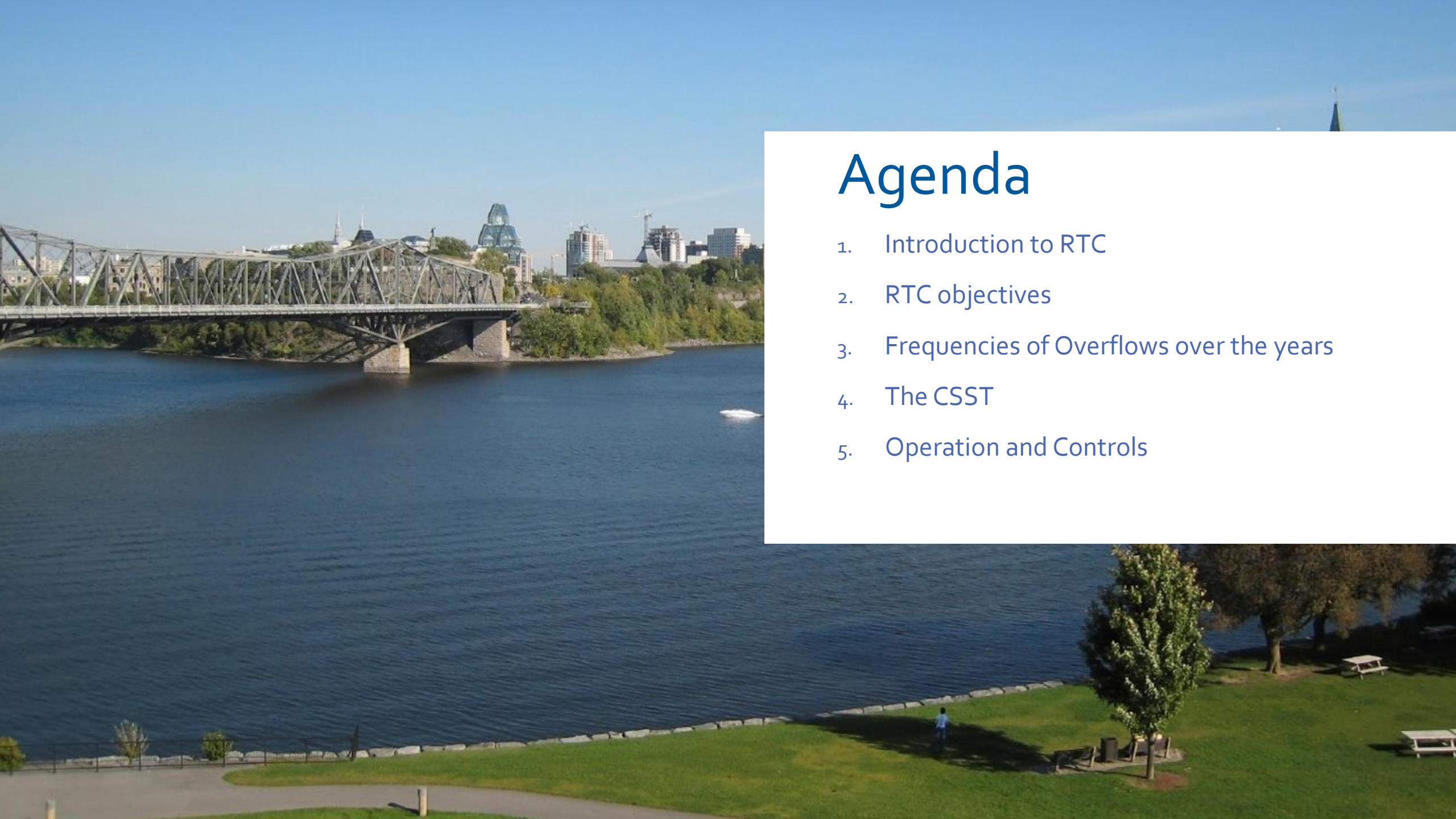




City of Ottawa

Real Time Control (RTC) and the CSST



Agenda

1. Introduction to RTC
2. RTC objectives
3. Frequencies of Overflows over the years
4. The CSST
5. Operation and Controls

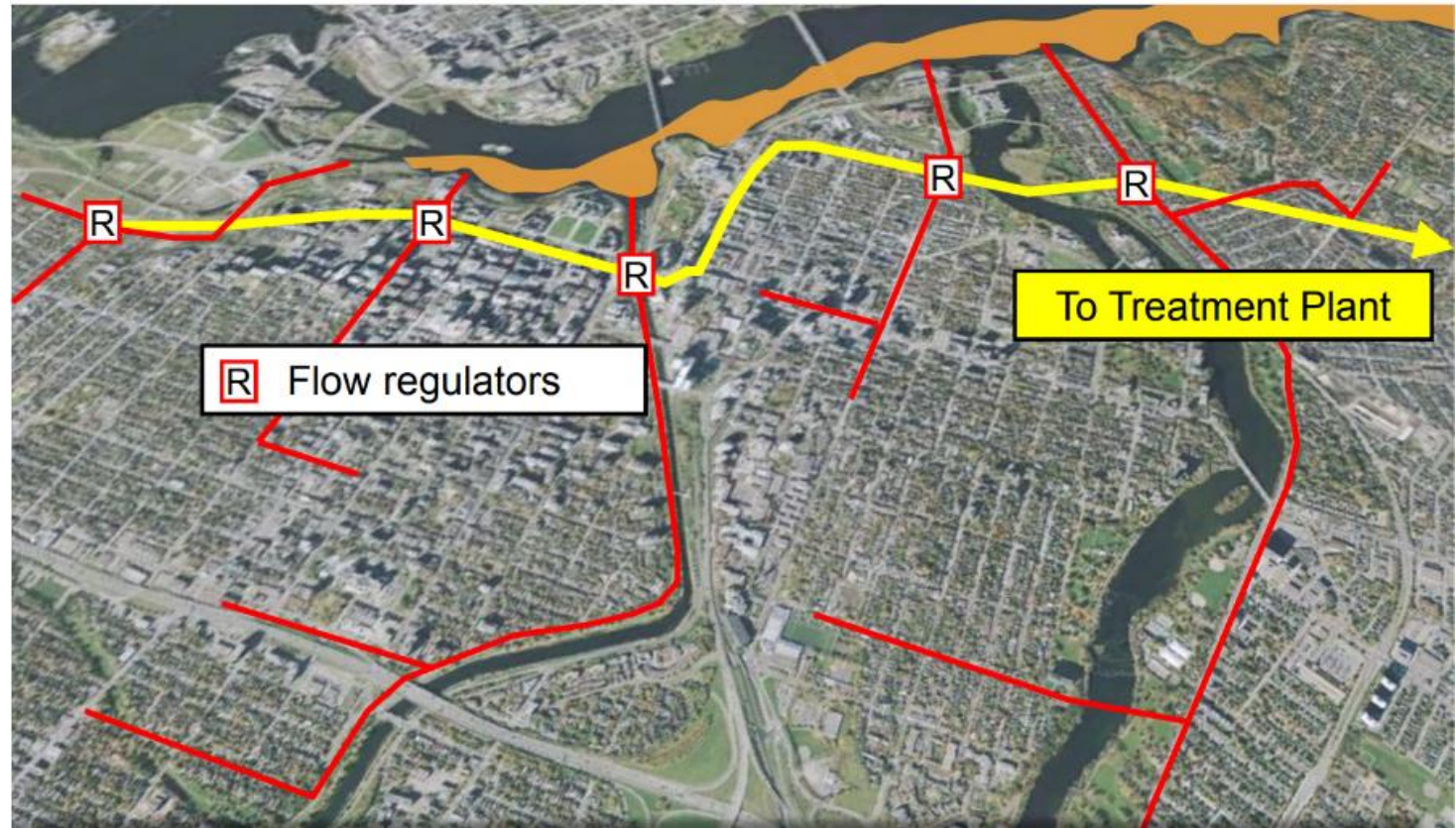
Ottawa's first sewer system

- Like many other North American and European cities, Ottawa's first sewer system consisted of **combined sewers** (**sanitary** wastewater and **storm water runoff**). The sewage was conveyed by gravity without any treatment to the Ottawa River.
- As the City grew, dilution was no longer sufficient to offer a reasonable level of protection.



Interceptor Outfall Sewer

- Ottawa eventually built a deep interceptor sewer along its shorelines (the **Ottawa Interceptor Sewer- IOS**) to capture sewage from the shallower sewers.
- The interceptor would carry wastewater to a point further away and eventually to the Wastewater treatment facility, ROPEC, built in the 1960s.



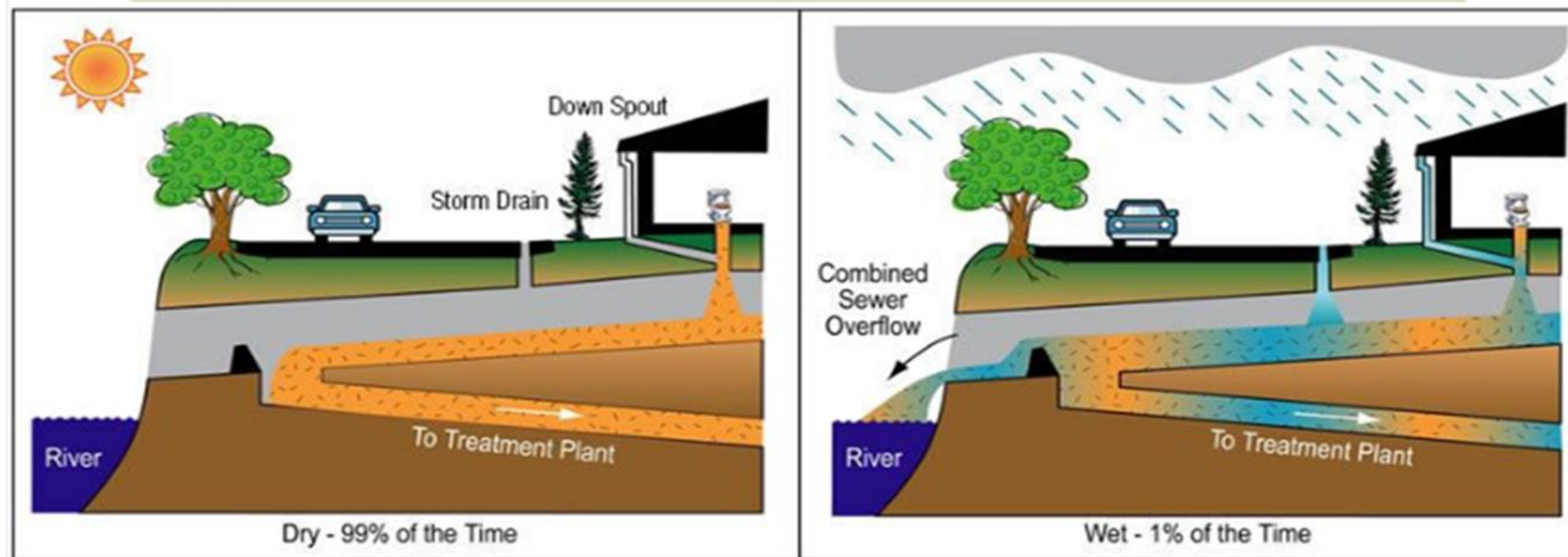
Interceptor Outfall Sewer

Most cities build them large enough to capture **dry weather flow** with some spare capacity to capture a fraction of the **wet weather flow**.

