Are We Prepared? Community Resilience in a Changing Environment June 20, 2017 9-11 a.m.



Why this topic? Why now?

- Ramsey Conservation District's Comprehensive Plan 2017-2025
 - 7 Objectives Identified
 - Including 'Adapting to Climate Variabilities and Minimizing Flooding'



Ramsey Conservation District COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2017 - 2025

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Today's Speakers

- Pete Boulay, Assistant State Climatologist with the MN State Climate Office
- Melissa Lewis, Assistant Section Manager at the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

 Bruce Jacobson, Senior Research Fellow at the Minnesota Design Center

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Weather Trends

Pete Boulay | Climatologist, EWR State Climatology Office

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Today

- 1. Trends
- 2. Some items to bear in mind
- (e.g., climate variability vs trends)



Stormy Skies over Maplewood Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office

1. Where our climate stands now and

where the science tells us it's going

2. Focus on Ramsey Co and Minnesota

Minnesota's most pronounced trends

- 1. Minnesota is becoming warmer and wetter
 - Major shift observed
- 2. Cold temperatures are increasing fastest
 - Rapid loss in cold extremes
- 3. Extreme rainfall increasing
 - More and larger "big" events

Trends: 1. MN Getting Warmer and Wetter



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Climate at a Glance

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Time Series	Mapping	Data Information	Background

NCEI added Alaska climate divisions to its nClimDiv dataset on Friday, March 6, 2015, coincident with the release of the February 2015 monthly monitoring report. For more information on this data, please visit the Alaska Climate Divisions FAQ.

Time Series



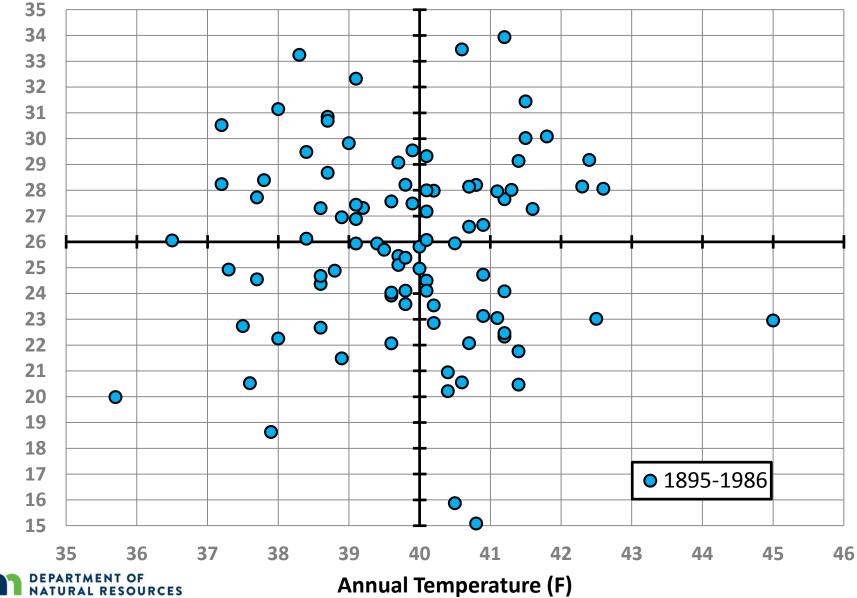
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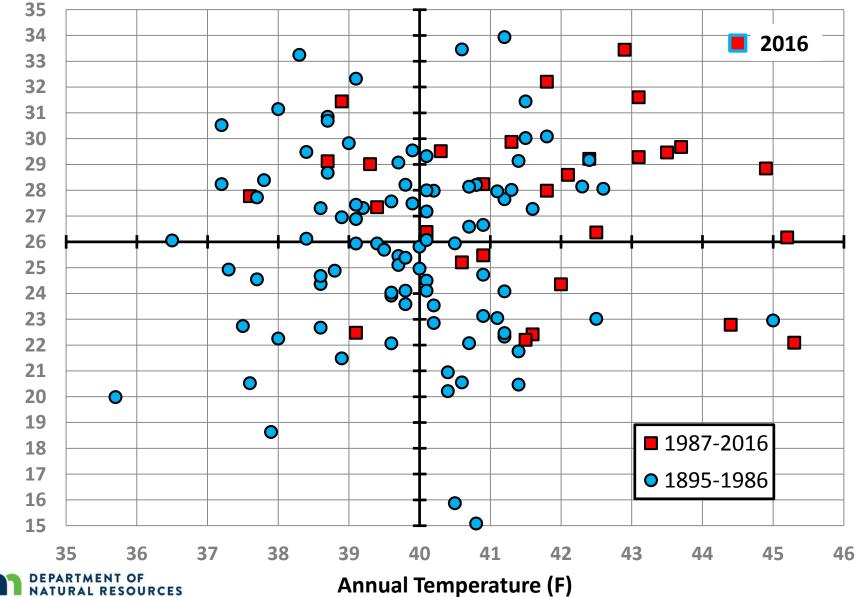
Minnesota Average Temperature and Precipitation



Annual Precipitation (in.)

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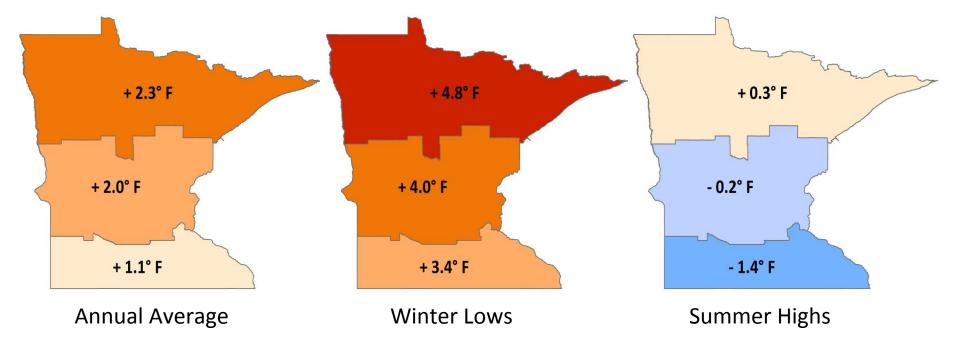


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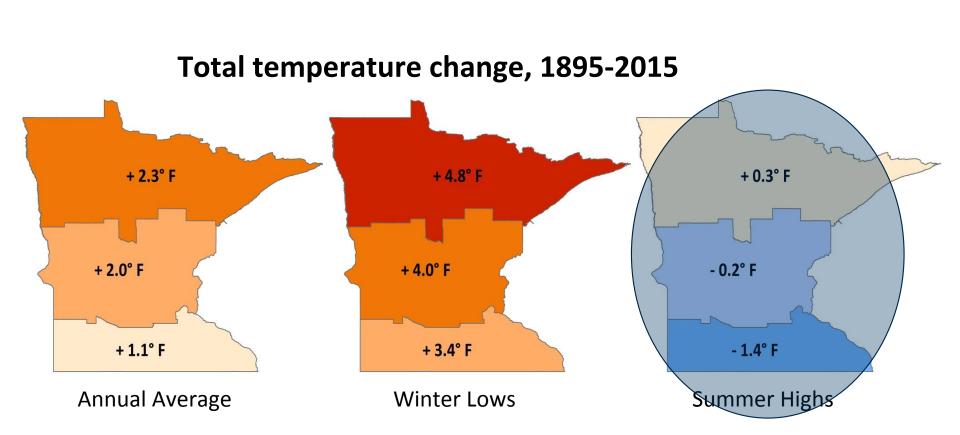
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Temperature changes vary across <u>regions</u>, <u>seasons</u>, and <u>times of day</u>

Total temperature change, 1895-2015



Temperature changes vary across <u>regions</u>, <u>seasons</u>, and <u>times of day</u>



Trends: 2. Cold Temperatures Rising Fastest

- Rapid winter warming
- Loss of cold weather (more so than gain in warm weather)
- Fewer cold extremes

Feb 2, 1996 Record Cold Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office

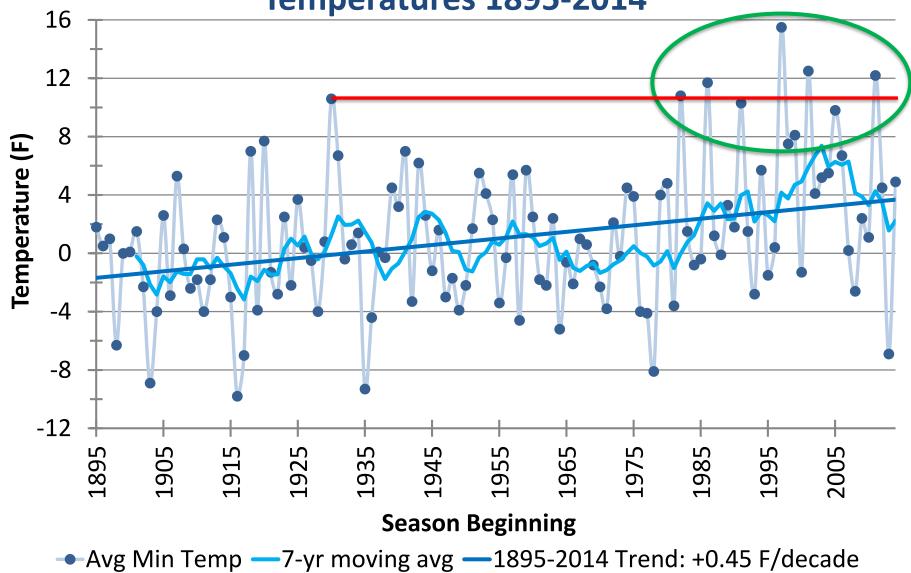


Winter warming <u>10x</u> faster than summer

Season	Temperature Metric	Avg. change per decade since 1895	Avg. change <u>per decade</u> since 1970	
Winter	Seasonal Avg.	+ 0.36°F	+ 1.00°F	
(Dec - Feb)				
Summer	Seasonal Avg.	+ 0.14°F	+ 0.10°F	
(Jun - Aug)				

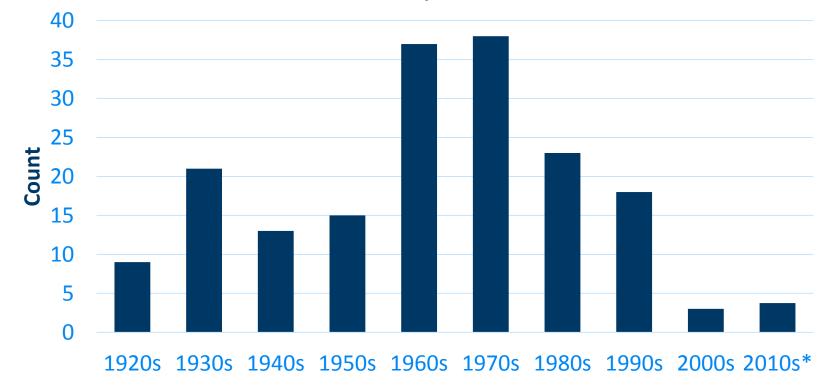


Minnesota Average Winter Minimum Temperatures 1895-2014



Loss of -20 F Lows in The Twin Cities

Count of Minimum Temps -20F or Lower, by Decade Minneapolis/ St. Paul



* Prorated

Trends: 3. Extreme Rainfall Increasing

- Increases in frequency of heavy rainfall
- Increases in magnitude of heaviest rainfall
- Increased occurrence of large areal coverage extreme rainfall events

July 1993: Another Heavy Rain Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office

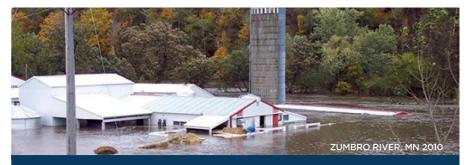


All Minnesota seasons getting wetter

Season	Total precipitation change, 1895-2016	
Winter (Dec - Feb)	+ 6% (0.13")	
Spring (Mar – May)	+15% (0.93")	
Summer (Jun - Aug)	+11% (1.21")	
Fall (Sep – Nov)	+11% (0.66")	
Growing Season (May – Sep)	+ 9% (1.55")	
Annual	+12% (2.98")	

Extreme rainfall: "Mega" rain events (6" + over 1000 sq mi) are increasing

- June 28-29, 1975, Northwest MN
- June 30-July 2, 1978, Southeast MN
- July 23-24, 1987, Twin Cities Superstorm
- June 9-10, 2002, Northern MN
- September 14-15, 2004 Southern MN
- August 18-20, 2007, Southern MN
- September 22-23, 2010 Southern MN
- June 19-20, 2012, Northeast MN
- July 11-12, 2016, East-central MN
- August 10-11, 2016, Central and Southeast MN

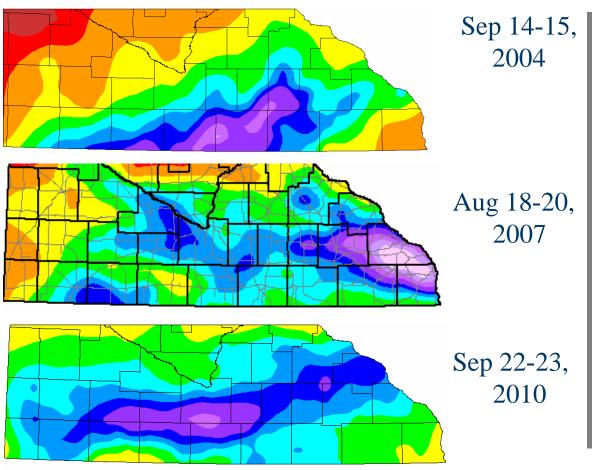


Timeline of Minnesota's historic mega-rain events 1973-2016



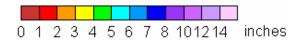
Source: 2017 MN EQB Environment and Energy Report Card (via DNR)

Extreme rainfall: "Mega" rain events (6" + over 1000 sq mi) are increasing



At this rate areas that add up to the size of southern Minnesota would be covered by 10" in 100 years.

Note points near the Waseca-Freeborn Border that got 7" or more in each of the 3 years.



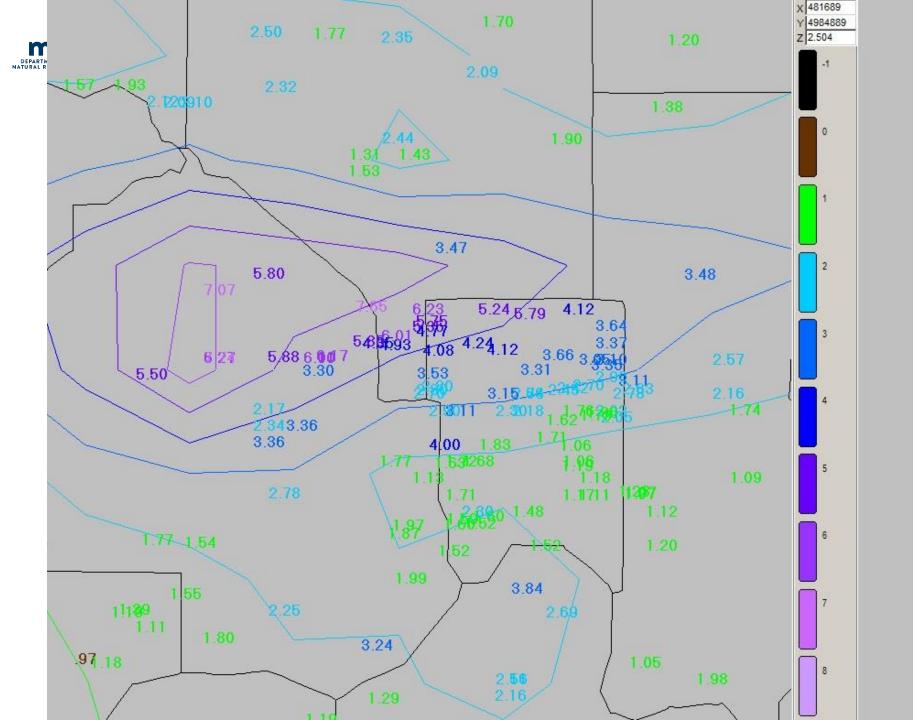
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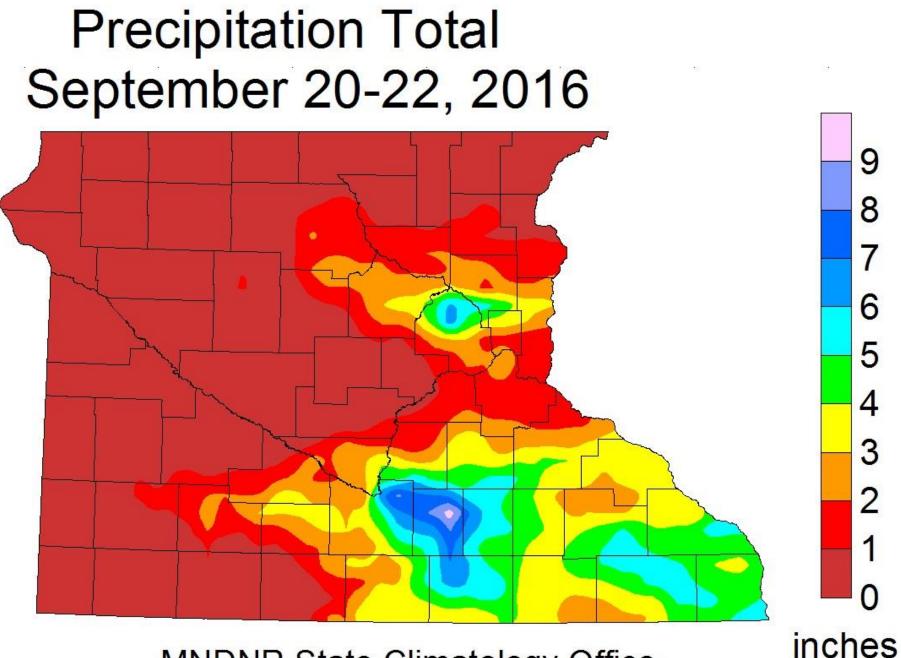
Heavy Rains of September 20-22, 2016

- Was one of seven heavy rain events in 2016
- Hit northwest Twin Cities and south central Minnesota
- Indoor ice rink in Waseca had six inches of standing water
- Loon Lake in Waseca flowed into streets,
- Was *Not* a Mega Rain Event!

