

Masten District Community Meeting

Date: Thursday April 28th, 2025.

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Northland Workforce Training Center, 683 Northland Ave, Buffalo, NY 14211

ATTENDEES

Rosaleen Nogle (BSA)	Scott Steinwald (BSA)	Perry Pope (BSA)
Regina Harris (BSA)	Art Hall (Hallmark)	Katie Segarra (Hallmark)
Cambridge Boyd (Hallmark)	Nadia Mugisha (Arcadis)	Jaime Davidson (JMD)
Dr. Cortasia Solomon-Carter (SAC Member)		

AGENDA

- 1. Queen City Clean Waters Program Overview
- 2. Overview of University District Specific Projects
- 3. Q&A

ACTION ITEMS

1. Respond to questions on FAQS Poster Board

Hallmark/ PMT

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

BSA Capital Projects Program Management Team:

TYLIN Greeley and Hansen Water Solutions



Queen City Clean Waters: Masten District Community Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting Summary – April 28, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: University District – Northland Workforce Training Center, 683 Northland Ave, Buffalo, NY 14211

Who Attended

- Queen City Clean Waters representatives
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee Member
- Local partners
- Community members and residents

About the Initiative

- Launched in early 2024, as an update to Buffalo Sewer's Long-Term Control Plan
- Investing **\$1 billion**+ across 50+ combined sewer overflow and wastewater treatment projects in all nine council districts over the next 10–15 years
- Focus on environmental upgrades with economic and social benefits for local communities

History of Buffalo Sewer

- Establishment: April 8, 1935, in response to a Department of Health mandate.
- Early Challenges: Financial instability leading to the creation of a state-established authority with \$15 million capacity.
- Long-Term Control Plan:
 - Initial report submitted in 2004, approved in 2014.
 - Ongoing adjustments revealed the need for additional projects to achieve full compliance by 2022.
 - Rebranded to the Queen City Clean Waters Initiative in 2023

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- Formed in January 2025 to ensure community voices shape project design
- Includes reps from Board of Block Clubs, Urban League, Health Equity groups, and block clubs
- Supports transparency, inclusion, and local leadership in the process

Masten District Projects:

Jefferson & E Delavan Offline Storage (OLS)

 Location: Parking lot at Canisius college; Jefferson & E Delavan

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- o Goal: Add a 1.5MG Offline Storage Tank to prevent sewer overflows
- **Budget: Approx.** \$100 Million
- **Timeline:** 2026-2032
- Jefferson & Florida Real Time Control (RTC)
 - **Goal:** Add Real Time Control Structure to prevent sewer overflows.
 - Location: Jefferson Ave & Florida St
 - Budget: Estimated \$2 million
 - **Timeline:** 2025-2026
- Sewer Patrol Point (SPP) 337
 - Goal: Near superfund site. Also, will need to include a new access road for business that will be obstructed by construction. A new chamber added to carry 3 times more flow.
 - Location: Intersection of Colorado Ave & Scajaquada St
 - Budget: Approx: \$ 15 Million
 - **Timeline:** 2026-2028
 - Sewer Patrol Point (SPP) 336B
 - **Goal:** Work done within the manhole, updates to reduce combined sewer overflowers.
 - Location: Humbolt & Lark
 - Budget: Estimated \$60,000
 - Timeline: 2026-2027
- Sidney & Lark Offline Storage (OLS)/Real-Time Control (RTC)
 - **Goal:** Two options being explored OLS or RTC. Leaning towards a Real-Time Control at the moment.
 - Location: Corner of Sidney & Lark St
 - Budget: Two options: Approx. \$45 Million for OLS/ Approx. \$17 Million for RTC
 - **Timeline:** 2027-2032

Project Impacts and Mitigation

- Construction Impacts:
 - Equipment and traffic on roads, temporary noise and dust.
 - Potential road and sidewalk closures, limited street parking, and detours.
 - Mitigation measures in place to minimize disruptions.
- Environmental Compliance:
 - State priority environmental review completed.
 - Measures to control erosion and runoff during construction.
- Operational Benefits:
 - Reduction in CSOs
 - Improved public health and ecosystem enhancement
 - Compliance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations

Community Engagement Highlights

BSA Capital Projects Program Management Team:

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- Interactive Website: <u>BuffaloQCCW.org</u> for ideas, surveys, and concerns
- Public Forums:
 - o In-person: April, May & June all nine council districts
 - Virtual: July 12, 10 AM–12 PM (Zoom)
- **Outreach Tools:** Mailers, social media, texts, and presence at community events like National Night Out

Upcoming Events

- July 12 @ 10 AM: Virtual Community Forum
- More District meetings will be announced for May & June

Stay Connected

- Visit: <u>BuffaloQCCW.org</u>
- Art Hall from Hallmark Planning & Development
- Follow-up: Meeting notes, Q&A responses, and ongoing design updates will be published

Community Questions & Responses

- 1. Why has the Buffalo Sewer Authority instituted programs like Get the Lead Out, Get Water Wise, for example?
 - Get the Lead Out is a Buffalo Water program because it's your drinking pipes that have lead. It is not the main pipes, it's the pipe between the main and your home. Get Water Wise is a project between Buffalo Sewer Authority and Buffalo Water that is about saving the people of Buffalo that cannot afford their sewer and water bills. If you are low-income or elderly, you can get breaks on your sewer and water bills. You can learn more at getwaterwisebuffalo.org.
- 2. Will Buffalo Sewer be monitoring nearby residences and their utilities when they are blasting/drilling down to the project sites?
 - Yes, Buffalo Sewer will monitor the surrounding residences and plan to survey foundations in advance so that if any damage occurs they will pay for it.
- 3. Will there be monitoring for any onsite contaminants in the soil/air/etc. while work is being done?
 - Yes, there will be monitors on site while work is being done, and any soil will be tested for contaminants prior to construction.
- 4. Will hiring be local?
 - Public procurement law needs to be followed, but included in bids are goals for hiring city residents, and minority and women owned businesses.
- 5. How can residents get info? (Sticky note on FAQS Poster)
- 6. Is minority hiring a priority? (Sticky note on FAQS Poster)



QCCWI Masten District Community Meeting The Hallmark Firm

Date of Next Meeting:	May 13 th , 2025
Time of Next Meeting:	6:00 pm ET
Location of next Meeting:	Schiller Park Senior Center

