### **Transforming the Built Urban Environment:** Providing Leadership and Vision In an Era of Change and Uncertainty



## Summary of My Talk

#### The world is changing

# We must adjust our water policies and land practices

#### We will need vision and leadership

## Summary of My Talk

- Existing conditions are overwhelming our water systems
- Communities need to become more resilient
- There is just not enough money
- Stormwater Management = control over water + land
- Community-based Public-Private Partnerships are essential
- This will support smart investments and leverage funding
- We can turn hazards into community opportunities

#### **Kansas City's Challenge**

- Sewer overflows during wet weather
- Aging wastewater infrastructure
- Sewer backups
- Poor water quality in local streams, urban lakes, and rivers
- Past rates did not reflect the true cost of maintaining wastewater infrastructure





## **City Comparison**

#### Kansas City

- City Department
- Water/wastewater/stormwater
- Retail and wholesale accounts
- Population: 650,000
- Size: 320 sq miles
- Budget: \$307M
- Average Bill: \$82
- MHI\*: \$45,376

#### Philadelphia

- Same
- Same
- Same
- 1,550,000
- 141 sq miles
- \$650 M
- \$71
- \$41,233

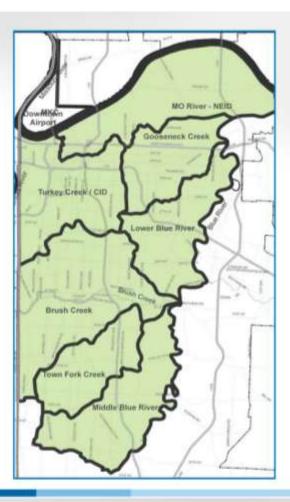
#### Philadelphia

- 64 sq. mi
- 1855 miles
- 164 outfalls

- 15 BG
- 10000 acres 85% capture

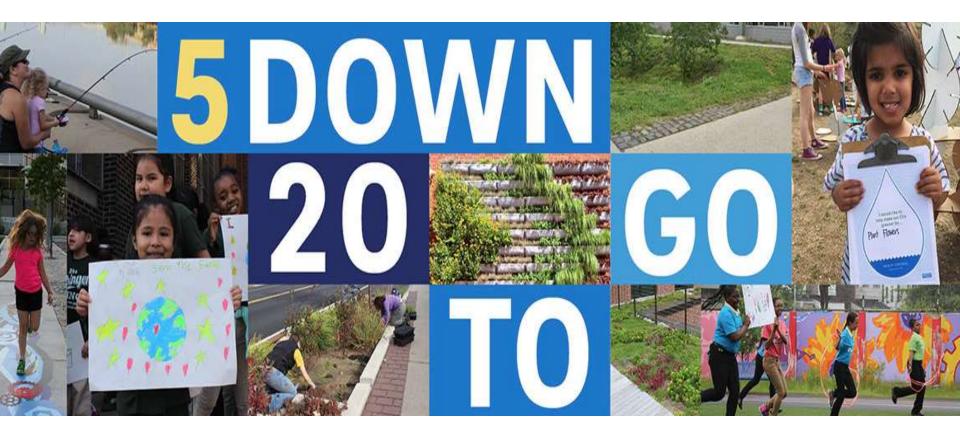
#### **Combined Sewer System**

- 7 basins covering 58 sq. miles
- 1,060 miles of pipe
- 90 outfalls
  - 2,500 manholes
- 6.4 billion gallons of overflow in a typical year
  - Overflow Control Plan Goals:
    - Evaluate green infrastructure
    - Capture 88% of wet weather flows
    - Reduce number of overflows by 65%



## Green City, Clean Waters "Re-defining what it means to be a water utility"

### 1.5 BILLION GALLONS OF ANNUAL CSO OVERFLOWS -- GONE



#### THANK YOU, GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE !!!

### Transitioning Green Infrastructure

### From a "*utility-centric*"

water cleaning and saving function

### Transitioning Green Infrastructure

### From a "*utility-centric*"

water cleaning and saving function,

To a "*universally adopted approach*" For greening our cities, with a focus on inclusion, diversity, equity and helping our inner cities flourish.

Through our leadership, we have the opportunity to shape the culture and direction of the water industry and the future landscape of our cities

#### If it looks like water, it is.

Rain Reuse Floods Scarcity Wetlands Overflows Lead Pipes **Rising Tides** Affordability Water supplies **Aquatic Habitats** Water main breaks Wastewater treatment





### Shoemaker Green



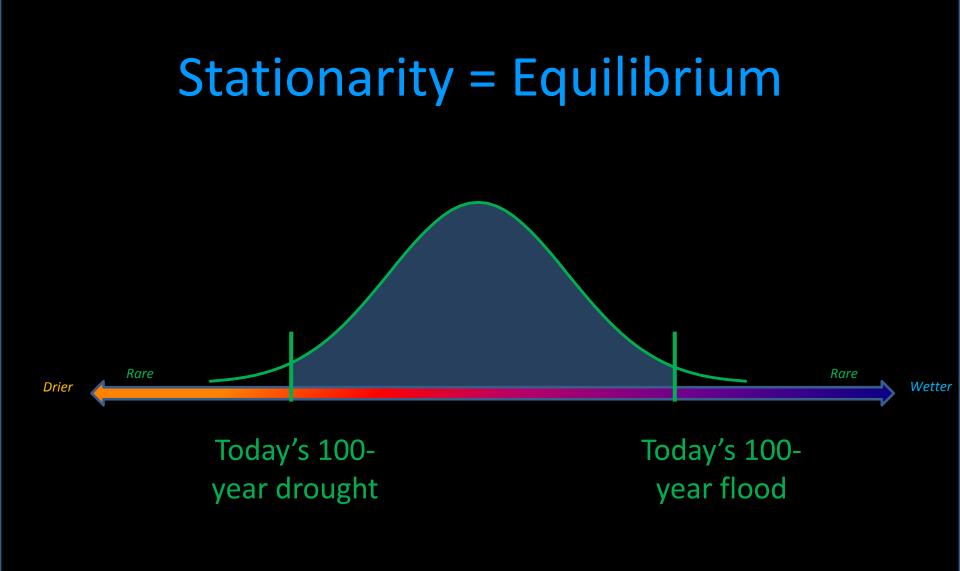
**UPenn Time Series** 

# Water is a universal connector for our times and our concerns

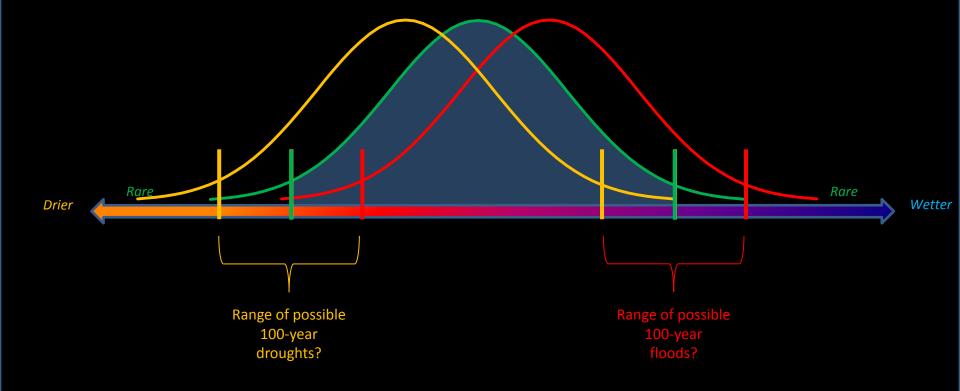
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#### **The US Urban Water Sector**

- 19<sup>th</sup> c. infrastructure, 20<sup>th</sup> c. technology
- Centralized, isolated systems
- The Civil Right to Affordable Water
- Federal funding and political will
- Siloed Priorities
- Extreme weather and terrorism
- Uncertain risk and the loss of "stationarity"







The natural system assumptions upon which we base all water standards, permits, and water use and delivery systems may no longer be valid.