During heavy rainstorms or snowmelts, most of the wastewater is transported to treatment plants, but to prevent **flooding** and **sewer backups**, some of the rain and wastewater mixture is diverted as overflow into the river.






Everything above DWF is send to river ☹️

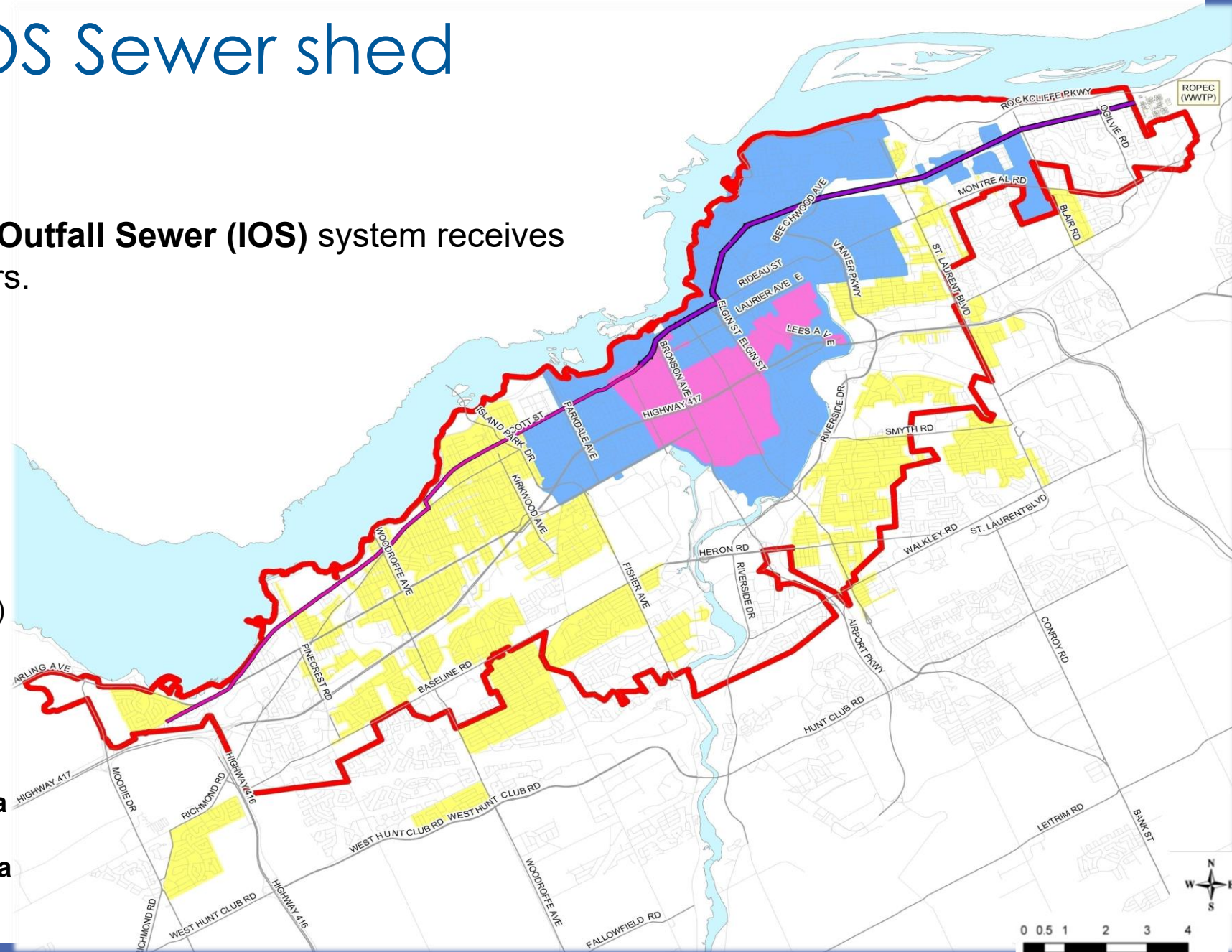
Full capacity of combined and interceptor not used



the IOS Sewer shed

The City of Ottawa **Interceptor Outfall Sewer (IOS)** system receives sewage from a number of sewers.

-  Interceptor Outfall Sewer (IOS)
-  West Nepean Collector (WNC)
-  IOS Sewershed
-  Original Combined Sewer Area
-  Ultimate Combined Sewer Area



CSO control

CSOs during rain events have a significant impact on the water quality of receiving environments

MECP objectives set in 1990, before F-5-5

1. System wide 90% WWF capture
2. No frequency target

Original Plans:

1. Separation North of Somerset \$\$\$\$
2. Somerset Tunnel \$\$\$\$
3. Refurbish regulators

First change of plan 2003

1. Can we reduce tunnel size by **optimizing existing system?**
2. Can we **reduce cost with RTC?**

From 1960s and still going...

Slow but steady progress through sewer separation



- Slow and gradual progress
- Very disruptive
- \$5,000 per m³ of CSO removed
- Marginal pollutant load reduction?



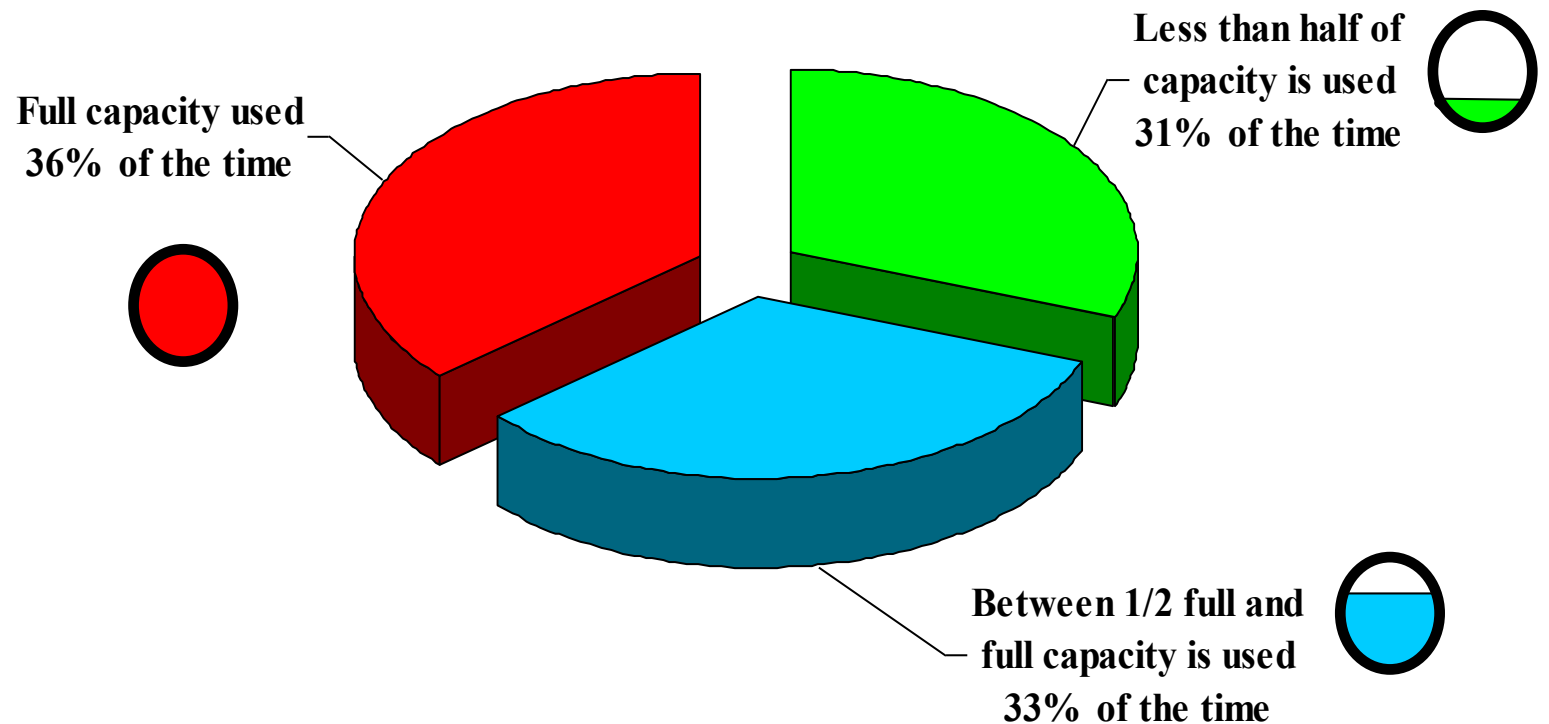
Can We Do Better with What We Have?