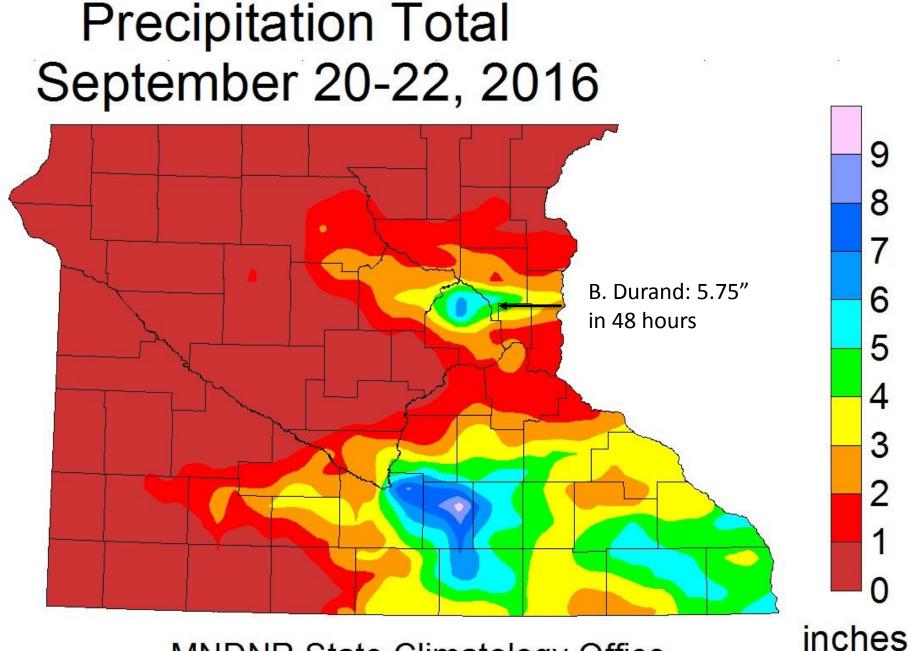
Stormy Skies: Sept 20, 2016 Courtesy: NMDNR State Climatology Office







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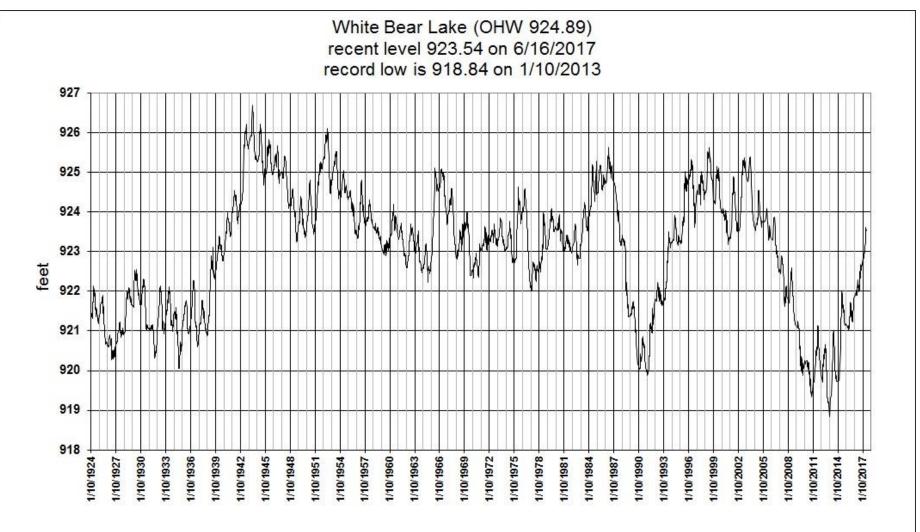
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Culvert Blowout in Bass Creek Park: Brooklyn Park Courtesy: Greg Spoden MNDNR State Climatology Office

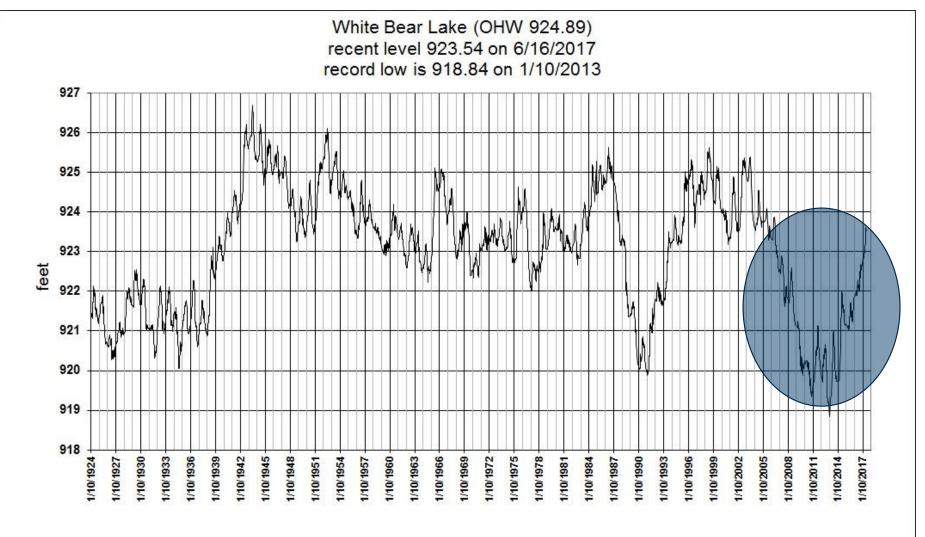




White Bear Lake Levels: 1924 to 2017

Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office

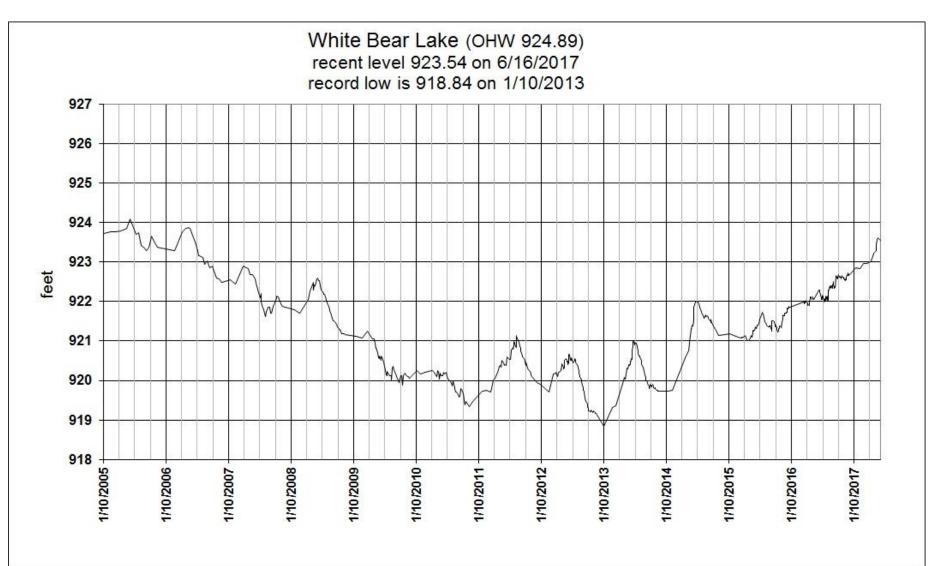




White Bear Lake Levels: 1924 to 2017

Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office





White Bear Lake Levels: 2005 to 2017

Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office





Ramsey Beach at White Bear Lake Open: June 10, 2017 Courtesy: Pete Boulay MNDNR State Climatology Office

In 2016 Waseca Set the Minnesota State Record for the Most Annual Precipitation

Station	2016 Record Precip. Amount	Previous Record (year)
Waseca	56.24"	50.46" (1991)
St. James	52.55"	42.72" (2010)
Harmony	51.71"	47.41" (1983)
Austin	48.35"	46.01" (1993)
Theilman	48.33"	47.20" (2010)
Minnesota City Dam	45.73"	44.29" (1968)
Winona Dam	43.57"	43.27" (1991)
Twin Cities	40.32"	40.15" (1911)

Source: MN DNR State Climatology Office

In Summary

1. Minnesota becoming

warmer and wetter

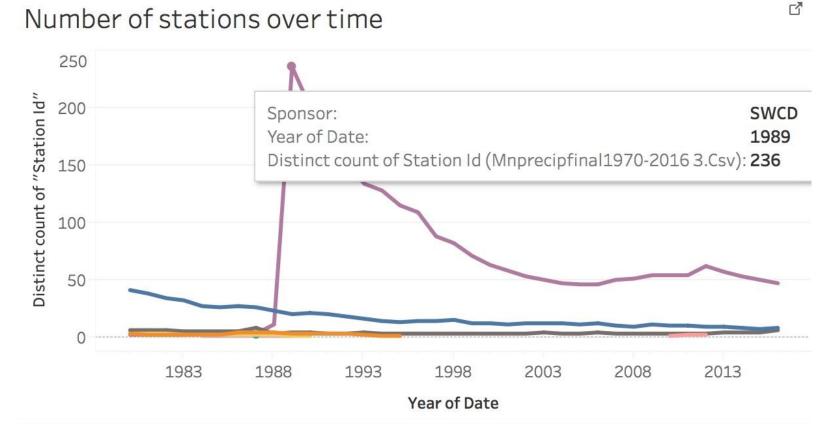
- 2. Cold conditions warming fastest
- 3. Extreme rainfall events increasing



Thunderstorm: Nov 28, 2016 Courtesy: MNDNR State Climatology Office

The Future?

1. Keep on Watching the Weather!



Ramsey County SWCD Observers Over Time Courtesy: Kirk R. Wythers, U of M



Thank You!

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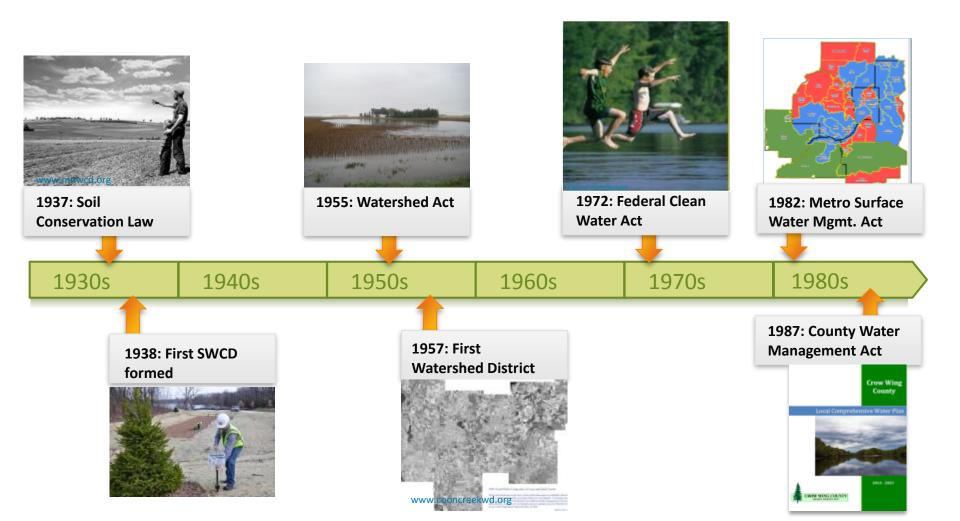
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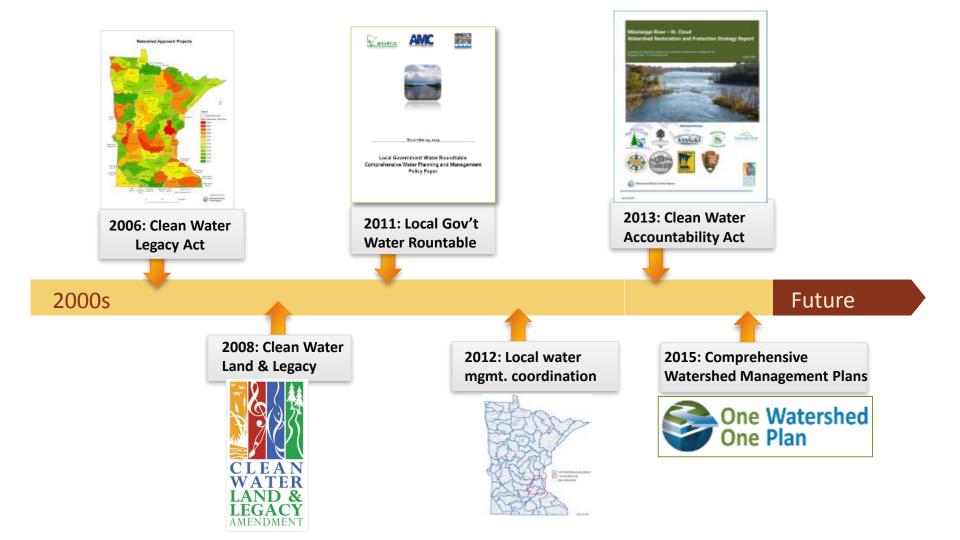




One Watershed One Plan



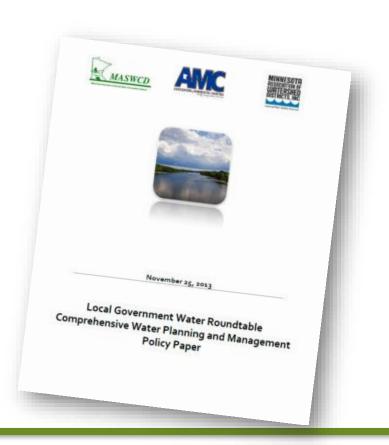






Local Government Water Roundtable

- 2013 Policy Paper provided foundation
 - Scale (major watersheds)
 - Streamline (statute and programs)
 - Funding (predictable, equitable)



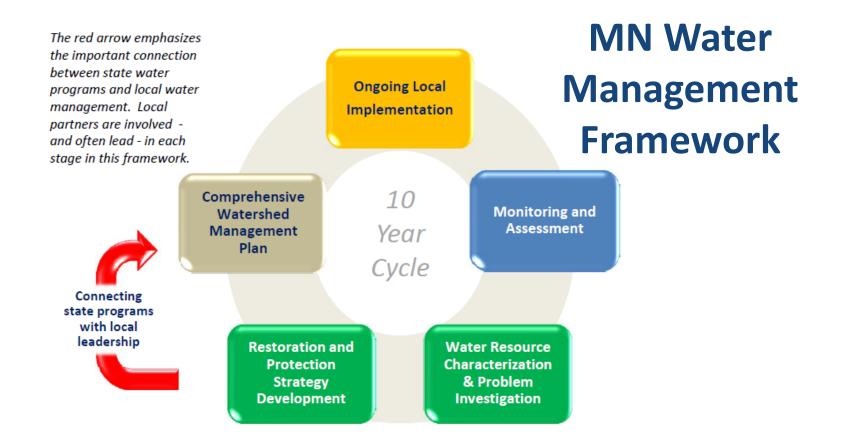






Vision:

Alignment of local water planning with state strategies on major watershed boundaries towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans.