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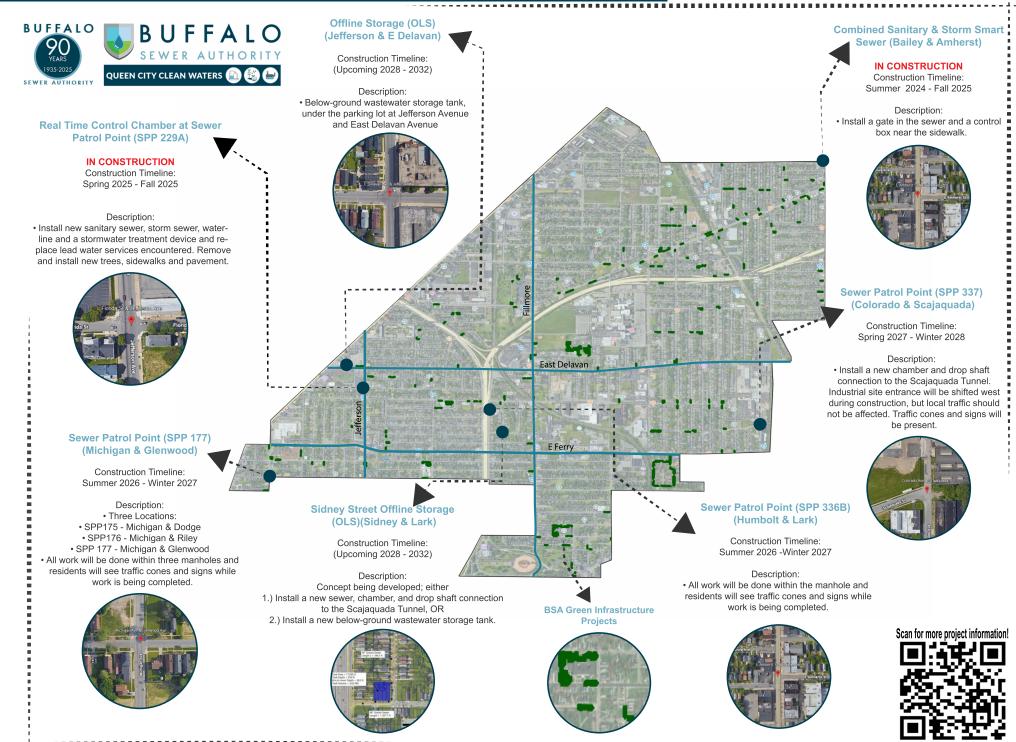
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Queen City Clean Waters

Public Participation Forum

April 28th, 2025 – Northland Workforce Training Center

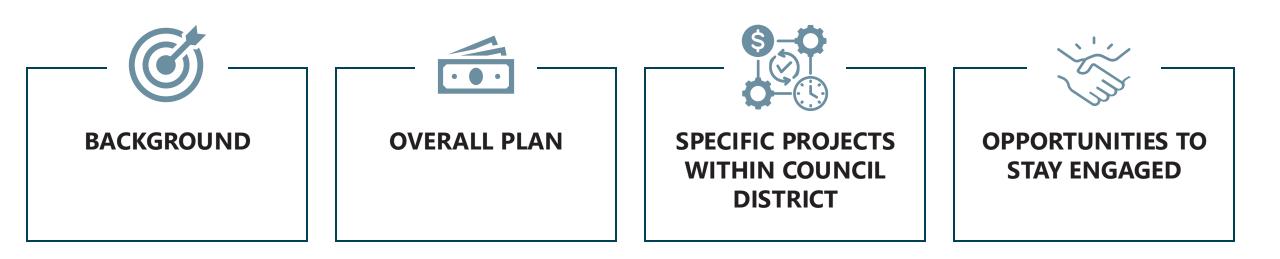
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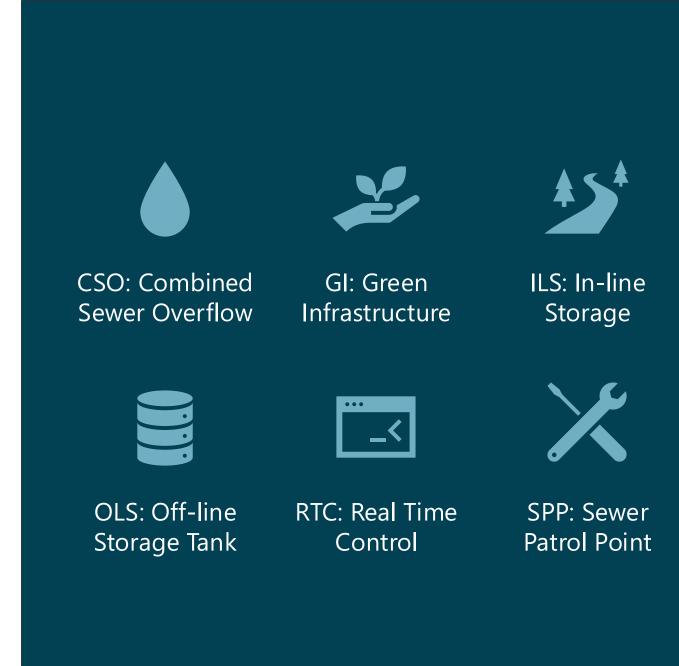






