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# QCCW Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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- 5 Overview of Community Partnership Program

# Overview of 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

- Board of Block Clubs of Buffalo & Erie County
- Buffalo Center for Health Equity
- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning
- Buffalo Urban League
- Jericho Road
- LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corp.)
- Northland Workforce Training Center
- Buffalo NAACP
- PUSH Buffalo

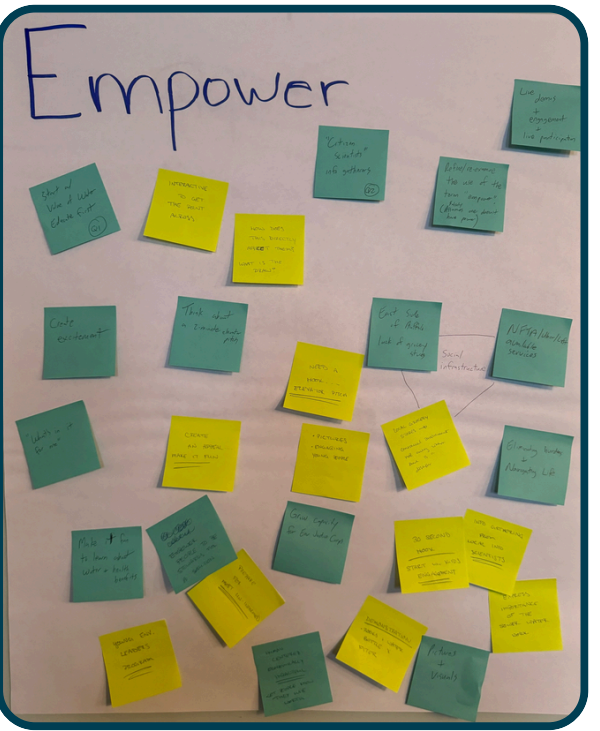
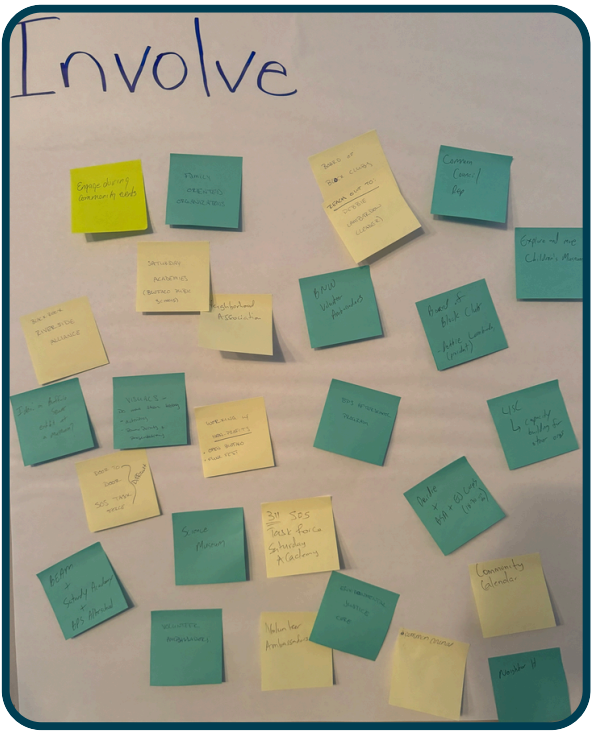
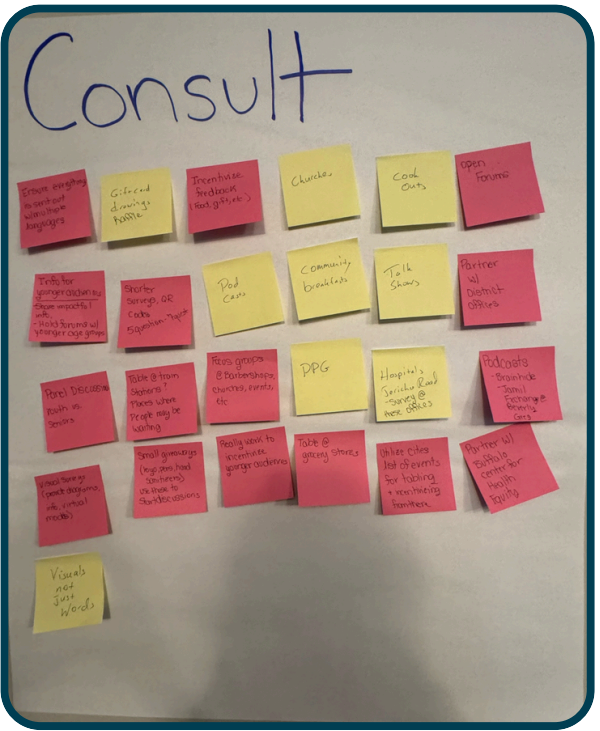
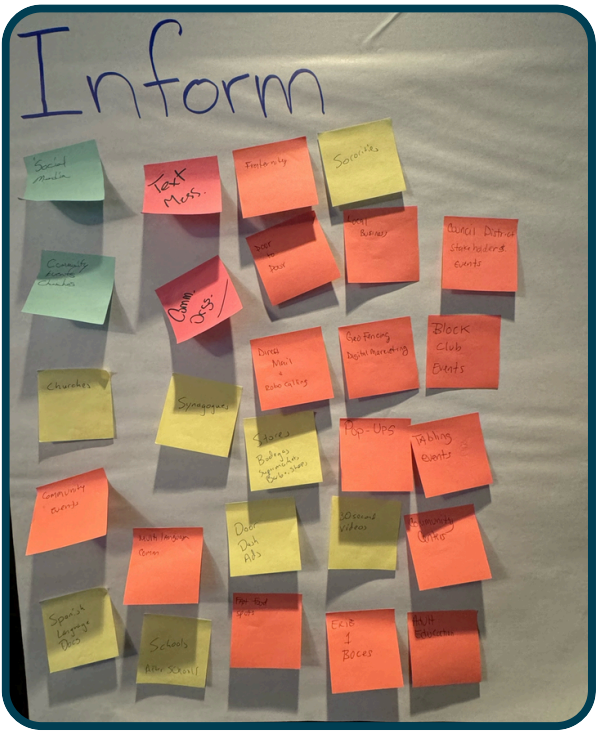