Guiding Principles

- Leverage long history of water planning to streamline plans
- Leverage streamlined plans to gain efficiency in implementation
- Build off Water Mgmt Framework



One Watershed, One Plan



Vision: SWSR's vision for One Watershed, One Plan is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans - the next logical step in the evolution of water planning in Minnesota.

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to further outline the One Watershed, One Plan vision through providing the guiding principles that will direct and influence the program's future policies and procedures.

One Watershed, One Plan will result in plans with prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation actions that meet or exceed current water plan content standards.

One Watershed. One Plan will set standards for plan content that will be consistent with or esceed the plan approval standards currently in place for local water plans. Most existing water management plans contain adequate inventories of resources and assessment of issues. One Watershed, One Plan will build from this point, with an espanded focus on prioritized, targeted, and measureable implementation of restoration and protection activities. The intent is for these future water plans to use existing plans, local knowledge and other studies and planning documents-including Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies developed through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency-to establish plans with clear implementation timelines, milestones, and cost estimates that will address the largest threats and provide the greatest environmental benefit unique to each watershed.

One Watershed, One Plan is not an effort to change local governance.

Local governments have been at the forefront of water management dating back to 1937 with the formation of the State's first soil and water conservation district. One Watershed, One Plan is intended to utilize the existing structures of counties, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts and Metropolitan watershed management organizations by increasing collaboration and cooperation across political boundaries.

One Watershed, One Plan will strive for a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management; driven by the participating local governments.

It is important for all communities to take part in managing their watersheds through goal setting, monitoring, restoring and protecting water resources and local habitats and ensuring a good quality of life for all who live, work, and recreate in those spaces. A decided "bottom up" approach for water management-allowing the key discussions of major water resource issues, concerns, problems, goals and objectives and potential solutions to originate and be first fully vetted at the stakeholder level-is envisioned. Expanding involvement and collaboration at the ground-level creates greater buy-in and support at all levels of government.

One Watershed, One Plan will use the state's defineated major watersheds (8-digit hydrologic unit codes or HUC8) as the starting point for defining the preferred scale for local watershed management planning.

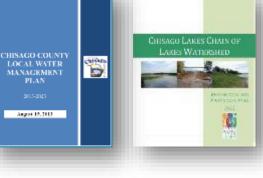
The Local Government Water Roundtable (LGWR), a collaboration between the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and the Minnesota Association of Soll and Water Conservation Districts, determined it is in the public interest to manage ground and surface water resources from the perspective of watersheds and aquifers and to achieve protection, preservation, enhancement, and restoration of the state's valuable water resources. This determination is consistent with the state's water management policy, furthered through legislation passed in 2012 that provided BWSR with: the authority to develop and implement a

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GOAL: Watershed Management Plans that:

Prioritize areas to focus where implementation matters most.



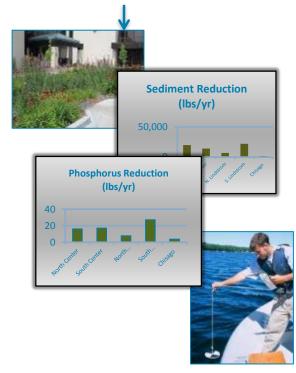


Target practices within priority areas for on-the-ground action based on sound science.





Measurable results that can show pace of progress toward the identified goals.





Operating Procedures & Plan Content Requirements

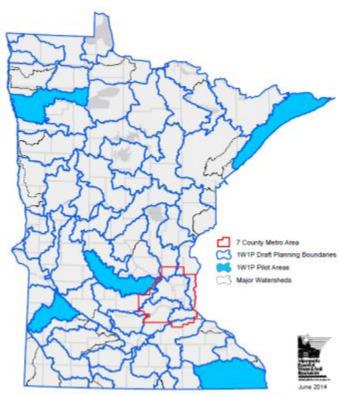


- Operating Procedures outline *how*
- Plan content requirements outline what



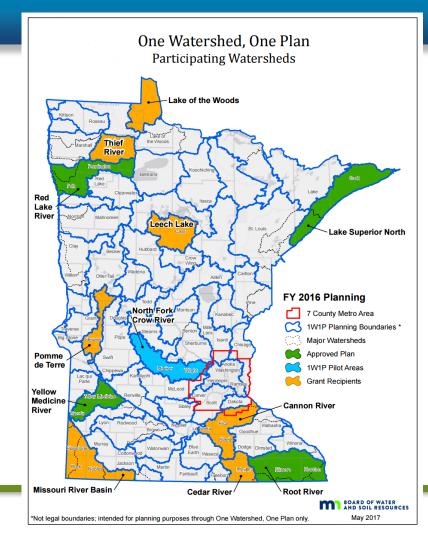
Pilot Watersheds

- 5 pilots watersheds selected
- Represent multiple areas of state
- Writing watershed-based plans by 2016/2017

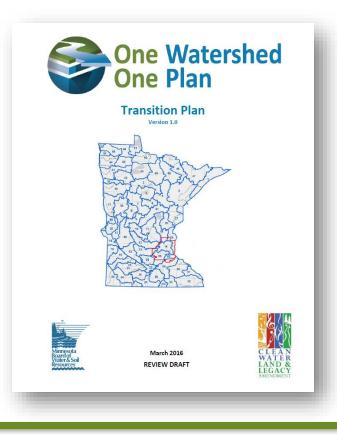


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Transition Plan

- Legislative goal to transition statewide by 2025
- Board adoption June 2016



Transition Plan



- Guiding principles maintained
- Purpose is to identify incentives for participation



Transition Plan

The Board of Water and Soil Resources will encourage initiation of comprehensive watershed management planning (One Watershed, One Plan) by:

- Coordinating plan development with existing water plan processes and schedules.
- 2. Maintaining geographic distribution of planning efforts.
- 3. Providing planning grants as available.
- Emphasizing and prioritizing planning that addresses the high-level state priorities identified in the Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan.



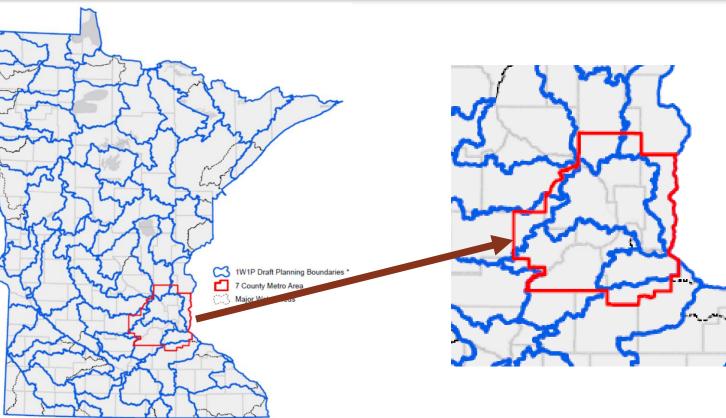
What about Ramsey County?

Table 2: Participation Requirements by Local Government

	Participation Requirement
Soil & Water Conservation District	Required (Metro* SWCDs optional)
County	Required (Metro* counties optional)
103D Watershed District	Required
103B (Metro*) Watershed District or	
Watershed Management Organization	Optional
Municipality (city or township)	Optional

*Metro means seven-county metropolitan area.





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What about Community Resilience and a Changing Environment?



One Watershed, One Plan

Plan Content Requirements



March 23, 2016

Purpose: This document outlines plan content requirements for developing comprehensive watershed management plans, as per Minnesota Statutes \$1038.801, through the One Watershed, One Plan Program.

Introduction

This document contains specific content requirements for drafting a compared watershed management plan through the One Watershed, One Plan porgram. Full operating procedures for developing the plan - including initiating the planning process through review, approval, and adoption - are contained in the One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures document.

The following <u>Guiding Principles</u> provided sideboards and direction in the plan content requirements outlined in this document:

- One Watershed, One Plan will result in plans with prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation actions
 that meet or exceed current water plan content standards.
- One Watershed, One Plan will strive for a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed
 management, driven by the participating local governments.
- Plans developed within One Watershed, One Plan should embrace the concept of multiple benefits in the development and prioritization of implementation strategies and actions.
- One Watershed, One Plan planning and implementation efforts will recognize local commitment and contribution.
- One Watershed, One Plan is not intended to be a one-size-fits-all model.

The requirements in this document are also supported by the vision of the Local Government Water Roundtable that future watershed-based plans will have sufficient detail that local government units can, with certainty, indicate a pollutant of concern in a water body, identify the source(s) of the pollutant, and provide detailed projects that address that particular source. This vision also includes a future of limited wholesale updates to watershed-based plans; with a streamlined process to incorporate collected data, trend analysis, changes in land use, and prioritation of resource concerns into the watershed-based plan; and an emphasis on watershed management and implementation through shorter-term work plans and budgeting. This vision includes acknowledging and building off de visiting plans and data (including local and state plans and data), as well as existing local government services and capacity.

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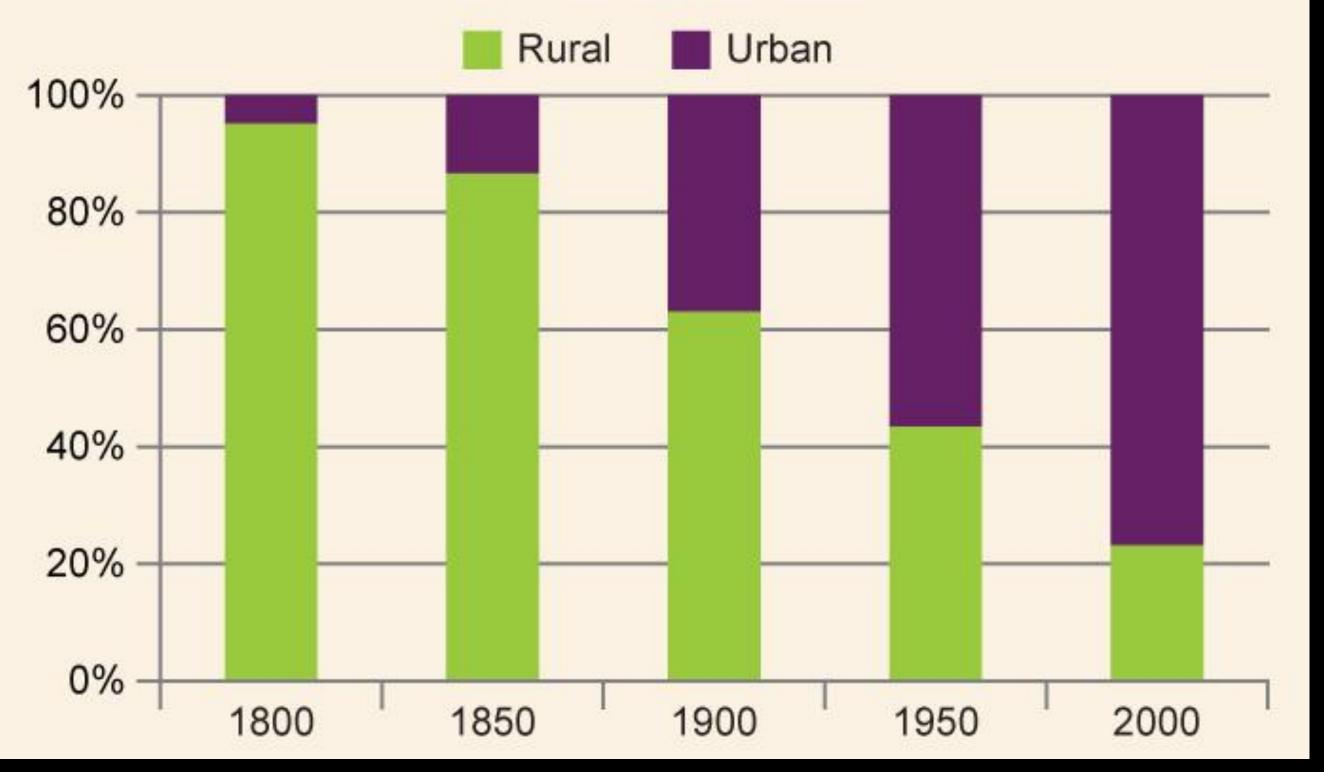
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CONSERVATION FORUM June 20, 2017

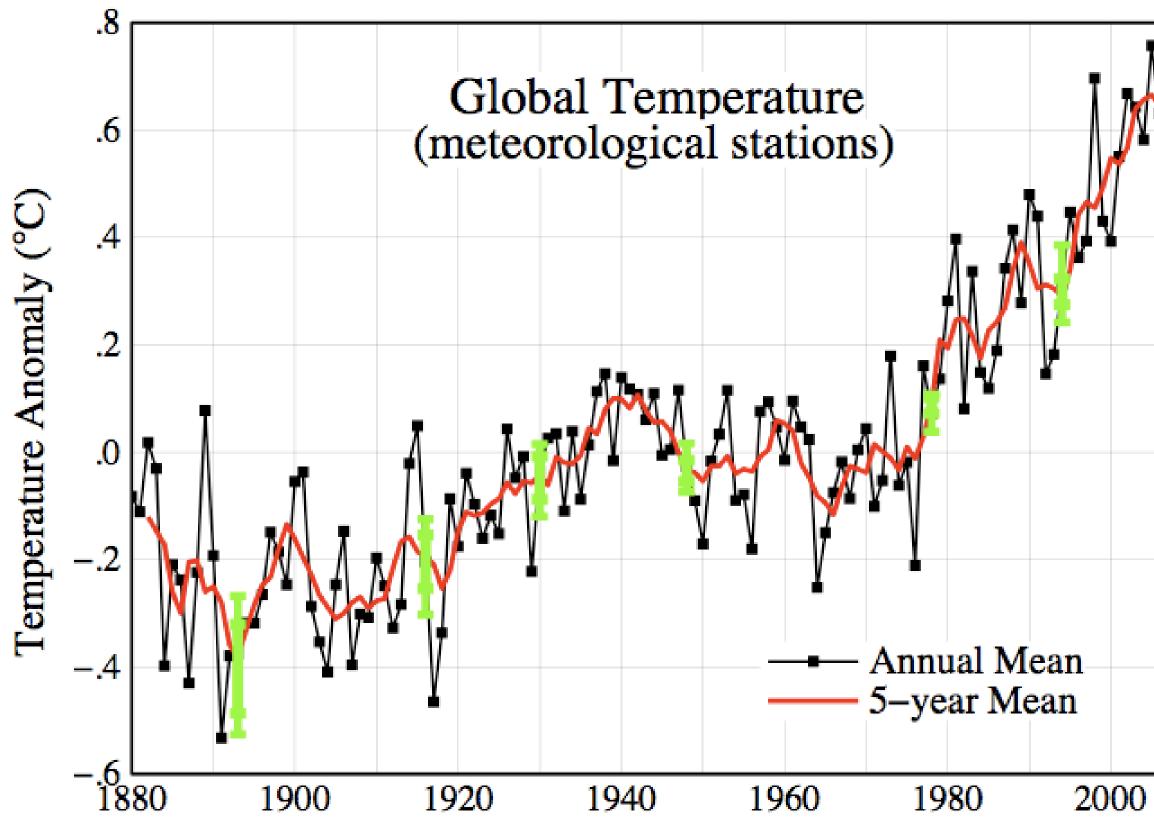
SUSTAINABLE + RESILIENT + RESTORATIVE (buzz words - or - viable outcomes?)