Key Terminology

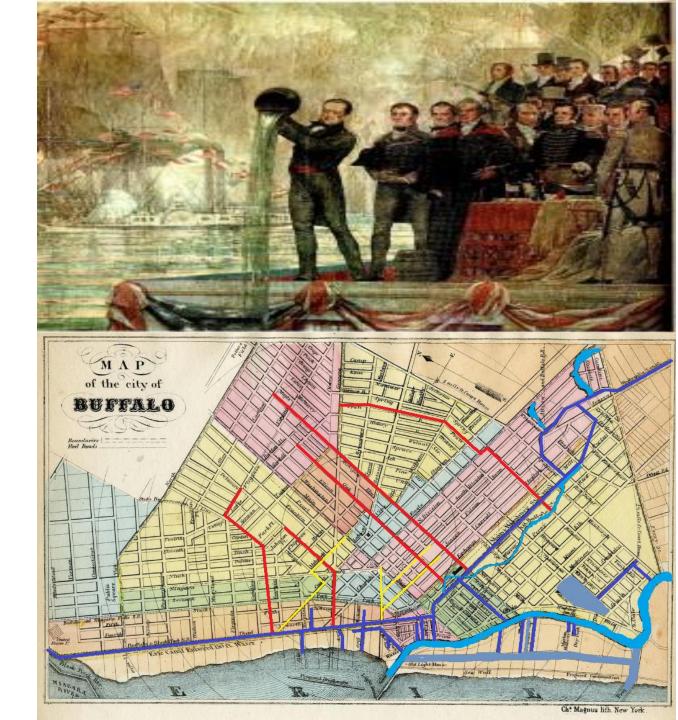
- CSO: when a combined sanitary and storm sewer overflows into a waterbody during high flow precipitation events.
- Interceptor: large diameter sewer pipe that collects wastewater from smaller neighborhood pipes.
- ILS: the storage of wastewater temporarily within the existing sewer pipes.
- OLS: A tank that holds extra water when the sewer is full, then drains it to be treated when there's space.
- Orifice plate: A flow restricting device.
- Overflow Weir: a barrier that lets excess water flow over the barrier to control water levels.
- RTC: Sewer chambers with automatic gates store and release water to prevent overflows when the treatment plant is ready.
- SPP: A chamber that directs water to the treatment plant in dry weather or overflow area during heavy rain.
- Underflow Pipe: is a pipe that allows water to flow underneath a barrier to manage water levels to prevent flooding.
- Weir: a structure similar to a dam. Used to control water flow.



Background

A Brief History of Buffalo's Sewers

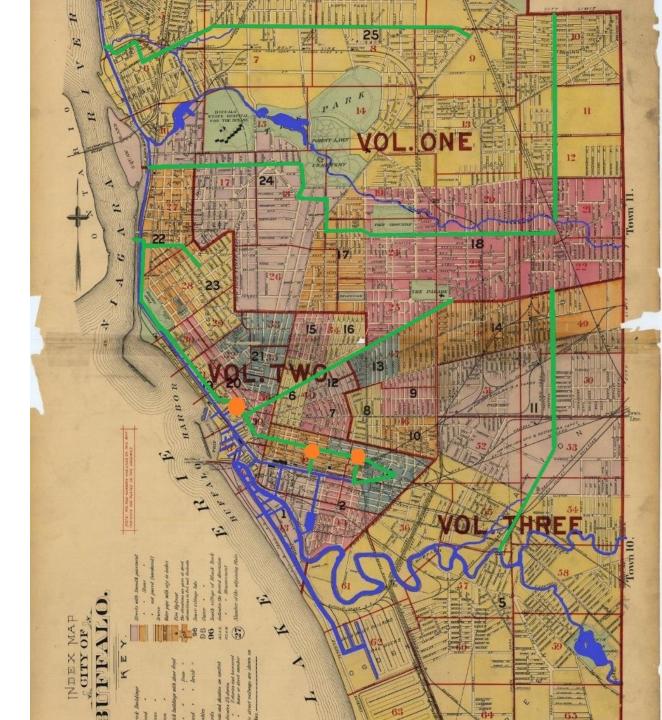
- Erie Canal opened in 1825
- Drain the Swamp
- Cholera epidemics
 - 1832
 - 1849
 - 1852



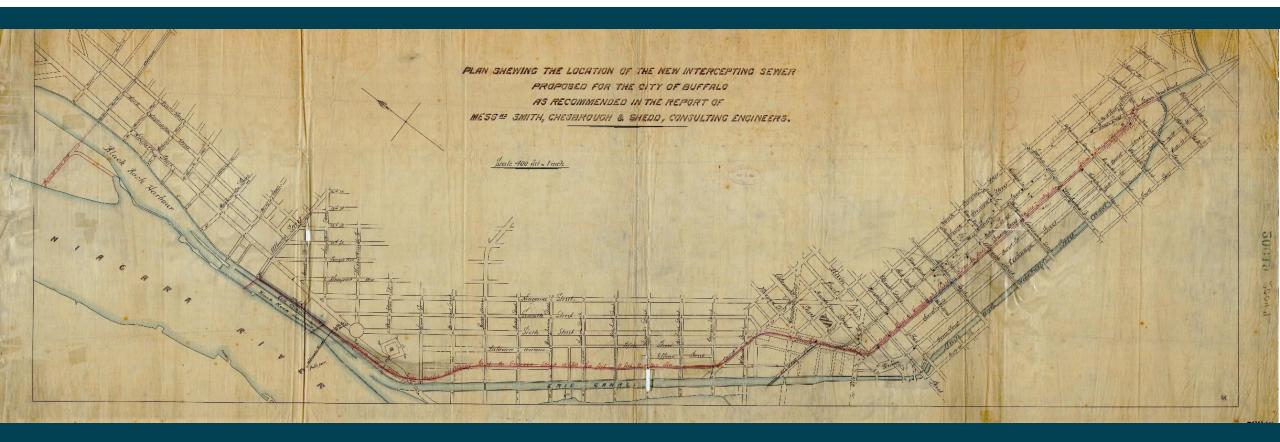


A Brief History of Buffalo's Sewers (Cont.)

- George E. Waring, Jr. 1884
- Considered, but rejected
 - Sewer separation
 - Treatment Facility
- Trunks
 - Genesee, Bird-Ferry, Hertel, Bailey, Mill Race
- Swan
 - Three flushing gates
 - Main & Hamburg Canal and Wilkenson Slip: putrid
 - 90 Degree turn at Albany Street
 - Bird Island Pier, now the tip of Freedom Park



The Swan Trunk





1900-1929: Burying of Waters

Waterways -----> Sewers

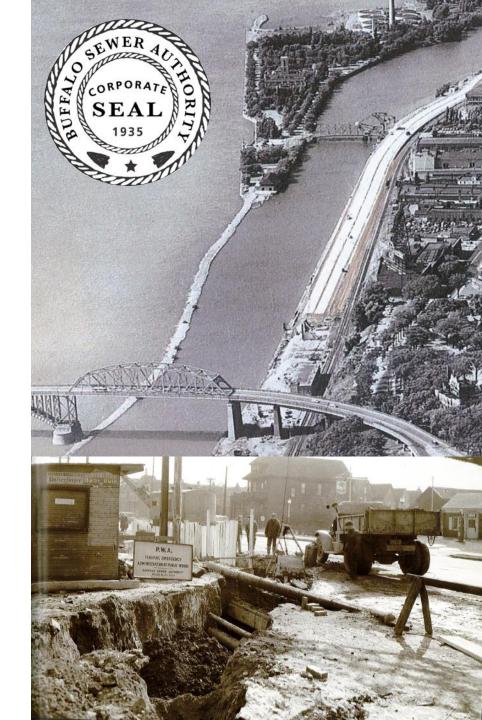
- Main Hamburg Canal to Hamburg Drain 1901-1903
- Ohio Basin to Ohio Drain 1902-1904
- Cornelius Creek to Hertel Avenue Overflow Drain 1914
- Scajaquada Creek to Scajaquada Drain 1925