System Capacity Useage During Overflows

In 2003, the City implemented:

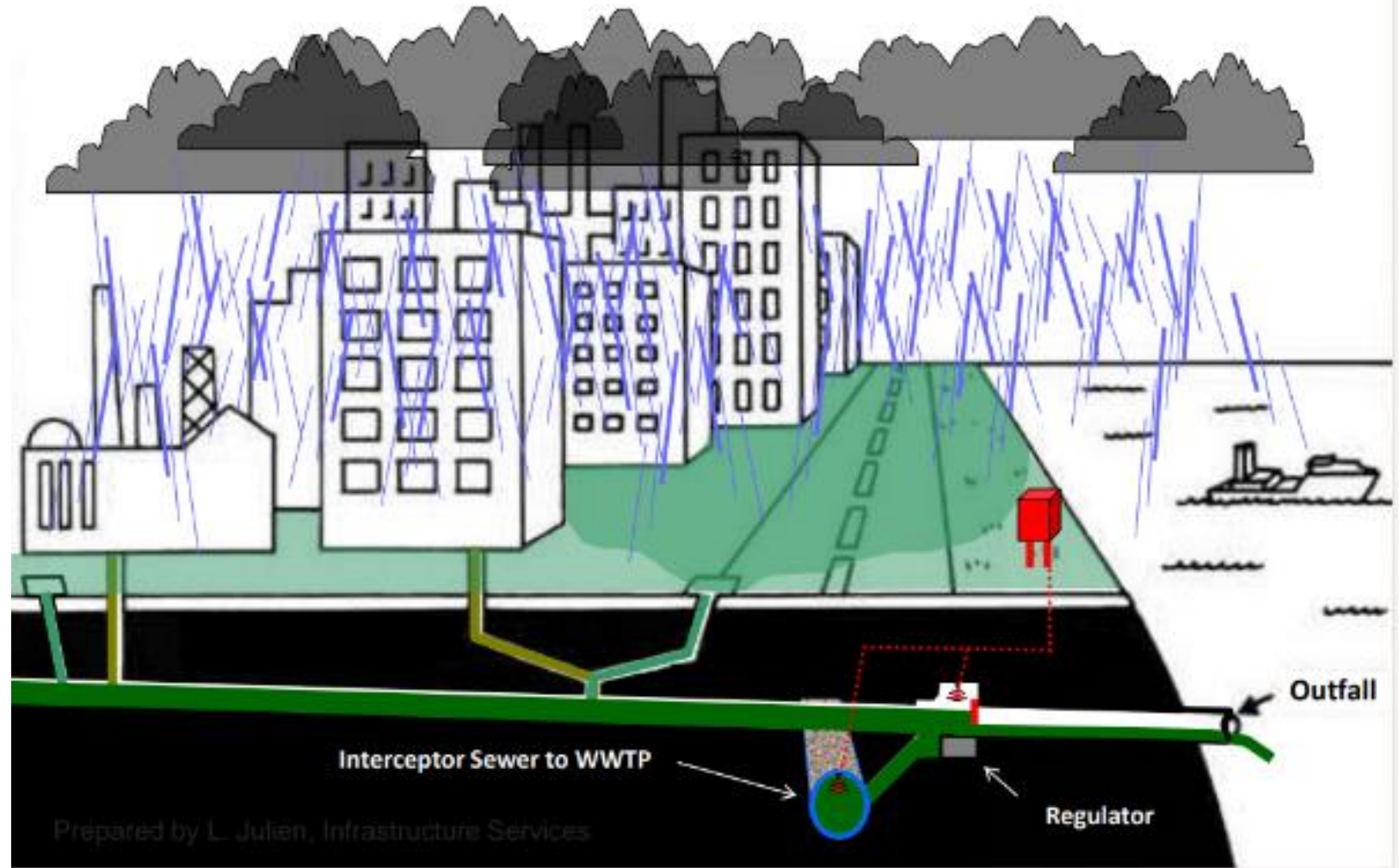
- ❖ flow monitoring program
- ❖ RTC Feasibility study

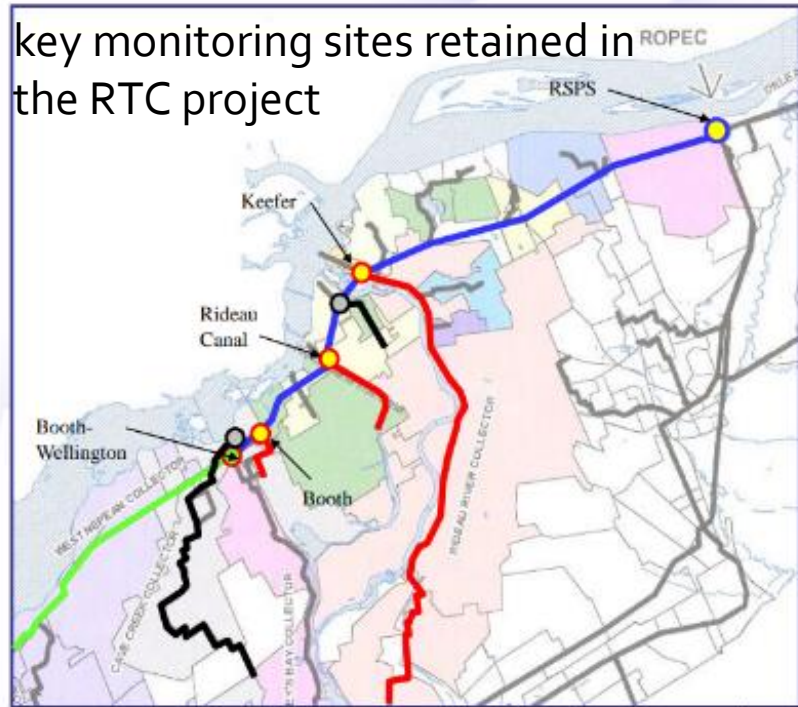
These studies confirmed that RTC was sufficient to achieve F-5-5 volumetric criterion.



WHAT IS REAL TIME CONTROL?

- **Real Time Control** uses continuous monitoring tools (level meters, flow meters, storage tanks) to optimize the operation (regulator, gates) of the system in **real time**.
- **Real Time Control (RTC)** increases the capacity of the system - reducing the frequency of combined sewer overflow (CSO).
- The first operational RTC was developed in **Quebec City**, they first built a model, the SWIFT model, to test RTC prior to its installation.

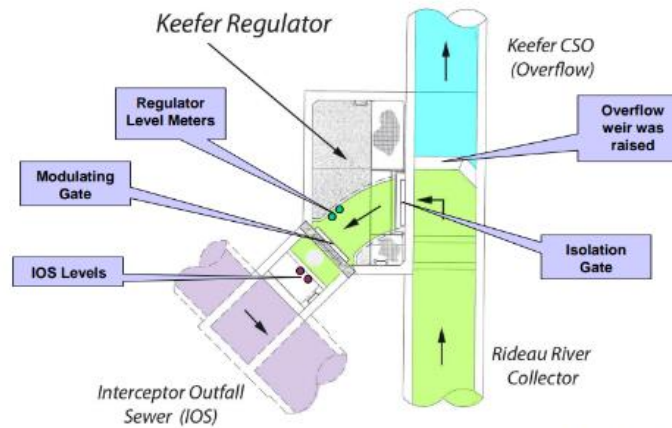




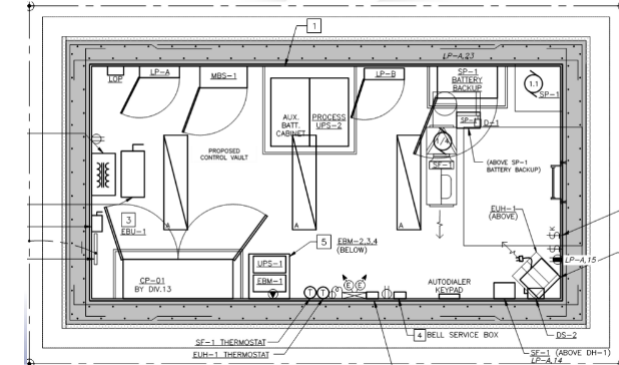
RTC project:

- ❖ Fast Results,
- ❖ Minimal Disruption,
- ❖ 25 million,
- ❖ ~ \$100 per m³ of CSO removed,
- ❖ Award winning project (OPWA, CEO), Federal funding