What will influence design, policy, and measurable benefit?

Percent of U.S. Population

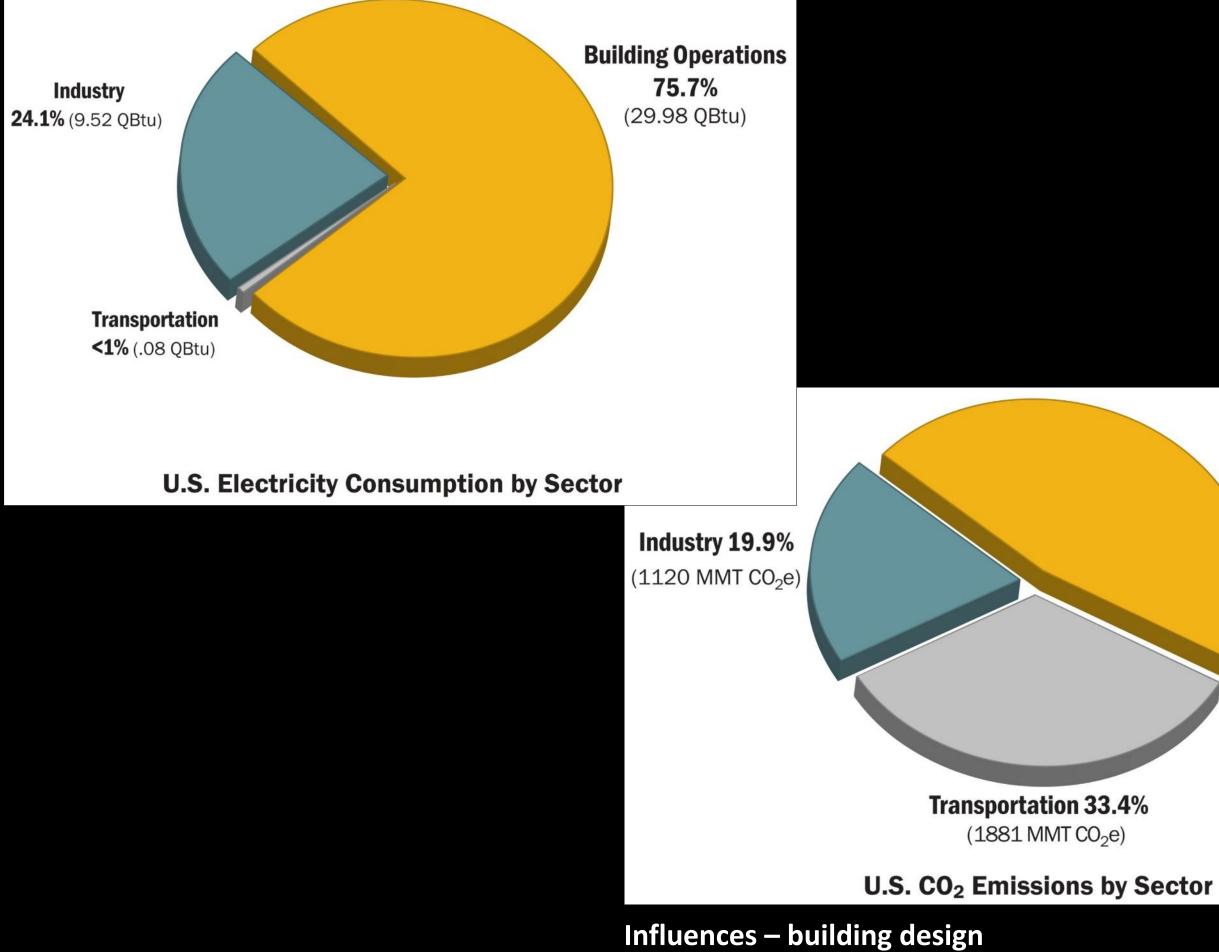


Influences – rural to urban migration



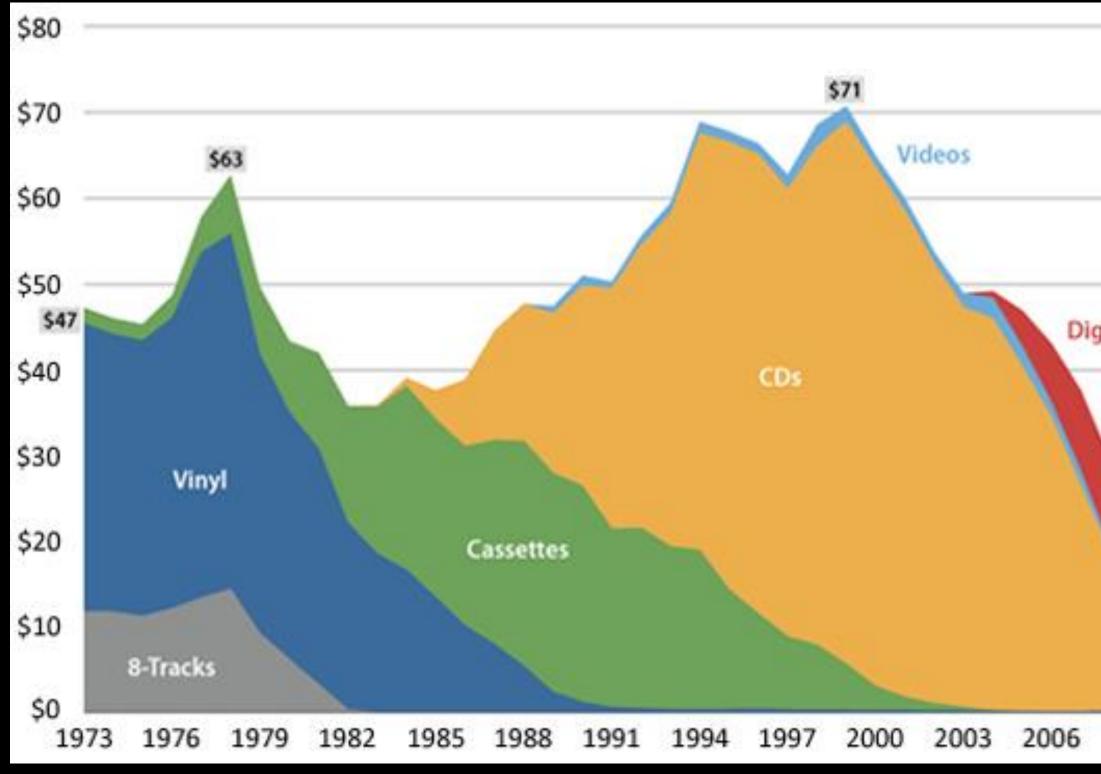
Influences – climate change





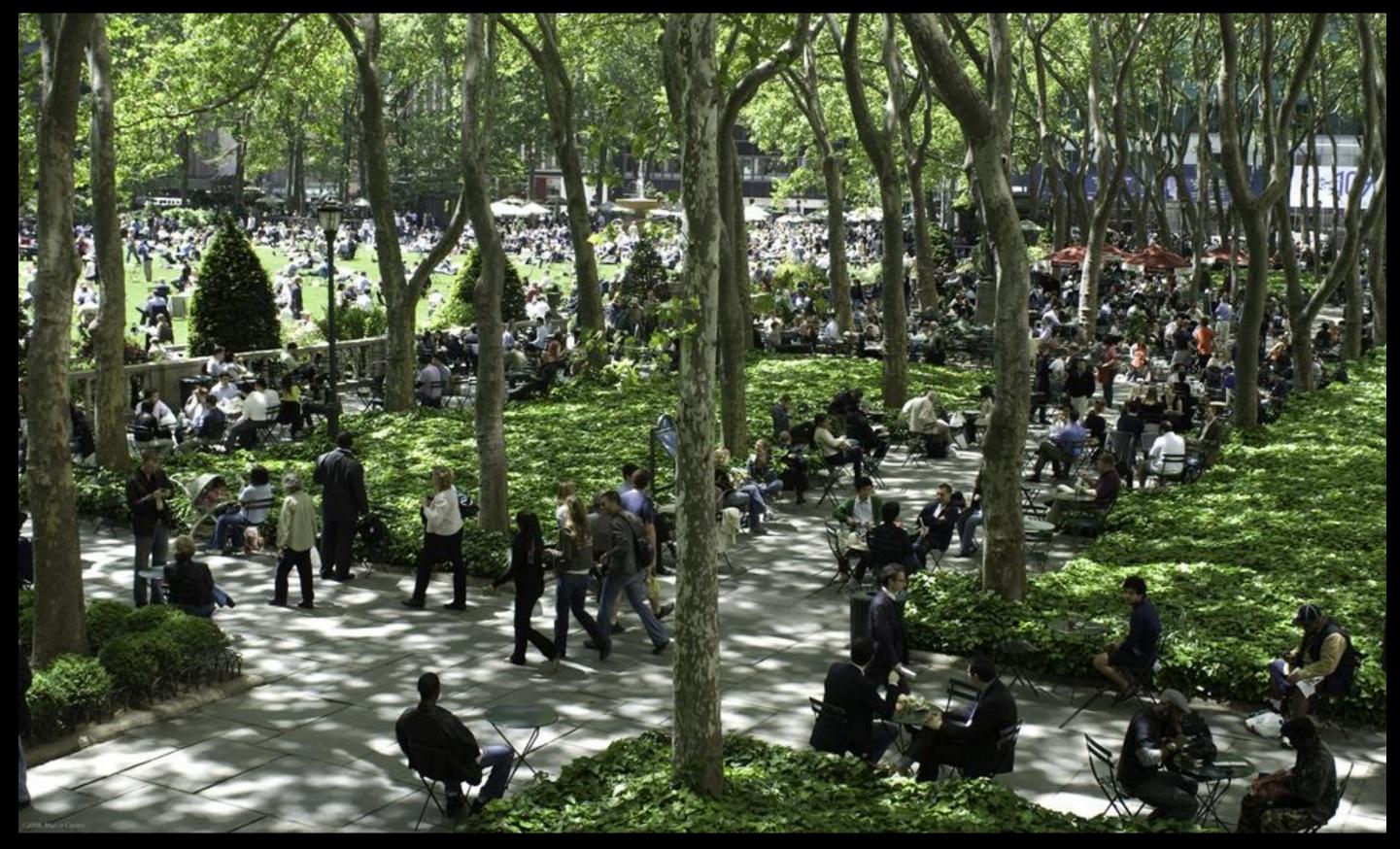


We can't just keep holding on to the old thing, or we will die with it . . .



Influences – creative destruction

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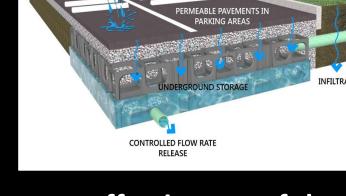
Influences – access to public places



Influences – access to nature



Influences – access to healthy food



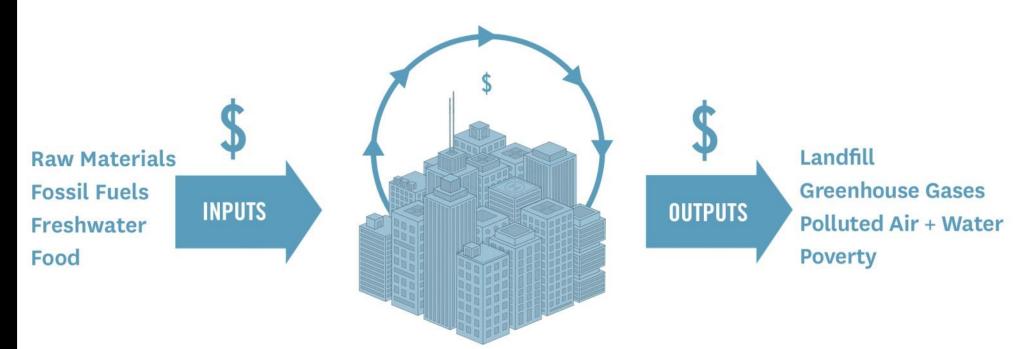
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Influences – effective use of the freebies