Buffalo Sewer Authority's Founding

- 1907 Canadian Report:
 - Niagara Falls, NY Typhoid Rate
 - 0.2% Population Dying Each Year
- International Joint Commission: January 11, 1909
- 1918 Report: 80% Niagara River Pollution from Buffalo
- NYS Dept. of Health Mandate: March 1935
 - Primary Sewage Treatment Plant
 - Interceptor Sewers
- Establishment of BSA: April 8, 1935
 - \$15 M Bonding Capacity (\$344 M 2024)





1941-1970: Storm Relief and Sprawl

NYS Route 33

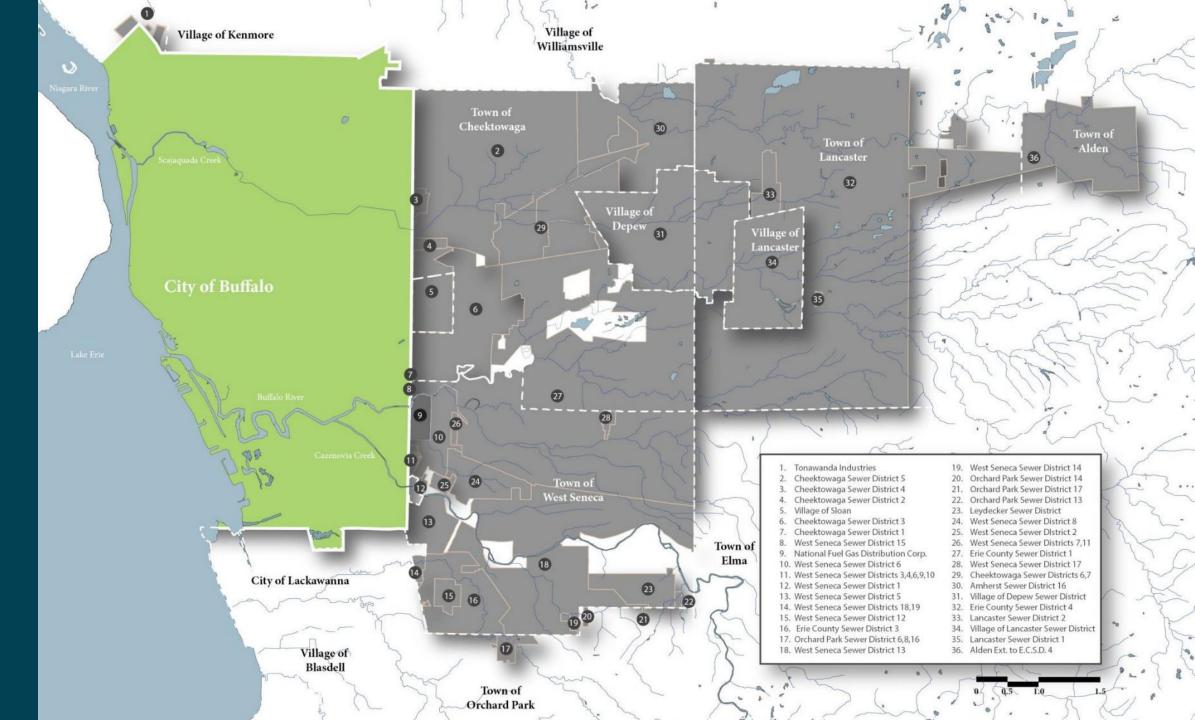
- Severed Bird-Ferry Trunk
- Stormwater added to system
- New pump station for stormwater and groundwater
- New trunk sewers constructed

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- New storm sewers
- Direct discharge to Scajaquada Creek

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- Old Erie Canal bed
- On top of:
 - Swan Trunk
 - Interceptors
 - Hamburg Drain



Clean Water Act (1972)

- Scajaquada Tunnel
- Weir Modifications
 - Diversion from Scajaquada Drain to Tunnel
 - Raising of Weirs
- Kelly Island Connection
- Backwater Gates
- Secondary Treatment Process



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1994	2004	2007	2009	2012	2014	2022	2023
USEPA CSO Control Policy Issued (Required Development of LTCP)	Submitted Initial LTCP to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)	NYSDEC/USEPA Request Additional Evaluations	Negotiation of Consent Decree Begins	Submitted LTCP Update to USEPA/ NYSDEC (as directed by regulatory agency	Final LTCP Report Submitted to USEPA/NYSDEC	Revised collection system model is approved	QCCW (51 proposed projects) submitted to NYSDEC

Approved Recalibration Results

- Some Combined Sewer
 Overflows (CSOs)
 Already in Compliance
 (Some Projects Not
 Needed)
- -LTCP Does Not Reach Compliance for Others!

Waterbody	Activation Goals	Projected Activations
Buffalo River	6	15
Niagara River	9	14
Scajaquada Creek	4	19