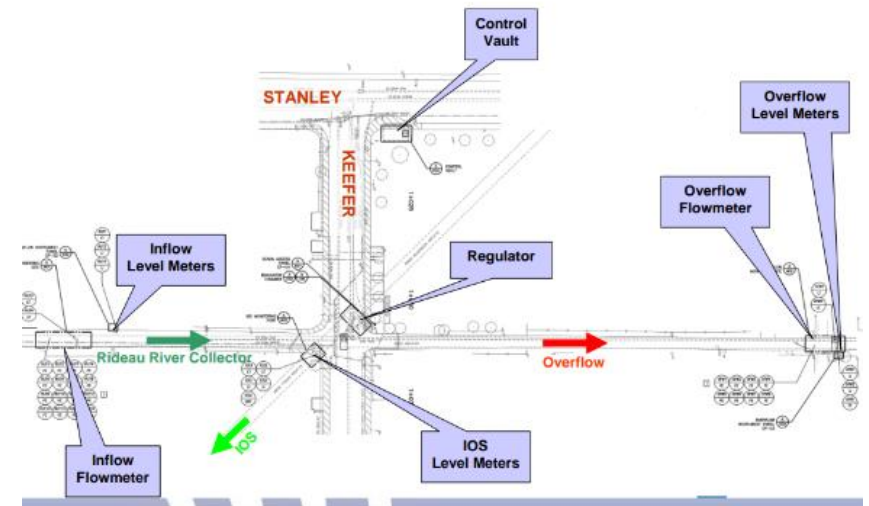
Main Components Keefe



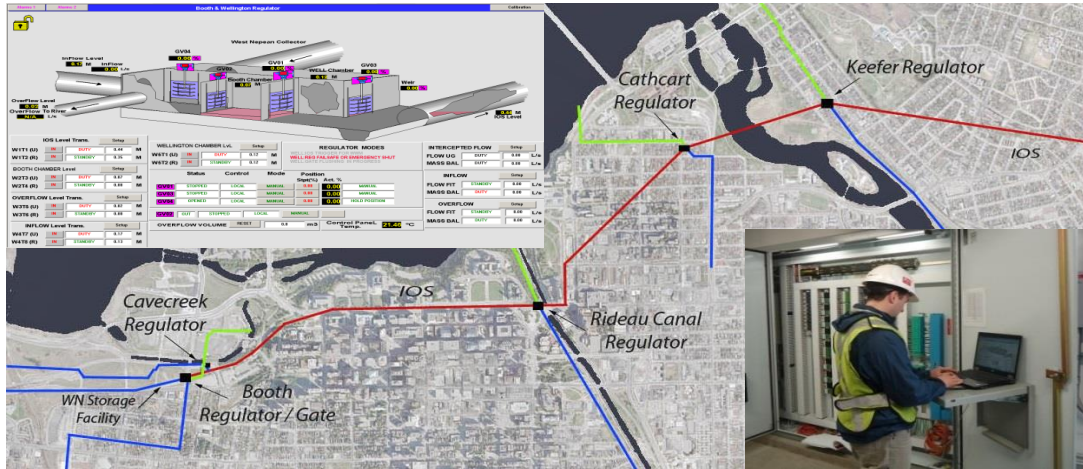
Keefe- Control Vault



Main Components Keefe



Regulator Upgrades and Real Time Control

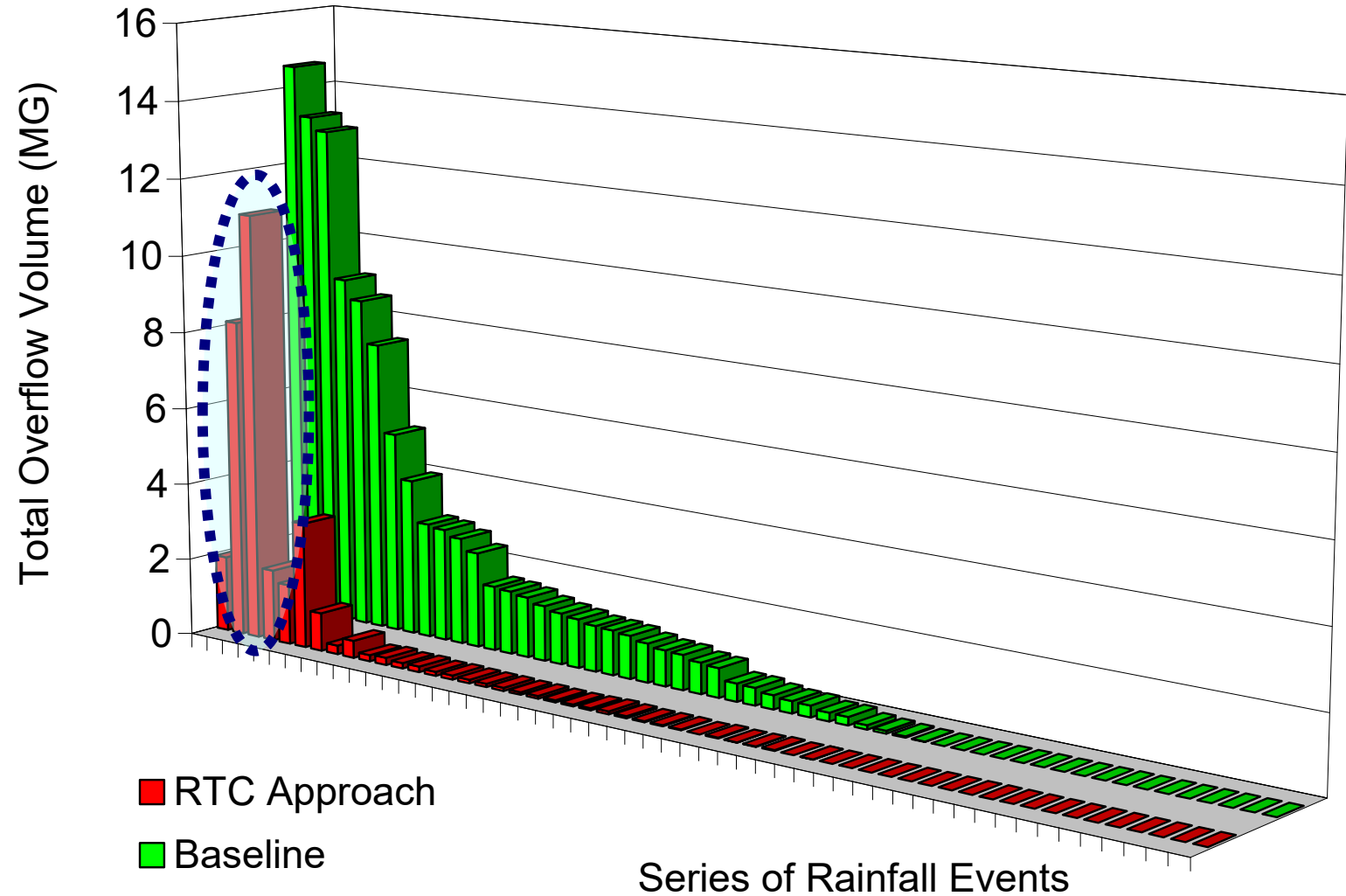


65%
Reduction in CSO

>95%
Wet Weather Capture



Addressing the Frequency of Overflows



How can we further reduce the Frequency of Overflow?

The CSST combine sewer storage tunnel



CSST project – Multiple Benefits

- **Reduce volume** of combined sewage overflow (CSO) to the Ottawa River
- **Reduce frequency of overflow events**
- **Reduce risk of basement flooding**
- **“Twin” a critical downtown sanitary sewer**

CSST Project Facts



One of the most important projects of the Ottawa River Action Plan, which will greatly reduce the frequency of sewage overflows during storms from entering the Ottawa River.



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Inter-connected storage tunnels (East-West Tunnel and North-South Tunnel), **6.2 km long**.



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Major access shafts—including **5 drop structures** and **6 flow diversion chambers**—and **4 odour control facilities**.



Storage volume of **43,000 m³** and a pipe diameter of **3 m**.



Captures combined sewage that would otherwise overflow to the Ottawa River during wet weather.



Captured sewage will be sent to the sewage plant **for treatment**.



Increases operational **flexibility and redundancy** to major collector sewers in the downtown.



Helps to reduce the risk of basement flooding within the core of the City.

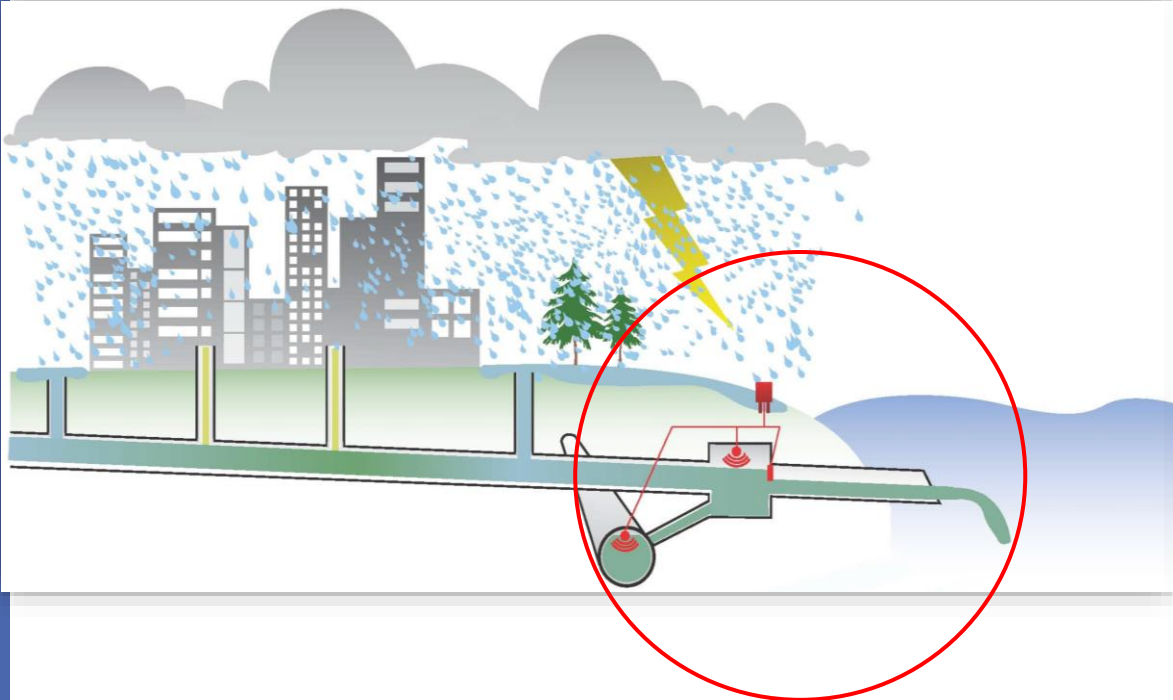


Construction commenced in the summer of 2016 and the **CSST will be in operation in 2020**.

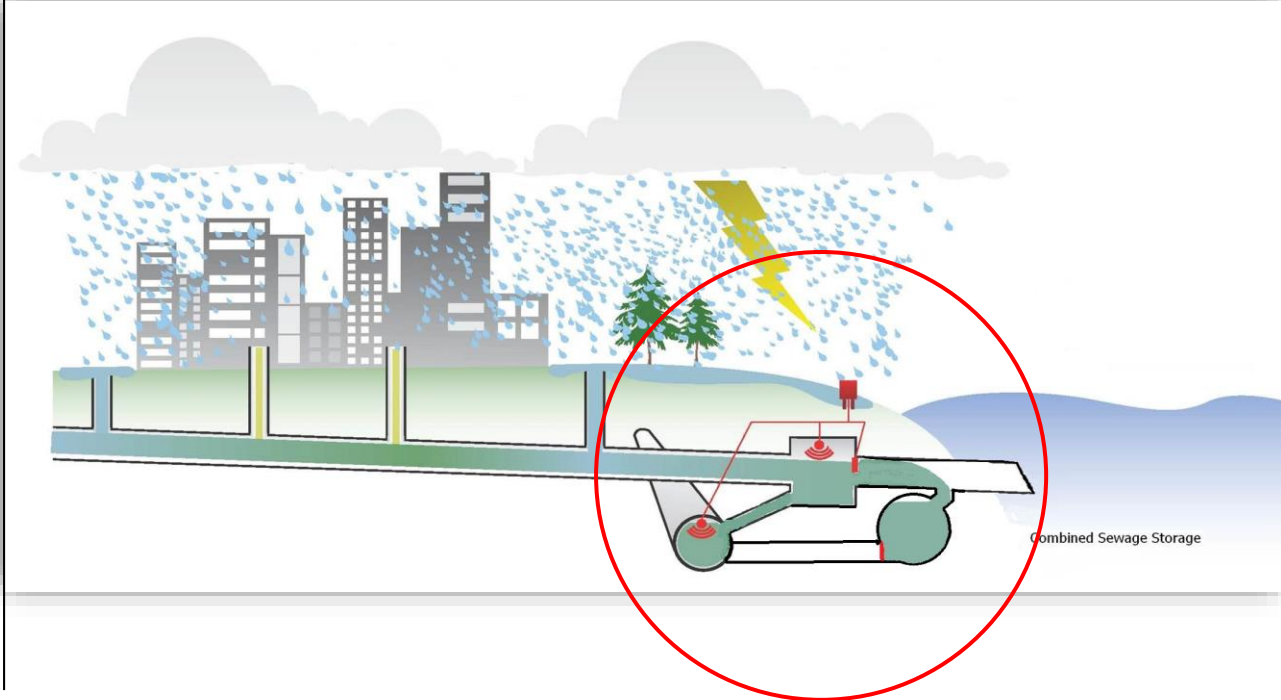


The Combined Sewer Storage Tunnel

RTC



RTC with CSST



North-South (NST) & East-West (EWT) Tunnel



6.2km

Interconnected tunnel



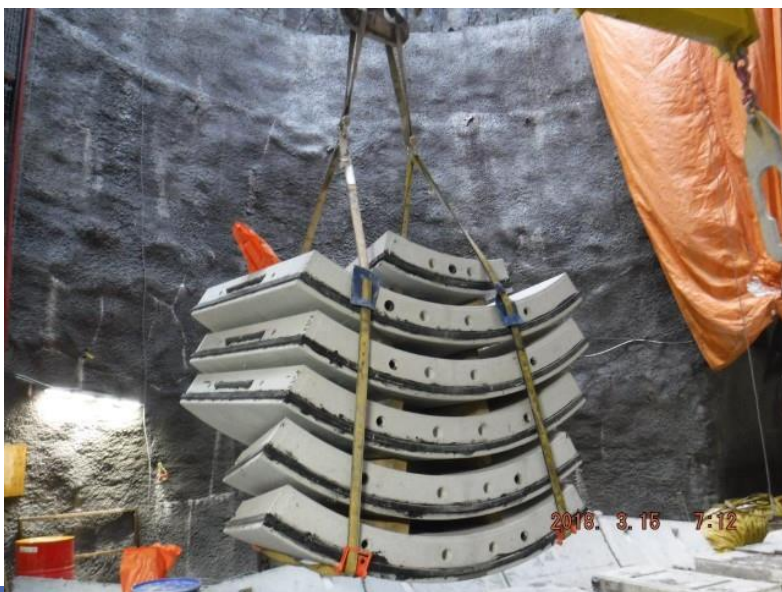
43,000m³
Storage capacity



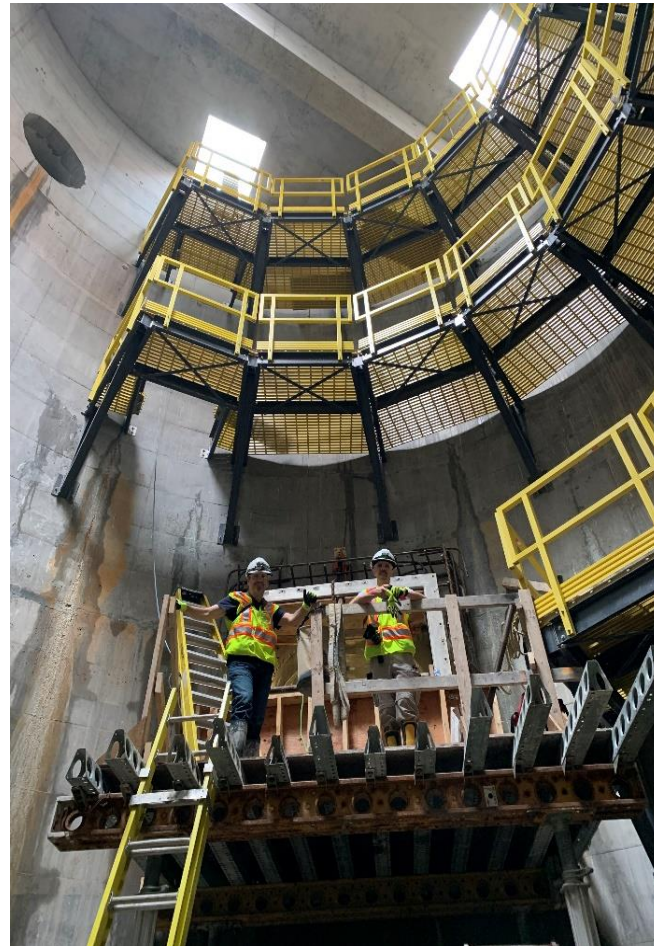
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Pipe diameter

North-South (NST) & East-West (EWT) Tunnel



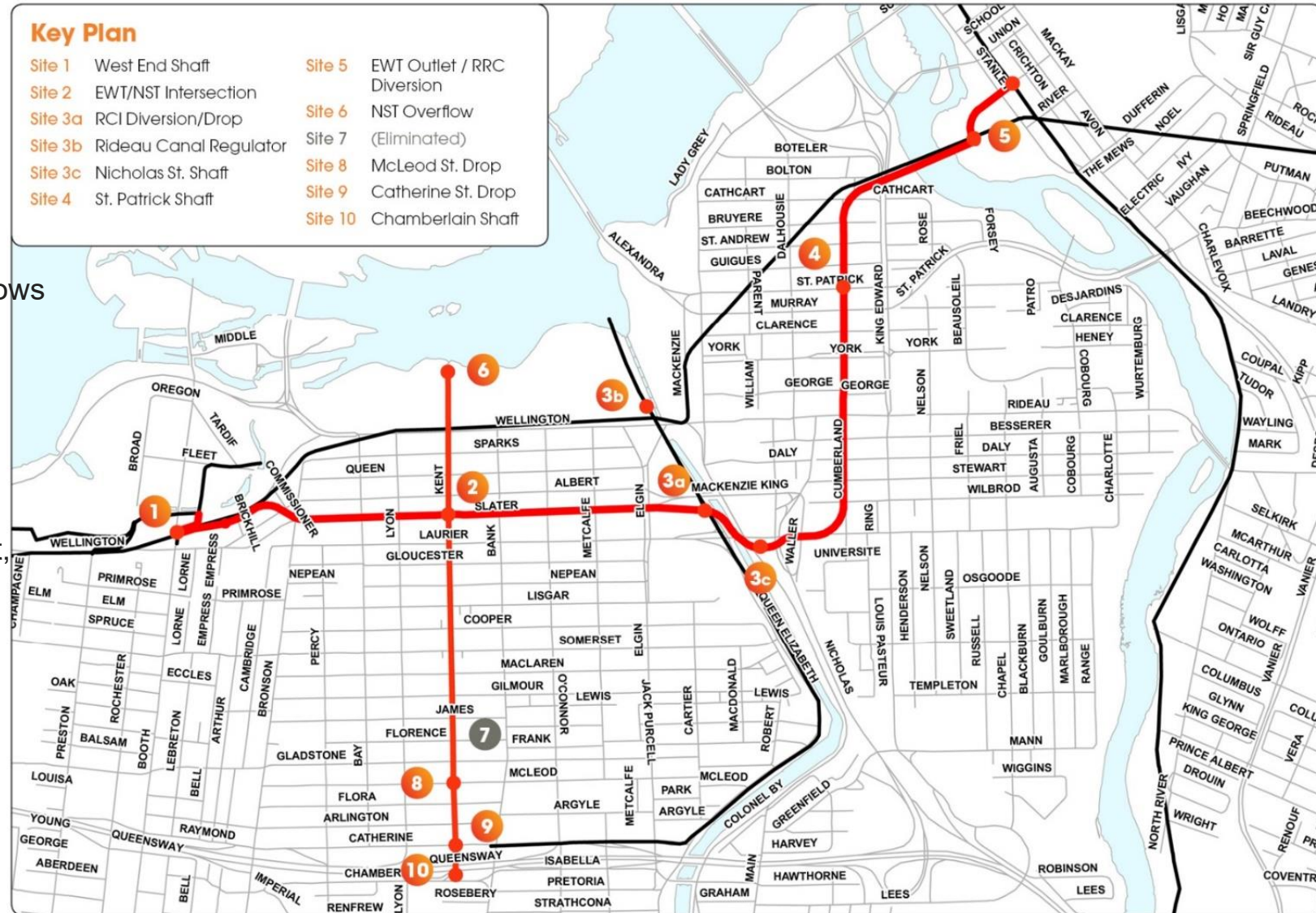
Site 5: East-West Tunnel Outlet and Rideau River Collector Diversion (New Edinburgh)



Site 9: Catherine Street Drop – Catherine Street at Kent Street



The Preferred Alternative – The CSST



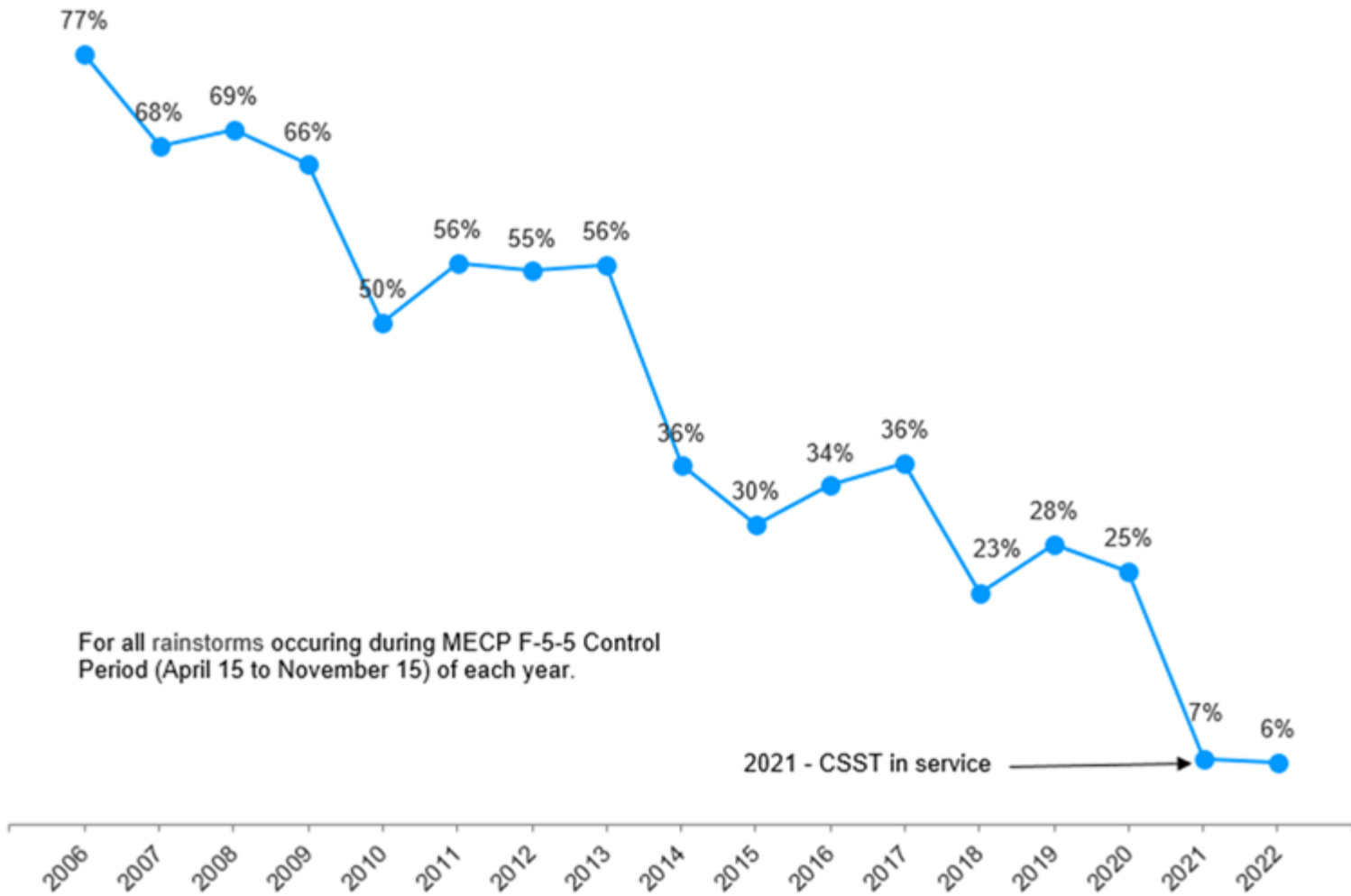
An **East-West Tunnel (EWT)**, capturing overflows from:

- ❖ the **Lebreton Flats** (from the West End Regulators),
- ❖ the **Rideau Canal Regulator**, and from
- ❖ the **Keefe regulator** in New Edinburgh.

a **North-South Tunnel (NST)** along Kent Street, interconnected to the Core Tunnel near Slater

CSO Control (F-5-5 Frequency Goal)

Fraction of rain storms that caused CSOs



Design Basis

no

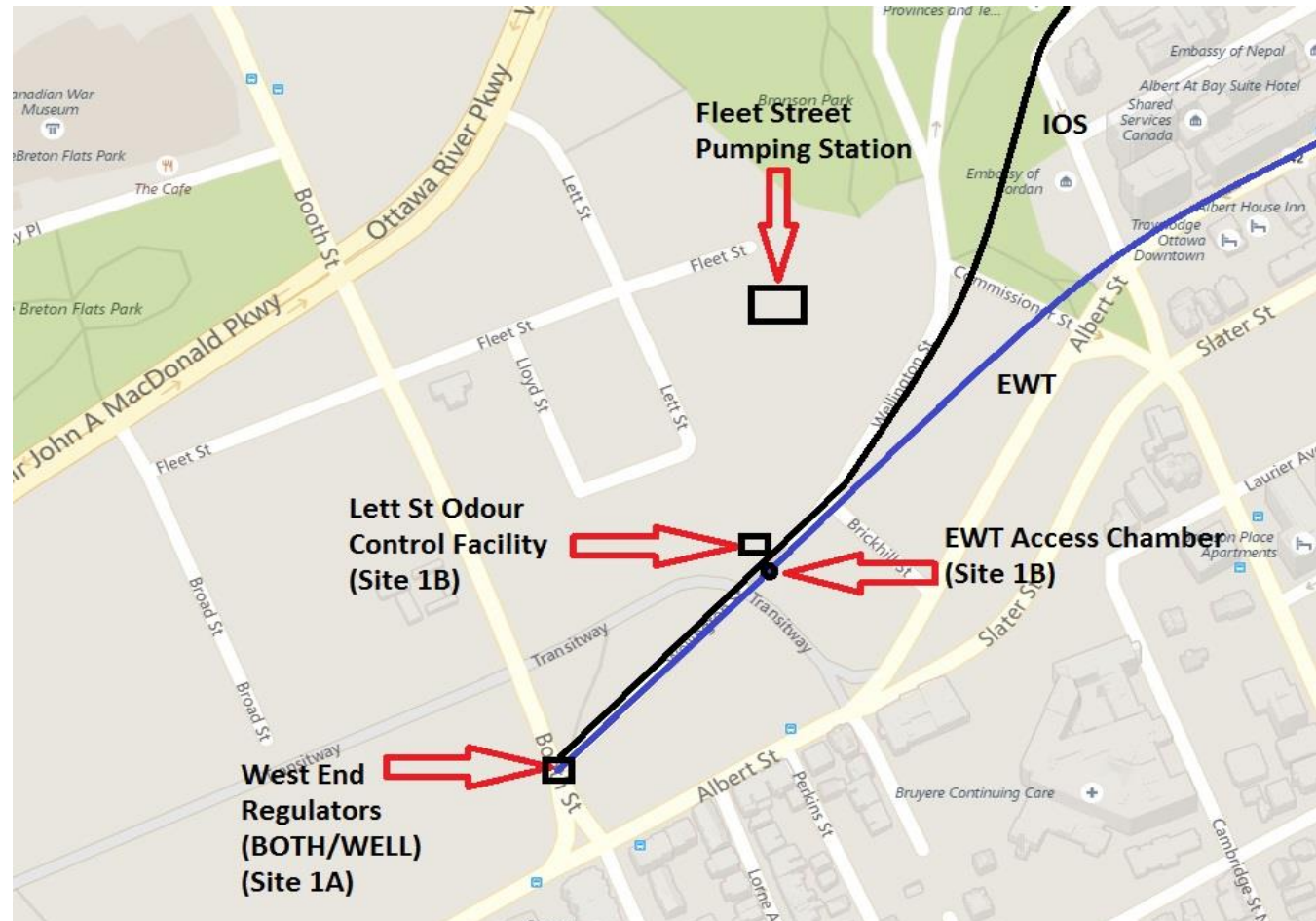
CSO events for design year (1980)

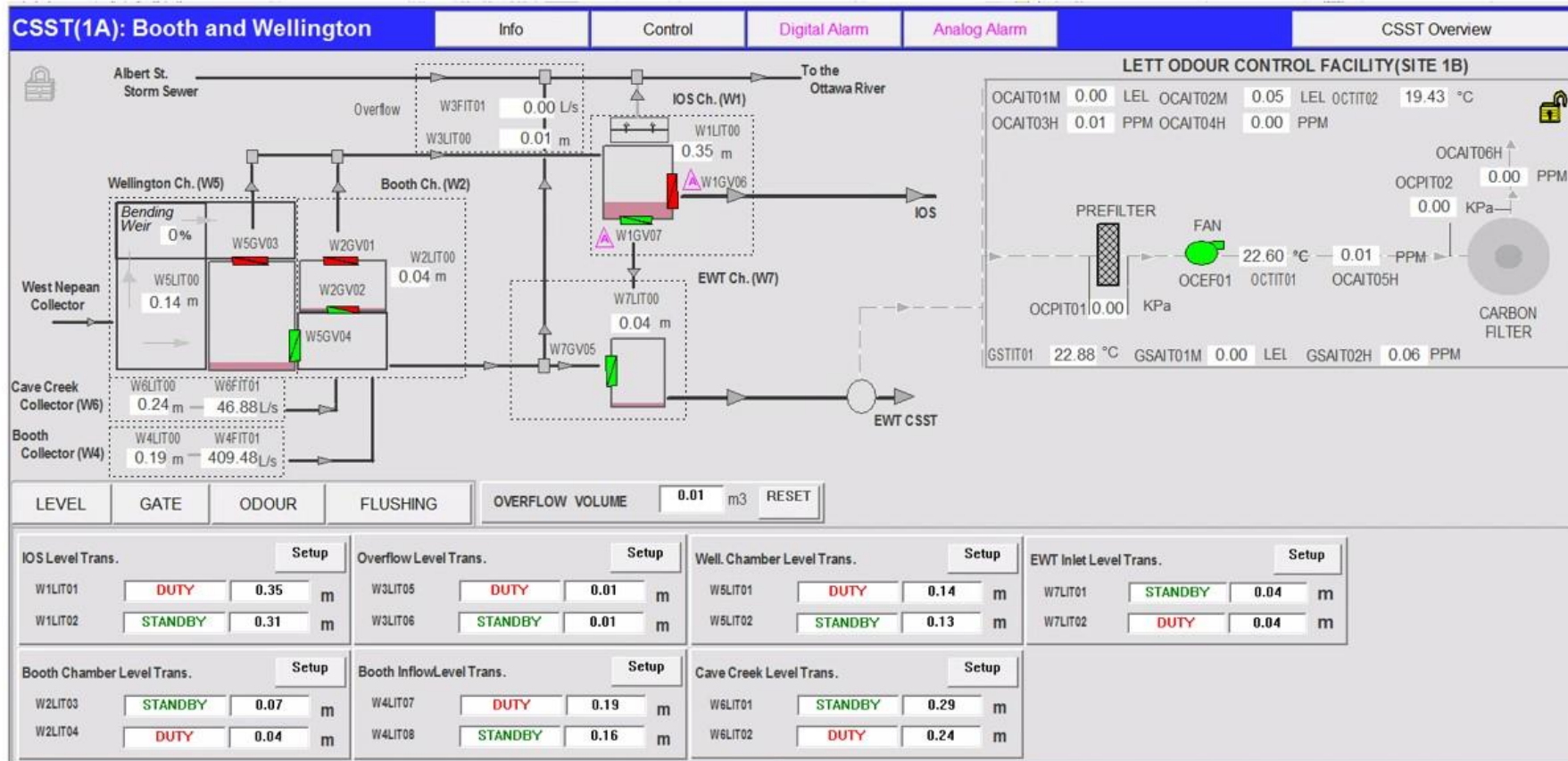
Predicted Performance

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CSO events/yr (on average)

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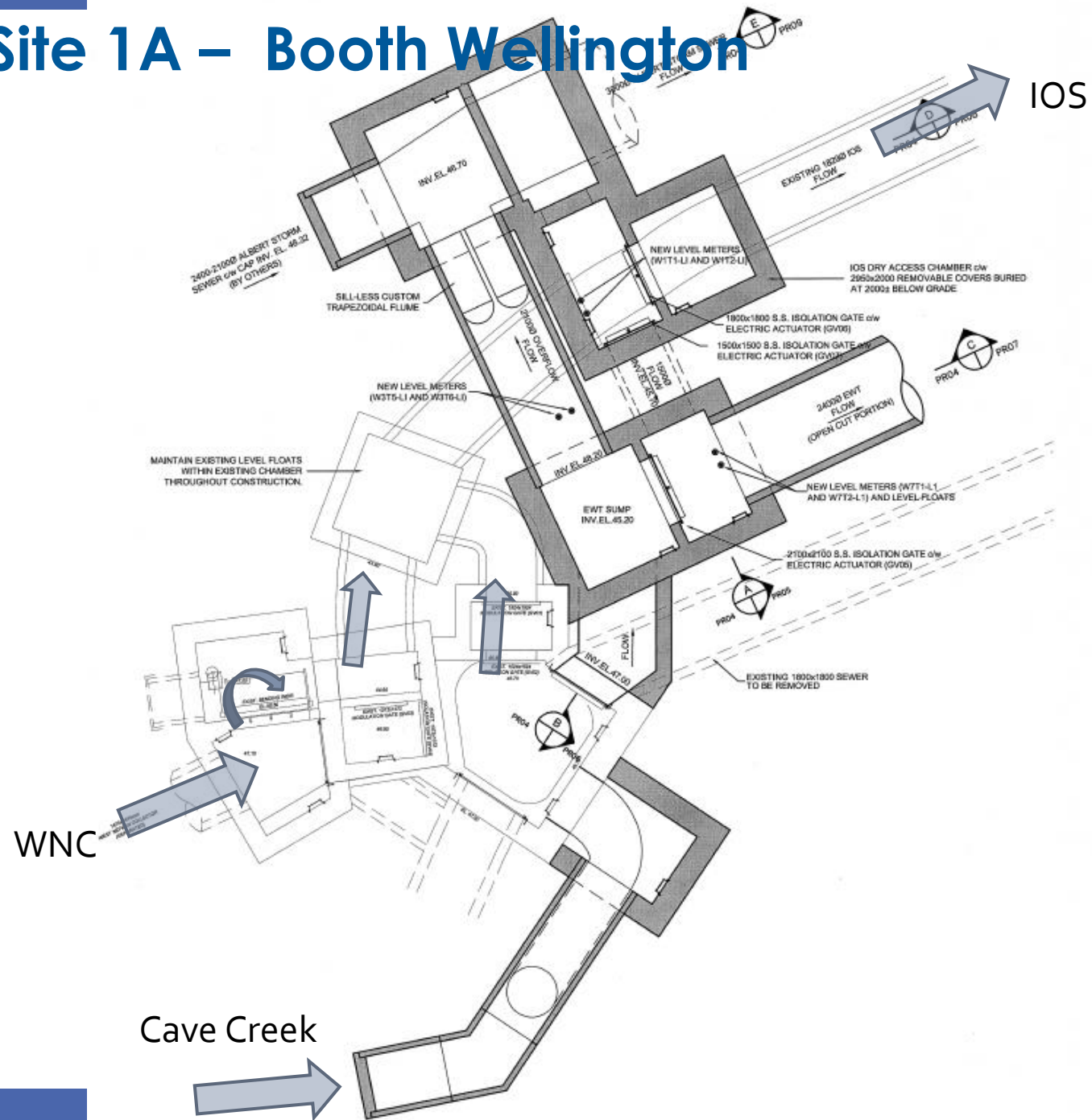




Site 1A – Booth Wellington

Dry Weather Flow:

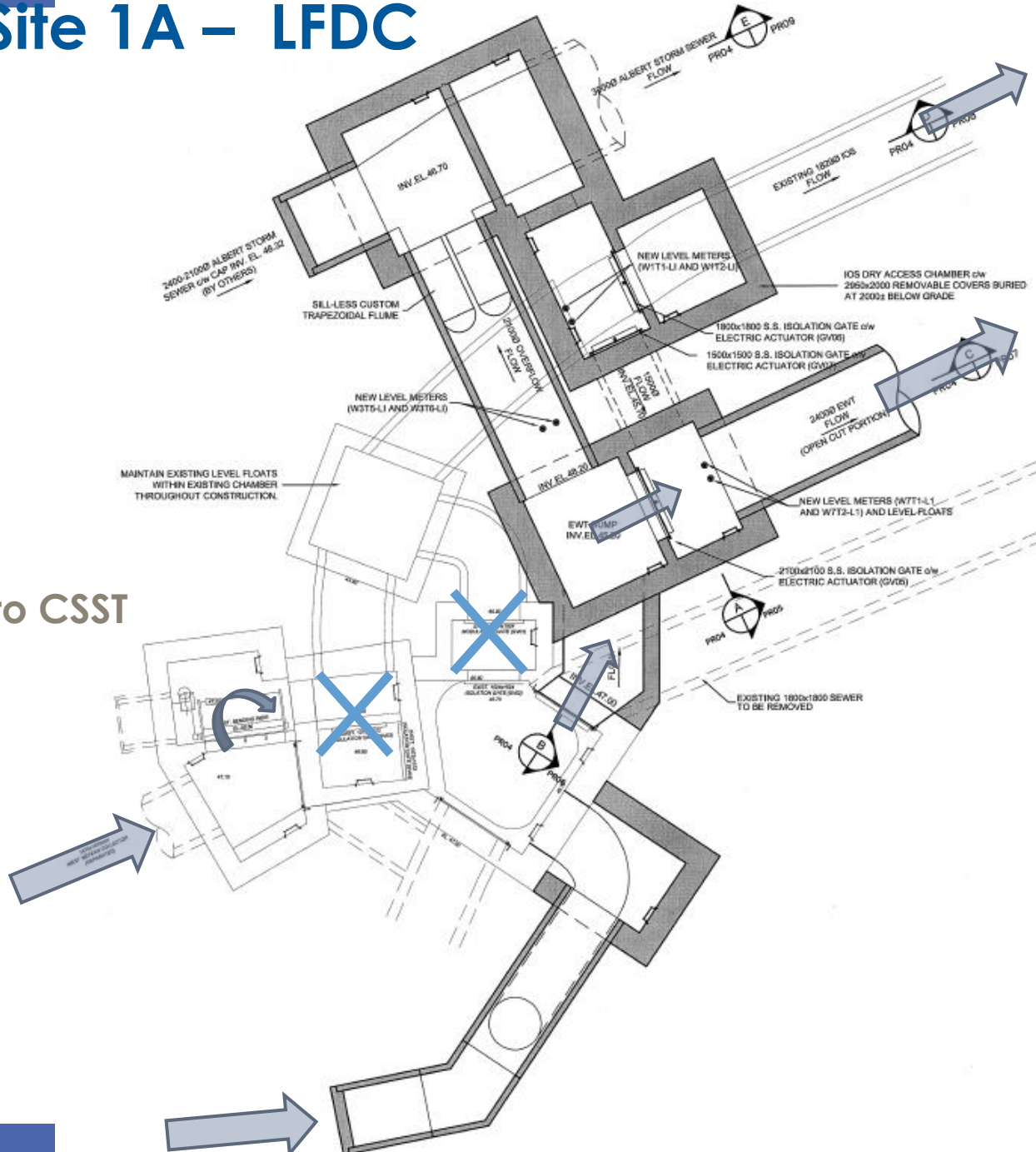
All Flow to IOS



Wet Weather Flow:

Overflow intercepted into CSST

WNC



IOS

CSST

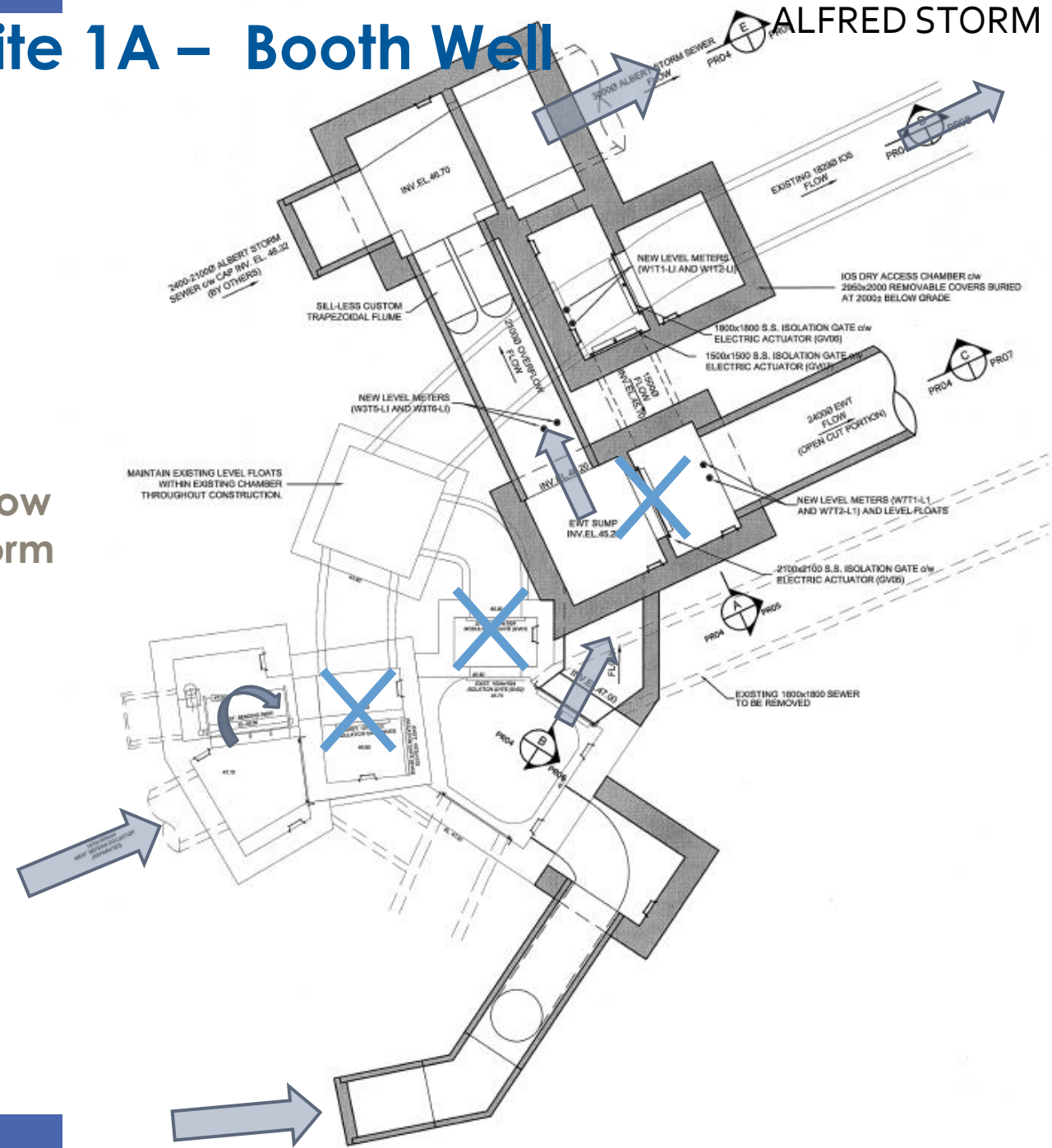


Site 1A – Booth Well

ALFRED STORM

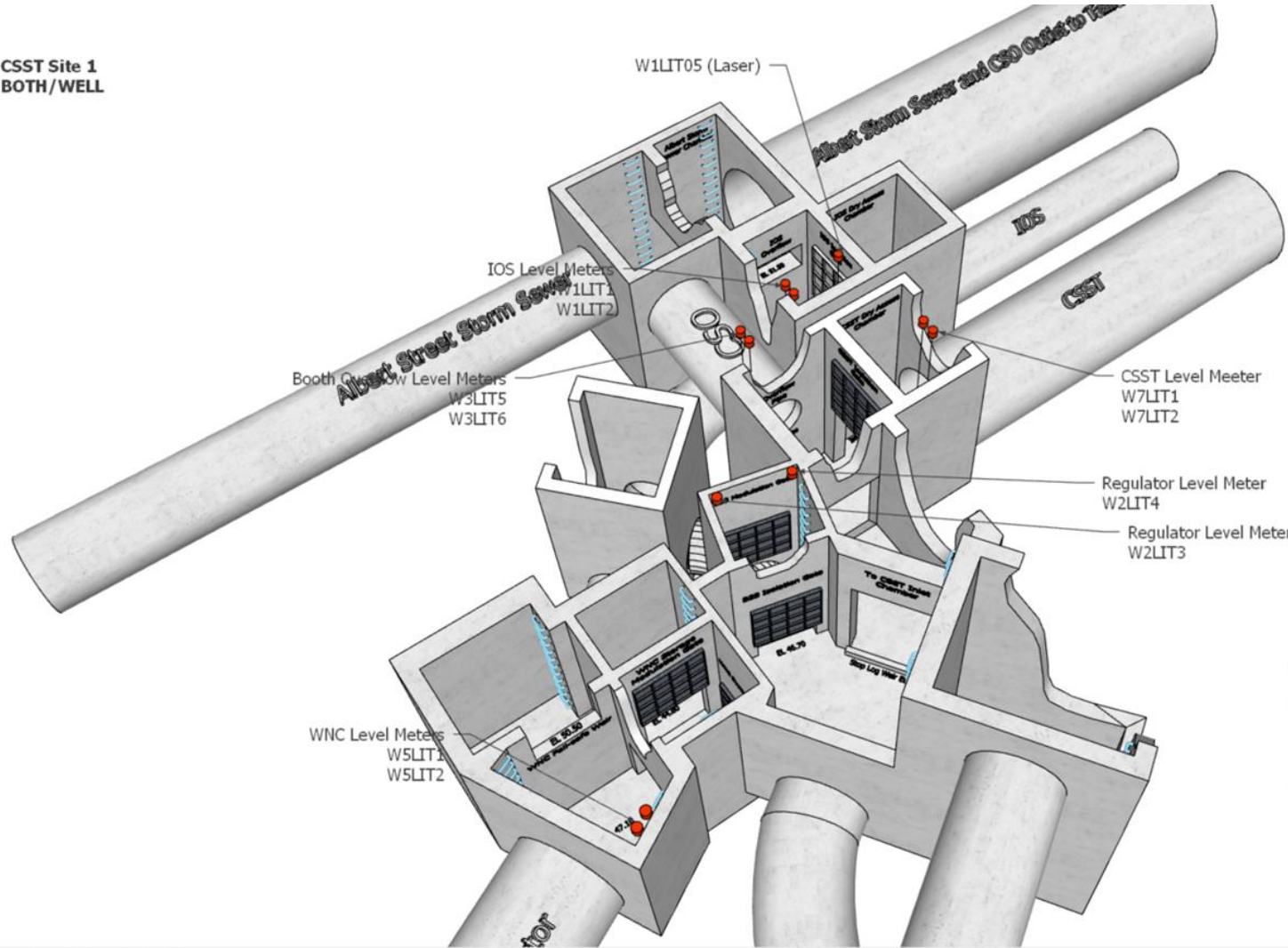
Wet Weather Flow:

When CSST filled, overflow directed to Albert St Storm Sewer



Booth Wellington Regulator

CSST Site 1
BOTH/WELL

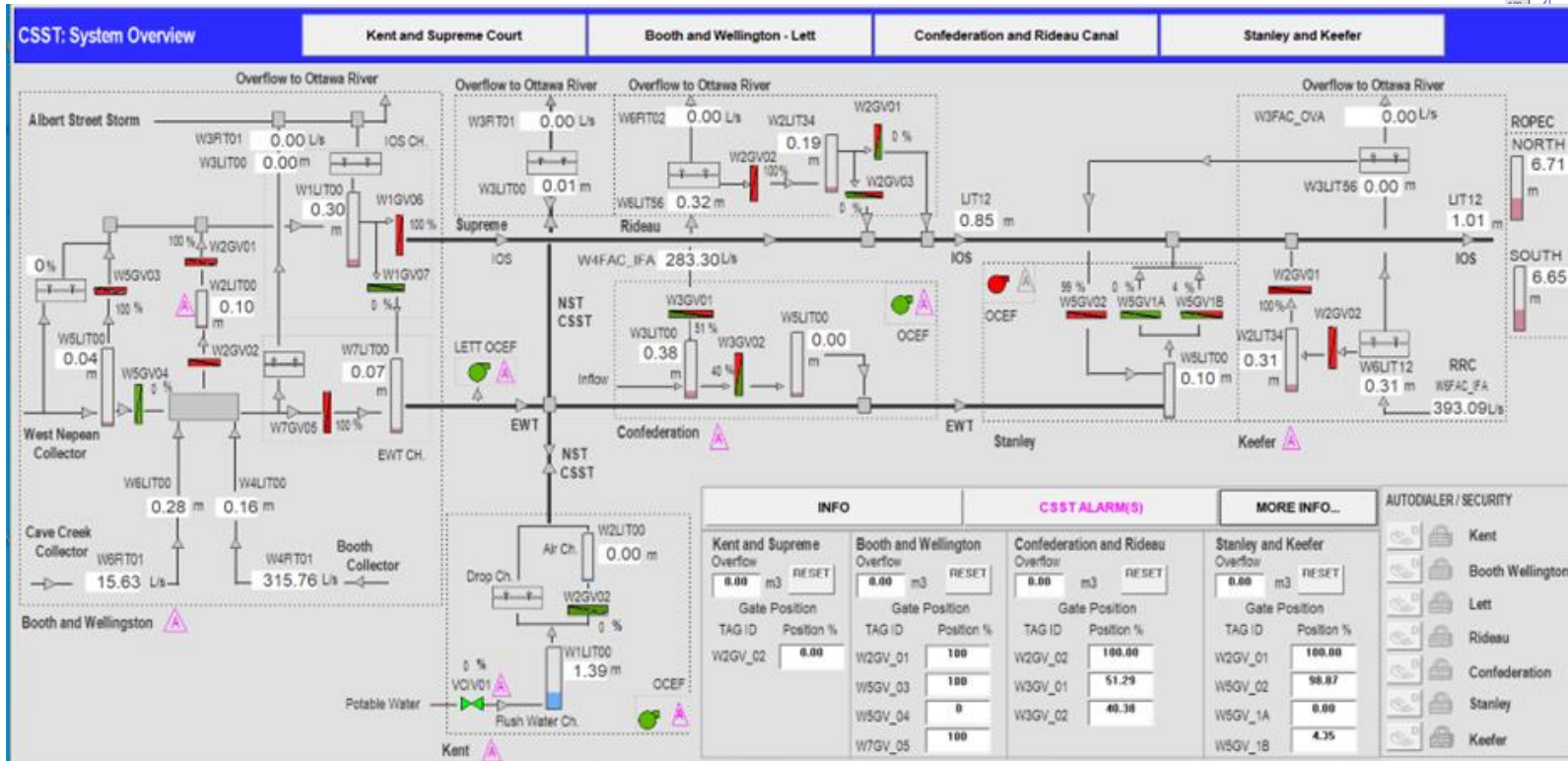


NOT IN MODEL:

Cave Creek Collector Level Meters
(in a monitoring manhole upstream)
W6LIT1 W6LIT2

Booth Street Collector Level Meters
(in a monitoring manhole upstream)
W4LIT7 W4LIT8

Continuous monitoring of all stations & regulators



The Ottawa River: We Too, we care!

**We too, Swim, Drink and Fish at
the Ottawa River.**

THANK YOU!



A nighttime photograph of a city skyline across a wide river. The sky is a deep blue. In the foreground, a paved walkway or bridge deck is visible on the right. The middle ground is dominated by a dense line of green trees along the riverbank, with several warm-toned streetlights illuminating them. In the background, a large, ornate building with a prominent clock tower and other spires is brightly lit, its lights reflecting on the water. To the left, other city buildings and a large, illuminated, blue, conical structure are visible.

Thank you!