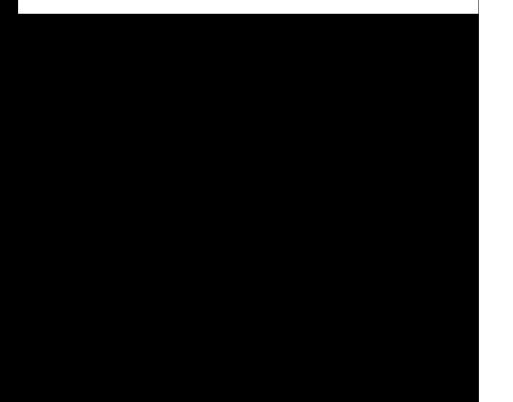




INFILTRATION/ GROUND WATER RECHARGE



Every day we lose the equivalent of \$3-4bn worth of materials*



Raw Materials Fossil Fuels INPUTS Food

OUTPUTS: Clean Air & Water Ecological Restoration Community Engagement

Local Economic Develoment Energy Independence Less Need for Governance

Influences – beyond sustainability



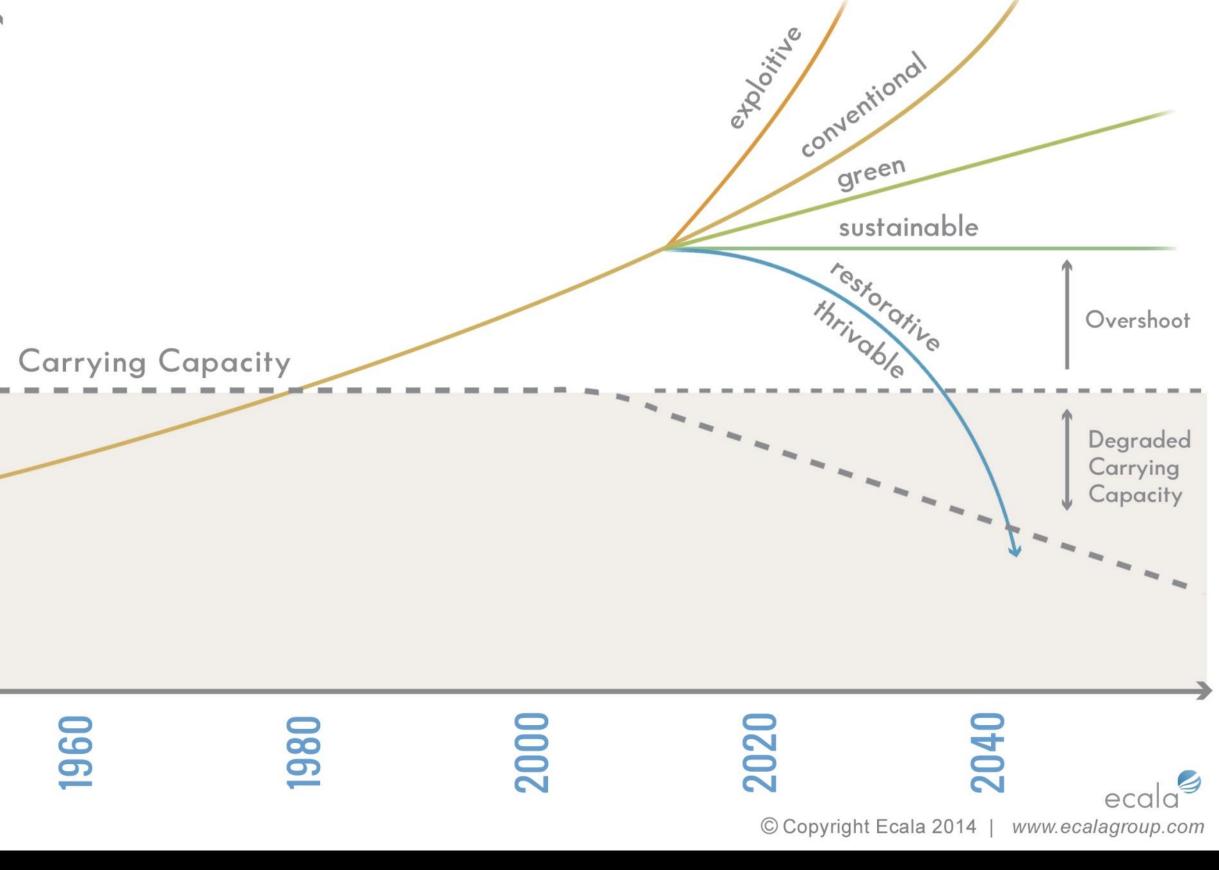
MSW Ag Waste GHGs Wastewater

Food Security Social Wellbeing Regional Identity & Brand

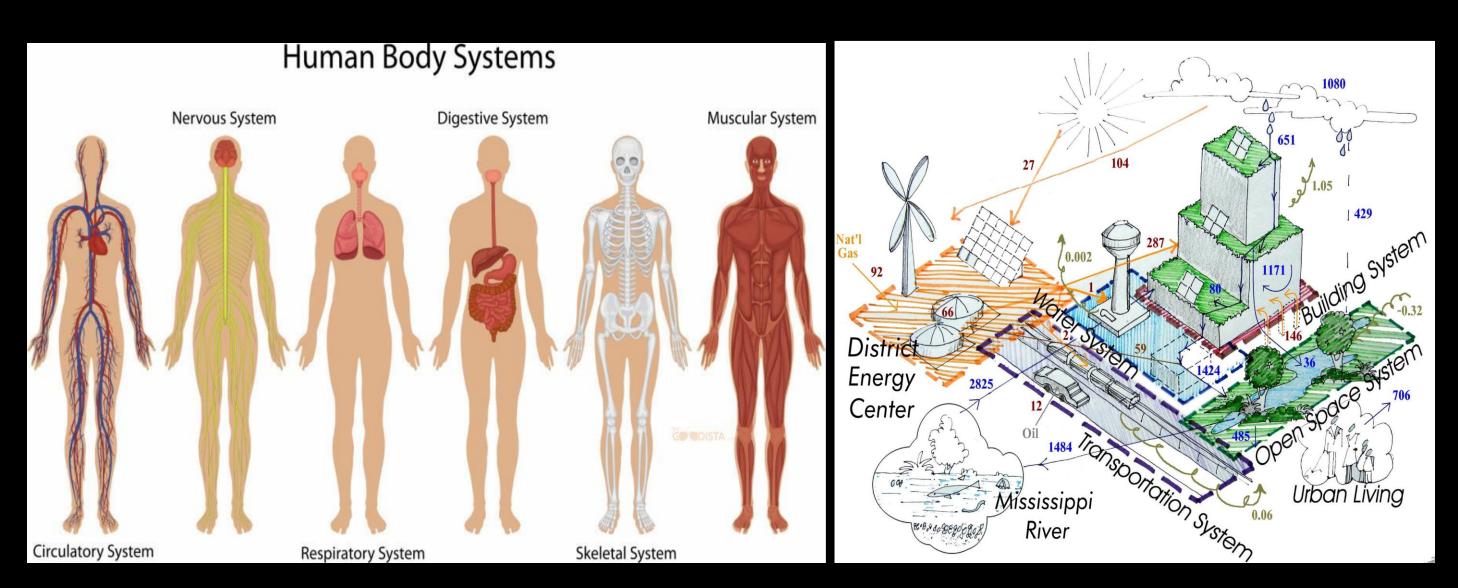
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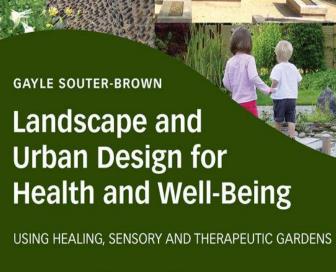


Influences – beyond sustainability



Influences – integrated systems thinking

- 1. Nature runs on sunlight.
- 2. Nature uses only the energy it needs.
- 3. Nature fits form to function.
- 4. Nature recycles everything.
- 5. Nature rewards cooperation.
- 6. Nature banks on diversity.
- 7. Nature demands local expertise.
- 8. Nature curbs excesses from within.
- 9. Nature taps the power of limits."





Examples of Biophilic Workplaces in Vermont



Nature's Inspiration: Biomimicry and Biophilia as a Powerful Business Tool

PermacultureVisions.com

Designed to Thrive

Creating salutogenic environments



Influences – salutogenics + biomimicry

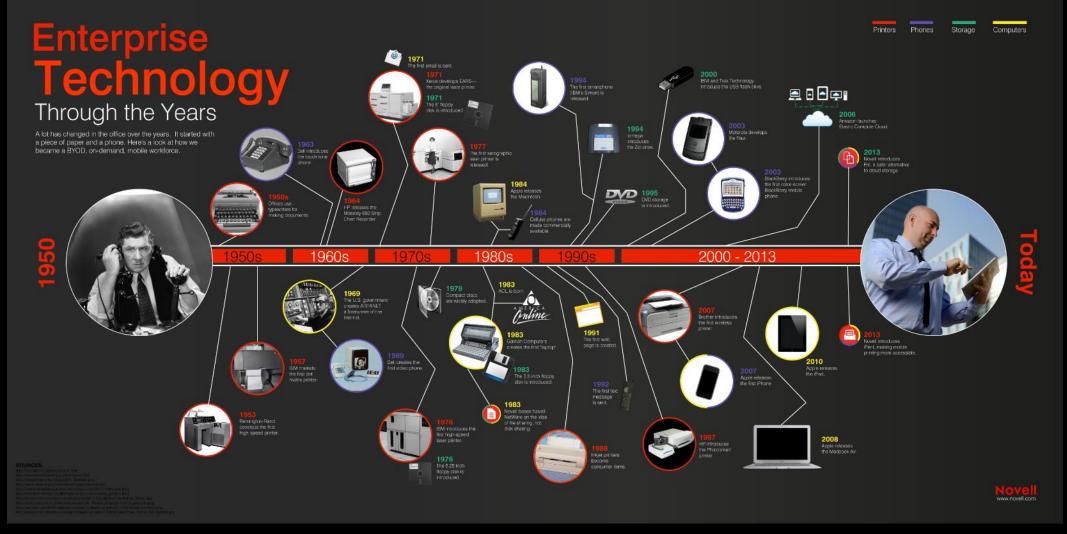












Influences – innovation + new technologies

Integrating district stormwater systems with the design of public places – I'll start with a couple stories about how WATER began to influence my thinking !



Downtown Frederick, Maryland – Carroll Creek Park



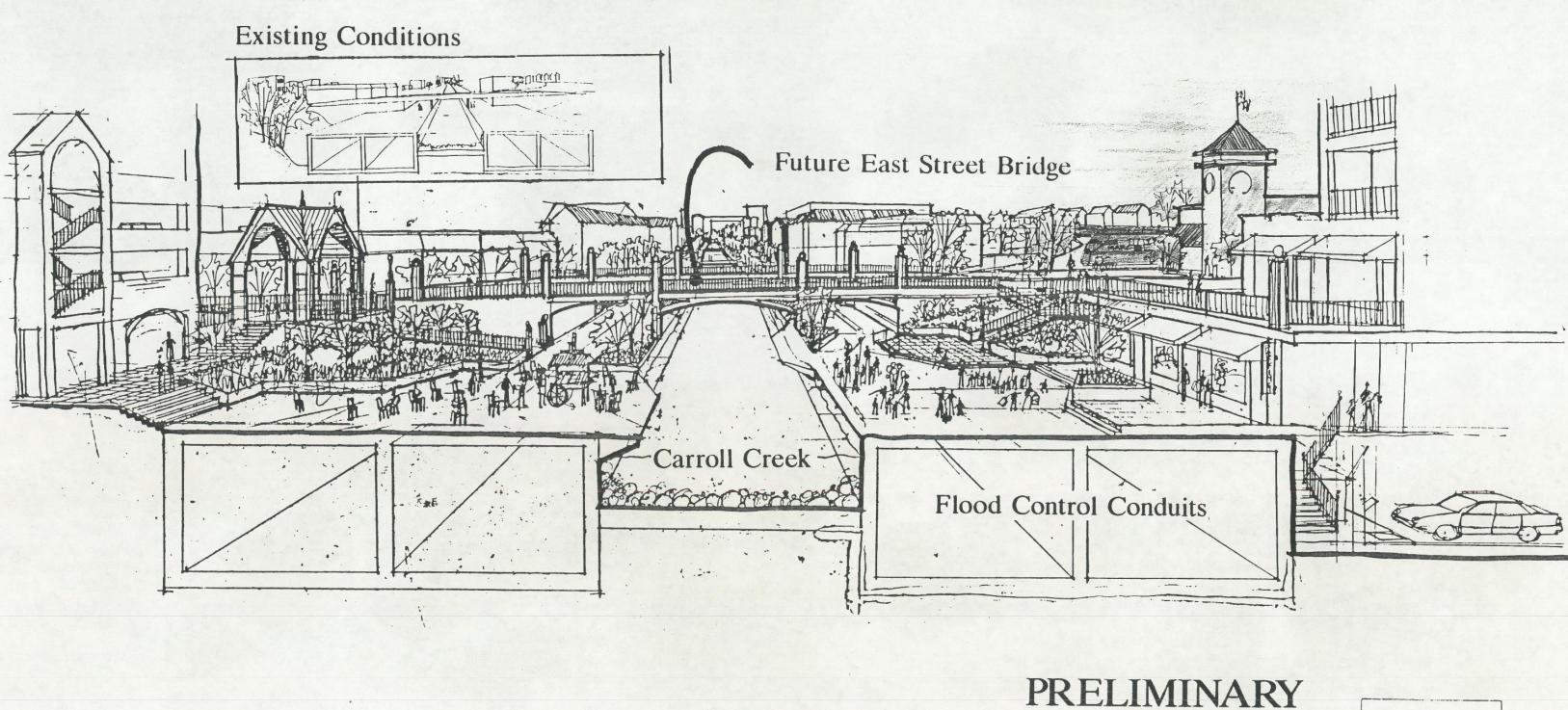




GARROLL GREEK.



Creek Park Master Plan City of Frederick, Maryland 1991 Carroll



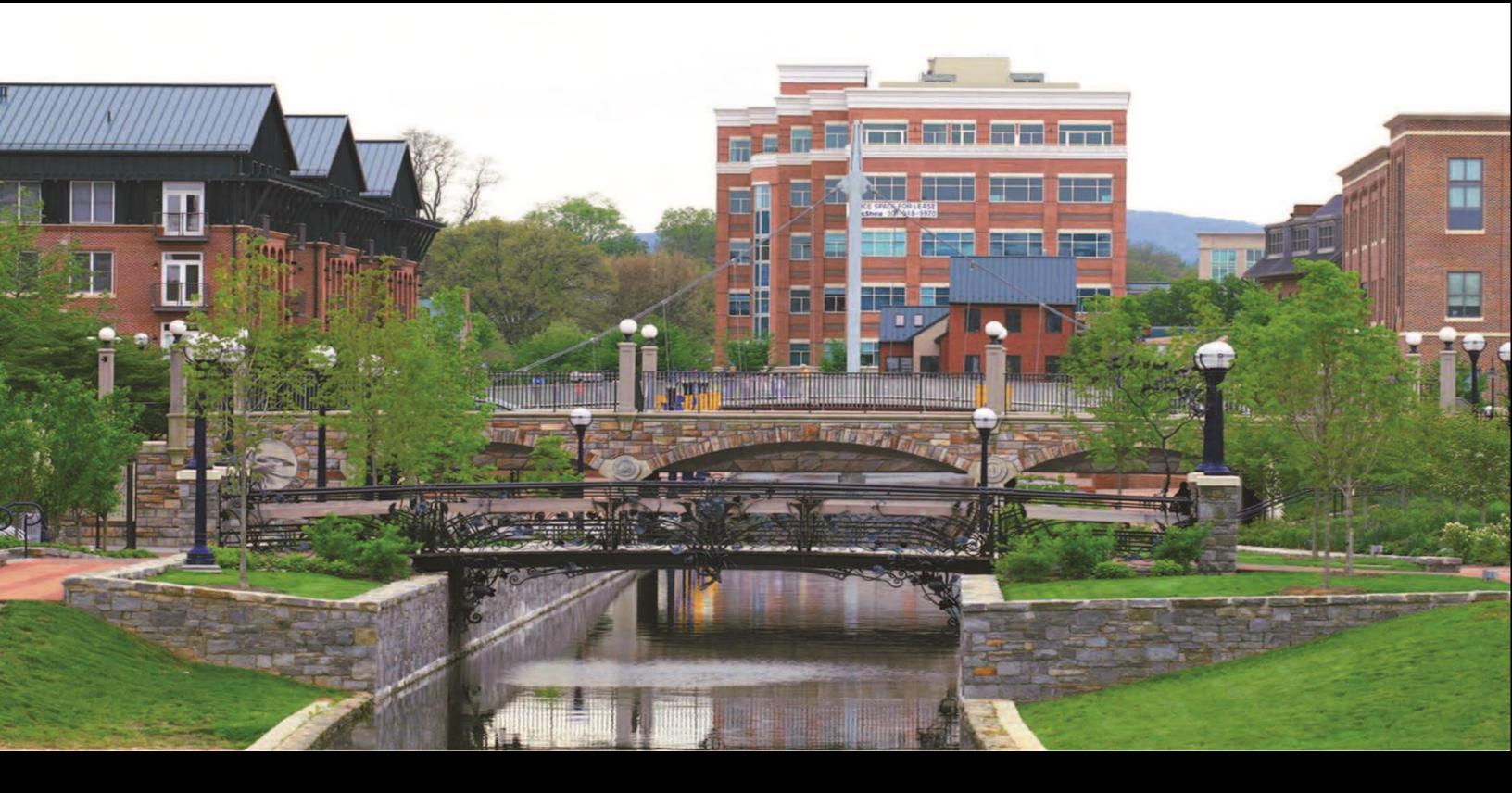
View to east from Carroll Street Bridge toward East Street Bridge CHARACTER SKETCH CARROLL CREEF



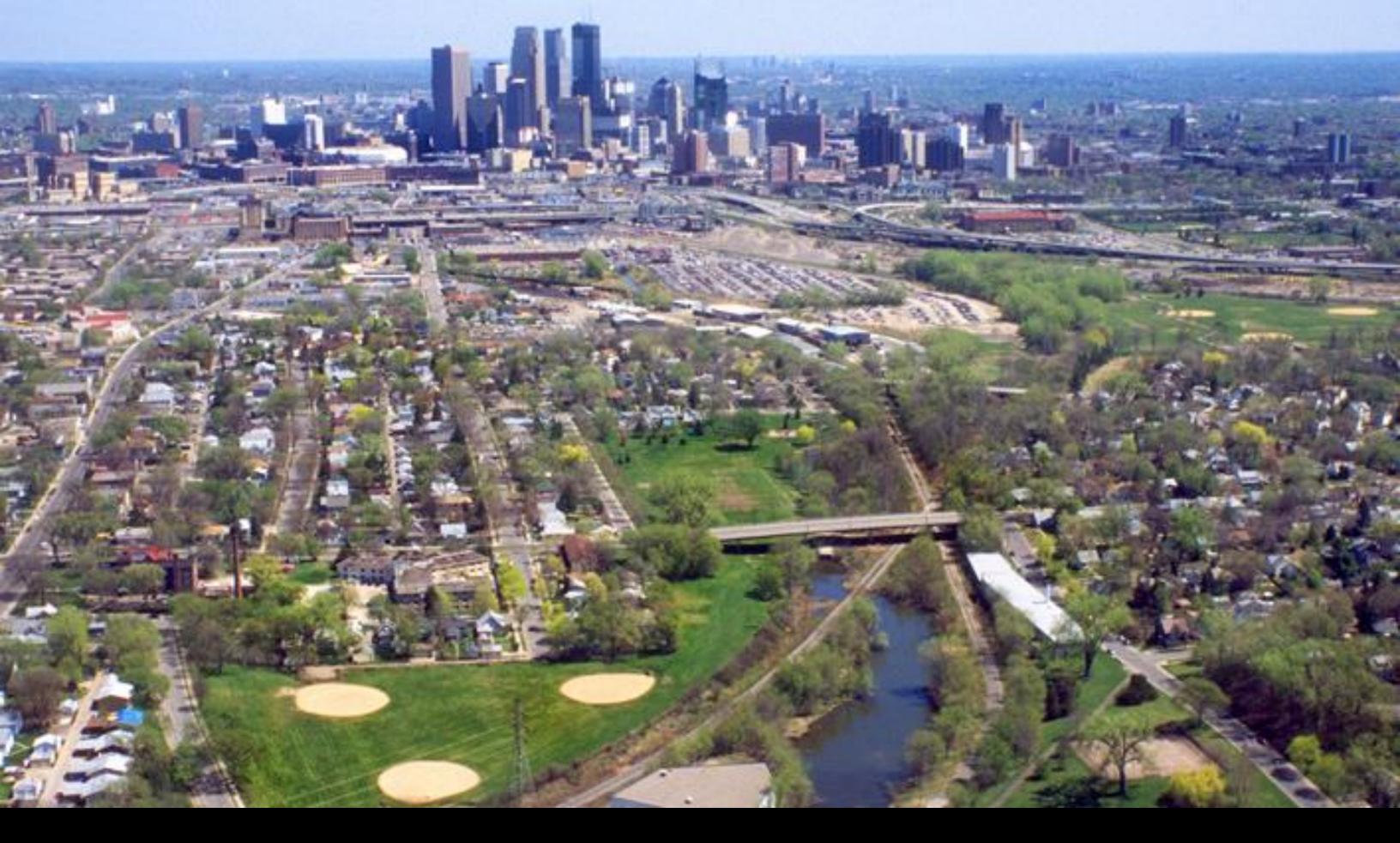












Heritage Park , Minneapolis – Bassett Creek

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screek corridor with alternating hard and soft massing through another warehouse screek corrige through another warehouse "can-^{siges, passing} ^{pol^{*}}into Mississippi Park, a 100+ acre open ^{pol^{*}}including Boom and Nicollet Island yns" into building Boom and Nicollet Islands, and space including the west riverbank south space including the west riverbank southeast to the intersection of the Nicollet Mall and the Misninippi River,

Senertit's Mountain, a 130 foot high mound built bused sculptured from material excavated for the and sources, and providing parts a variety disctivity spaces, and providing panoramic niews of both skyline and river.