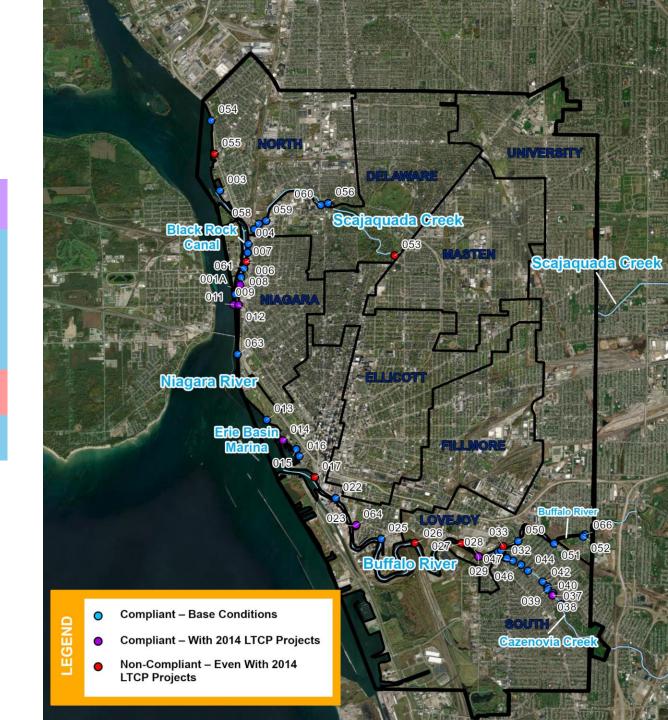
Combined Sewer Overflows Compliance

Combined Sewer Overflows

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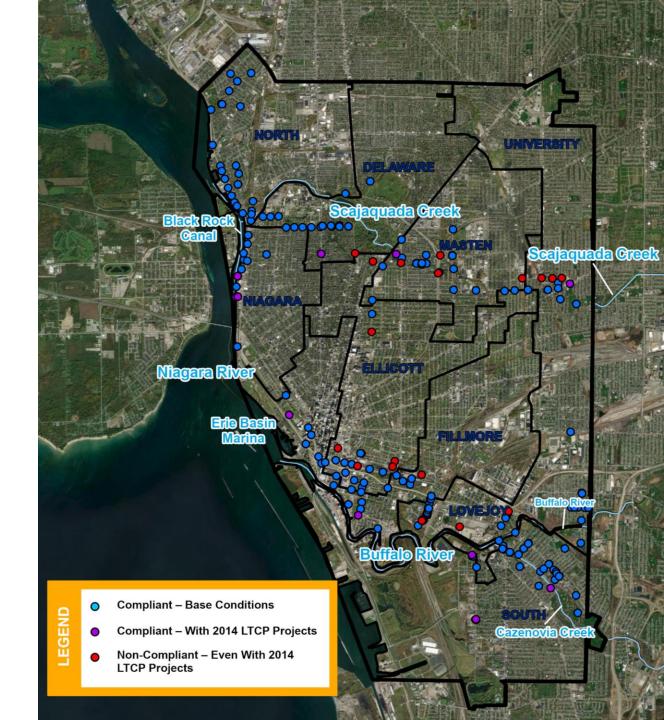




Sewer Patrol Points (SPP) Compliance

Proportion in Each Compliance Category



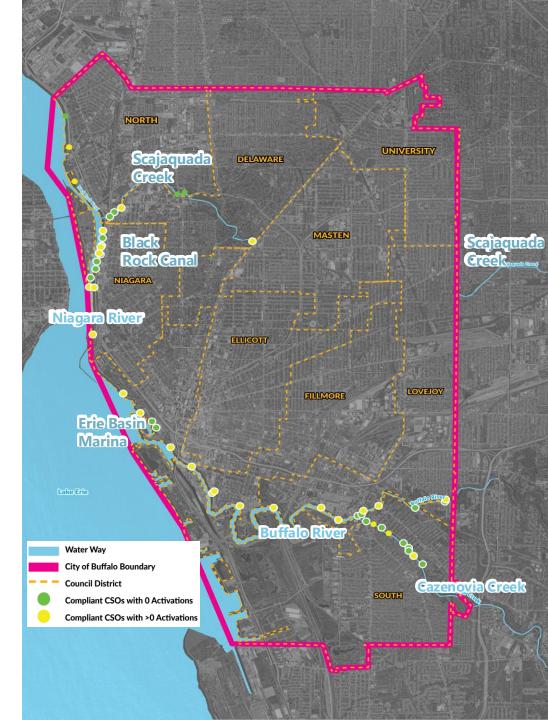




Development of Activation Targets ACTIVATION = OVERFLOW OCCURRENCE

WaterbodyActivation GoalsSelected Alternatives
Completion ActivationsBlack Rock Canal0-44Buffalo River0-66

Buffalo River	0-6	6
Cazenovia Creek - B	0-0	0
Cazenovia Creek - C	0-6	5
Erie Basin Marina	0-2	2
Niagara River	0-9	9
Scajaquada Creek	0-4	4
Overall	0-9	9



Lessons Learned from the 2014 LTCP

WHY WAS THE OPTIMIZATION DONE?

Feasibility Constraints for Baseline Projects in the 2014 LTCP:

 Many proposed projects were unfeasible due to compliance issues and costs, highlighting a lack of thorough consideration regarding industrial heritage and the specifics of infrastructure design, such as the differences between open and underground tanks for vehicle support.

Constraints of Offline Storage (OLS) and Storage Tunnel Projects:







Optimization Approach

Globally Coordinated Control Strategy

Real time control (RTC) sites collaborate to prevent overflows and reduce peak flows, regardless of local conditions.

System Evaluation Considerations and Constraints

- Property ownership
- Underground contamination concerns
- Gravity flow vs. pumping
- Prioritization of sewer patrol points
 (SPP) with low activation requirements and high overflow in baseline projects
- Potential coordination



Original Projects Considered

77 projects including In-line (ILS) and Off-line Storage (OLS), Green Infrastructure, Sewer Separation, and Sewer Patrol Point (SPP) Modification



Optimization Rounds

- Project alternatives per SPP
- Full system optimization
- Minimizing cost while achieving compliance