- USEPA Climate Ready Water Utilities Working Group

# Flooding of Coast Has Already Begun...Scientists' warnings of Climate Change are no longer theoretical



New York Times, Sept. 3, 2016

# In the past, the engineered solutions seemed simpler, more independent



# Do we have capacity for your new development? Yes!!



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New York City "Combined Sewer Interceptor"

### The Incline of our Cities



North 34<sup>th</sup> Street

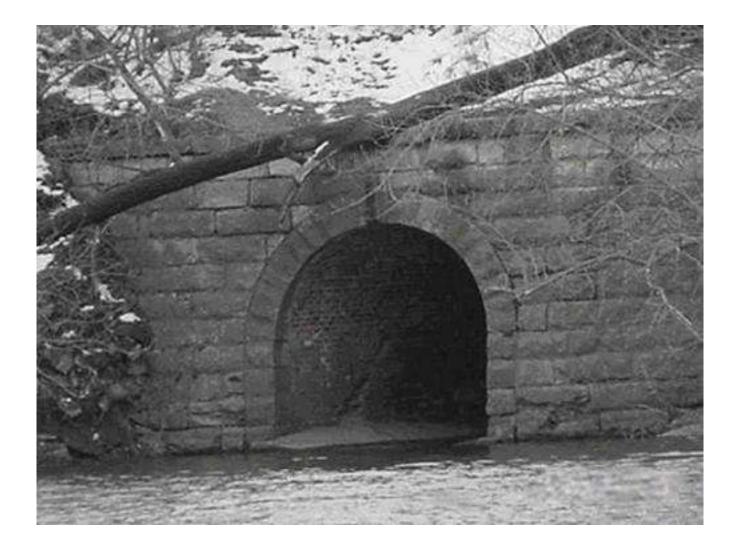
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Southeast Philadelphia (10th & Moyamensing), photo by Andrew Dobshinsky

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Des Moines River, Iowa

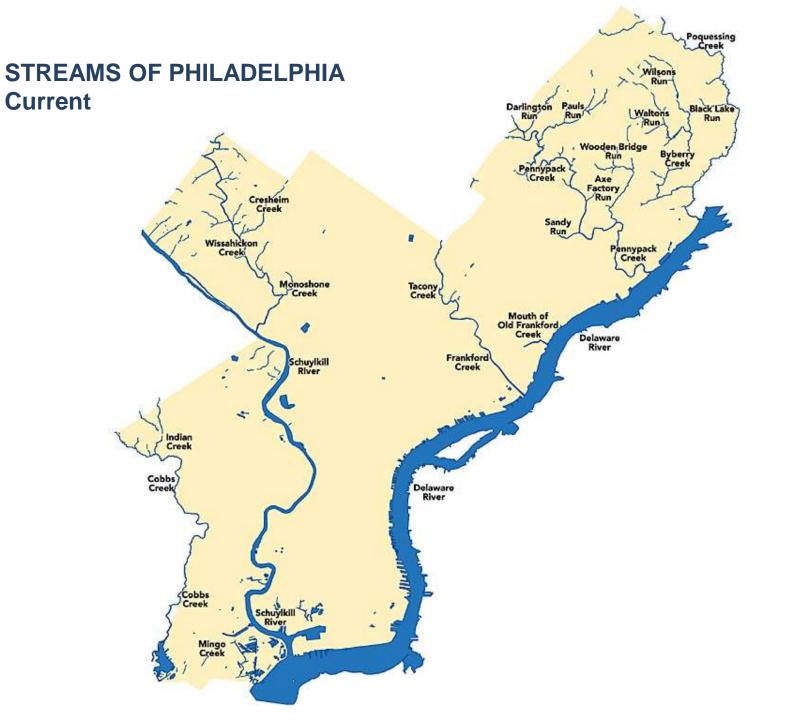
#### Why did we Bury our Streams?

# City grid, flat, no bridges Gravity and Right-of-way No one cared

Philadelphia in 1702

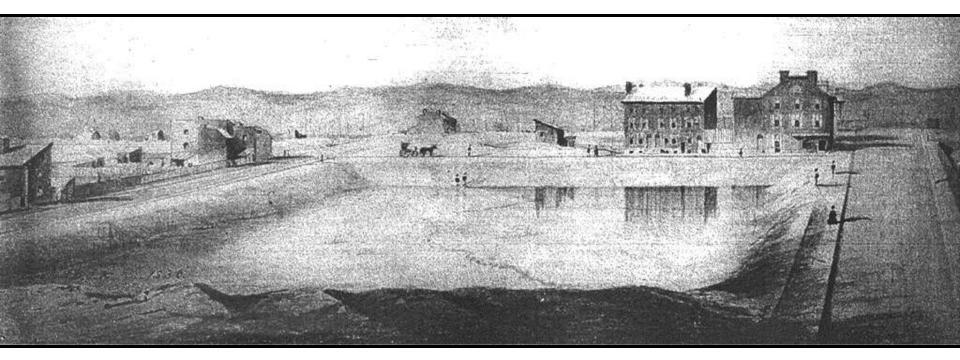






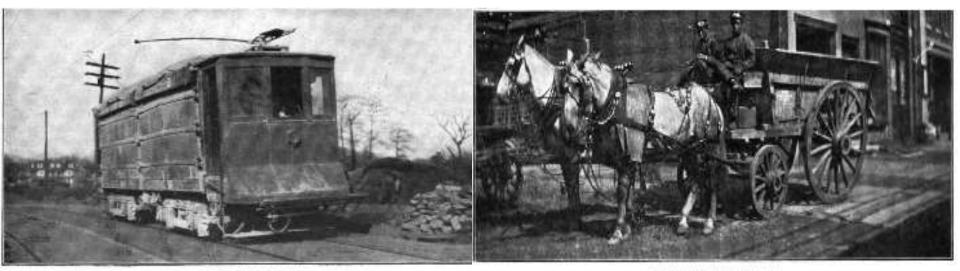






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### **Coal Ash Disposal**



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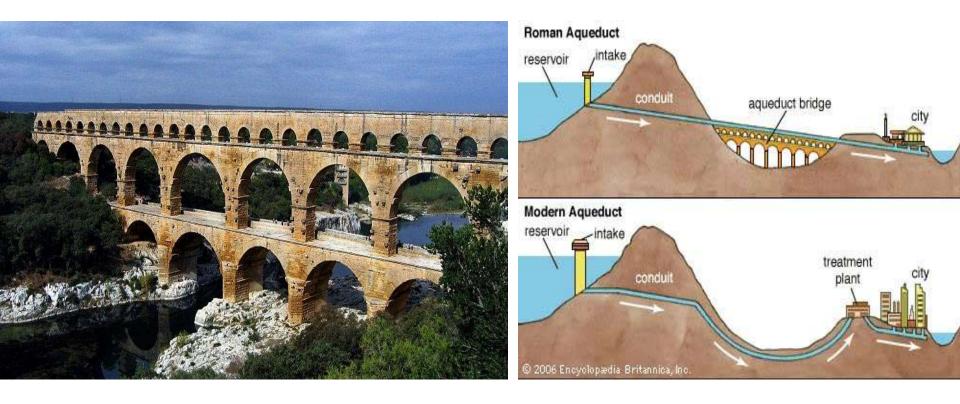
"Ashes from household fires are removed once each week from all buildings...

All ashes are hauled to authorized dumps, mostly low-lands and streets requiring filling."

#### The Great Water Cities in History



### Roman Aqueducts (1st century BC)



## The Dijkgraaf of Delft







### North Sea Flood of 1953

### 1404, 1421, 1530, 1570, 1717, 1916



### The Dijkgraaf of Delft

"We raise the dikes another meter....