# W9/ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

# Review of In-Person Planning Meeting

# Key Takeaways from In - Person Activity

Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
Social media outreach	Incentives	Reach out to community organizations/ alliances	Engagement with ongoing planning efforts	Training/education programs
Community events	Visual/interactive displays	Create volunteer opportunities	Partner with City of Buffalo Agencies	Community investment
Multi-Language Communication	Focus groups/panel discussions	Work with museums (Explore & More/Buffalo Science) to have a Buffalo Sewer exhibit	Partner with grassroots organizations	Create excitement/teach about the value of water
Direct Mail	Survey (visual, short)	Create an urban farm/garden	Partner with nonprofits/community services	Facilitate informal interactions with program leaders (open door policy)



# Overview of QCCW Public Participation Plan

# Buffalo Sewer's *Public Participation Plan*



**BACKGROUND**



**OVERALL PLAN**

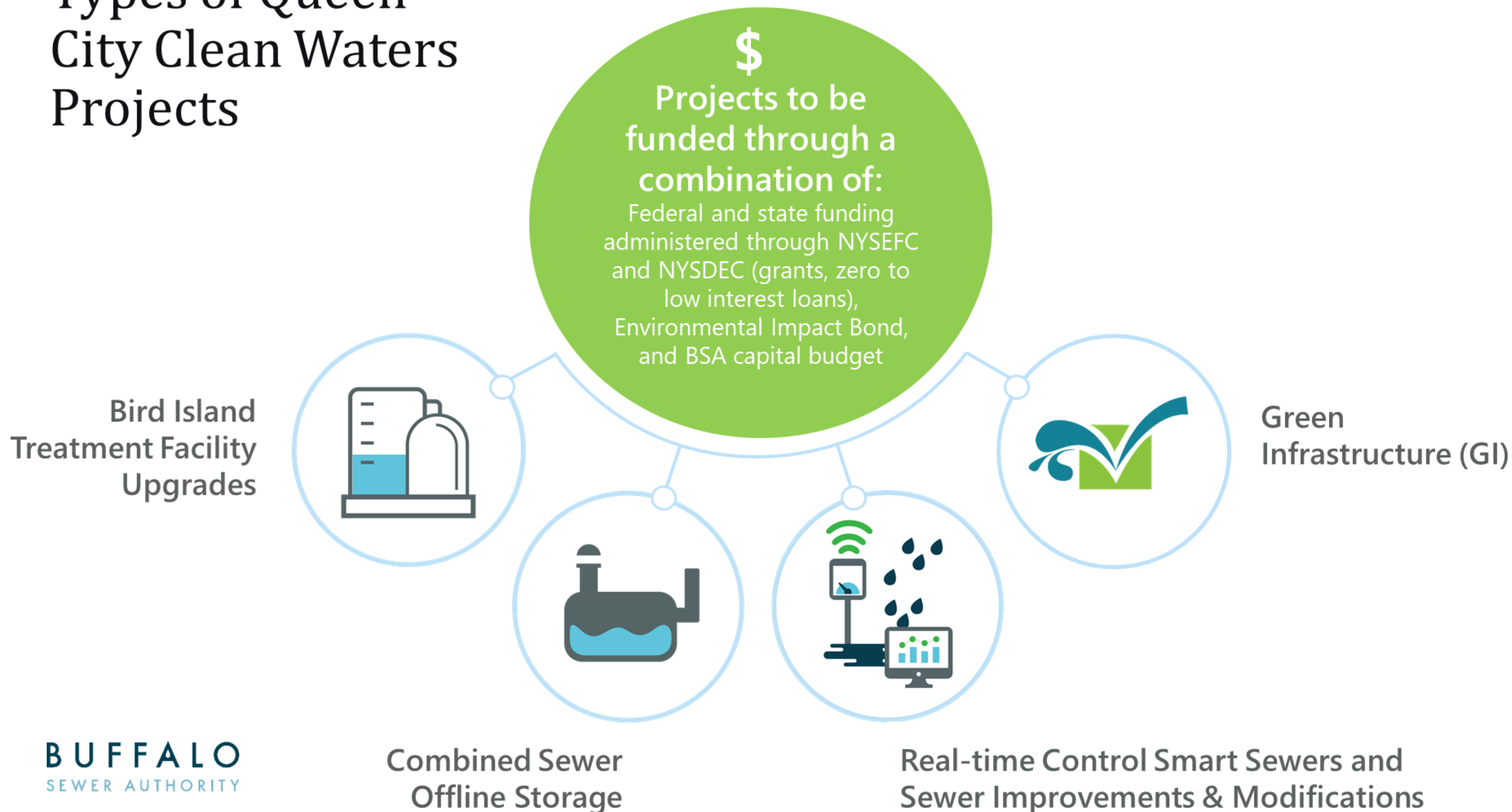


**SPECIFIC PROJECTS  
WITHIN COUNCIL  
DISTRICT**



**OPPORTUNITIES TO  
STAY ENGAGED**

# Types of Queen City Clean Waters Projects



# Buffalo Sewer's *Public Participation Plan*

## COMPONENTS

### – **Stakeholders**

- Residents Adjacent to the Proposed Project Site
- Local Elected Officials
- Community-Based Organizations and Community Residents Located in Potential Environmental Justice Areas
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee

### – **Communications, Information Access, and Events**

### – **Public Information Meetings**

- Common Council Members, Community group Meetings, District Meetings, virtual meetings, SAC Meetings, QCCW Public Meetings

### – **Community Partnership Program**

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# Community Partnership Program





**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**

# Mission Statement

The Community Partnership Program (CPP) is designed to deliver long-lasting positive economic, environmental, and social impacts in our service area. Buffalo Sewer is dedicated to developing an equitable, inclusive, and comprehensive Community Partnership Program to better serve and foster partnerships within our local communities.

Through local partnerships, volunteering, and financial contributions, our goal is to grow a workforce talent pipeline that supports Buffalo Sewer's core services and ensures City of Buffalo residents experience public benefits, including opportunities for generational wealth creation, workforce/business development, education, and improved environmental health.

# The Why:

Collaboratively, our aim is to create a meaningful and positive impact within the communities and neighborhoods served by the Authority by creating an avenue for community partnerships to form with consultants and contractors of the Buffalo Sewer Authority.