Tools Used

Cloud computing for alternatives analysis

Outcome

51 projects identified as Selected Alternatives

Queen City Clean Waters (QCCW) – Mission and Vision



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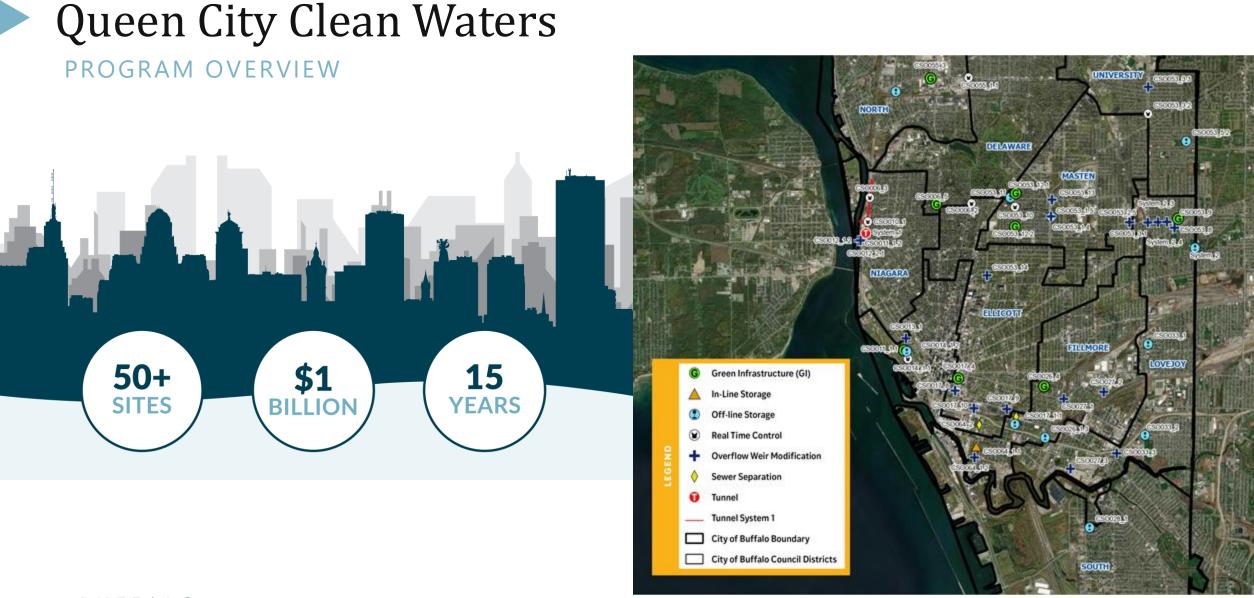


VISION Clean waters and a resilient Buffalo.

MISSION



To safeguard public health and the environment while fostering strong community partnerships, creating meaningful workforce opportunities, and driving lasting economic impact for future generations in Buffalo.



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Overall Plan



Construction Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- During construction, residents can expect to see equipment and traffic cones off to one side of the road.
- Temporary disruptions, such as noise and dust, will be minimized as much as possible.
- Sewage odors will NOT be present in homes but may be present outside.

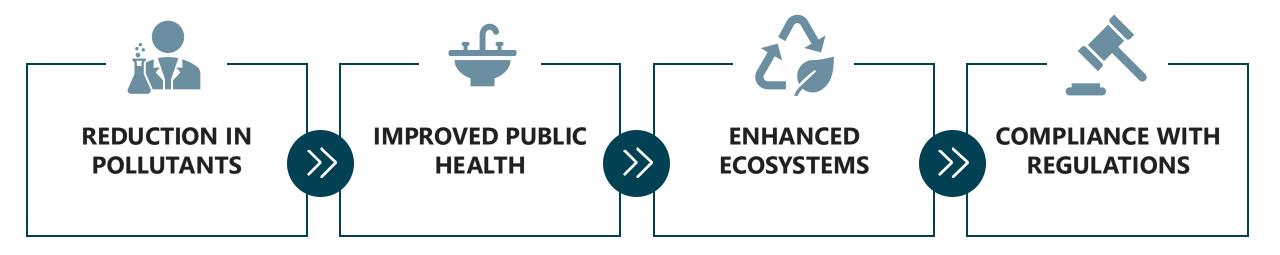




Construction Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- New traffic patterns will be in place during construction, including:
 - Partial or full road closures
 - Sidewalk closures
 - Limited street parking
 - Possible detours (for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians)/ relocated bus stop
 - Rodent control plans
 - Fencing and site visibility



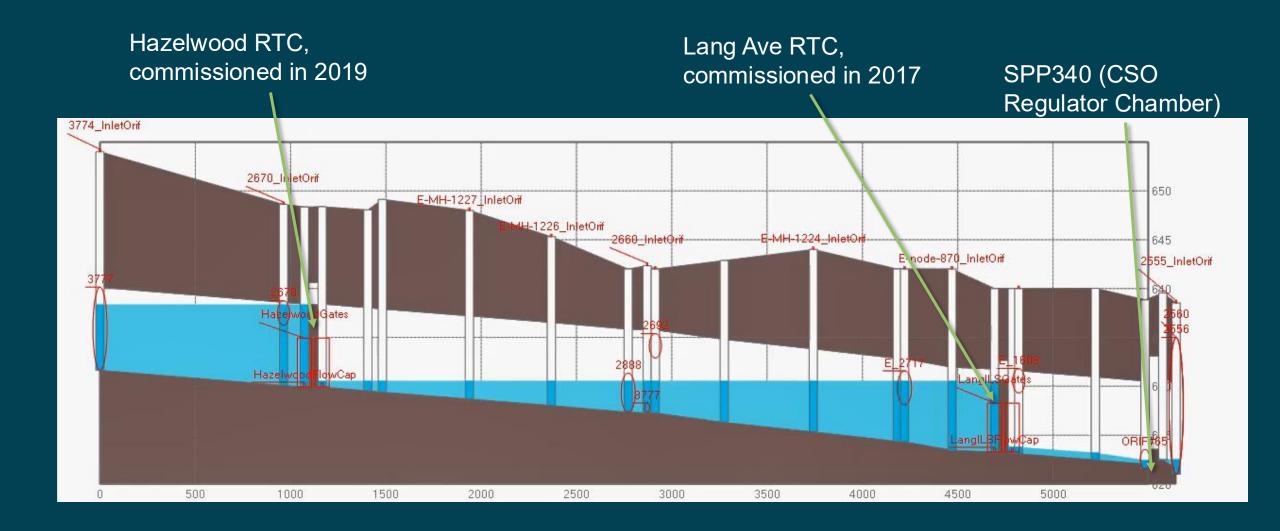




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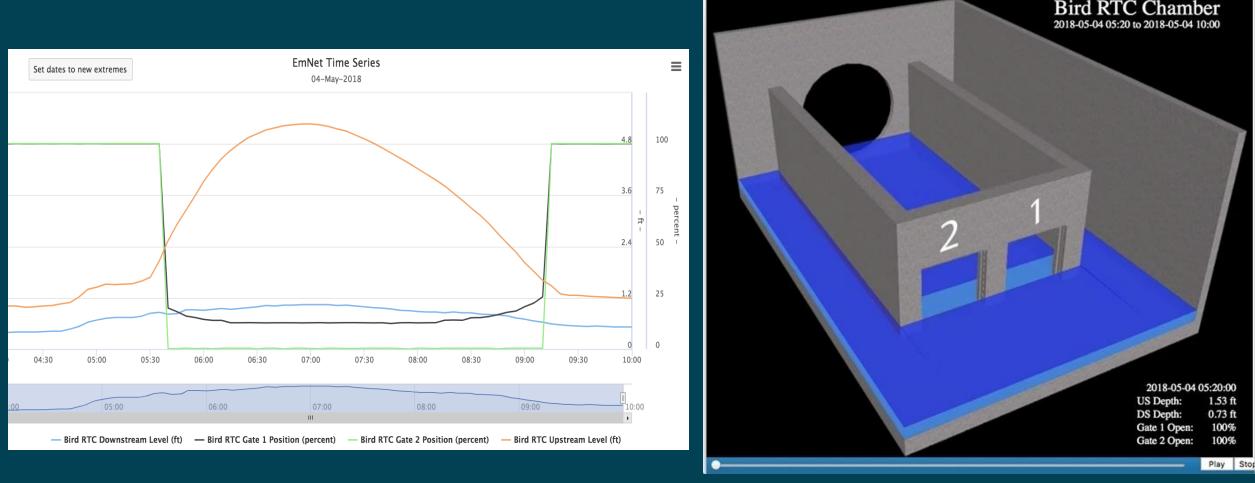
Coordinated Remote Control for In-Line Storage