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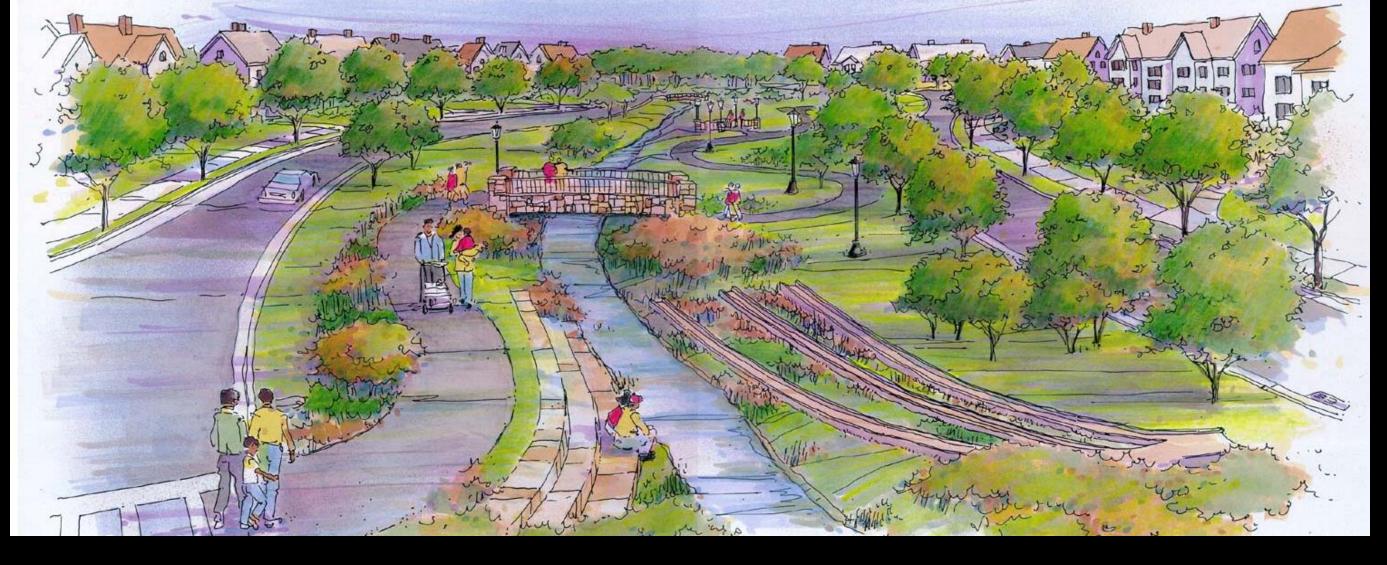
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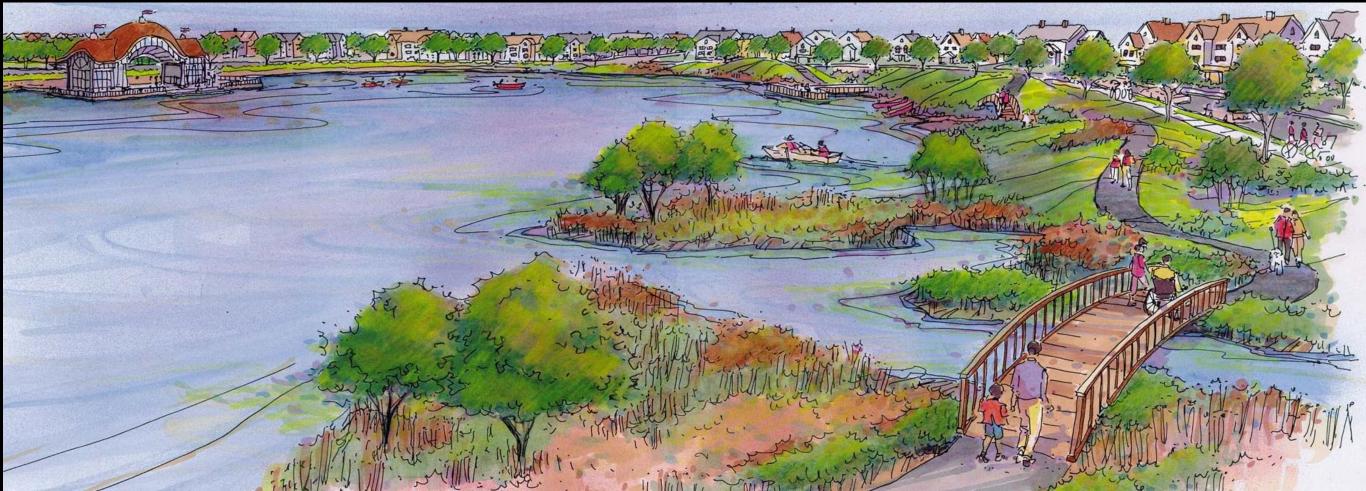






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Mississippi River

Future Regional Park

Existing Highway Commercial

Highway 10 Corridor

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Town Center Site

Existing Industrial + Manufacturing

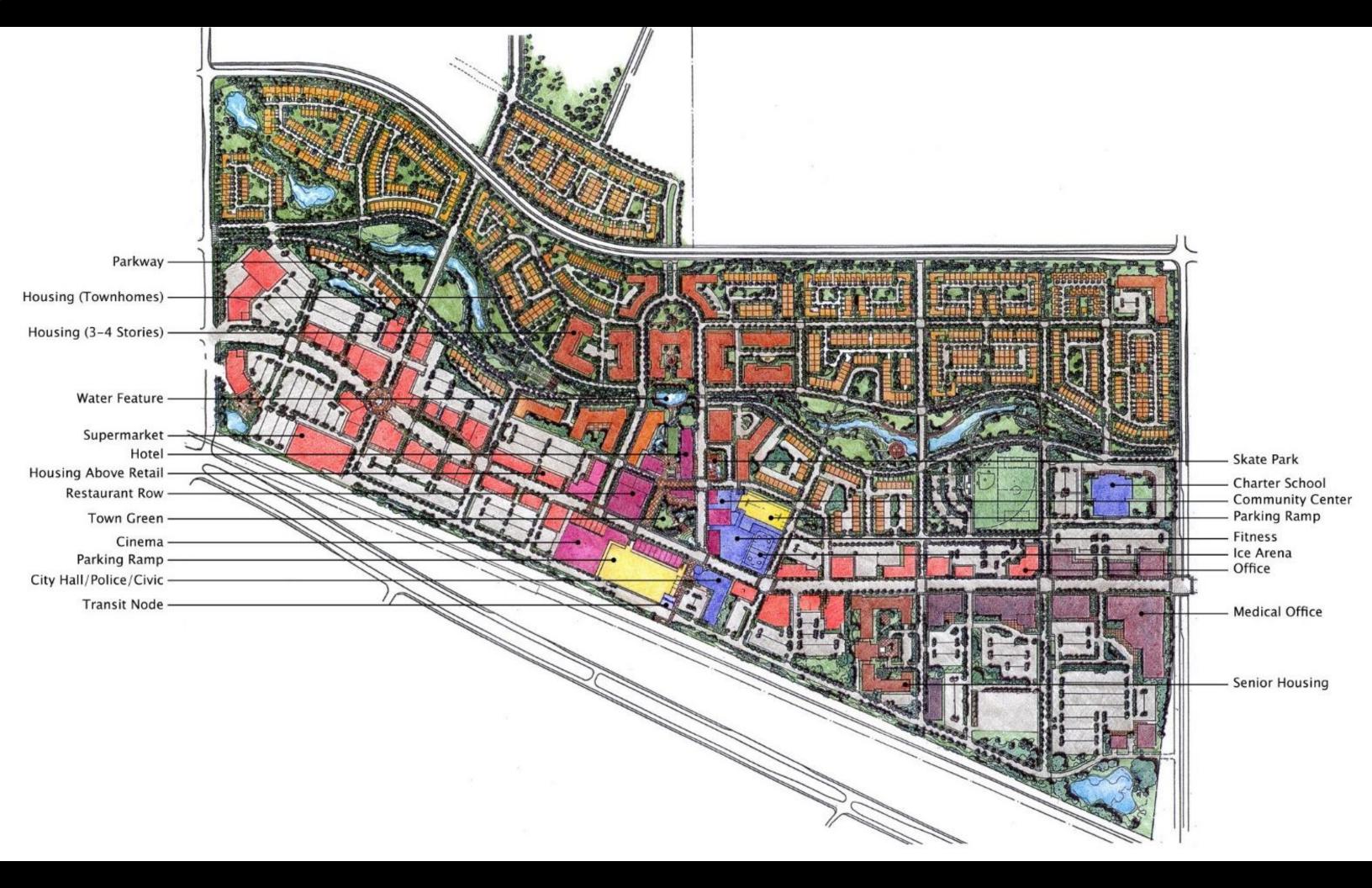
Future Northstar Commuter Rail Line

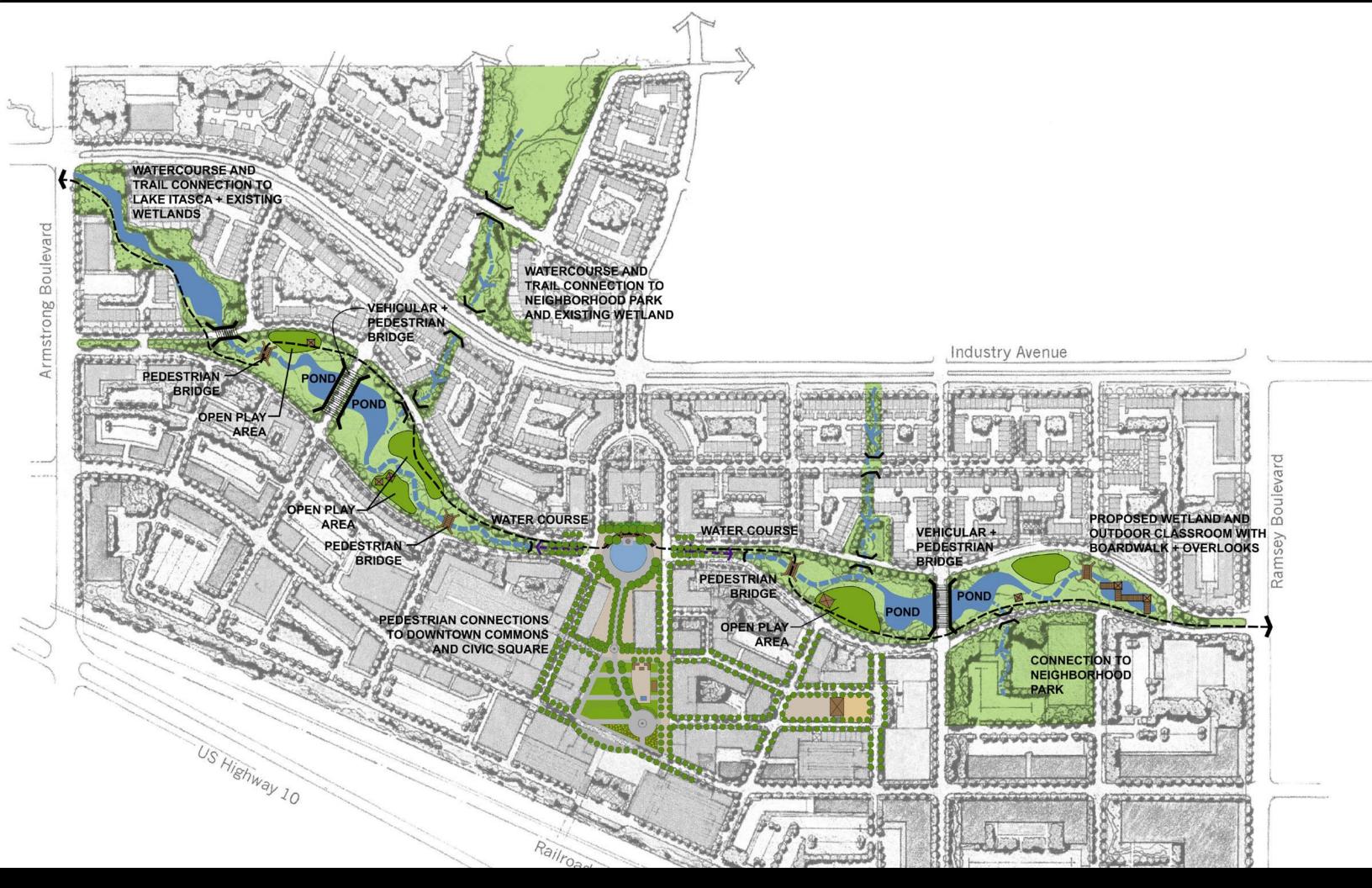


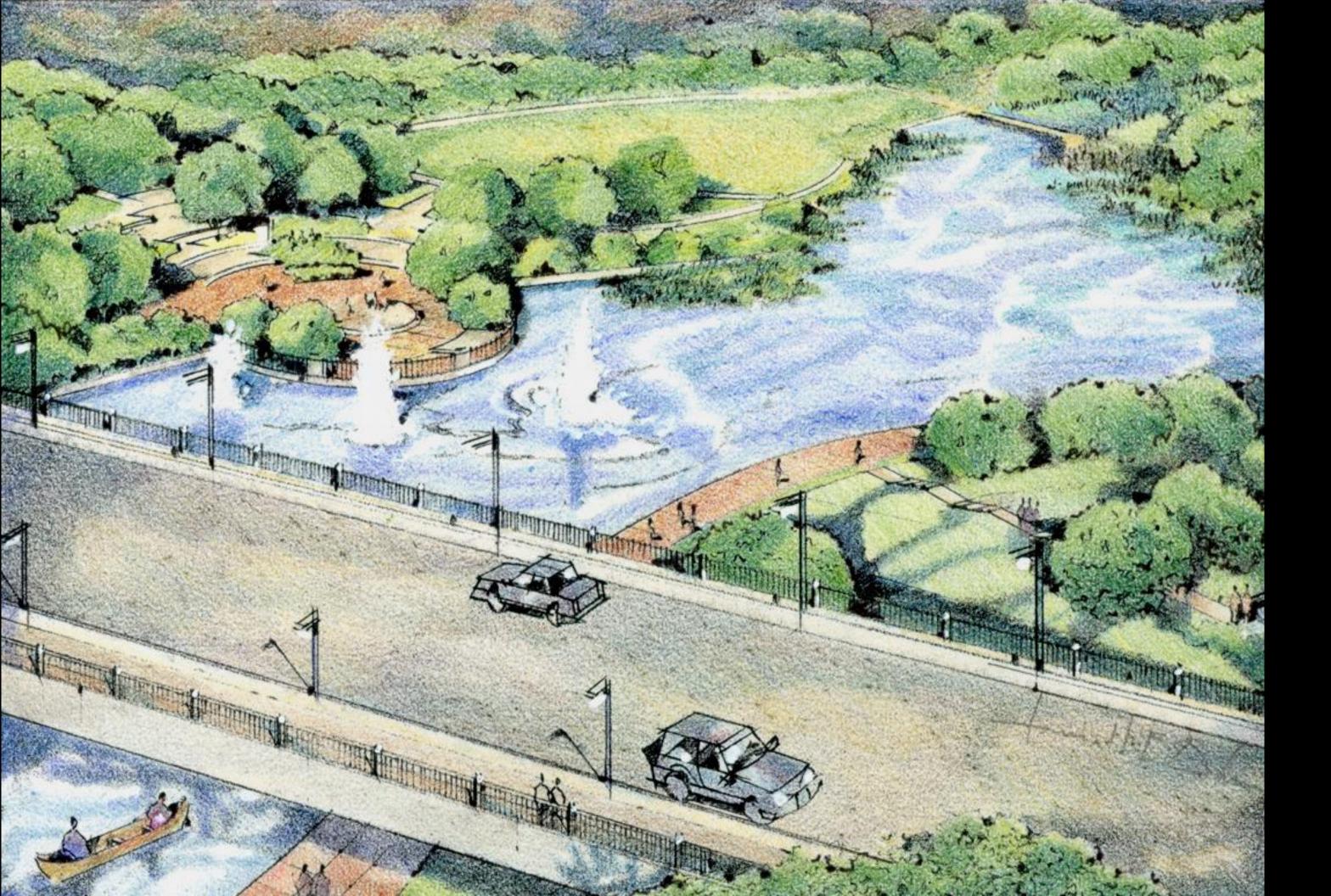


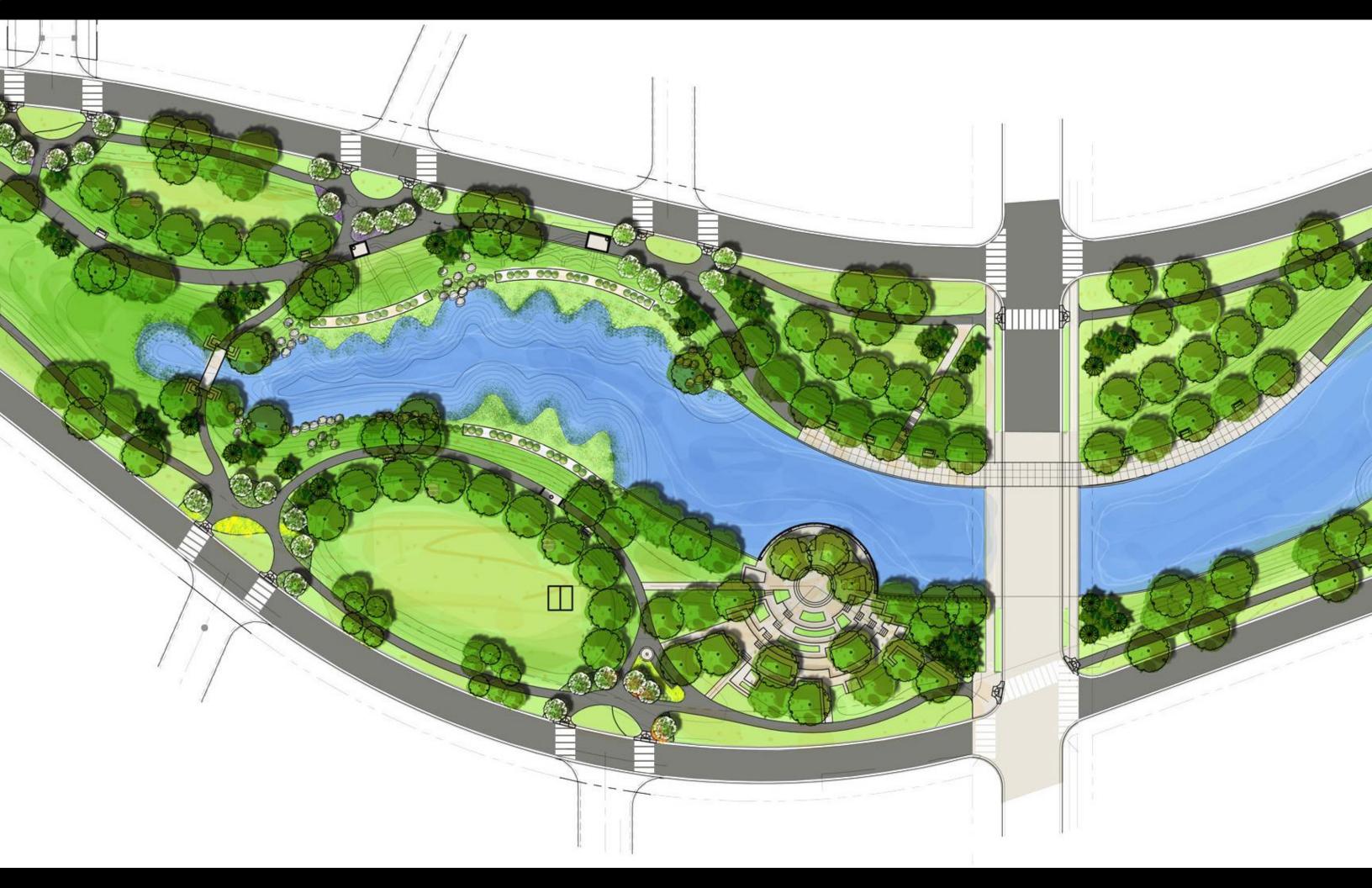


















THE TOWERSIDE INNOVATION DISTRICT District Stormwater System Demonstration Project - Water as valuable resource - Water Budget (limited supply) - Clean + Convey + Store + Reuse + Aesthetics



NO PARKING

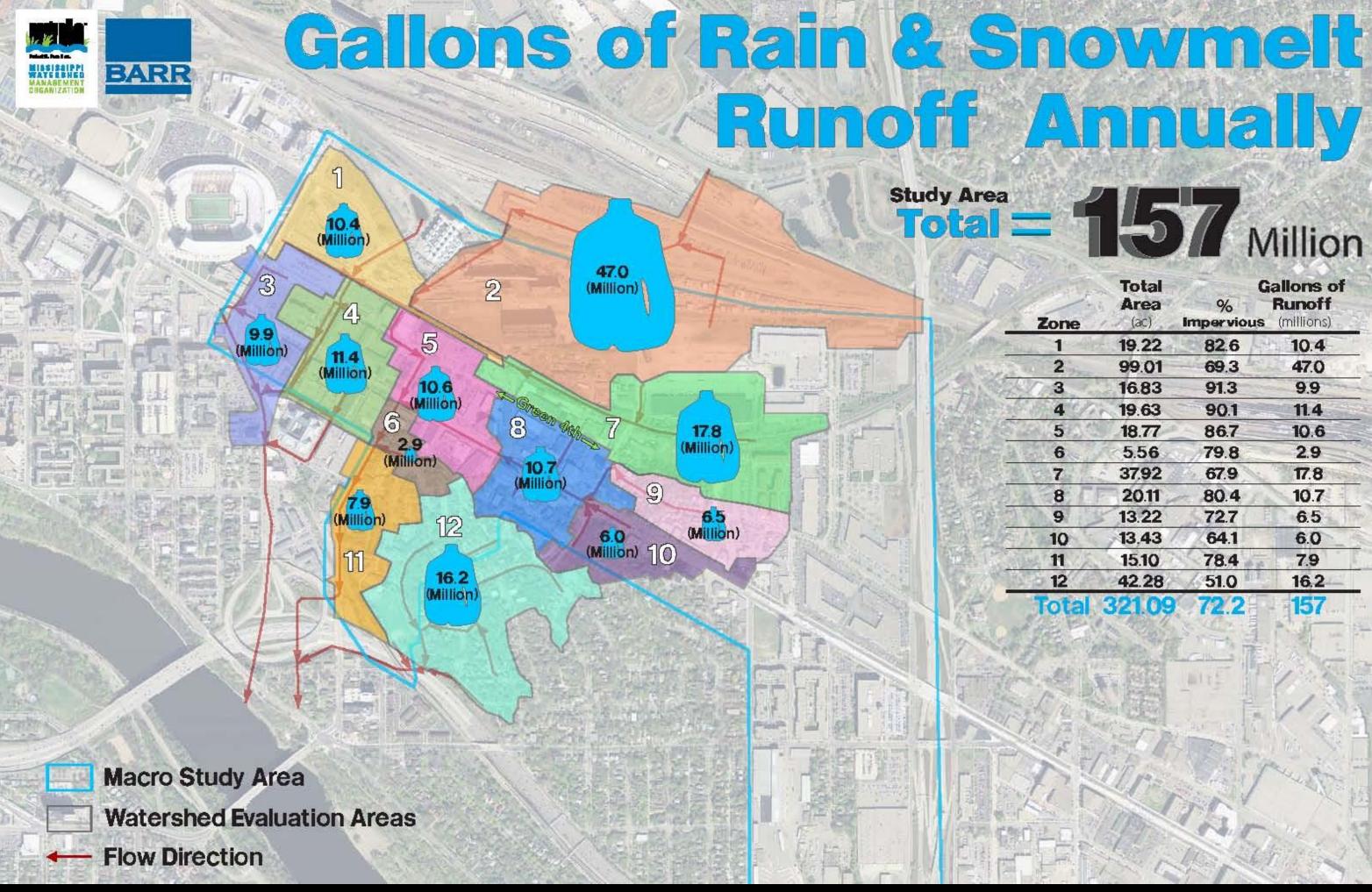
The VISION





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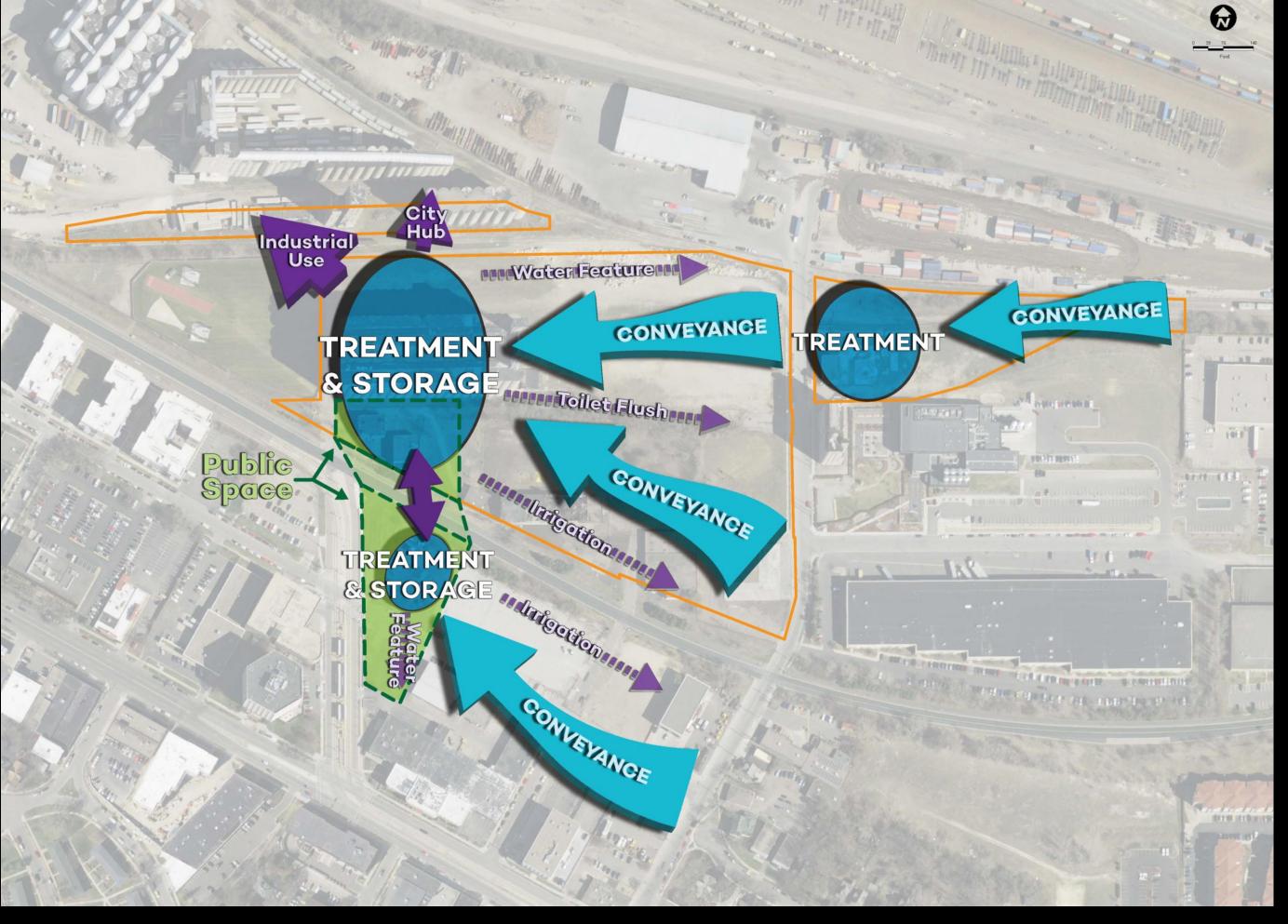




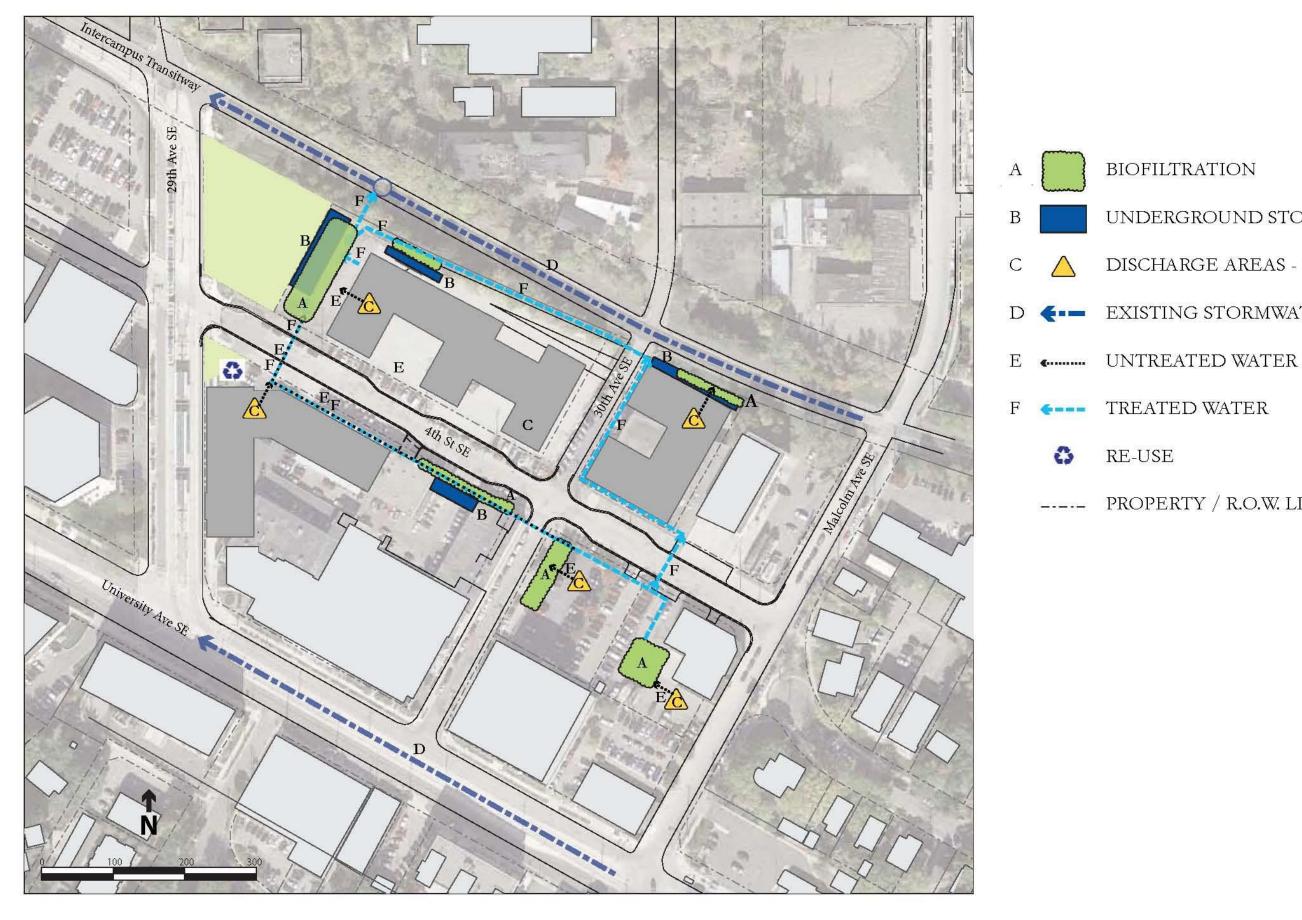


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one	Total Area (ac)	% Imperviou	Gallons of Runoff s (millions)
1-4	19.22	82.6	10.4
2	99.01	69.3	47.0
3	16.83	91.3	9.9
4	19.63	90.1	11.4
5	18.77	86.7	10.6
6	5.56	79.8	2.9
7	37.92	67.9	17.8
8	20.11	80.4	10.7
9	13.22	72.7	6.5
10	13.43	64.1	6.0
11	15.10	78.4	7.9
12	42.28	51.0	16.2
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Concept Diagram



PROJECT COMPONENTS

UNIVERSITY AVENUE DISTRICT - DISTRICT STORMWATER SYSTEM

BIOFILTRATION

UNDERGROUND STORAGE

DISCHARGE AREAS - NO TREATMENT

EXISTING STORMWATER SYSTEM

TREATED WATER

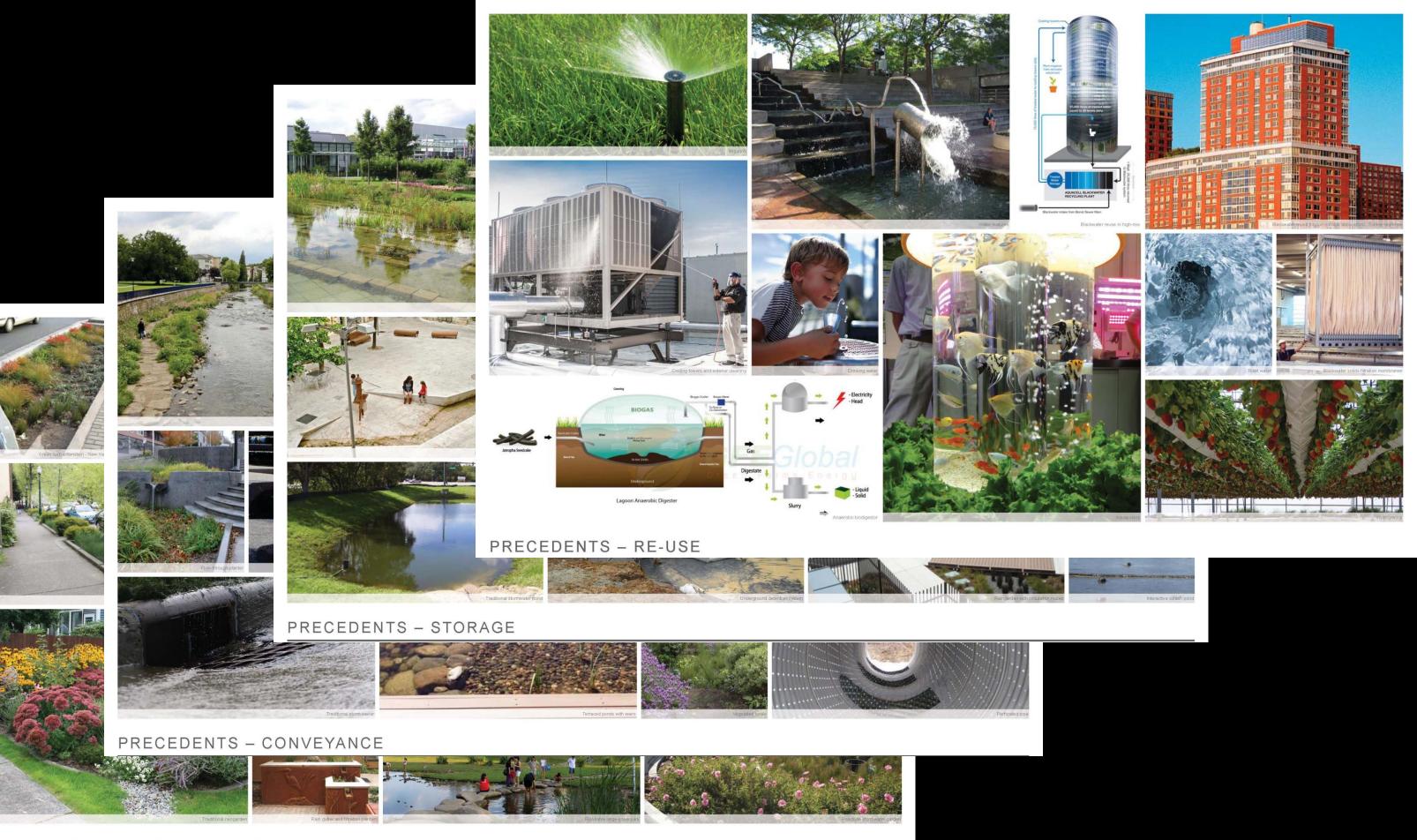
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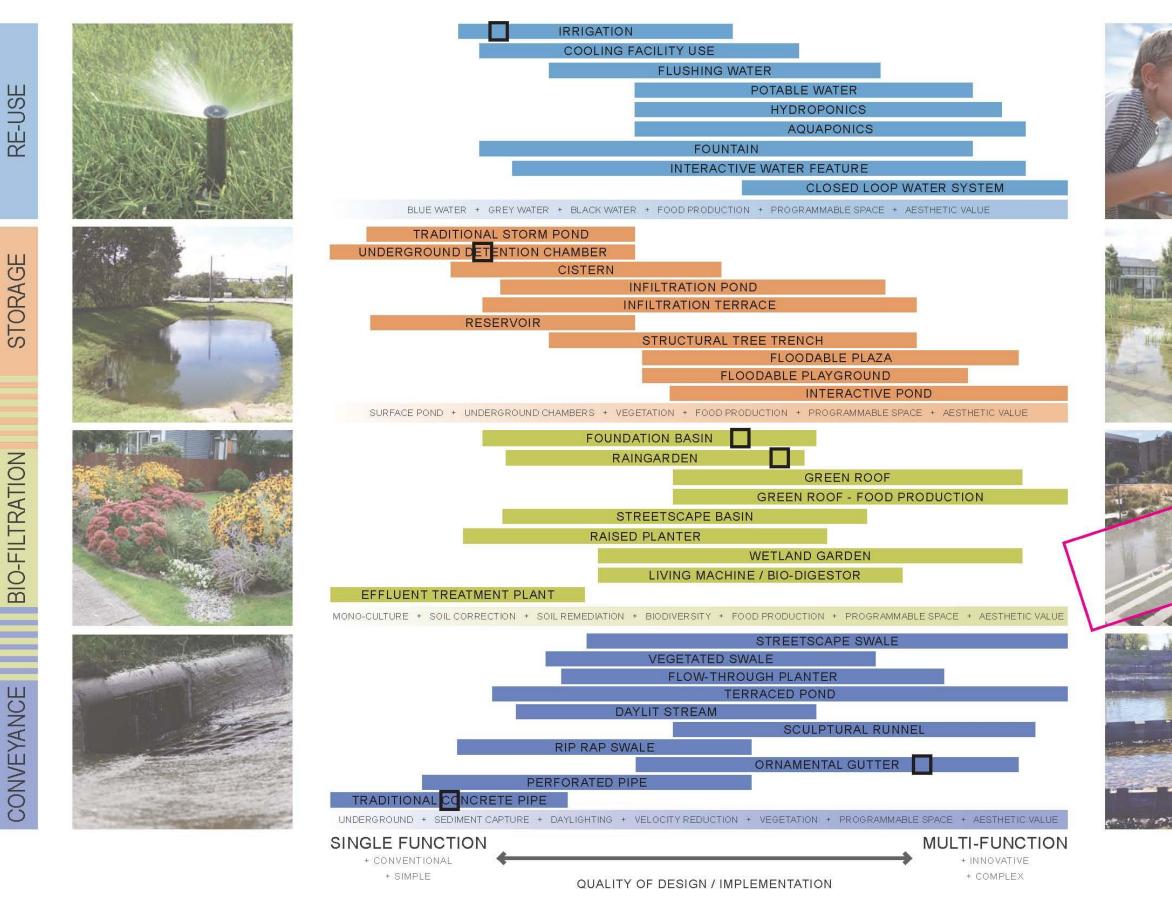






PRECEDENTS - BIO-FILTRATION

Range of Choices



WATER SYSTEMS DECISION MATRIX

UNIVERSITY AVENUE DISTRICT - WATER BUDGET DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

PREFERRED SCENARIO





Bio-F. areas and demostration area, fountain

\square	Sized to MPLS City standard



X	Works with Ornamental Gutter and courtyards
\boxtimes	Primary capture/filtration areas
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X	High-quality materials; interactive; ADA compliant
\boxtimes	For treated water conveyance, subsurface

SELECTION SITE ELEMENTS AND THEIR DESIGN PRIORITIES



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STORAGE

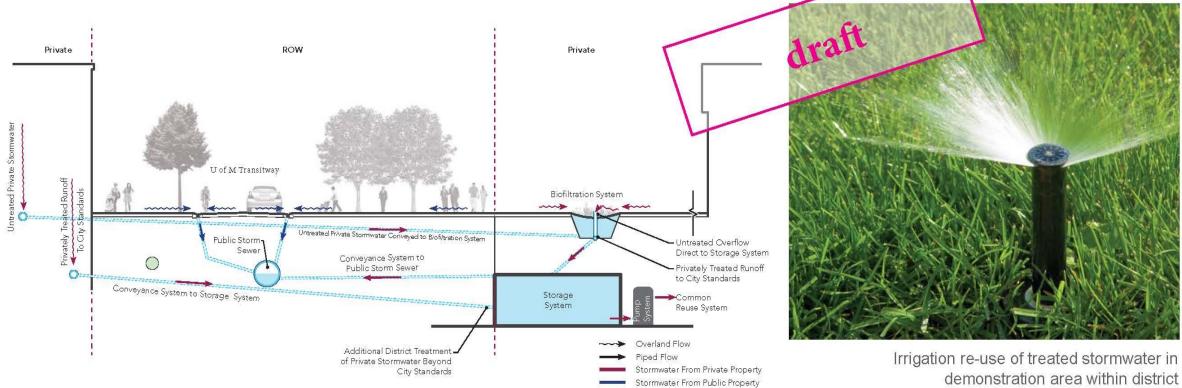
BIO-FILTRATION

CONVEYANCE



Large-scale raingardens that filter and evapotranspirate untreated water - 3:1 slopes, 2' deep

Ornamental surface gutters for untreated stormwater - roof water and surface runoff



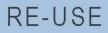


Underground stormwater pipes for treated water post-Bio-filtration

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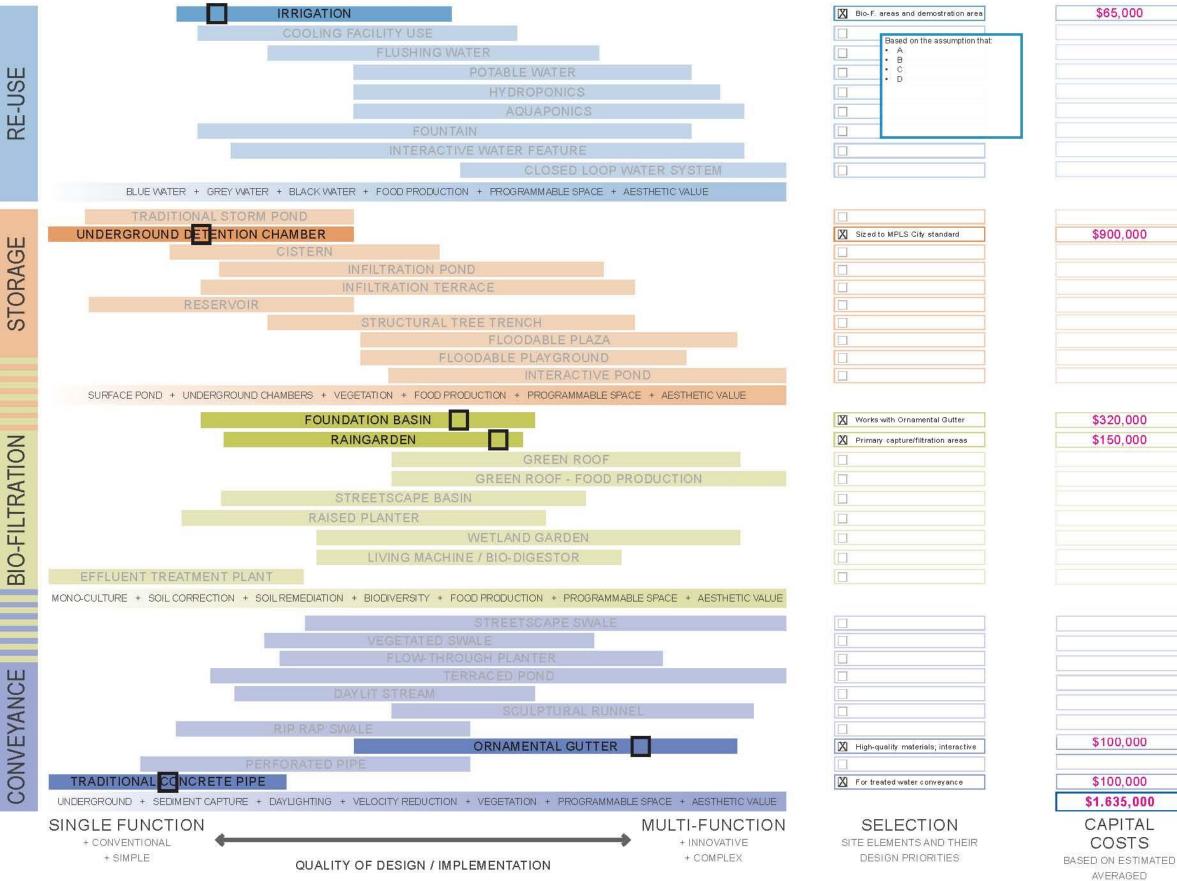
retention - 6x8' cells, buried under park area

Electric-control recirculation pump for treated stormwater re-use

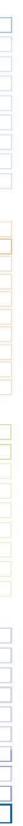






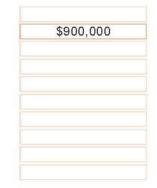


WATER SYSTEMS PRELIMINARY COST EVALUATION







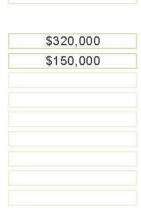


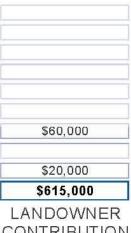




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Funding + Implementation Strategies Proximity to Parks + Trails (property value/tax revenue) Shared Costs for Infrastructure (public/private funding sources) Met Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account 'Pilot Cities' Prototyping Projects (Met Council/McKnight) Health + Sustainability Initiatives (grants/loans/partners)



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Thank you for coming! Mark your calendars for the Ramsey **Conservation District's next forum: Healthy Soils, Healthy Plants, Healthy People** Wednesday, August 16th 9-11 a.m. at Urban Roots