## EDUCATION

Supporting educational programs and initiatives, particularly focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). These programs aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in these fields. By fostering a strong foundation in STEAM, the program will inspire the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers who can contribute to the community's growth and sustainability.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Support of existing and creation of comprehensive job training programs that prepare individuals for employment. These programs will provide hands-on training, certifications, and career development opportunities. By building a skilled workforce, the program aims to support the local economy and ensure that our community has the expertise needed to maintain and improve essential infrastructure.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We are dedicated to promoting local economic growth by supporting infrastructure projects that create jobs and stimulate economic activity. Through strategic partnerships with local businesses, contractors, and community organizations, the program aims to drive economic prosperity and enhance the quality of life for residents. The efforts will focus on sustainable development that benefits both the economy and the environment.



## PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Improving public health and environmental quality is central to the mission and serves as a key driver for enhancing overall well-being. This program is designed to support both community members and public spaces, fostering their care and development for a sustainable future.

## The Who:

- Bidders for Professional Services and Construction Contracts
- Beneficiaries Will Include:
  - A nonprofit organization that has established and maintains valid nonprofit status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), as amended, along with all applicable rules and regulations.
  - Public schools and colleges in the Buffalo Sewer Authority's Service Area.

## The When:

- Bidders for Professional Services and Construction Contractors will voluntarily participate in a Community Partnership Proposal through the Buffalo Sewer Authority's Procurement Process with Invitation to Bids over \$2,500,000 and Request for Proposals over \$500,000.
- Bidder's commitments must adhere to the policies set forth in the Community Partnership Framework Document currently being developed. The results of participation will be measurable and performed over the life of the agreement.

# Status: In Process/Under Review



Framework Document  
Outlining the Program



Program  
Flyer



Educational  
Outreach Plan



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Questions?

