURE OF PASSIVE AND ACTIVE PROGRAMMING WILL COMPLIMENT THE EXISTING PARK PROGRAMS SURROUNDING THE SITE

## ENGAGEMENT



BRINGING EVERYONE TO THE TABLE ≅ MUNICIPAL MEETINGS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE PUBLIC.



UNDERSTANDING THE LOCAL CONTEXT ≅ THE REDEVELOPMENT, DEMOGRAPHICS, EXISTING OPEN SPACE, AND TRANSPORTATION MODES



HYBRID ENGAGEMENT, FEATURING NEW DIGITAL TOOLS TO FACILITATE COLLABORATION WITHIN PANDEMIC SAFETY PROTOCOLS



## PREDESIGN ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## 3 PARK DESIGN APPROACHES

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## 2 ALTERNATIVES FOR THE PREFERRED APPROACH

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023



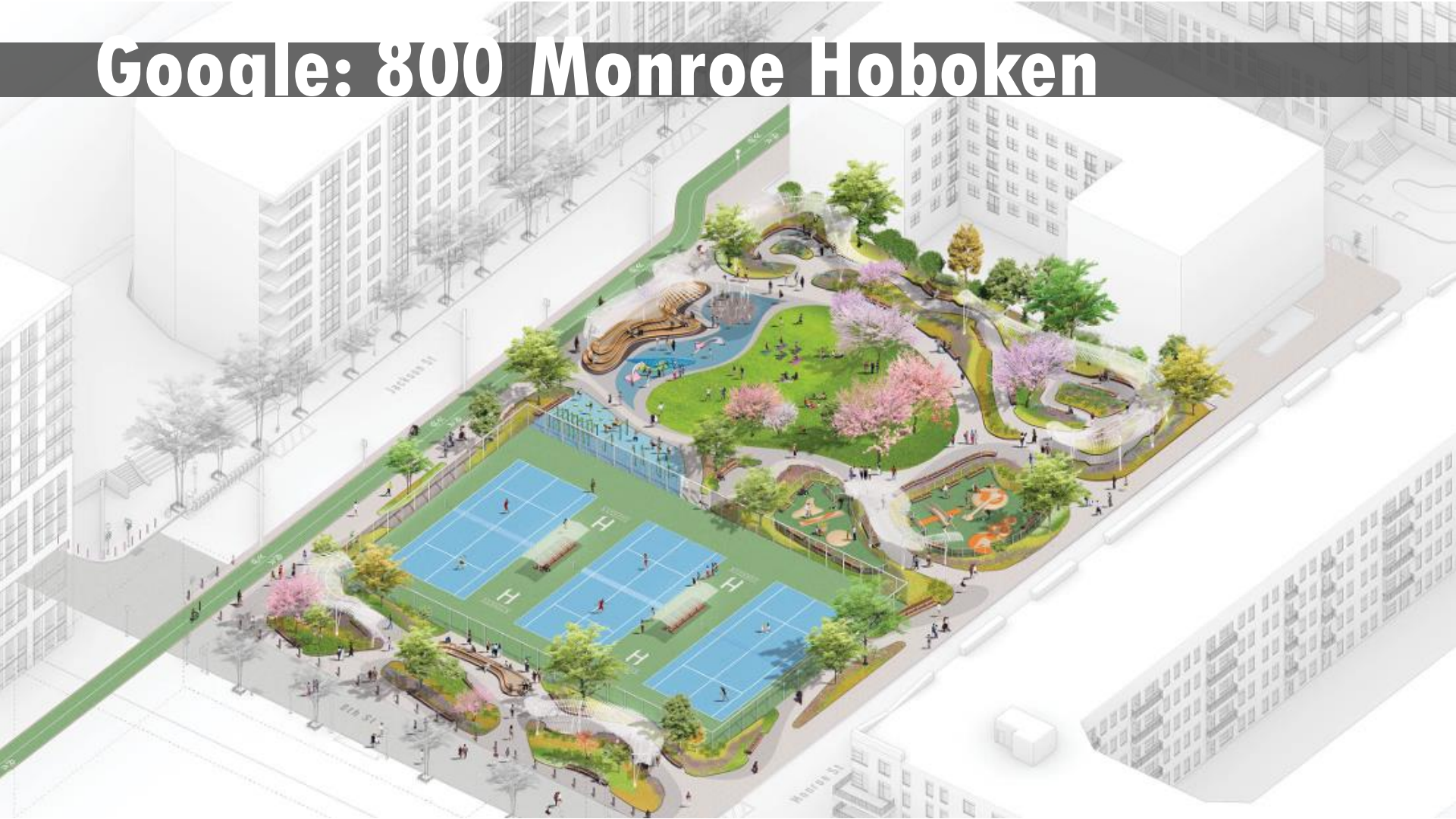
## PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FINAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