Local Control for In-Line Storage (North Bailey RTC)

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Bird Avenue RTC



Bird RTC Chamber Visualization

During wet weather, downstream sensors indicate when it is time to begin storing Nearly every gallon stored would have contributed to a CSO activation The gates take turns with each event – one closes entirely while the other modulates. Community Engagement & Stakeholder Outreach



Build a robust **Community Benefits Program** of community partnerships and **Stakeholder Advisory Committee** comprised of community leaders and residents

Discovery

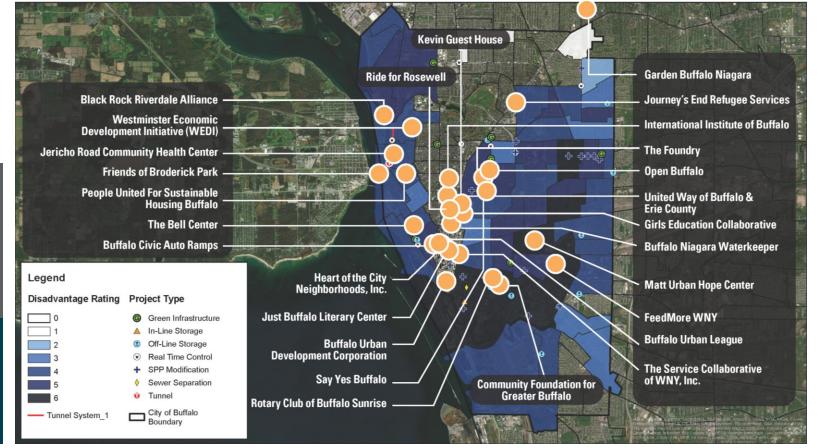
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Planning and

Application

Accountability + Transparency: Indicators, representation, how are resources distributed and made available

Observation



Partner with Anchor Institutions to Reach the Community

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)

The purpose of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Buffalo Sewer Authority's Queen City Clean Waters Initiative is to serve as a vital bridge between the project team and the diverse communities of Buffalo. The SAC ensures that community perspectives, concerns, and insights are actively incorporated into the initiative's planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Organizations & Agencies Represented:

- Northland Workforce Training Center
- PUSH Buffalo
- Buffalo Urban League
- Board of Block Clubs
- NAACP
- Jericho Road

- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- City of Buffalo Office of <u>Strategic Planning (OSP)</u>
- Buffalo Center for Health Equity





Buffalo Sewer wants to ensure construction and professional services contracts deliver a positive economic, environmental, and social impacts for residents. Companies working with Buffalo Sewer are encouraged to support Buffalo nonprofits through volunteerism or financial contributions to defined community partners. The program will be included in contract terms and compliance monitoring to ensure effective participation.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM Coming in 2025

BSA's Commitment to the Inclusion of DBE/MWBE Firms

PURPOSE

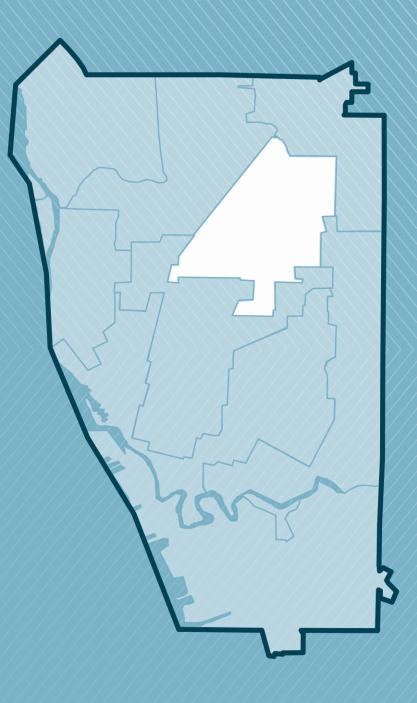


- Create economic opportunity for Disadvantaged/Minority/ Women Owned Business Enterprise (D/MBE/WBE) firms, including firms who are new to working with BSA and/or the City of Buffalo
- Promote meaningful teaming arrangements, mentorship, and partnership between established, experienced firms and new and/or smaller firms



Masten District

Specific Projects



Jefferson & E Delavan

OFFLINE STORAGE (OLS)

Project Description:

- 1.5 MG Offline Storage Tank, flows from SPP333 rerouted to tank
- Located at an existing parking garage
 (set for demolition) at Jefferson Avenue and
 East Delavan Avenue
- Three phased project

Estimated Cost: \$105,400,000

Waterbody Impacted: Scajaquada Creek

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Jefferson & Florida

REAL TIME CONTROL CHAMBER AT SEWER PATROL POINT (SPP 229A)

Project Description:

- Addition of a new flow prevention pipe
- Pipe will be downstream of the control gate
- The gate opens when there's capacity in the Scajaquada Tunnel or a risk of overflow

Estimated Cost: \$2,283,000

Waterbody Impacted: Scajaquada Creek



Required Construction Start Date March 2025



Design Start Date March 2022

July 2026 Required Construction End Date

Colorado & Scajaquada

SEWER PATROL POINT (SPP 337)

Description:

- A new chamber and drop shaft connection to the Scajaquada Tunnel will be built to carry three times more flow to the tunnel
- The water barrier, or overflow weir, will also be raised
- Survey start date: February 12th, 2024