...And the coming catastrophe will be that much bigger"



## Room for the River

- "After 800 years of building dikes, we've been making them higher and higher. But if something goes wrong, the damage will be greater. We need to remain flexible in adapting to climate change, so now we try to remove the bottlenecks."
  - Gert-Jan Meulepas, Project Manager for Royal Haskoning in the Netherlands

### The Waal River Diversion at Nijmegen





## "The river will run through the city, instead of along the city."

- Meulepas

### What Makes a Great Water City Today?



### What Makes a Great Water City Today?

- •Fishable, Swimmable Waters (CWA)
- •Drinkable Waters (SDWA)
- •Safe, attractive waterways
- •Accessible waterfronts
- •Adaptable, abundant, resilient, redundant and sustainable water systems
- •A thriving, sustainable city



### Honolulu Harbor and Canal Systems













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# Explore the impact of local infrastructure policy decisions on desired outcomes



#### Cramp Elementary School, Philadelphia

### Water as the heart of the design Enghaveparken, Copenhagen



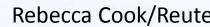
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## "New Orleans is Done Fighting Water"

-CITYLAB, The Atlantic



The 25-acre Mirabeau Water Garden to filter stormwater while providing beautified space for recreation and education. (New Orleans Redevelopment Authority)



# JUSTICE for FLINT

## Missing: One Water Vision, Leadership, Progress



### **Urban Stream Concerns**

- Water Quantity and Quality
- Contaminants
- Bank Erosion
- Channel hardening
- Aquatic Habitat and Biodiversity
- Invasive plants and species
- Public Access
- Dumping, Litter and Trash
- Vandalism and crime
- Social and Environmental Justice
- Groundwater recharge
- Urban Land management
- Runoff /Overflows







Can Urban Water Policy be adapted to protect public health and the environment WHILE

encouraging innovation, growth and sustainability in our Great Water Cities?

## Green City, Clean Waters



How to stop flooding and overflowing pipes?

 Make it stop raining so much

 Increase sewer capacity (grey)

 Stop putting rainwater in my sewer (green)



MSU Green Roof Research Program (courtesy Old House Journal)

Water Utility Services

Water Supply & Scarcity

**Thriving Cities and Waterfronts** 

Integrated Watersheds

Forestry & Land Conservation

**Food Production** 

Waterways and Ecosystems

**Energy & Mining** 

Industry & Business

City and Regional Planning

(Re) Development

Recreation

Flooding

**Climate Change and Resiliency** 

Social Equity

**Environmental Justice** 

### The "New" Water Sector

# Green Infrastructure was the foundation for One Water Practice



## How we speak to each other

- –MS4s
- CSOs
- NPDES
- -TMDLs
- PCBs / Mercury
- Road Salt
- Pathogens
- Emerging contaminants
- Nitrogen / phosphorous
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure

### How we need to speak What's Possible? What's in Your City?

People are the city. People make the city. And every city has a stake in the health and safety of its populace, the quality of its education system, the state of its economy, the impact of climate change, the need for infrastructure, and the engagement of its citizens as active participants in their future. These shared concerns serve as a starting point for envisioning cities that are responsive to their people and ever-changing conditions. They provide a foundation for engaging with existing assets, places, and relationships to imagine what is possible. They also act as touchstones that cities can return to as they evaluate and continue to shape their civic commons over time.

Health	Integrated Wellness				
	Holistic community health that addresses the physical, mental, and social needs and aspirations of society				
Security	Public Safety				
	Relationships and environments that support productive encounters between people and institutions				
Education	Open Opportunity				
	Multiple, accessible places and platforms for skill sharing, knowledge transfer, and talent discovery				
Economy	Inclusive Growth				
	Economic development that makes socio-economic mobility possible for everyone				
Environment	Sustainable Practices				
	Conscientious actions and behaviors that mutually support people, water, land, and wildlife				
Infrastructure	Engaged Ownership				
	Partnerships formed to reclaim, invest in, manage, and repurpose shared systems to benefit everyone				
Society	Social Solidarity				
	A sense of belonging and a commitment to cooperating for collective well-being				

#### 10 STUDIO GANG ARCHITECTS Slide courtesy of Studio Gang Architects

Every city has a combination of public buildings, institutions, land, water, and infrastructure that affect everyone's quality of life. These assets are collectively owned and operated for community benefit. In many American cities, they were created and constructed by different people at different points in time, and continue to be thought of as performing separate and specialized roles in society.

Reconsidering these assets today as part of a single, interconnected civic commons involves focusing on the relationships between them-building a kind of ecological understanding of how they operate together within the context of a particular city.

Examining how selected assets relate to one another spatially, functionally, and experientially makes it possible for you to identify how they do or do not currently work together to affect city life. This understanding makes it possible for you to speculate about how they might work together differently, both in the near future and longer term. With these ideas in mind, you can start to strategize about how current local initiatives can connect with existing assets to expand on their core capacities, combining in new ways that generate exciting spaces, uses, and experiences which benefit people and communities.

#### LIBRARIES

REC CENTERS

POLICE STATIONS





PARKS

STREETS





SCHOOLS

TRANSIT



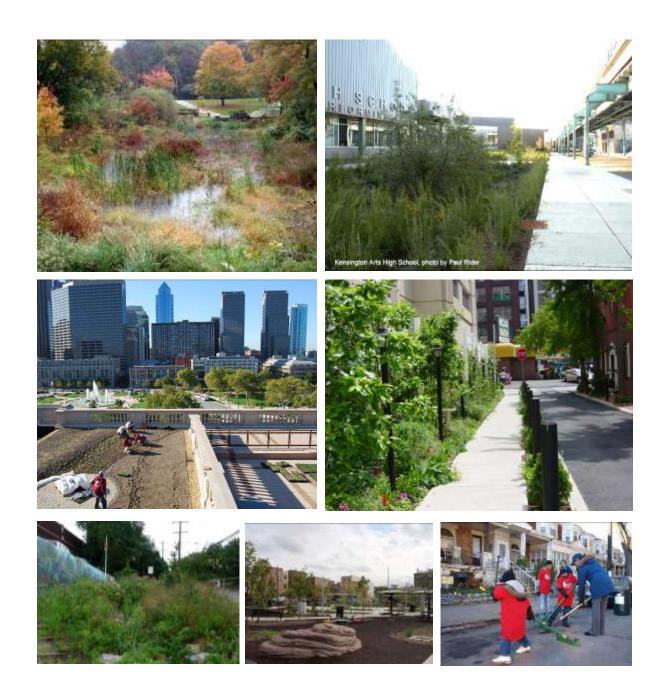


These civic assets represent only a selection of the wide variety available in American cities. Other types include cultural centers, plazas, fire stations, churches, post offices, homeless shelters, and water bodies.

## Green City, Clean Waters "Re-defining what it means to be a water utility"

One Water, One City, Many Places

- Communities
- Transit
- Rivers & Streams
- Parks
- Schools
- Streets
- Businesses
- Parking lots
- Universities



### Connecting Water to Urban Sustainability and Resilience and Social Justice



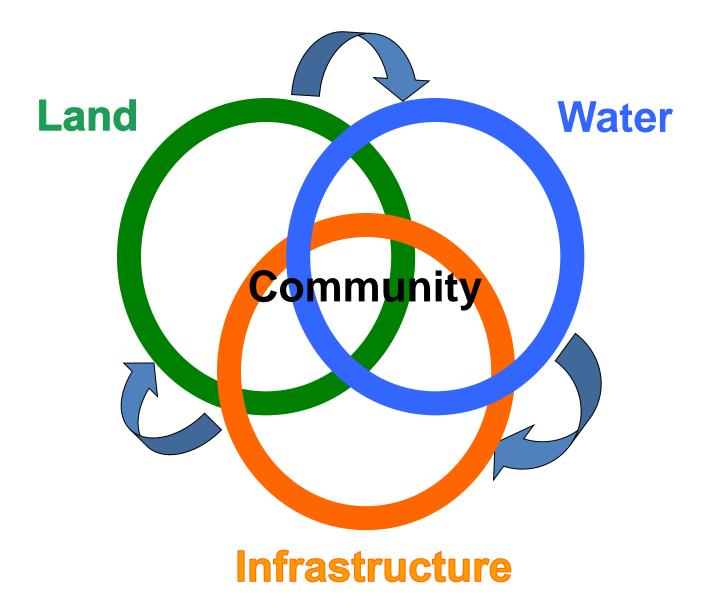








### An Integrated Approach to Water



### Out of the Gutter (2002)

### Action steps are integrated into our strategic planning:

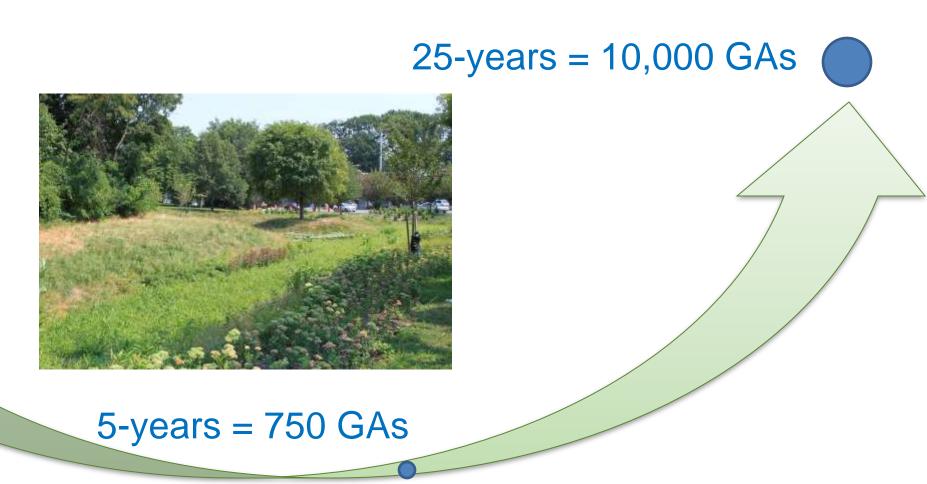
- 1. Review code and ordinances for obstacles/opportunities
- 2. Lead by example use LID on City properties
- 3. Educate development review agencies on LID techniques
- 4. Prepare state of the art technical guidance document
- 5. Promote high visibility LID projects
- 6. Develop a large-scale "sewer shed" LID application
- 7. Create commercial incentives for LID designs
- 8. Foster coordination among City agencies
- 9. Create an incentive program to encourage LID
- 10. Protect existing open space
- 11. Focus on redevelopment not greenfield development
- 12. Restore the urban forest and street tree canopy
- 13. Develop tree protection and steep slope overlays
- 14. Implement day lighting and tributary restoration projects
- 15. Construct fish passages
- 16. Expand wetlands restoration and mitigation efforts
- 17. Use pocket parks, squares, traffic circles, triangles, islands

### Mill Creek Playground



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Metric	Year 0	Year 5	Year 10	Year 15	Year 20	Year 25
Total Greened Acres	0	750	2,100	3,800	6,500	10,000

## Green Stormwater Goals

25-Year Implementation of Green City, Clean Waters



### 7.9 B gallon overflow reduction



10,000+ Greened Acres or 1/3 of existing impervious cover



85% mass capture

## The Office of Watersheds - 1999



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### 10,000 Green Acres Plan



Public Outreach and Education

Innovate and Demonstrate



**Adaptive Management** 

Leverage and Coordinate Investments



Set Policies, Incentives and Fees



Monitor and Maintain

### A Transdisciplinary Approach

### **Philadelphia Office of Watersheds Core Functions**



# LAND + WATER

### PHILADELPHIA PARKS + WATER INITIATIVES

#### GERMANTOWN GREEN BOWLS Stormwater management parks

Sections of Germantown experience frequent localized floading including readways and traffic intersections. Through targeted land acquisition and integrated green stormwater management, some af these known fload locations may be redesigned to reduce fload impacts and improve safety, and transform these erres into an open space infrastructure network that can protect and sustain fluure development and investment.

#### EXTENDING THE LEGACY OF FAIRMOUNT PARK Community greening throughout East Park + Strawberry Mansion

Fairmount Park was conserved in the late 1800s as open space to preserve and protect the Schuykkill River as a variater supply. Community greening and park enhancements will extend this leaps, by integrating green stormwater infrastructure projects throughout the Strawberry Manison neighborhood and East Park, as envisioned by PPK's New Fairmount Park plan. Coupling green stormwater infrastructure with streetscape improvements and gateways can connect adjacent communities to the park and the river. In addition, PVID, PPK, Audobon and Outward bound partmership and investment in East Park Reservoir will create a hub for conservation and leadership for Philadelphia communities.

#### GATEWAYS TO NATURE + RECREATION Natural land + watershed park: Cobbs Creek

Cabbs Creek has the potential to be one of the

maje connective fibers of our region, providing miles of needed trait links, connecting neighborhoods and amentities, and conveying and clearing our waters before they reach the Delaware River. PWD has made a long-term commitment toward stream restanation of the in-City portions of Cobbs Creek. Restoring Cobbs Creek reaches 6 through 8, from Market Street to Rai/road Bridge, as well as creating gateways and managing stormwatel using green infrastructure lays the groundwork for accomplishing this vision and commitment.

#### PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Creating an environmental recreation base

Focus on south of Grey's Ferry Bridge communities by enhancing parks and open spare, as well as street connections to the Schuy/kill Rever through green starmwater infrastructure projects, as well as intending recreation opportunities along the Schuykill River. The goal would be to create an aniwommental neuration base that would leverage these investments to support future redevelopment.



Partnership Expansion

PWD, PPR, and other partners have been collaborating to leverage green stornwater infrastructure investments with amenity improvements to enhance park, recreation, open spice, and school projects, as well as street greenwys, PWD and PPR collaboration has been through vincius partnership efforts, including Neighborhood Parks, Green 2015, and alignment with council funding interplother An expansion of the seisting partnership would be advanced by additional funding, leading to a citywide transformation.

#### DESTINATION WATERSHED Natural land and watershed park: Tacony Creek

The vision for the Tookany/Tacony Frankford watershed conceptualizes the watershed as a destinution for stormwater annovation, distinctive recreation and healthy creates that augoparts. Further investment in the area's without neighborhoods. PWD has made a long-torm commitment toward stream networking of the in-City portions of the Tookany/Tacony Trankford creaks. Restring Tacony Creak reaches a through 8, from Whitakiar Avenue to Wyoming Avenue, as well as creating gateways and managing stormwatet using dreen infrastructure lays the groundwork for accomplishing this vision and commitment.

#### FRANKFORD CREEK TO THE DELAWARE RIVER Placeholder text- awaiting PPR input

The Frankford Creek Greenway Feasibility Study proposed a combination on and off noat vaia along the Frankford Creek to Dataware Avenue and the East Coast Greenway. This trail was identified as one of the city's highest priority trails in the Phaladophia Trail Master Pan (2013). PV/D advised PCPC, as part of their Frankford Brownfield Area Wide Planning study, on the potential is integrate green stormwater infrastructure upon nedevolopment of the Phily Coae/Dow site and the Rohm & Haas site, to manage stormwater from the right of way.

#### RIVER MEETS RIVER

Delaware River to Schuylkill River trail connection. The planned Spring Garden and Washington Avenue Greenways, coupled with the planned Delaware Riverfront trail can complete a 12 mile river to reveal to gui within Philadolphia and connect to the East Coast Greenway and Schuylkill River trails (in green), by creating complete streats, including green stormwater infrastructure, bike lanes, and street greening. This would provide local communities with access and recreation on both rivers and access to amenities along each route. Alignment with a stormwater fload online lavere project on Washington Avenue, would leverage PWD's investment.

### MEETING THE NEED

FDR Park to the Delaware River

Enhance FOR Park, Broad Street and Patisson Street through green stormwater infrastructure and complete street features. Creating the gateway and connection between Marconi Plaza and the Stadium District to the Dalware River would provide recreasional and water related ammitties to many significant generative communities. The Stadium District also provides a significant opportunity to transform the sports complex into a more pervisor and green place that will beautify the area and educate the public should stormwater and the environment.



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# LEED and Water

- Bring the stakeholders together early
- Integrate the process
- Sustainability and resiliency goals
- Metrics and certification
- Public / Private Innovations
- Market forces

# *Green City, Clean Waters* is Integral to Philadelphia's Climate Action Plans

Seal

Buildings

Green

Infrastructure

Water and Energy

Conservation

Smart

Growth

## Adaptation

Change in land use, relocation

Emergency & business continuity planning

Upgrades or hardening of building and infrastructure

Residential programs promoting adaptation

Health programs

Mitigation

Energy conservation and efficiency

Renewable energy

Sustainable transportation, improved fuel efficiency

Capture and use of landfill and digester gas

Carbon sinks

## 10.3% PROPERTY VALUE INCREASE

Estimated property value gain from proximity to GSI investment. Sustainable Business Network estimates an aggregate \$1.3B increase in citywide property value, producing an annual increase of \$18M in property taxes.



## 430 NEW JOBS 14% GROWTH

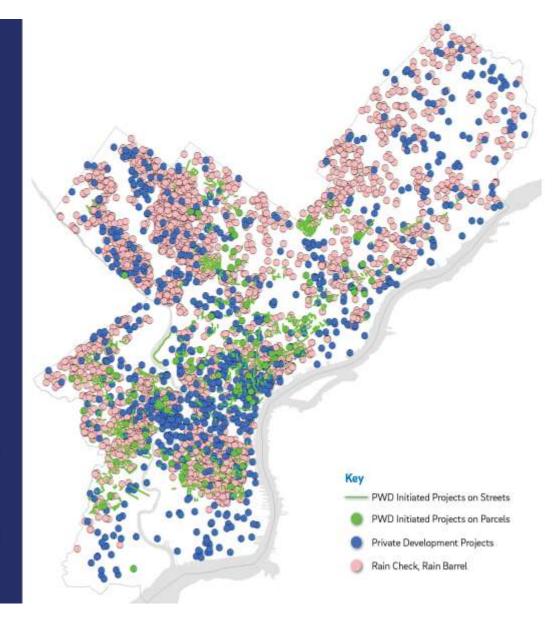
In Greater Philadelphia Green Stormwater Infrastructure industry, including members of the PowerCorpsPHL program for at-risk youth + local GSI design and maintenance firms.

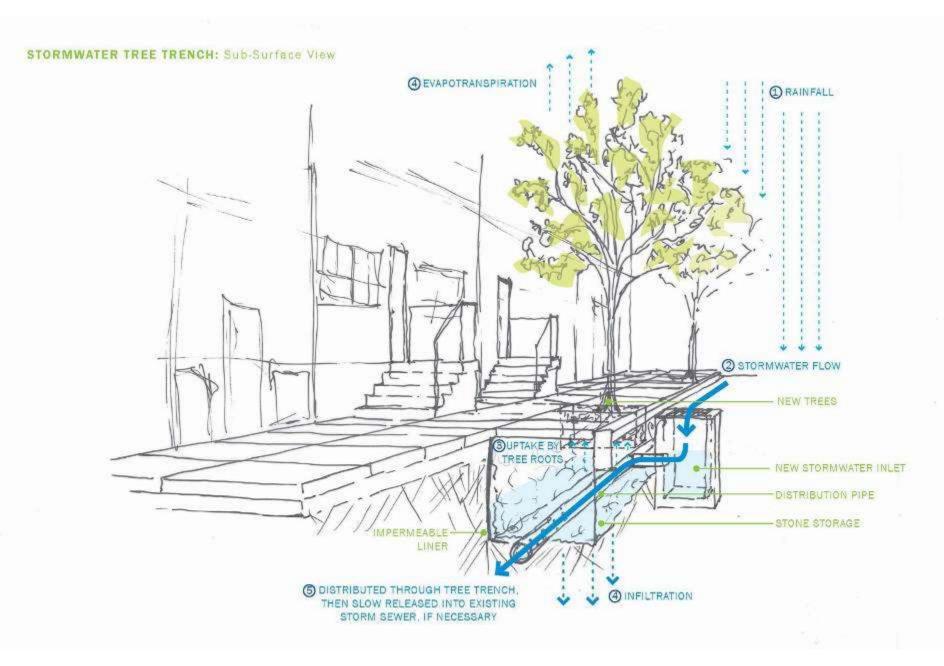


## 440+ GSI SITES

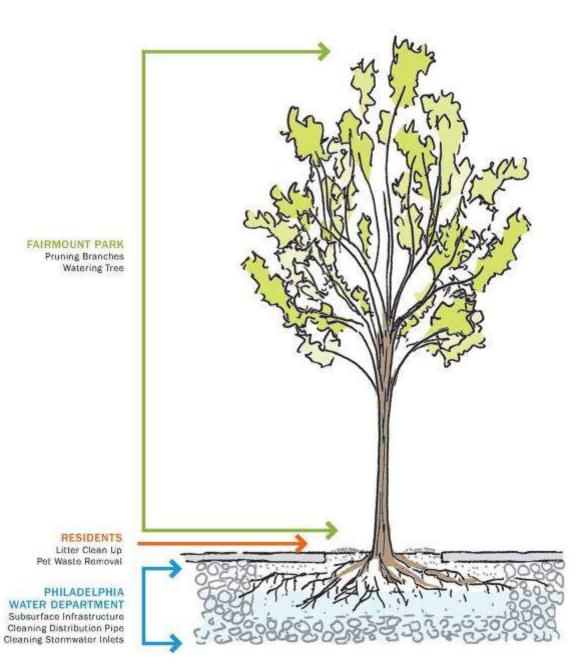
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The Green City, Clean Waters program was established in 2011. Today, hundreds of green stormwater sites across the city help to manage millions of gallons of runoff every time it rains in Philadelphia. This widely distributed green infrastructure network currently reduces pollution from sewer overflows by 1.5 billion gallons per year, and is set to grow tenfold by 2036.





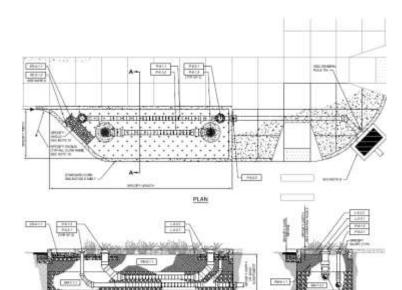
### STORMWATER TREE TRENCH: Maintenance Responsibilities



## **Green and Complete Streets**





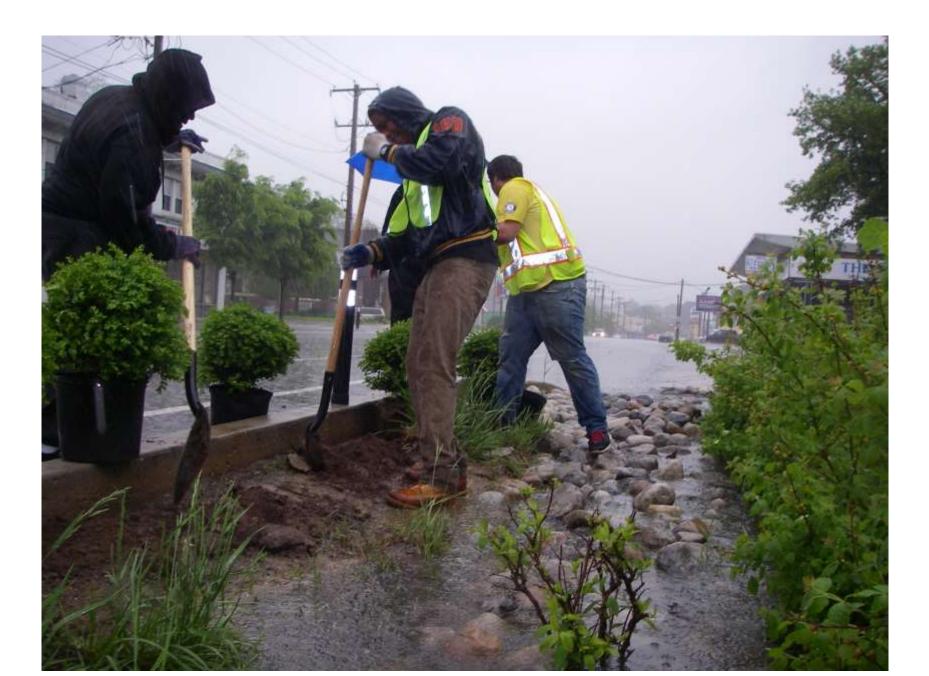


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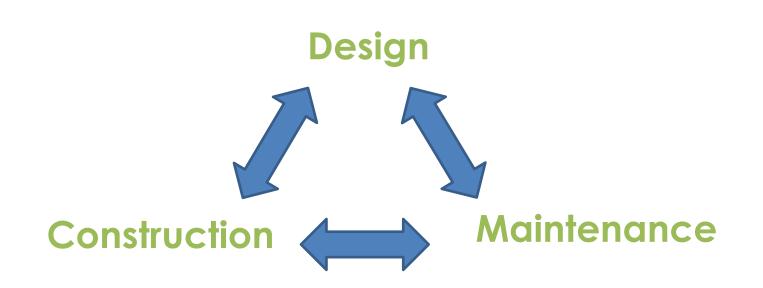
PROFILE

Mid-block Stormwater Bump-out

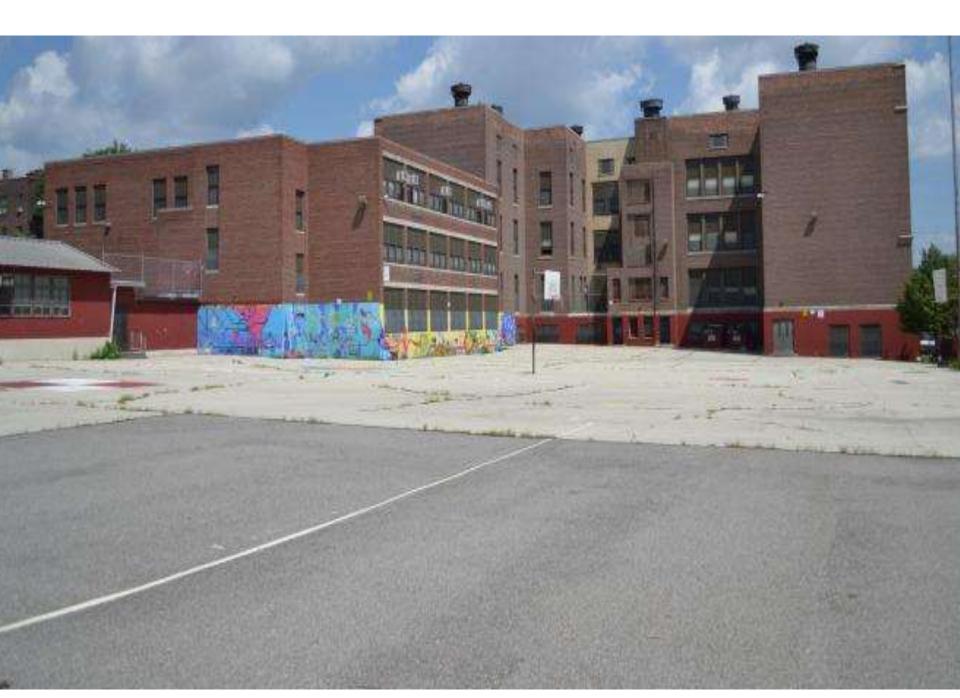




## Feedback Loop













Philadelphia Water is working with communities across the city to keep pollution out of our waterways. Visit www.PhillyWatersheet.org Intersteel Green City, Clean Waters investments improve Green City, Clean Waters investments improve neighborhoods while slowing and filtering stormwater with natural materials like plants, soil and stone to keep our rivers clean for you and future generations.



## Philadelphia Stormwater Development Regulations

Use landscaped areas to reduce -impervious areas by at least 20% (from existing conditions) to be exempt from Channel Protection and Flood Control requirements. (See Section 3.2.3 for details on disconnections)



Per zoning code requirements, 10% of new parking areas are to be vegetated. Use areas planned for landscaping features to disconnect adjacent impervious areas. (See Section 3.2.3 for details on disconnections)

> Consider one way drive aisles with angled parking to reduce impervious area and create larger landscape areas for disconnection. (See Section 3.2.2 for details on minimizing impervious cover and Section 3.2.3 for details on disconnections)

Plant new trees to disconnect adjacent impervious areas. (See Section 3.2.3 for details on .... disconnections)

Grade parking areas to landscape areas to disconnect additional impervious cover. (See Section 3.2.3 for details on disconnections) Consider porous pavement for parking spaces and where hardscape materials are necessary. (See Section 4.2 for details on porous pavement design)

PECO, Philadelphia, PA



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# **Parcel Based Stormwater fees**

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# Have a stormwater HEADACHE?

Compliments of unified business owners of Philadelphia

# Stormwater Fees and Credits

- Gross area charge ~\$0.50 / 1000 sq ft / mo
- Impervious area charge ~\$9.50 / 1000 sq ft / mo

- 1 acre parking lot unmanaged ~\$ 5200 / year
- 1 acre parking lot managed ~\$ 260 / year

• Residential Stormwater Fee ~ \$170 / year

# Grants to Private Property Retrofits 2012 to 2014

<b>Total Award Amount</b>	\$25 million
<b>Projects Awarded</b>	49
<b>Greened Acres</b>	298
Cost Per Acre	\$83,000

## **Cardone Industries:**

Completed in 2013 Gross Area: 2,935,236 sf (67.38 acres) Total project cost \$3,361,441 (100% PWD contribution) Impervious Area managed: 2,253,868 sf (51.74 acres)







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# Fishable, Swimmable, Drinkable Safe. Attractive. Accessible.





## 6,000 TONS TRASH & DEBRIS

Removed from Philadelphia's waterways as a result of our pledge to make rivers & streams fishable, swimmable, accessible and beautiful.









Yellow Perch



















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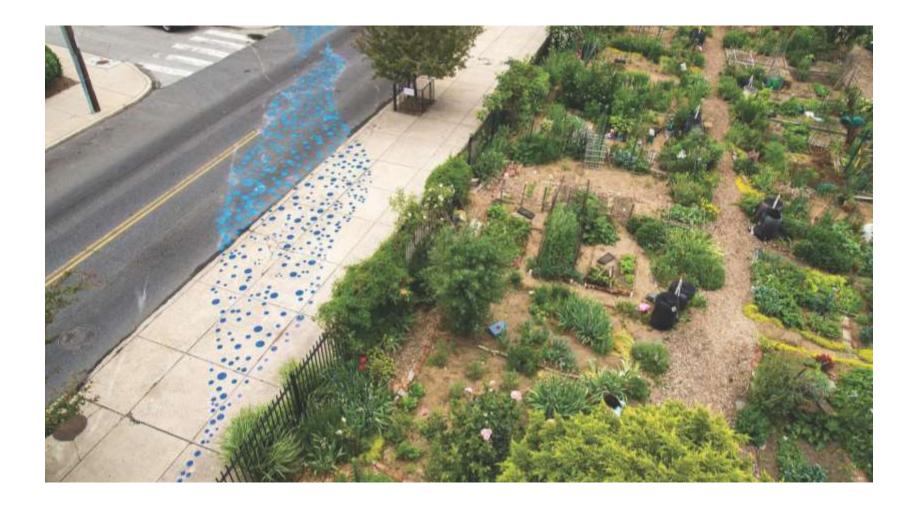
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## Salvation Army Kroc Center of Philadelphia



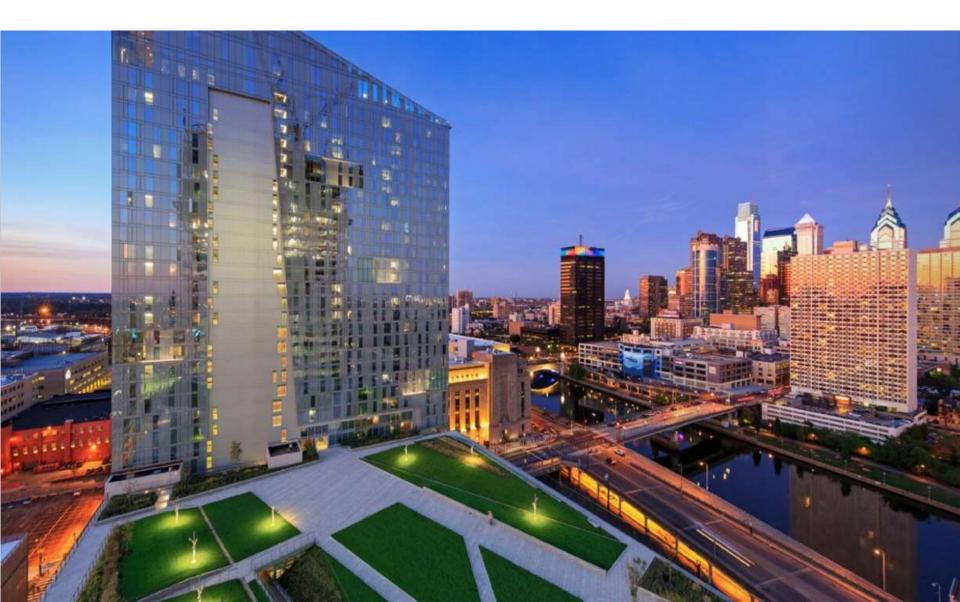
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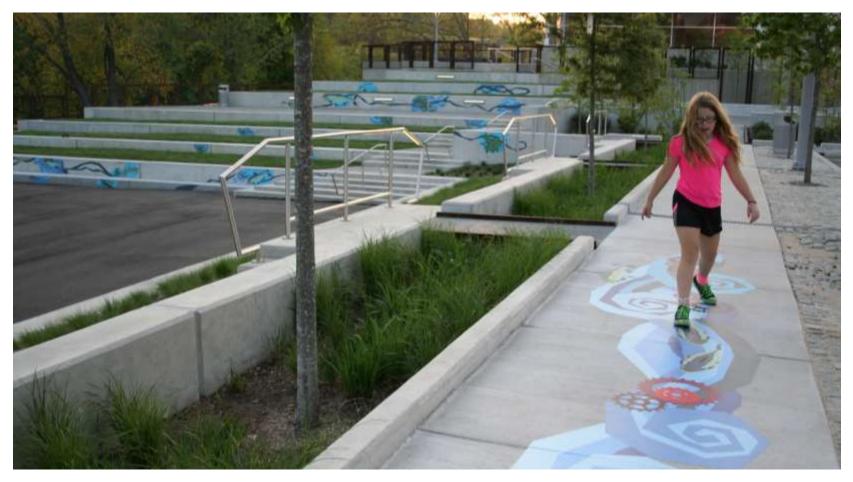
## Stroud Water Research Center



## Cira Center Blue Green Roof



# Venice Island Park and CSO Storage Tank



#### Porous Surface Test Site









## **De-Paving Party**









#### Heston Gardens







#### PHILADELPHIA GREEN ROOFS



#### Stormwater Tours





#### Wrapped Rain Barrels









#### **Green Homes**



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## Womrath Park

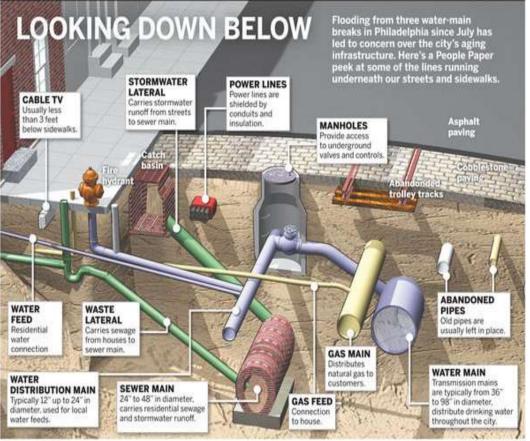


## Kemble Park



## The Water Sector Cannot Do This on its Own !!!!

## **Deep Systems Change**





JON SWYDER / STATY ARTIST

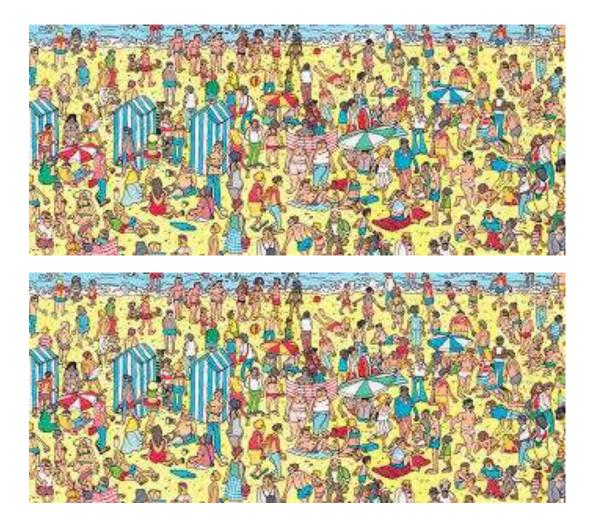
## **Deep Systems Change**



There is nothing more difficult to plan, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to manage than the creation of a new order of things.

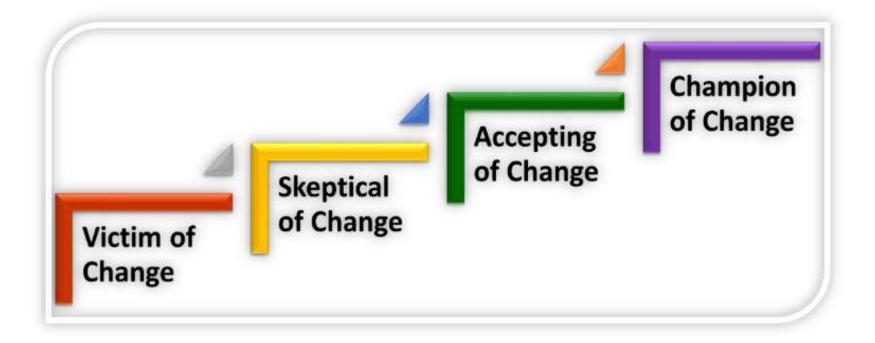
(Machiavelli, The Prince - 1513)

#### People love change\*

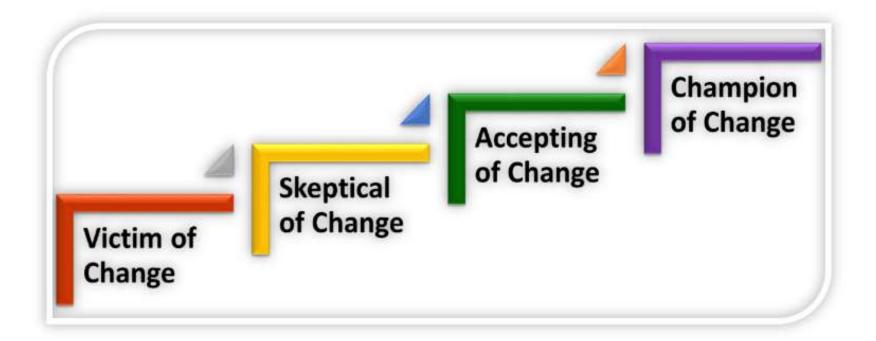


\*as long nothing appears different

#### **Change Impacts People**



#### **Change Impacts People**



Reinforce Change Feedback, Training, Rewards

#### Change needs time to evolve



Contrary to everything I just said:

## Implement NOW

#### Ask Forgiveness Later....

#### Implementation IS Policy

## Institutionalizing Change

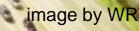


Pathways to One Water: A Guide for Institutional Innovation, WRF Project 4487

## Summary of My Talk

- Existing conditions are overwhelming our water systems
- Communities need to become more resilient
- There is just not enough money
- Stormwater Management = control over water + land
- Community-based Public-Private Partnerships are essential
- This will support smart investments and leverage funding
- We can turn hazards into community opportunities





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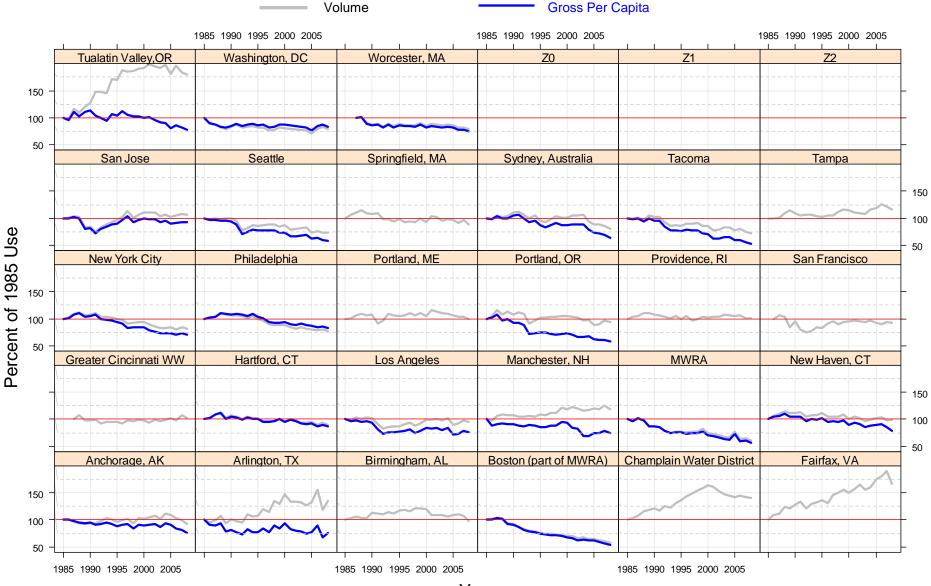
## Thank you!



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#### All cities normalized to 1985



Year

## How many problems can your community solve for \$3 billion?

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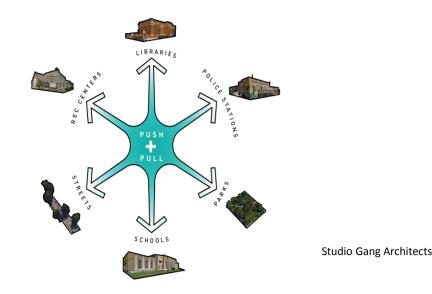
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#### <u>OR</u>

Invest in Green Infrastructure:

- Reduce sewage overflows to rivers and lakes
- Create green space, urban land restoration and real estate value, mitigate global climate change, reduce heat deaths, improve quality of life, water and energy conservation, education, recreation, riparian buffers, flood control, access, unimpaired streams...

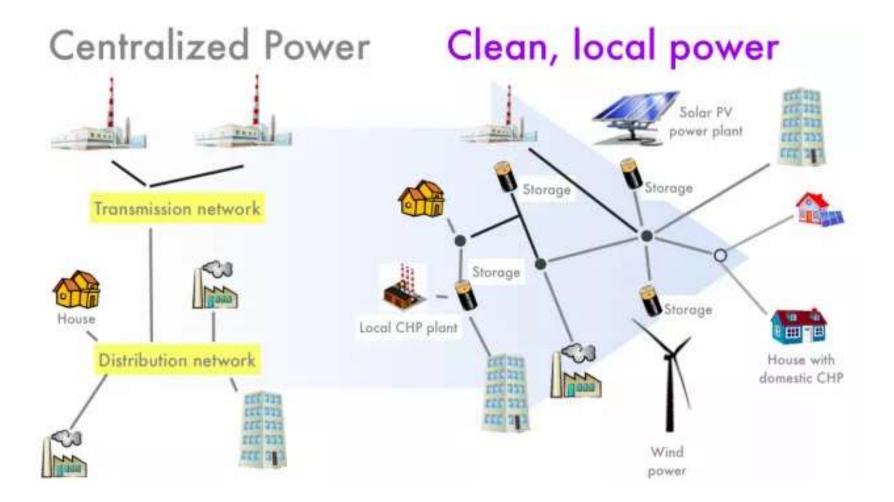
## Green Infrastructure is the Foundation for One Water Theory



# Inclusion, diversity, equity and helping our inner cities flourish



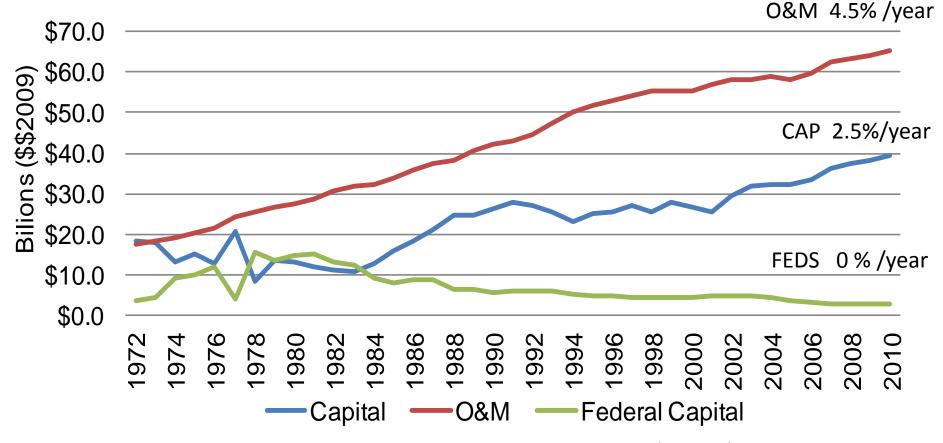
## Water Energy Nexus



#### Deferred Maintenance?

Government Spending on Water and Wastewater

(2009 dollars)

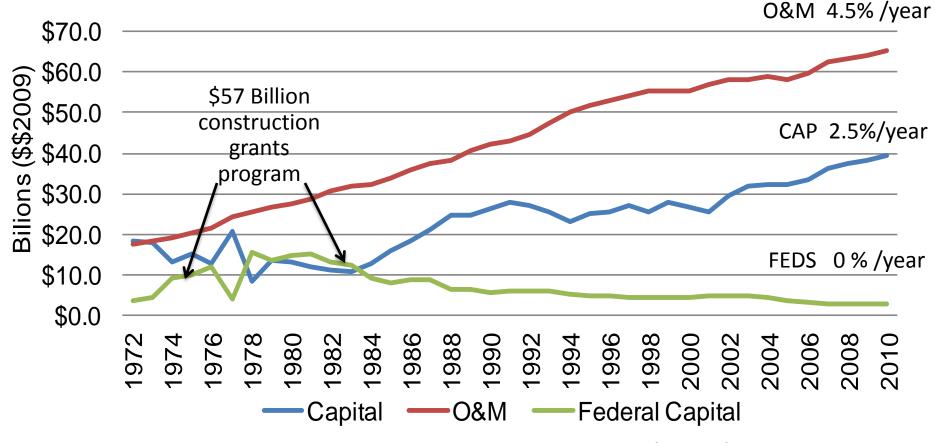


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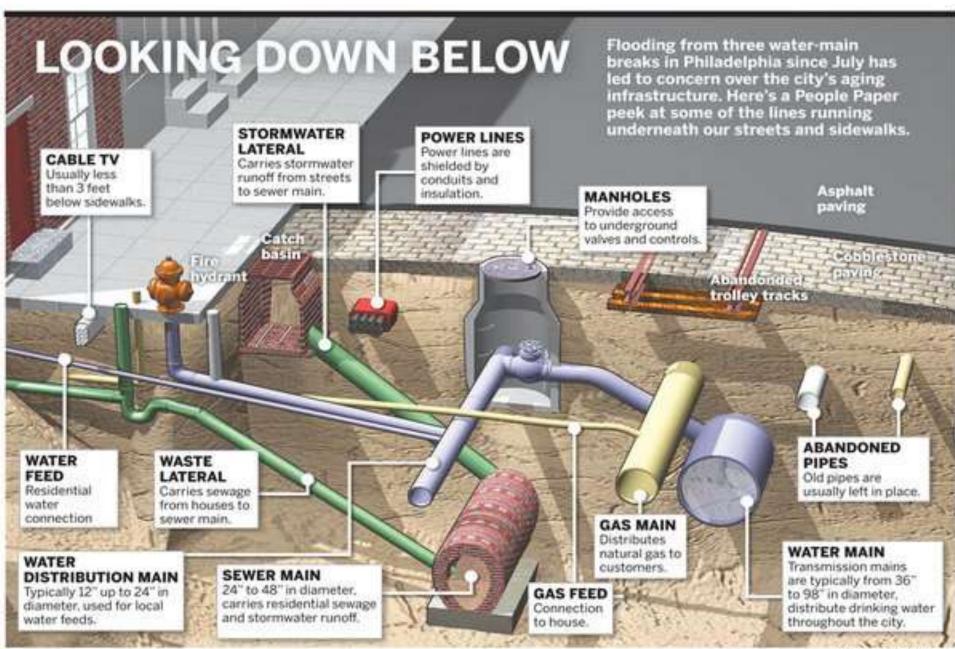
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- As we transition our water management systems to more resilient, sustainable, affordable approaches, we need to work with and get the cooperation of those responsible and in control of the land.
- Connecting our actions on the land to the future of our water systems has never been so important to the future of our civilization.