November 21<sup>st</sup> 2023



WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

# Google: 800 Monroe Hoboken





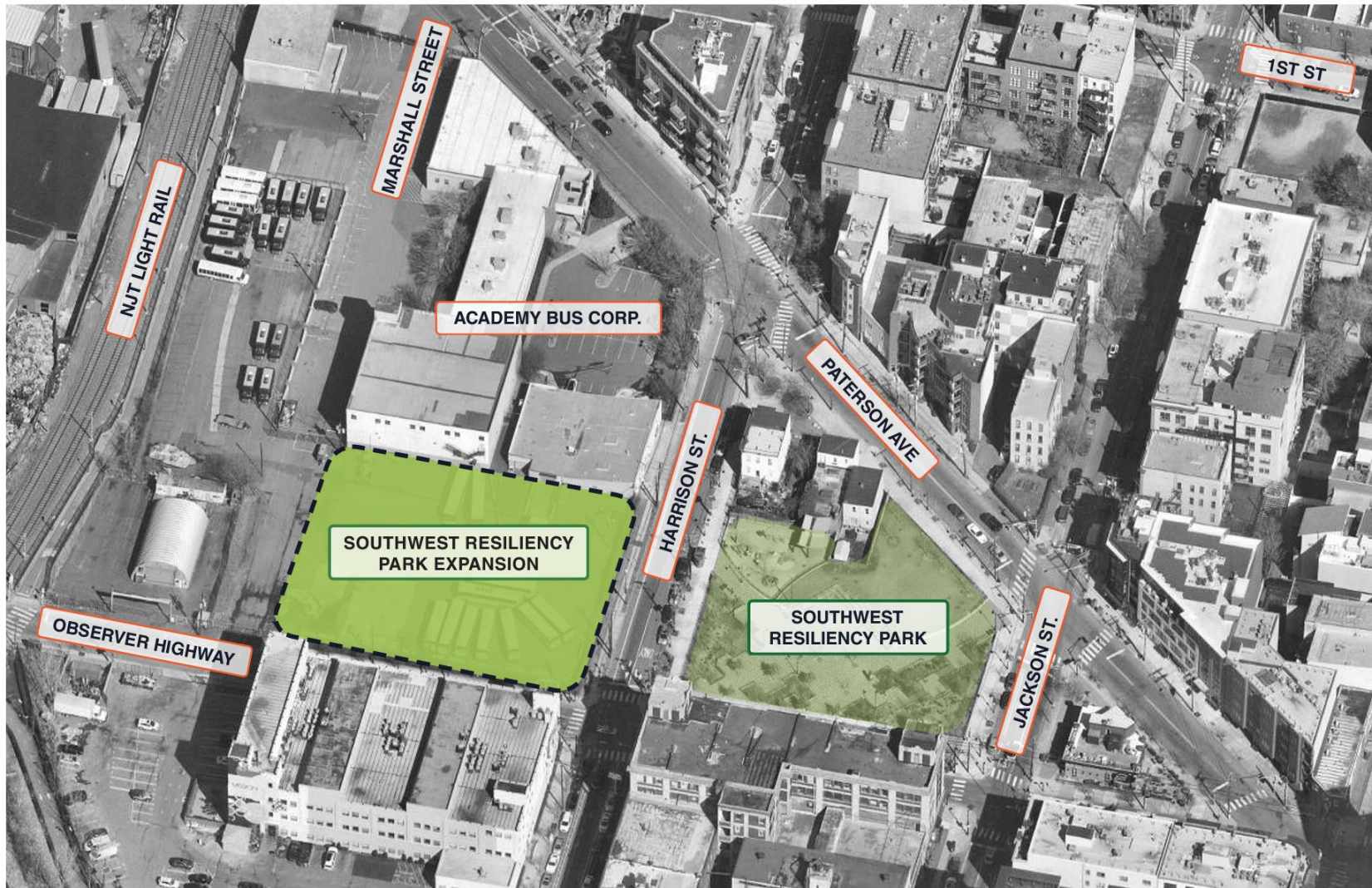




# Block 10 (SW Park Expansion)







NJT LIGHT RAIL

MARSHALL STREET

1ST ST

ACADEMY BUS CORP.

PATERSON AVE

HARRISON ST.

SOUTHWEST RESILIENCY  
PARK EXPANSION

SOUTHWEST  
RESILIENCY PARK

OBSERVER HIGHWAY

JACKSON ST.

# Block 10 (SW Park Expansion)



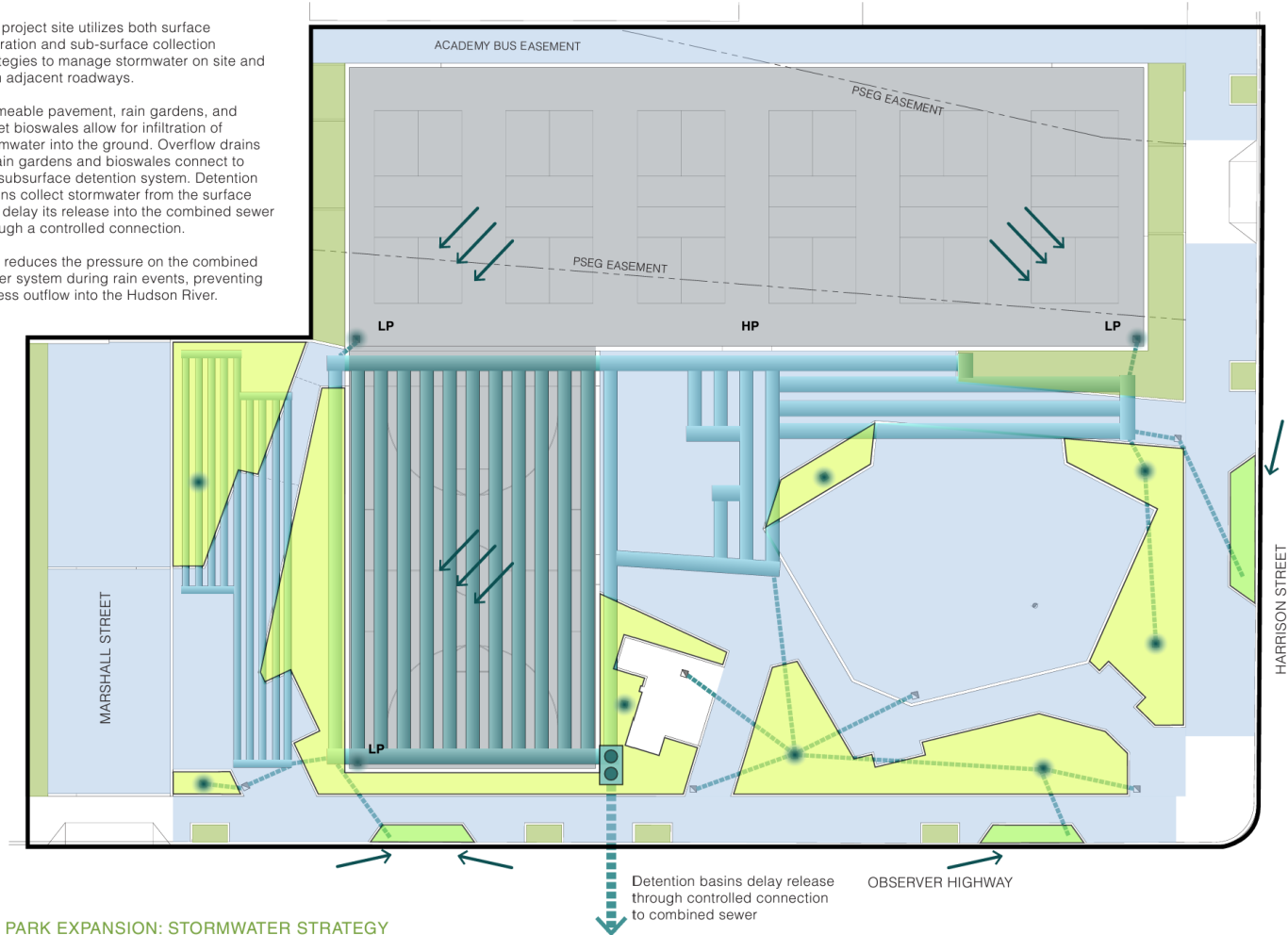


# STORMWATER STRATEGY

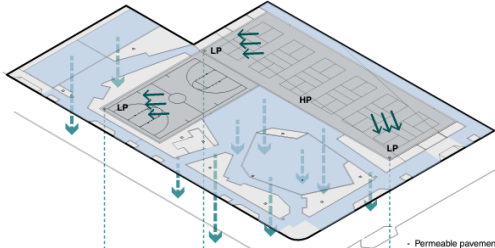
The project site utilizes both surface infiltration and sub-surface collection strategies to manage stormwater on site and from adjacent roadways.

Permeable pavement, rain gardens, and street bioswales allow for infiltration of stormwater into the ground. Overflow drains at rain gardens and bioswales connect to the subsurface detention system. Detention basins collect stormwater from the surface and delay its release into the combined sewer through a controlled connection.

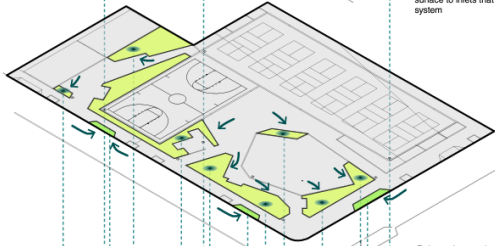
This reduces the pressure on the combined sewer system during rain events, preventing excess outflow into the Hudson River.



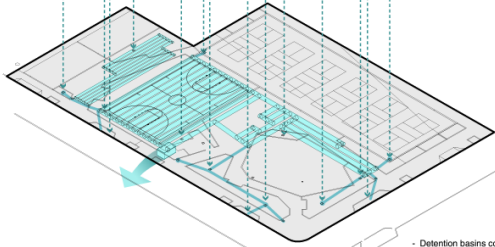
STORM EVENT



- Permeable pavement allows for infiltration of stormwater into ground. Sports court pavement directs stormwater across the surface to inlets that drain into detention system



- Rain gardens and street bioswales allow for infiltration of stormwater into ground. Overflows at gardens and swales connect to the detention system



- Detention basins collect stormwater and delay its release into the combined sewer through a controlled connection







MARSHALL ST  
ENTRANCE

FULL COURT BASKETBALL

SHADED PLAZA

PICKLEBALL COURTS

OBSERVER HWY  
ENTRANCE

PLAYGROUND

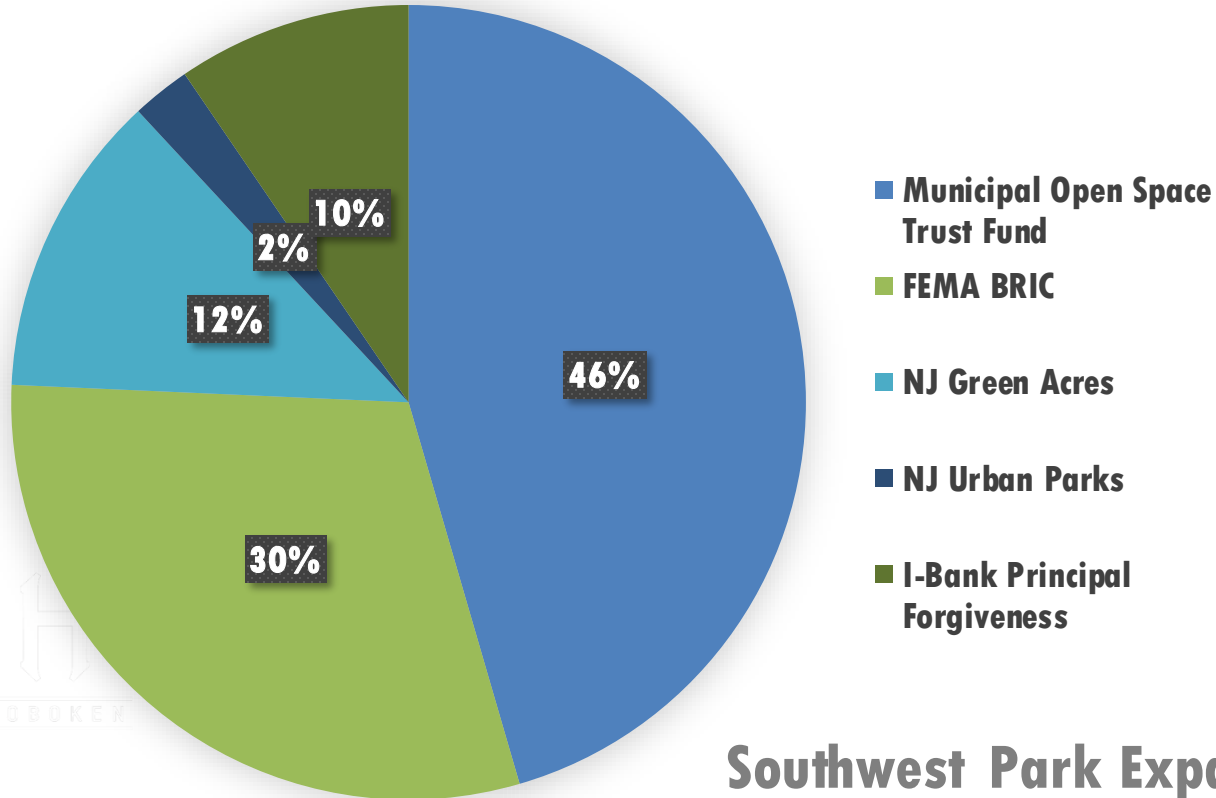
HARRISON ST.  
ENTRANCE

HARRISON / OBSERVER  
CORNER ENTRANCE

OBSERVER HWY

HARRISON ST





# Maximizing Funding Sources



Southwest Park Expansion Cost Estimate



# Benefit Cost Analysis

Map Marker ▲	Mitigation Title	Property Type	Hazard	Benefits (B)	Costs (C)	BCR (B/C)	Benefits (B)	Costs (C)	BCR (B/C)
1	Drainage Improvement @ 58 Jackson St, Hoboken, New Jersey, 07030		DFA - Riverine Flood	\$ 20,775,200	\$ 16,961,353	1.22	\$ 30,169,441	\$ 17,198,670	1.75
2	Permeable Pavement @ 58 Jackson St, Hoboken, New Jersey, 07030		Riverine Flood	\$ 76,674	\$ 283,000	0.27	\$ 121,109	\$ 283,000	0.43
3	Bioretention @ 58 Jackson St, Hoboken, New Jersey, 07030		Riverine Flood	\$ 278,404	\$ 84,300	3.30	\$ 462,024	\$ 84,300	5.48
4	Urban Trees @ 58 Jackson St, Hoboken, New Jersey, 07030		Riverine Flood	\$ 799,288	\$ 109,609	7.29	\$ 1,194,322	\$ 109,609	10.90
<b>TOTAL (SELECTED)</b>				<b>\$ 21,929,566</b>	<b>\$ 17,438,262</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>\$ 31,946,896</b>	<b>\$ 17,675,579</b>	<b>1.81</b>

## Southwest Park Expansion BCA

# Procurement

**Project** Northwest Resiliency Park Bid  
**Municipality** City of Hoboken  
**County** Hudson County

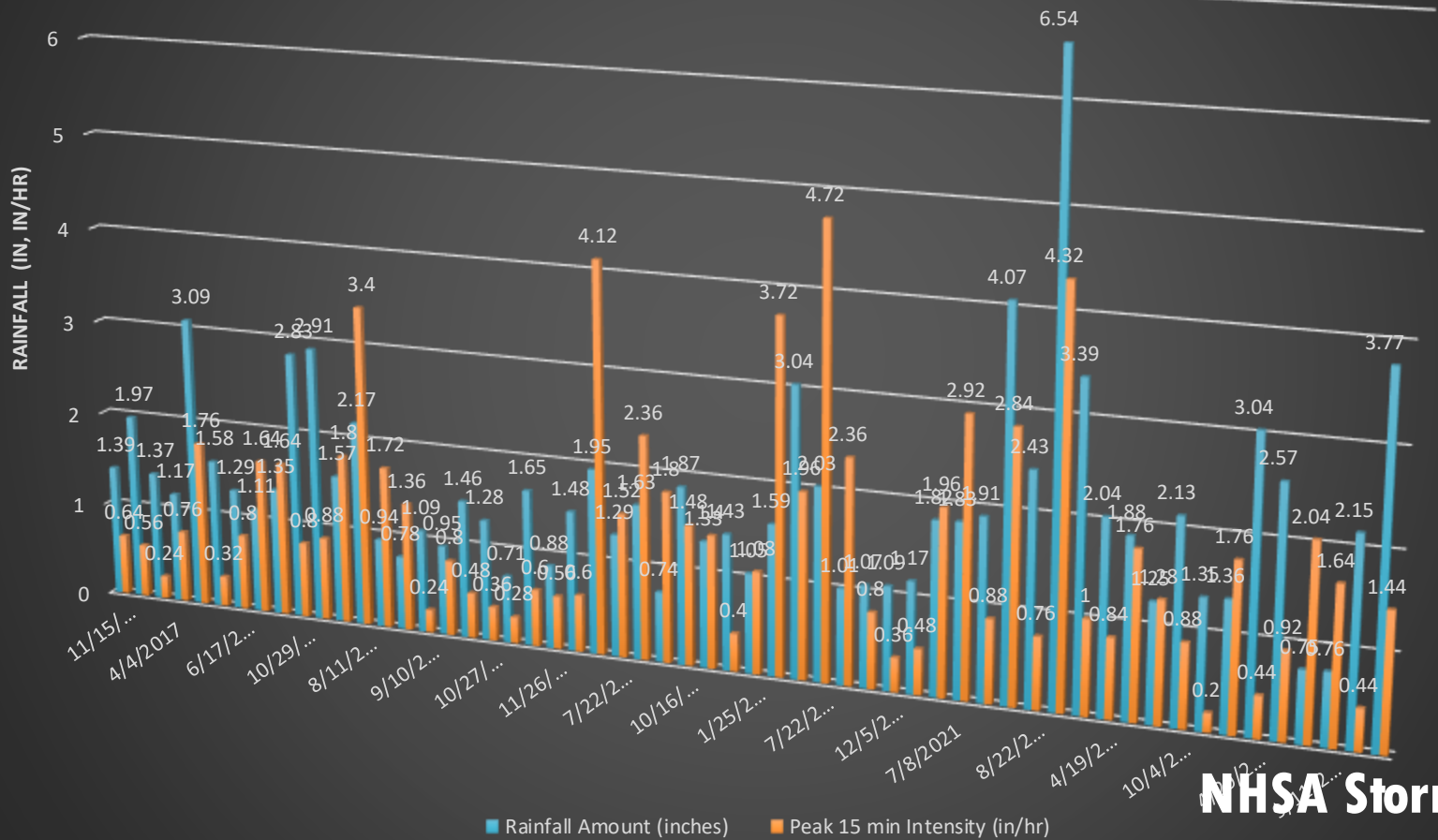
**Contractor**  
**1**

**Contractor**  
**2**

Item #	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount	Unit Price	Amount
A .02	Furnish and Install Right-of-Way striping per plan including but not limited to traffic, bike, parking, stop bars, etc.	1	LS	\$ 20,822.00	\$ 20,822.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
A .03	Furnish and Install Right-of-Way 2-inch milling and paving, curb to curb, complete	7,125	SY	\$ 17.00	\$ 121,125.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 256,500.00
A .03.1	Furnish and Install Right-of-Way 4" base repair milling and paving, curb to curb, complete	2,300	SY	\$ 32.00	\$ 73,600.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 101,200.00
A .04	Furnish and Install Additional Traffic Signage, complete	30	EA	\$ 255.00	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 8,250.00
A .05	Furnish and Install Fencing in Playground Area per landscape drawings, complete	1	LS	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
A .06	Provide Site Maintenance (2-years), complete	1	LS	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 158,000.00
A	Alternates	Subtotal:			\$ 1,027,197.00		\$ 777,950.00

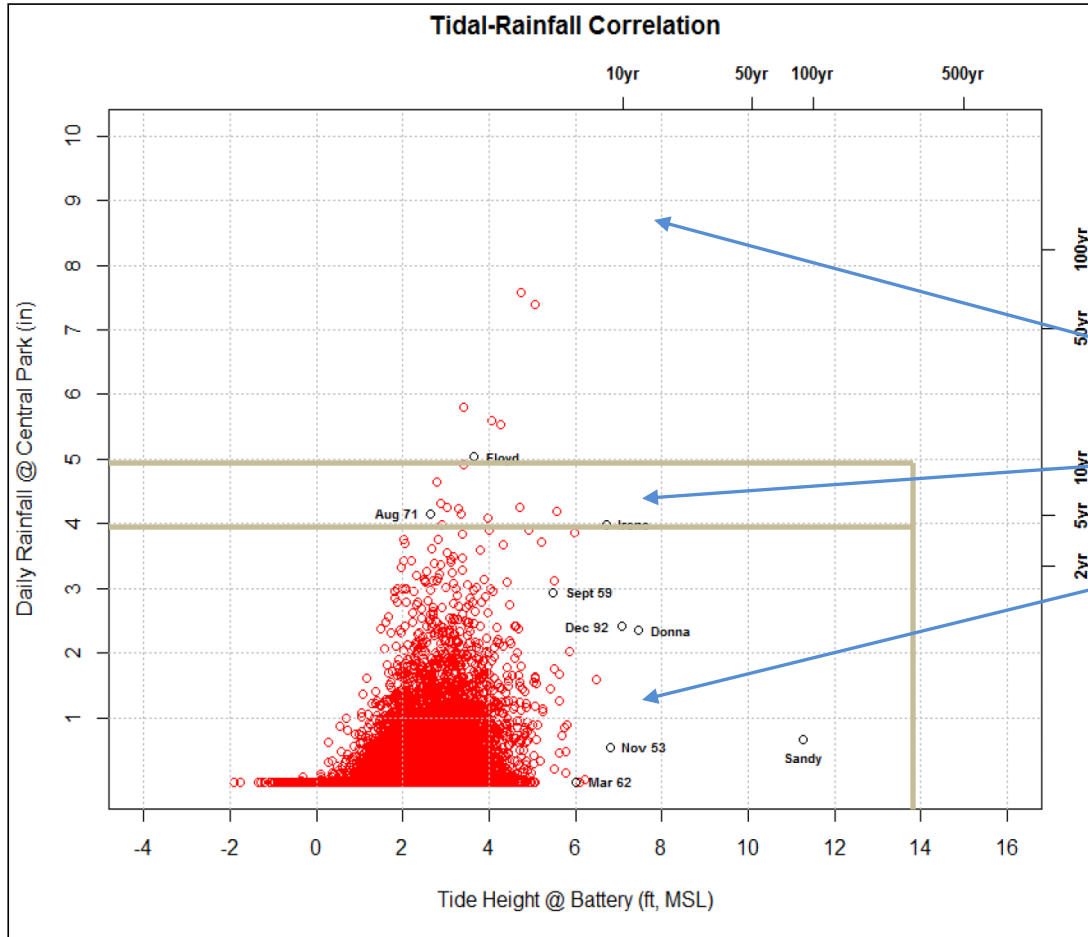


# Measure what Matters



NHSA Storm Data

Figure 2: Tidal-rainfall correlation at Central Park station



Avoid – Buyouts, Evacuate

Minimize – Harden, Close Down

Mitigate – Modify Floodplain, Building practices, Policies, Ordinances, Codes

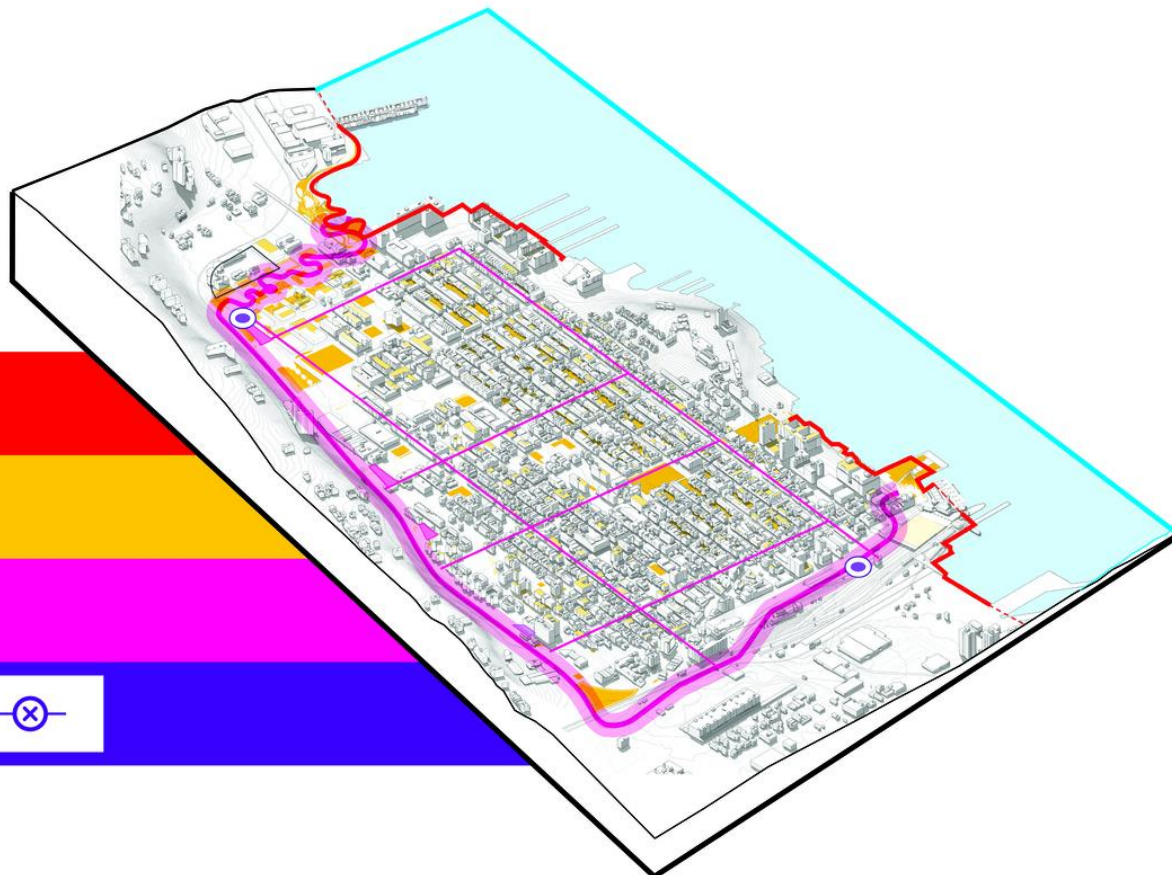


**RESIST** 

**DELAY** 

**STORE** 

**DISCHARGE** 





# Solar for Schools and Municipalities

Carrie Fenn – C & I *Solar Project Consultant*







# SunCommon Commercial Solar

*SunCommon believes everyone has a right to healthy environment and a brighter future – and renewable energy is where it starts.*





# Solar Siting



- East, West or South facing roofs
- Free of obstructions for 60 feet
- Asphalt shingle, rubber membrane or standing seam roof
- Roof material should be less than 15 years old (newer the better!)
- Additional structural capacity of 2-10 PSF
- Wide open parking lots!







# Vermont Net Metering

- Power company credits utility account for production
- Draw credits down at night and winter
- Credits good for 1 year from date of production
- Credits can be shared with any account in the same utility- allocations may be changed once per quarter
- Net metering system size limited to 500kw ac for all account holders with the exception of school districts, limited to 1MW





# Direct Pay with Inflation Reduction Act

- Tax Exempt and Government entities receive a 30% direct payment from the Federal Government
- Project must be registered prior to the filing of the tax return, after install
- Projects over 1MW have prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements (will rarely apply in Vermont)







# Charlotte Town Garage

- **129kW DC Array**
- **Fossil fuel free building**
- **\$21,863 per year in utility offsets**
- **94% of Town utility costs covered by solar**
- **\$400K in taxpayer savings over warranted life of system**



# RI Infrastructure Bank

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**RHODE ISLAND**  
INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

April 2024



# About the Infrastructure Bank

**Rhode Island's  
centralized hub  
of local  
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investment  
since 1989**

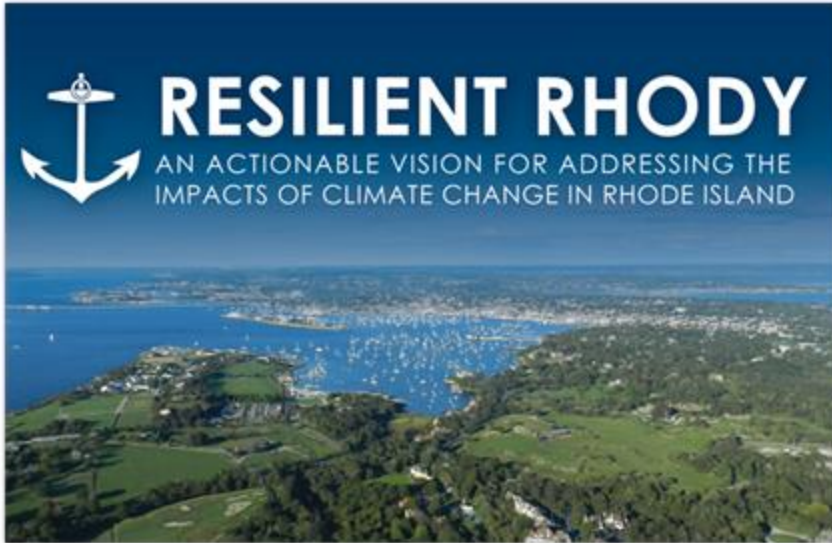


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**Since inception, the Bank has  
invested  
over \$2.7 billion  
into Rhode Island's infrastructure**



# State of Rhode Island Municipal Resiliency



*Resilient Rhody, 2018*

## *2023 Executive Order – Planning & Policy, Funding & Implementation*

- State Resilience Plan Update
- Statewide Resilience Program
  - Municipal Resilience Program 2.0
- State Resilience Grants
- Federal Funding for Resilience
  - NOAA CRRC Application
- State Policy & Standards for Resilience

# Resilience in Rhode Island - A Team Effort





# Rhode Island Resilience 2023 – Executive Order 23-0

*The Department of Environmental Management shall recruit and hire an individual to serve as the **Rhode Island Chief Resilience Officer***

- **Coordinate resilience efforts across state agencies, municipalities, businesses, and other organizations** and to advise the RI Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (RIEC4), established pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 42-6.2-1, on the status and effectiveness of those efforts;
- **Draft state policies** on resilience **and implement such policies** under the direction of the RIEC4;
- Serve as the **primary voice and advocate** for state actions on resilience;
- Build upon the **planning assistance** provided to municipalities by **MRP workshops, in coordination with partner agencies;**
- Work closely with RIIB on the **MRP Action Grants** and the planning and financing of other resilience projects;
- Work with RIIB and CRMC on the implementation of the **OSCAR grant program;**
- **Plan and implement projects** to protect and restore the habitat and recreational resources owned or under the stewardship of DEM;
- Aggressively **track and apply for federal grants** to fund resilience efforts across Rhode Island;
- **Coordinate resilience efforts with decarbonization** programs, activities, and policies taken in accordance with the RI Act on Climate; and
- **Provide biennial reports** to the RIEC4, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate on the State of Resilience in Rhode Island, with the first report to be submitted by December 31, 2024.

# Municipal Resilience Program Overview

- **MRP Workshops:**
  - **Identify** community hazards, strengths, vulnerabilities, and priority actions
  - **Develop** localized resilience strategies
  - **1600+ Resilience Actions** identified to date
- **MRP Action Grants:**
  - **Fund** design and construction of capital projects with resilience benefits
  - **\$19.4mm in Action Grant funding** awarded to date
- **MRP Project Pipeline:**
  - **Support** municipalities to identify further funding/financing sources





# MRP Participating Municipalities

***90% of Rhode Island Municipalities now participating!***

**2019** | *Westerly, South Kingstown, Portsmouth, Barrington & Warren*

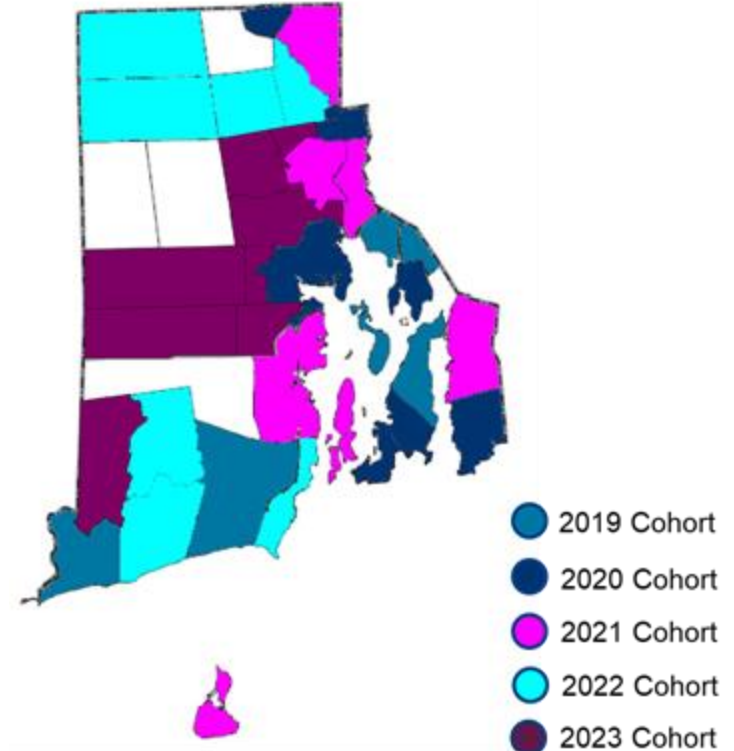
**2020** | *Bristol, Woonsocket, Little Compton, Warwick, Pawtucket & Central Falls, Newport, Middletown*

**2021** | *Cumberland, East Providence, Jamestown, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Providence, Tiverton*

**2022** | *Burrillville, Charlestown, Glocester, Lincoln, Narragansett, Richmond, Smithfield*

**2023** | *Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, Hopkinton, Johnston, North Providence, West Greenwich, West Warwick*

**2024** | *Foster... and counting!*

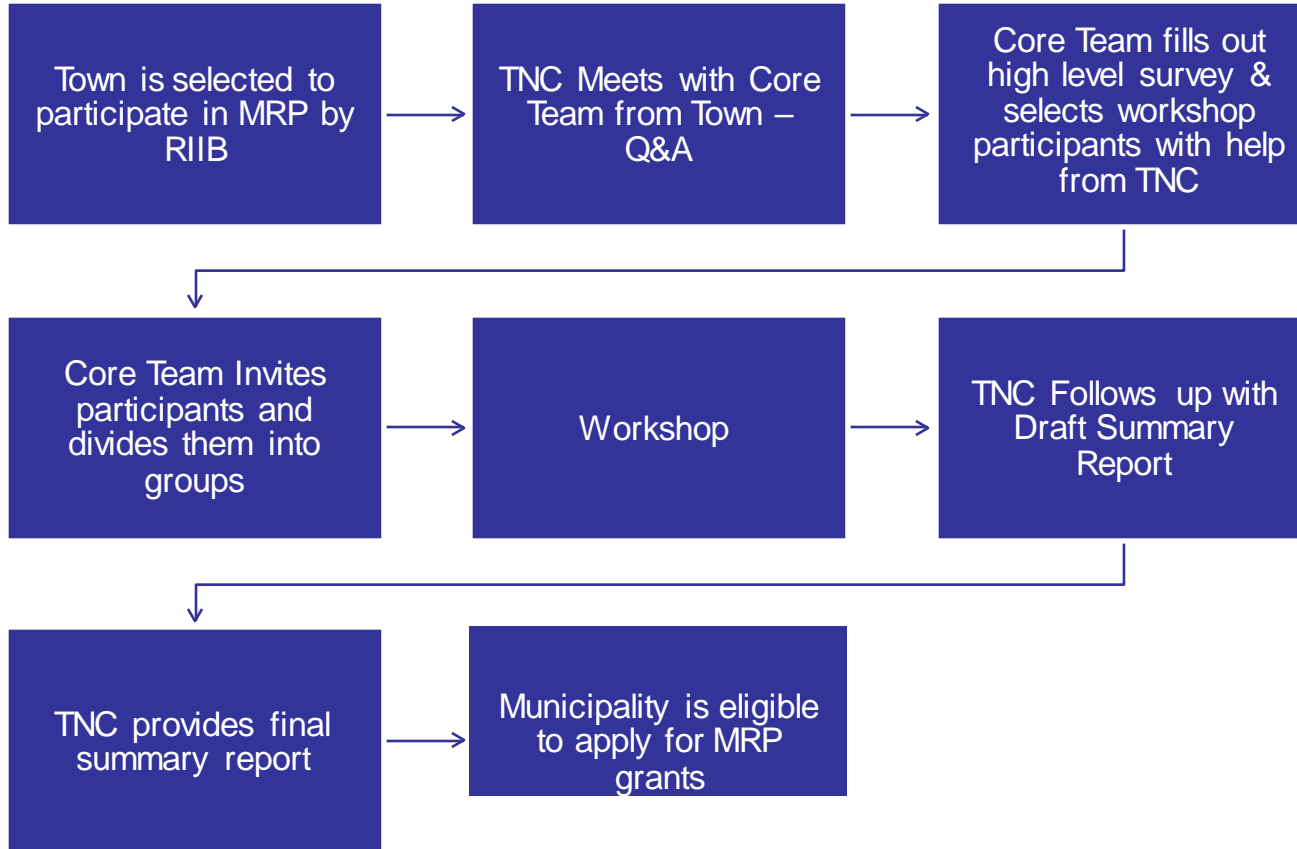


# Workshop Objectives

- ✓ Understand **connections** – ongoing issues, hazards, and activities in each town.
- ✓ Identify **strengths & vulnerabilities**.
- ✓ **Identify priority actions** to improve resilience.
- ✓ Opportunities to **advance priority actions**.



# Workshop Process



# MRP Action Grants

**Overview:** MRP Action Grants enable participating municipalities to implement climate resilience projects identified in their MRP workshops

## Key Facts:

- **Grant** – Does not have to be repaid; no interest rates or administrative fees.
- **Match** – 25% of Grant Dollars Awarded (Up to half can be in-kind / staff time – effectively 12.5% cash match).
- **Eligible Entities** – Municipalities who have completed their MRP Workshop.
- **Eligible Projects** – Design and construction. Available to projects that tackle climate change vulnerabilities with sustainable approaches and long-term vision.
- **Grant Agreement** is required which identifies project timeline and progress reporting
- RIIB assigns an **engineering technical review** to authorize payments



**Watershed Restoration at Bristol Golf Course & Tupelo Street – Constructed with MRP Action Grant Funds by Town of Bristol**



# MRP Funding Options

- **\$16M from 2022 Green Bond**
  - \$52M in requests from applicants demonstrated strong demand in 2023 RFP
- **\$12M grants awarded in January 2024**
  - 20 awards to 19 communities
  - Amounts ranging from \$87,000 to \$2.1M
- **Next RFP for remaining \$4M expected later in 2024**
- **New funding proposed \$10MM 2024 Green Bond**
  - Subject to legislative and voter approval
- **Proposed creation of a revolving loan fund program to fund larger scale projects**
  - Will ensure reliable and recurring funding for resiliency projects which will enable better planning
  - Will enable communities to be pro-active to address root causes rather than simply treating symptoms
  - Will safeguard fiscal well being as well as promoting sustainable infrastructure
  - [Amid rising costs, states scramble to budget for natural disasters - Route Fifty \(route-fifty.com\)](#)
  - [Community Finance Brief: Beyond Averages: A New Era in Climate Risk Assessment for Local Leaders — CSG LLC \(courttreetgroup.com\)](#)
  - [Planning for Uncertainty \(gfoa.org\)](#)

# MRP Action Grant Funded Projects



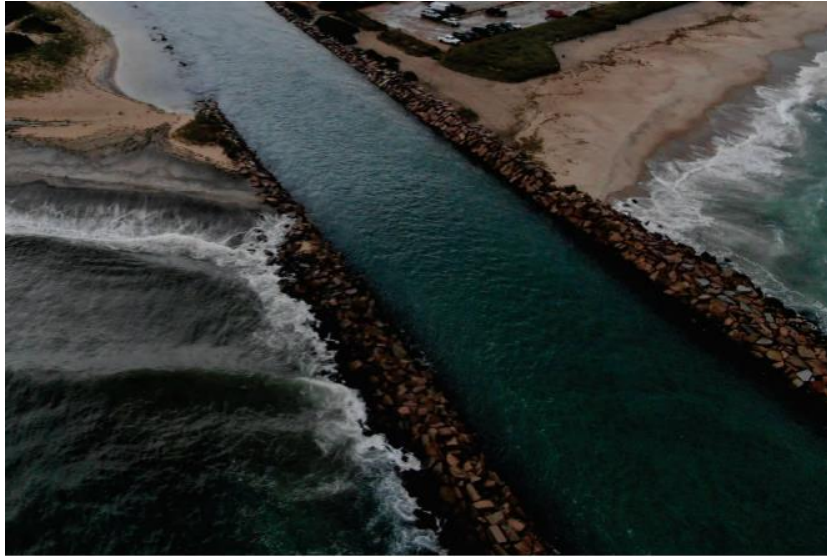


# Newport King Park Shoreline Resilience Project

- Largest MRP award made to date - \$2 Million+
- Project will expand the beach and public access, include seawater tolerant plantings along the beach to fight erosion and flooding, regrading of the shoreline, and repairs to portions of the seawall.
- Project will reduce flooding due to storm surge and make the beach more resilient to erosion.



# Charlestown Breachway Improvements Project



- Structural improvements to increase shoreline resiliency
- Funds for design/engineering for breachway barriers which will hold against storm surge and mitigate flooding along areas adjacent to the breachway



# Pawtucket-Central Falls Stormwater Parklets Project

- Green Infrastructure in their new TOD District. Area is 86% impervious surfaces.
- Permeable pavers, bio-retention beds, and street trees
- Curb bump outs and seating areas to make the area more pedestrian friendly



A. VIEW OF EXISTING PINE AND CONANT ST INTERSECTION



C. AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED PARKLET



B. VIEW OF PROPOSED PARKLET



D. AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED PARKLET





# Providence Public Street Waterfront Access Project

Public Street has three distinct areas:



**(A)** Wider portion of Public St. consisting of a paved asphalt street. Businesses located on the block require vehicle access and parking.



**(B)** Narrower unpaved portion of the right-of-way extending to the waterfront. This is a narrow stretch with limited vehicle activity.



**(C)** Waterfront area next to Public Street. Includes mudflat at low-tide. Location of proposed recreational dock.