Estimated Cost: \$15,652,000

Waterbody Impacted: Scajaquada Creek



TIMELINE **V**

Design Start Date March 2024

> June 2026 **Design Completion Date**

Required Construction Start Date December 2026



Humbolt & Lark

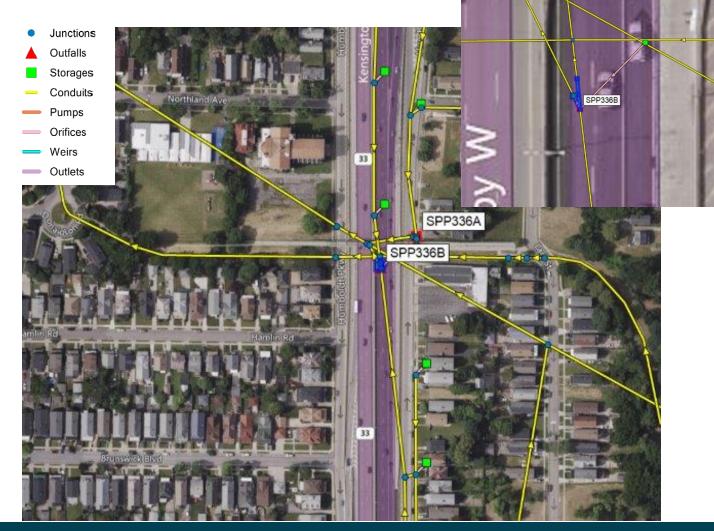
SEWER PATROL POINT (SPP 336B)

Project Description:

- Sewer Patrol Point 336B will be modified by removing the orifice plate, or flow restriction device
- Reduces combined sewer overflows

Estimated Cost: \$60,000

Waterbody Impacted: Scajaquada Creek



Required Construction Start Date June 2026

TIMELINE **V**

Design Start Date

December 2025
Design Completion Date

December 2027
Required Construction End
Date

Sidney & Lark

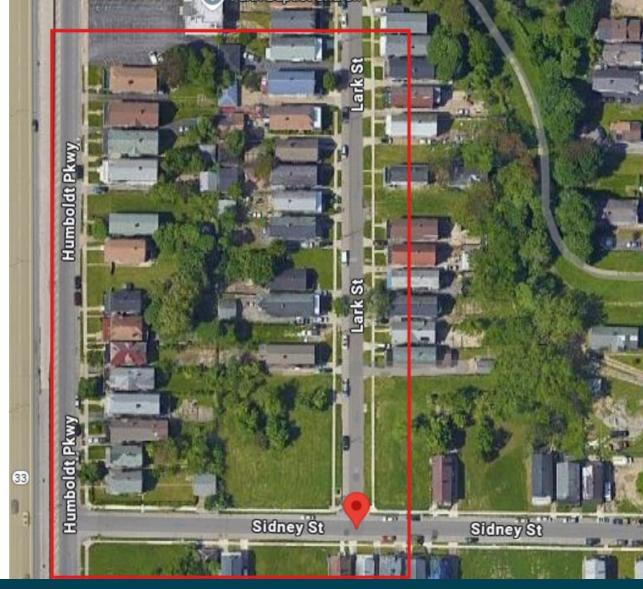
OFFLINE STORAGE (OLS)/ REAL TIME CONTROL (RTC)

Project Description:

- Corner of Sidney Street and Lark Street
- Dewater overflows via gravity to the Scajaquada
 Tunnel Interceptor
- Survey start date: February 12th, 2024

Estimated Cost: 44,620,000 (OLS) / 17,300,000 (RTC)

Waterbody Impacted: Scajaquada Creek



TIMELINE **V**

Design Start Date

June 2027
Design Completion Date

Required Construction Start Date December 2027

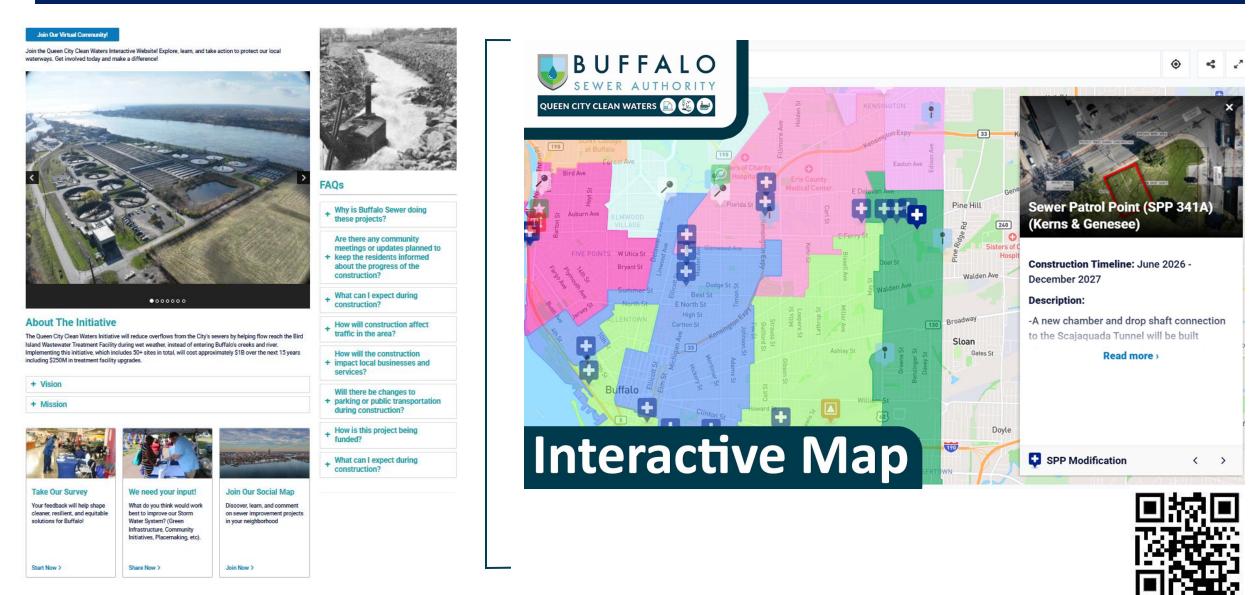
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Opportunities to Stay Engaged

New! Queen City Clean Waters Interactive Website

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Buffalo Sewer Authority Website



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SEWER AUTHORITY

Your <u>BEST</u> source of information!

- Consultant, Contractor, and Supplier Opportunities
- Construction Updates

FAQs

- Board Meeting Minutes
- Public Participation Plans

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Thank you!

GET IN TOUCH:







