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"The national political debate can shrink to irrelevance at the local level", Day said.

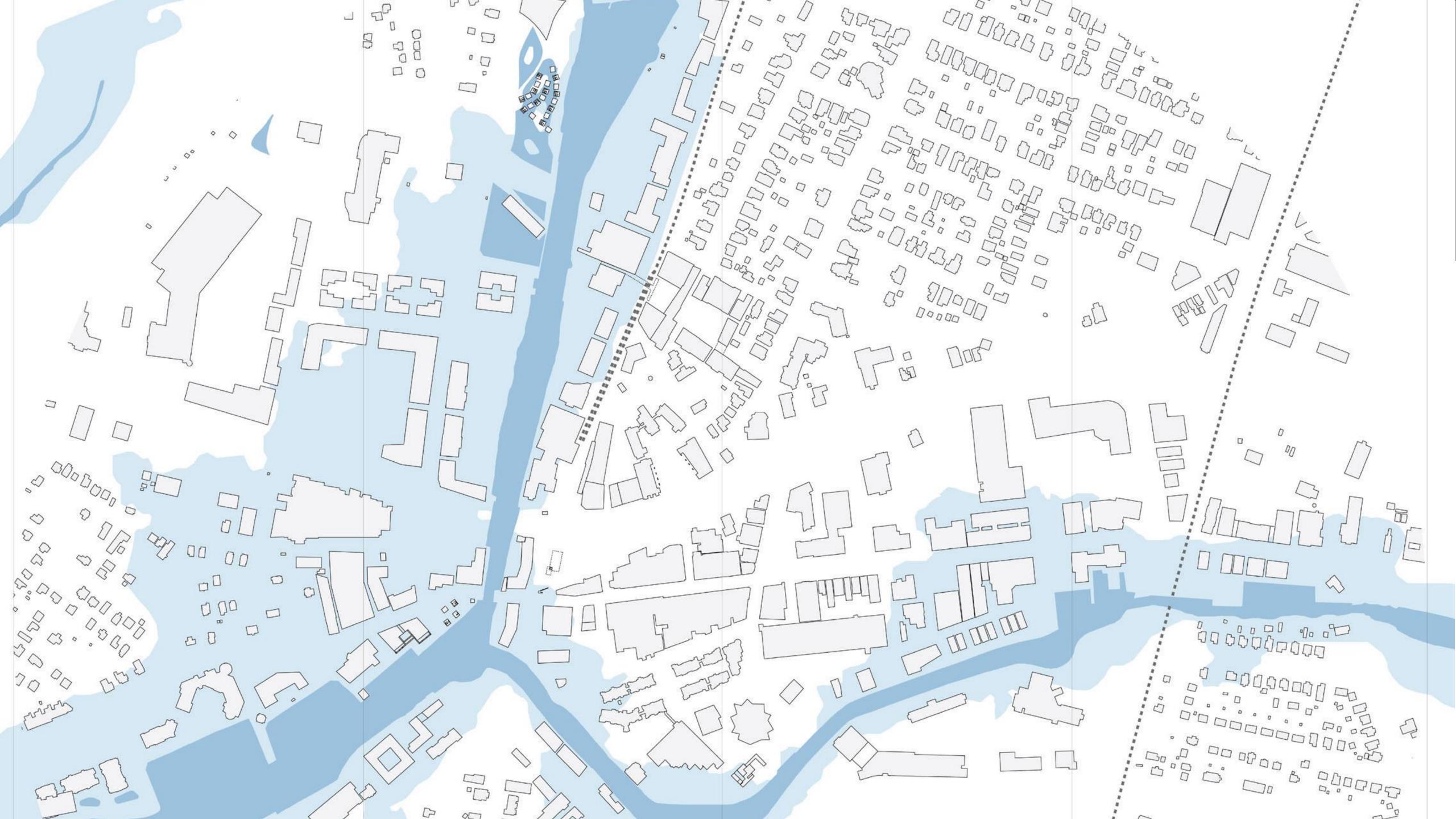
"Political leaders often don't even have to do much explaining about why they need to make expensive infrastructure upgrades to handle more extreme weather events, because the evidence is usually in front of people.

They've already seen the evidence. It's what happens when their houses, and those of their neighbors, get flooded.

Which 10 metros will be hardest hit by rising seas?

Metro	Potential Underwater Homes	Share of Homes Underwater	Total Value of Underwater Homes
Miami, FL	481,447	24.2%	\$217.3B
New York, NY	180,267	4.6%	\$123.2B
Tampa, FL	104,809	9.9%	\$40.6B
Fort Myers, FL	53,325	16.7%	\$25.4B
Boston, MA	52,694	4.3%	\$42.7B
Upper Township, NJ	45,757	56.6%	\$29.3B
Salisbury, MD	44,712	21.1%	\$11.7B
Virginia Beach, VA	42,743	8.3%	\$13.5B
Bradenton, FL	39,744	11.6%	\$25.4B
Naples, FL	38,106	20.9%	\$28.1B

Source: Zillow Median Home Values and NOAA









Everything you need to know about the new

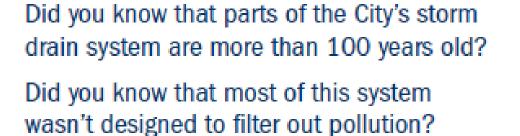
Salisbury Stormwater Utility

Storm-what?

Stormwater is rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, lawns, driveways, streets and parking lots. Along the way, it picks up speed and can become polluted with harmful chemicals, fertilizers, motor oil, trash and dirt.

Unchecked polluted runoff leads to:

- Flooding
- Erosion and property damage
- Swimming closures and warnings against water contact
- Limits on how much seafood we can catch or eat
- Trash and debris



The City's storm drain network needs repair and upgrades to keep our community clean and dry. But, like many towns, Salisbury has been struggling to keep up.

On November 24, 2014, the City Council approved a better way to take care of the City's storm drain system. Known as a stormwater utility, the new approach:

- Streamlines maintenance and upgrades
- Provides a reliable source of funding for overdue projects
- Was recommended by a task force of local residents and experienced consultants

The City will need to assess fees to ensure a dedicated and reliable source of funding for the utility. When everyone contributes a little, a lot can be done. Revenue collected will stay in Salisbury, accelerating on-the-ground projects that are carefully selected to provide the biggest benefits in return.

Residents and businesses can expect:

- Repairs, maintenance and upgrades to the storm drain system
- Flood relief
- Dam repairs
- Pollution controls, tree plantings and community greening

Most residential properties will be assessed a uniform flat rate. Commercial, industrial and institutional properties will be charged based on the amount of hardened surfaces on the premises.

Salisbury is now one of more than 1,400 communities nationwide to benefit from a stormwater utility:

Less flooding, less property damage, less trash.

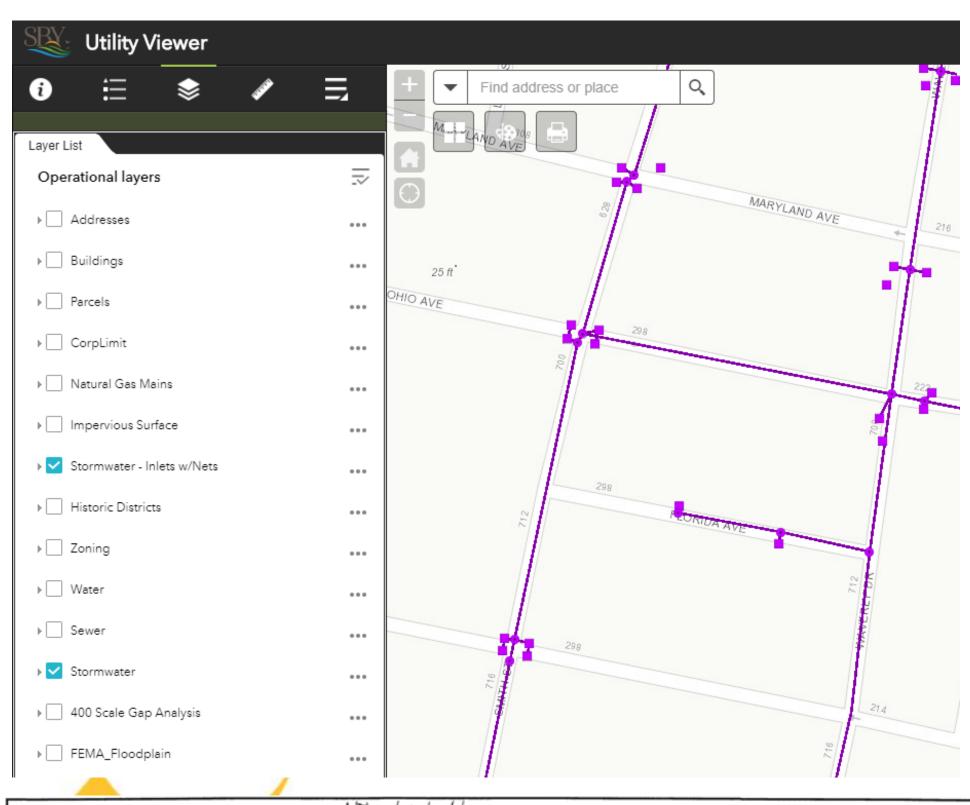


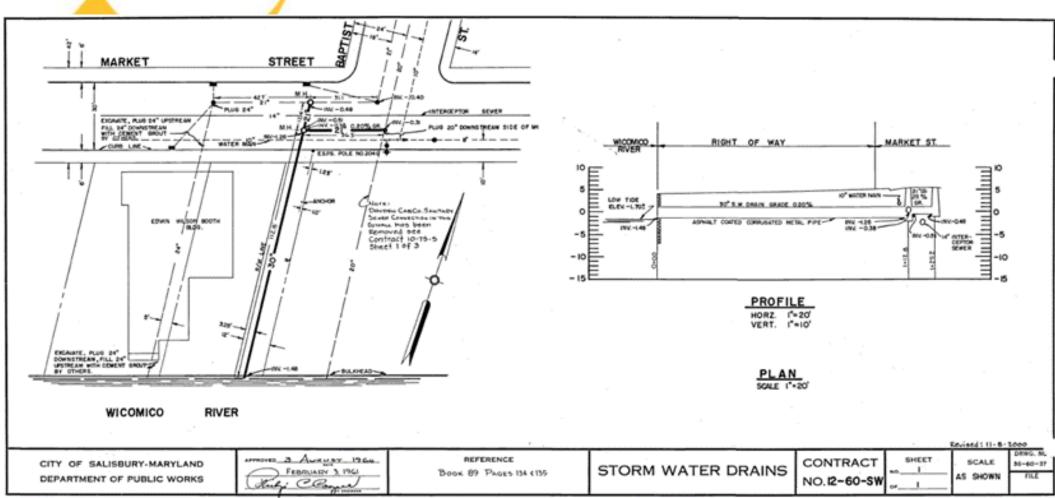


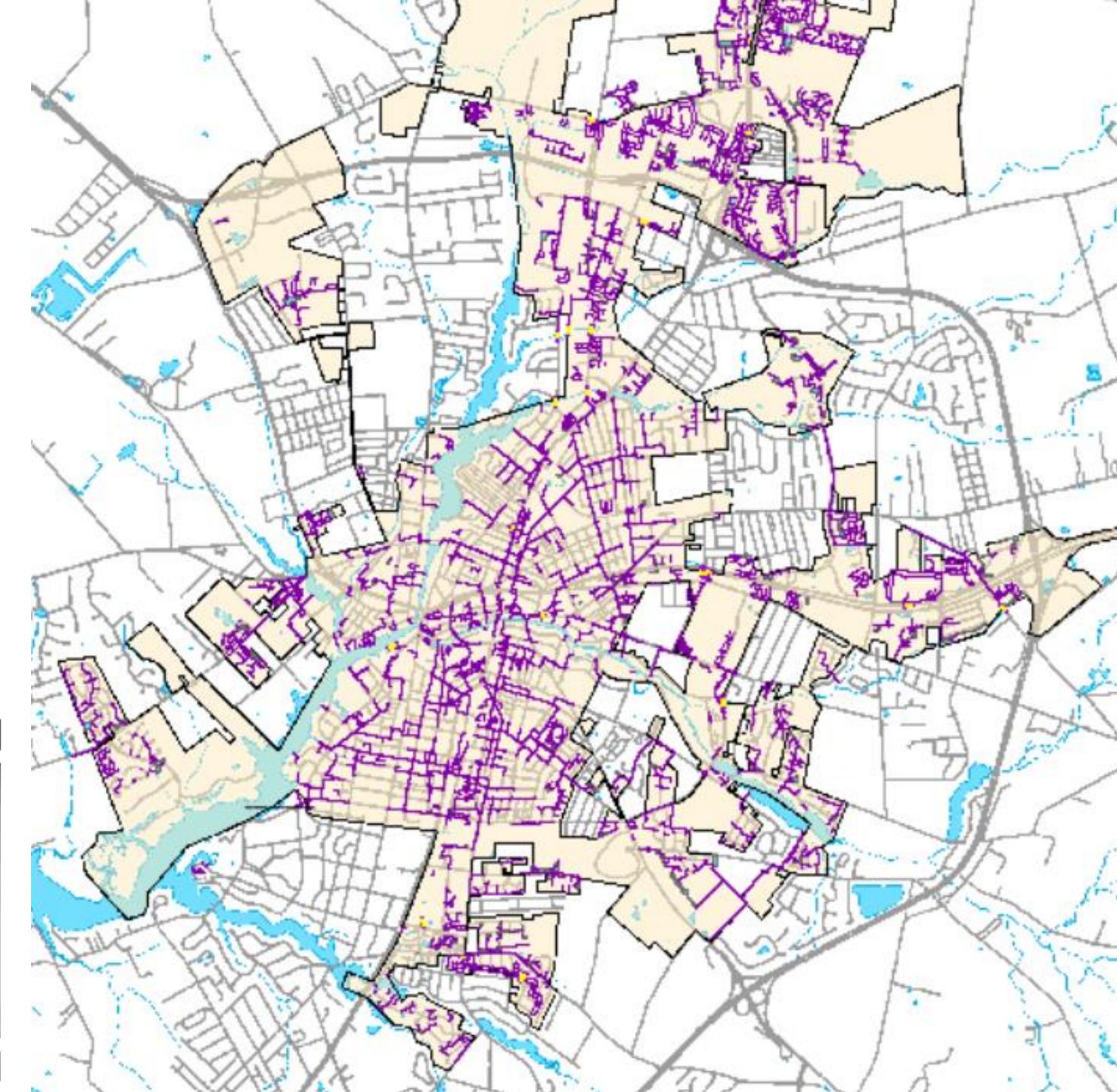
Cleaner water in our river, creeks and ponds.



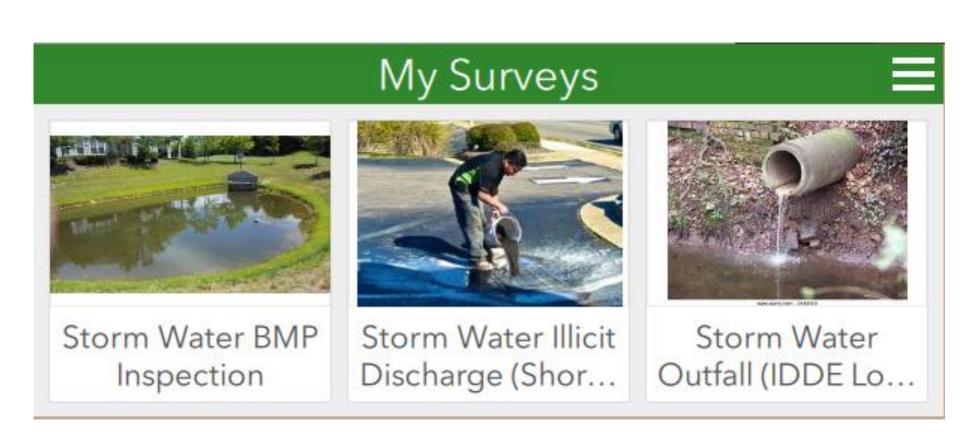
GIS Development





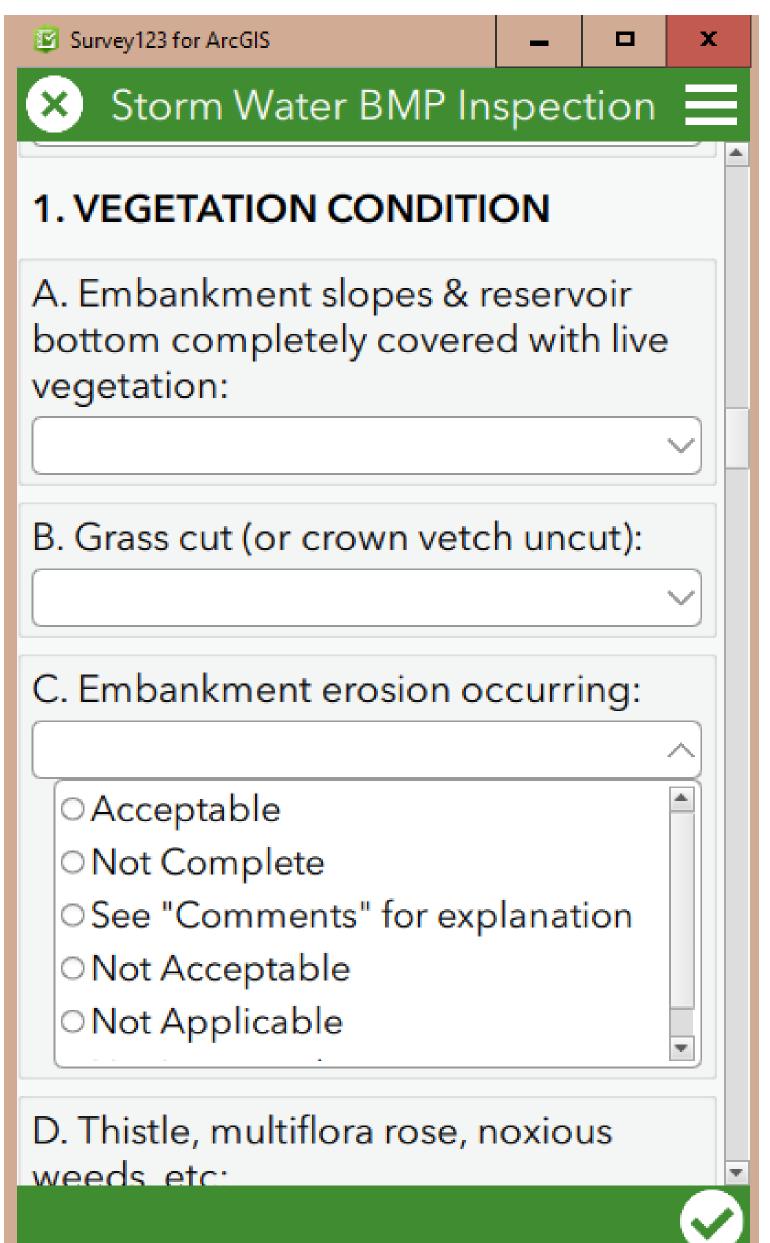


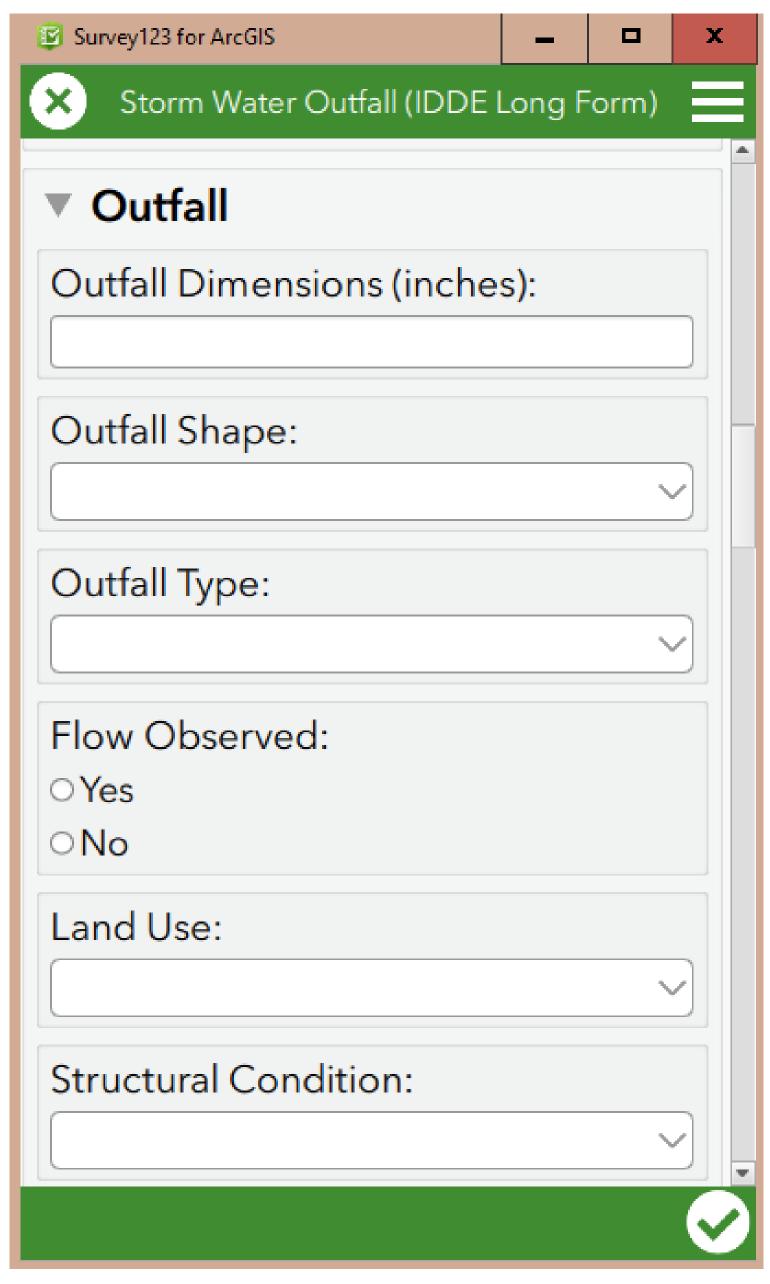
GIS Development – Collector Apps



ESRI Collector and Survey 123 Applications

- Web Based
- User Definable and User Friendly
- Web or Desktop Capable
- IOS or Windows Compatible
- Map Based
- Linked to database
- Can embed Survey 123 to create form based attachment to a Feature





Additional Partnerships

Lessons Learned: We cannot do this alone!

In addition to our Stormwater Support Contract partners, we have utilized partnerships to help with MCMs

- City Departments (GIS, Field Operations)
- Chamber of Commerce (clean up days)
- Local watershed groups
- Volunteer Groups (corporate, churches)

Field Operations Department:

- Performs weekly Street Sweeping
- Cleans inlets
- Empties inlet nets
- Maintains BMPs



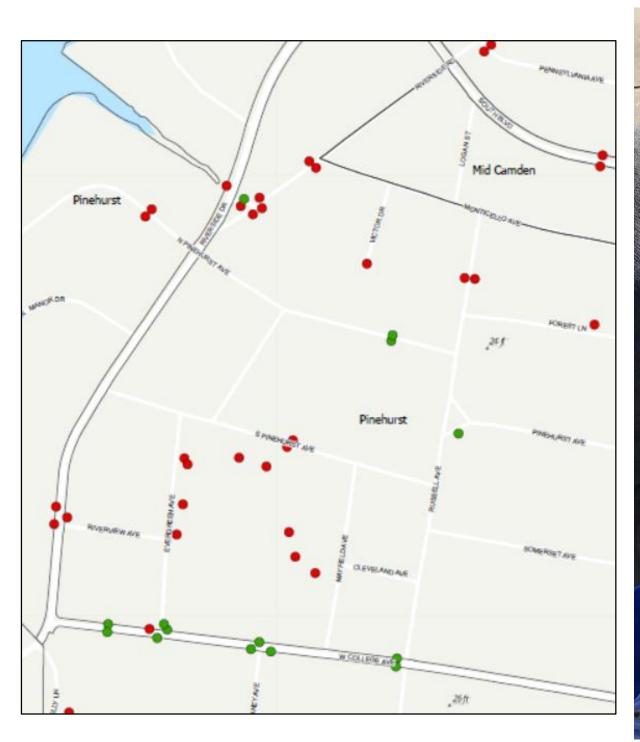
City's Green Team (Sustainability Committee)

- Staffs tables at Events (Earth Day, 3rd Friday)
- Rain Barrel giveaways



Partnerships – Volunteer Groups

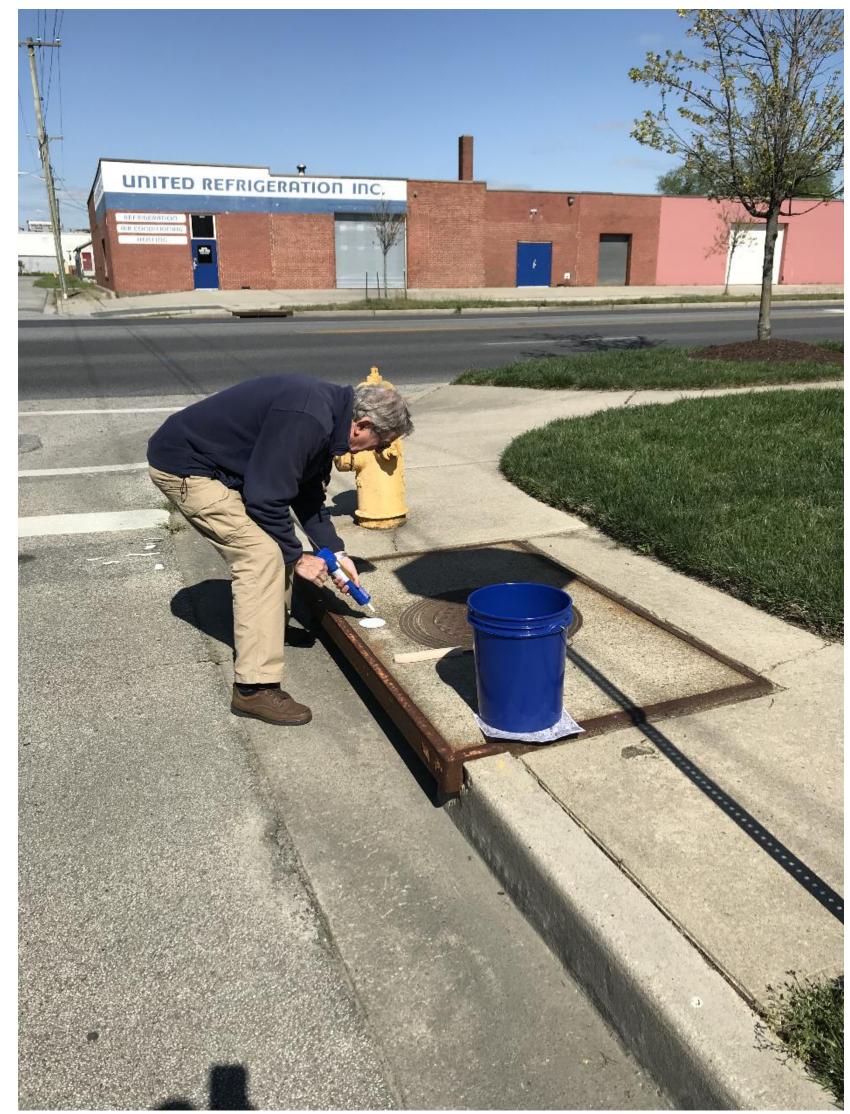
- City purchases inlet markers (500 @ \$2.60/each = \$1,300)
- City provides buckets with adhesive, brushes, gloves, markers
- City provides a map of inlets in a neighborhood
- Volunteer groups install the inlet markers











Partnerships – Healthy Waters Round Table

 Supporting Partners: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, and the University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension



Identified Priority Actions (2015): Funding, BMP Tracking & Reporting, Sewer Extensions, Circuit Rider,
 Clearinghouse for information, BMP Maintenance



Regional Watershed Manager (2018)

- Grant from National Fish and Wildlife Federation
- Funding support and partnership with MDE
- Serving 6 jurisdictions: Queen Anne's County, Talbot County, Oxford, Easton, Cambridge and Salisbury

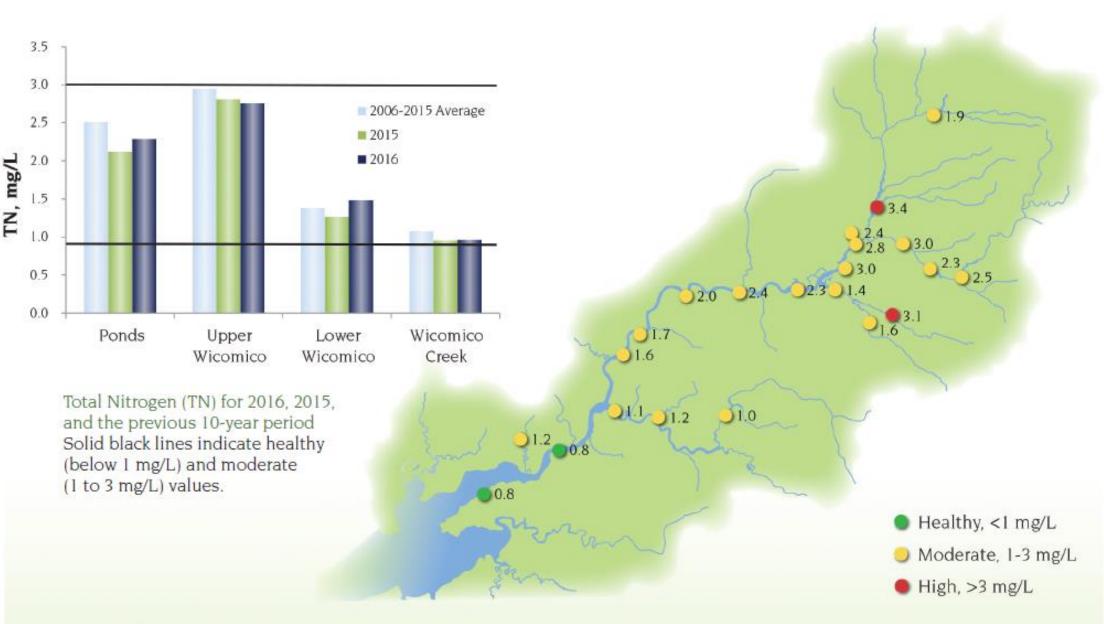
Partnerships – Creekwatchers and WET



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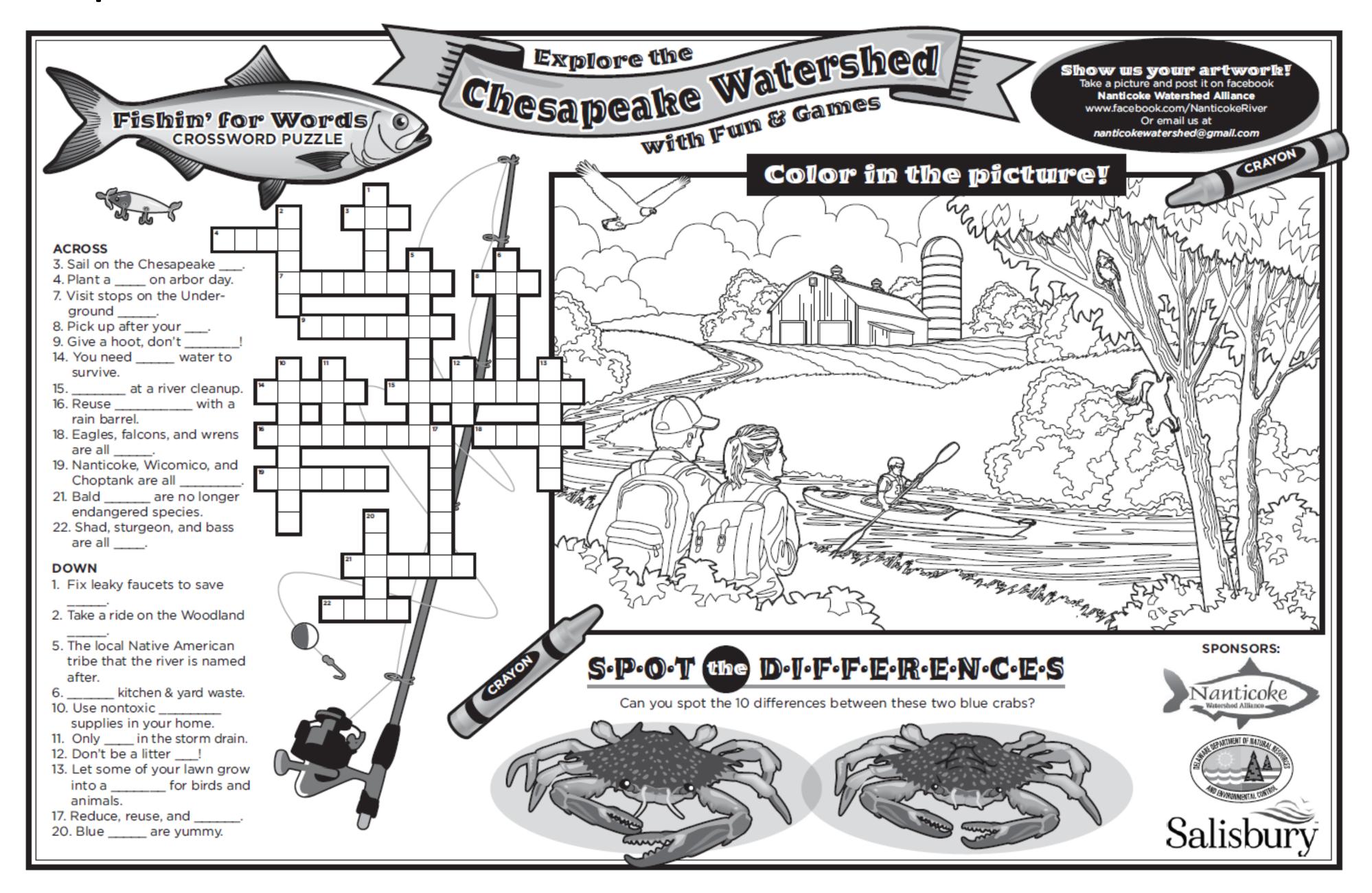


NUTRIENT LEVELS, 2016



Total nitrogen (TN) yearly averages in the Ponds and Lower Wicomico increased in 2016, and Wicomico Creek and the Upper River segments remained about the same as in 2015. Individual site annual averages were mixed, with healthy sites declining from 6 to 2, and high - N sites dropping from 4 to 2 compared with 2014 averages.

Partnerships – Nanticoke Watershed Alliance



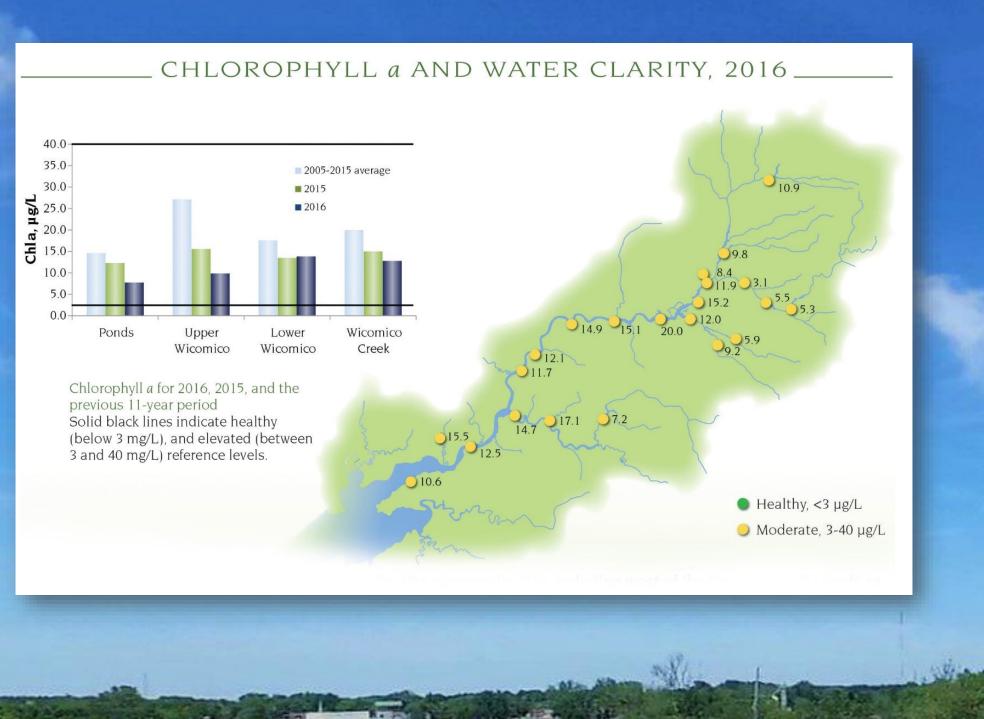
Implementation Barrier: Funding

- Total project costs >\$10M
- Engineering design fully funded first
- Three phases of construction
- Construction Administration and Inspection
- Multi-year funding; numerous budget cycles
 - Requires ongoing Mayor and Council support
 - Grants vary by phase





- Funding Sources
 - City bonds (>\$8.6M)
 - State of Maryland Revitalization Capital Project (\$1,000,000)
 - Green Streets Grant (\$75,000)
 - Community Legacy Grant (\$100,000)
 - MD Broadband Agreement (\$200,000)







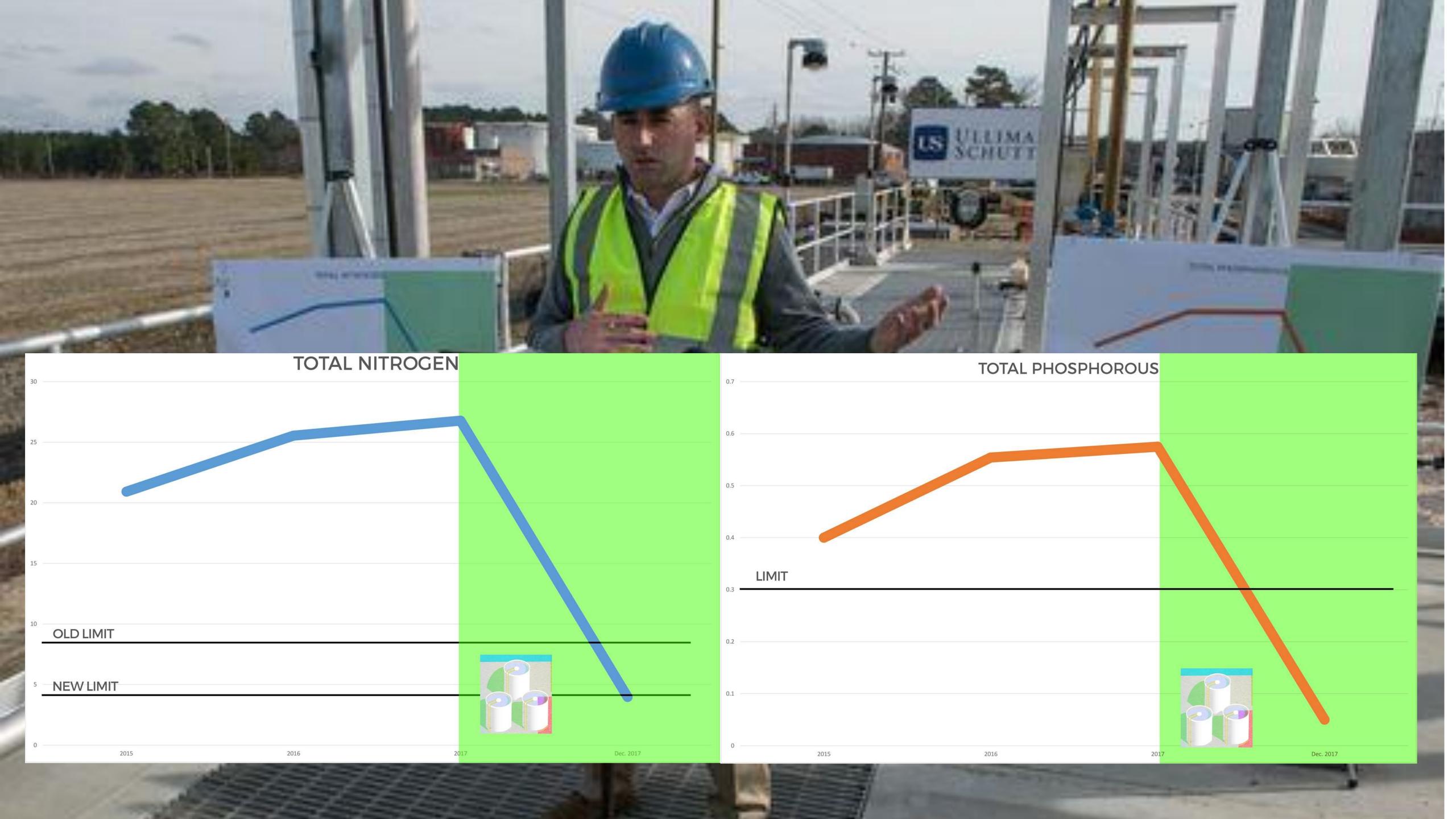
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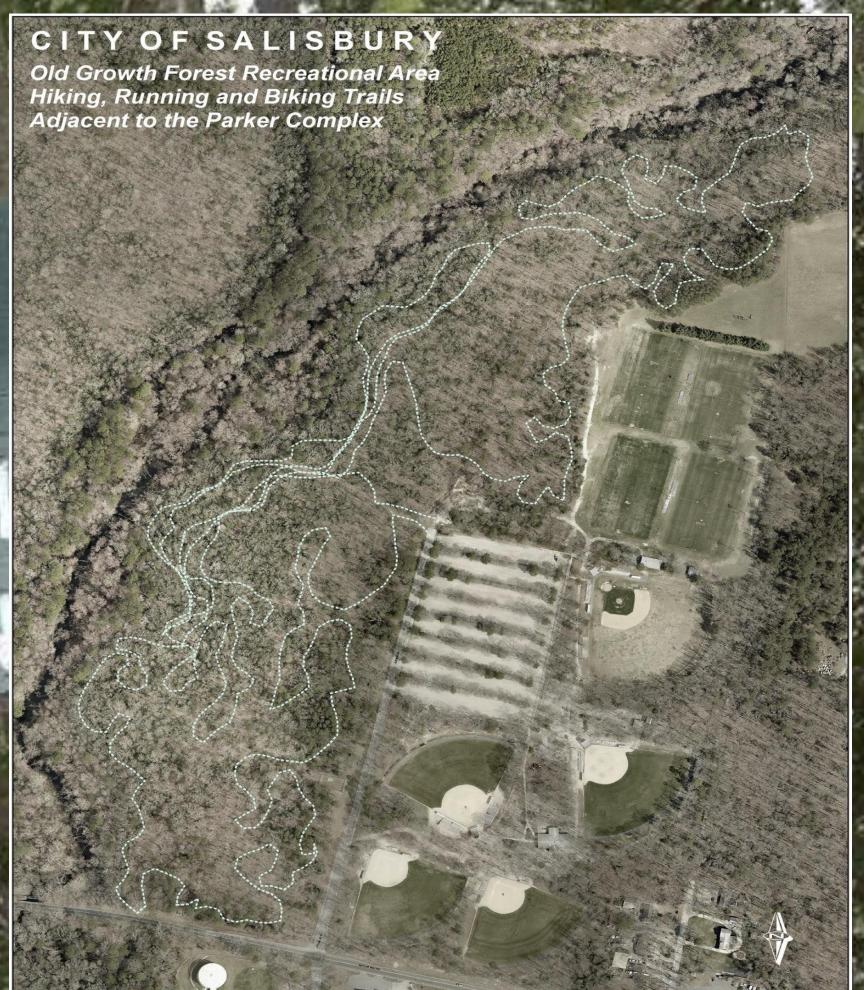






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132 tons so far this year!

www.salisbury.md/services/recycling



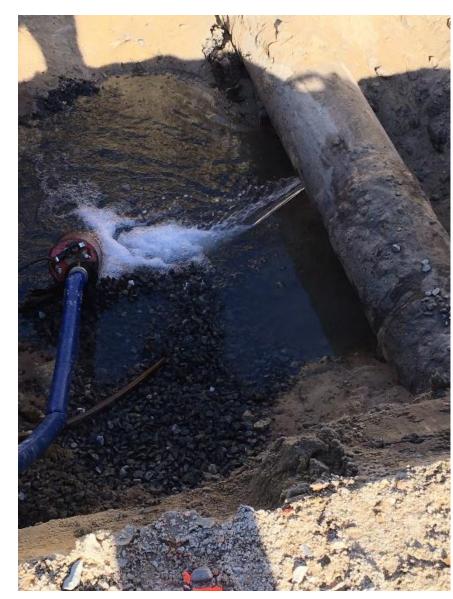






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Implementation Barrier: Construction Issues









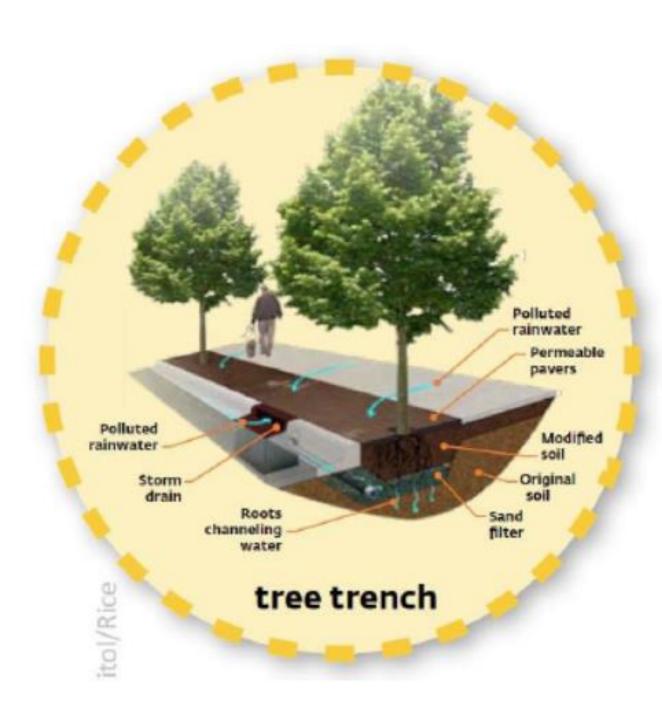
- Soil Contamination
- Unforeseen underground conflicts
- Old Utilities, valves
- Temporary Street lights
- Lack of contractor performance



Implementation Barrier: Tree Removal

- Removed 62 existing trees of various size and species
 - Root upheaval of sidewalk
 - Blocking face of buildings
- Planted 107 street trees, smaller caliper, native species
 - Porous pavers over roots
 - Planting soils, tree trench





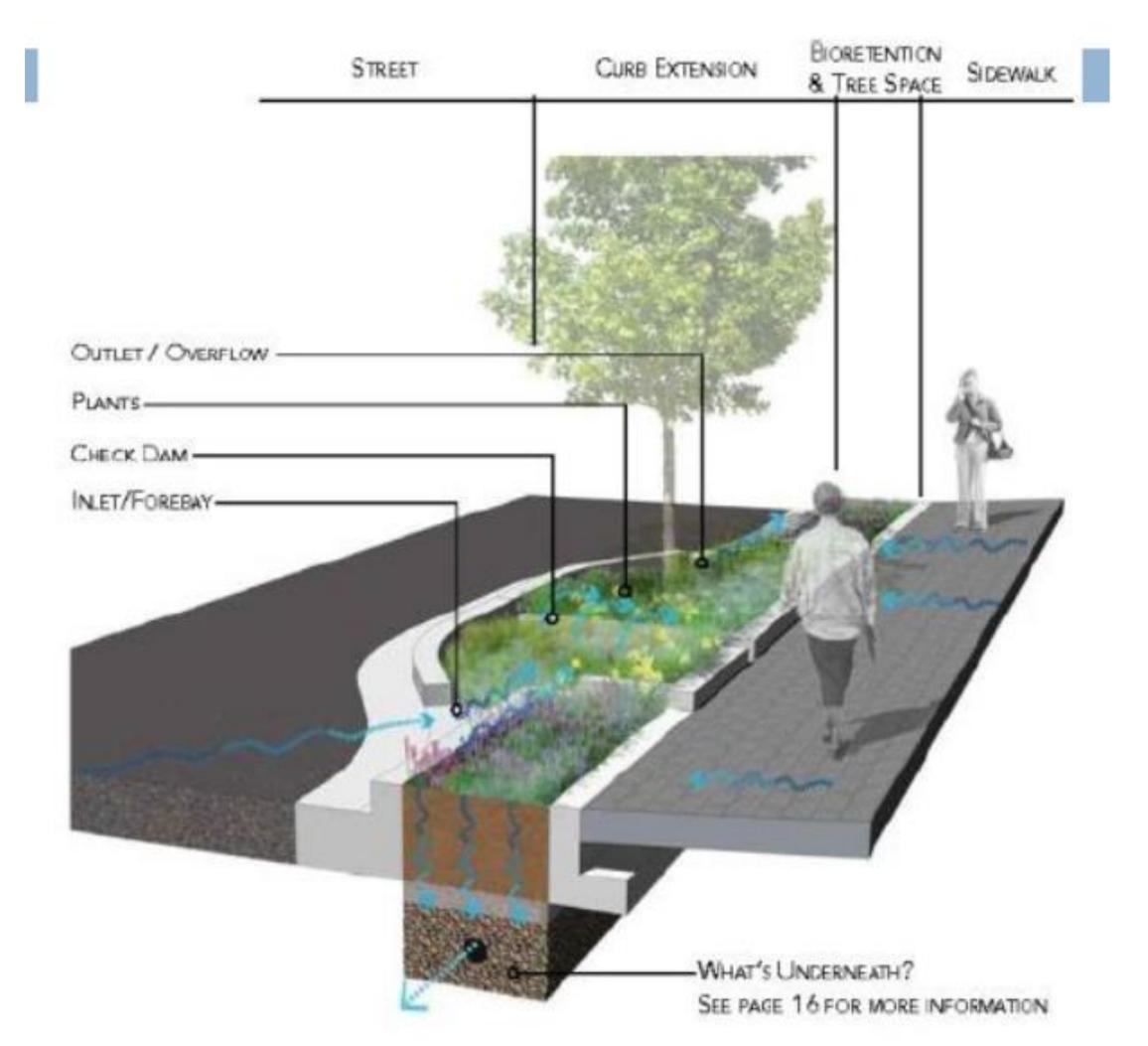


Implementation Opportunities to overcome the barriers

- Environmental Benefits
- Bioretention Areas/Stormwater Management
- Porous pavers
- Improved Street lights
- Wider Sidewalks, Bike Lanes
- Benches, Trash Cans

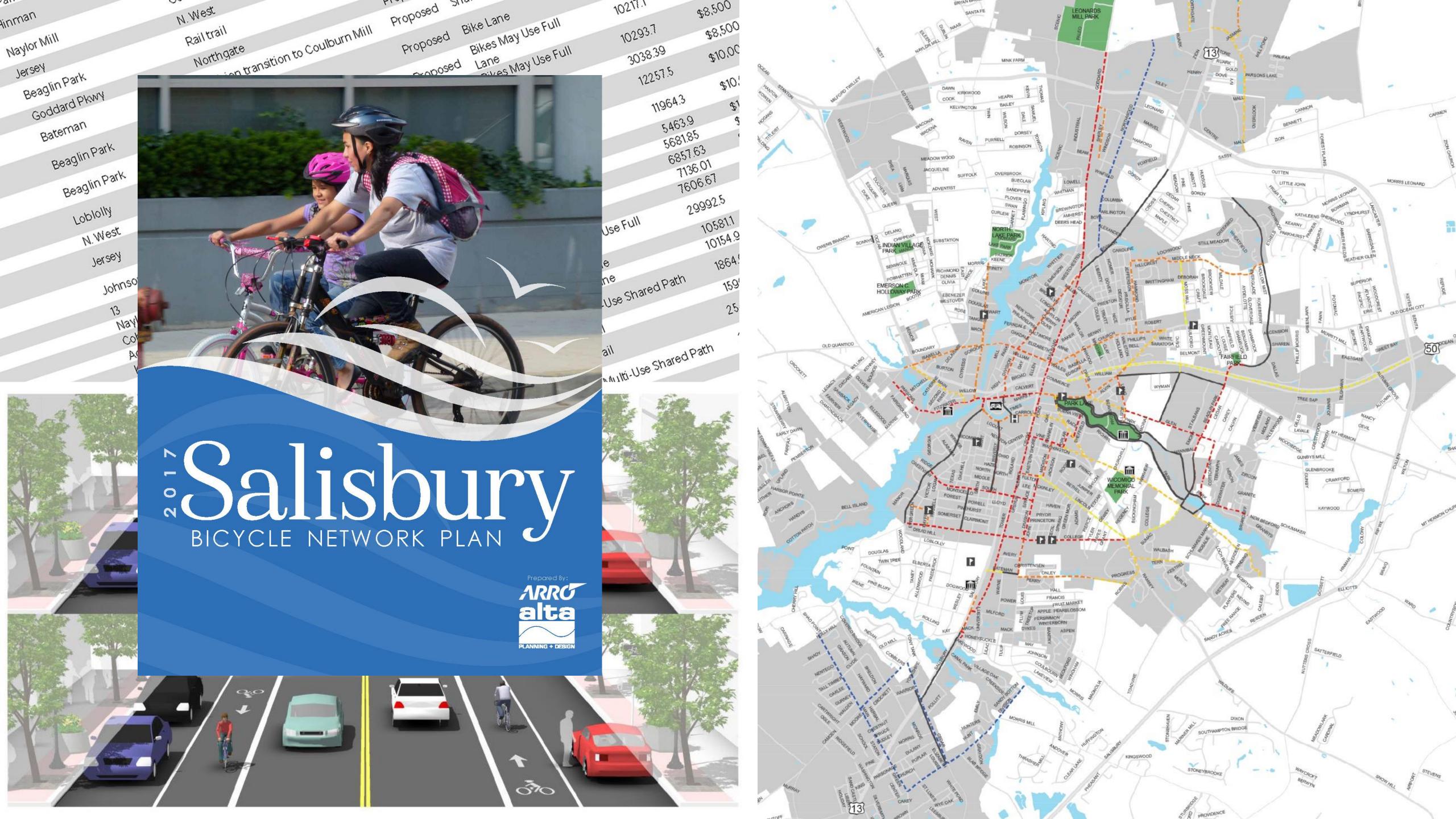




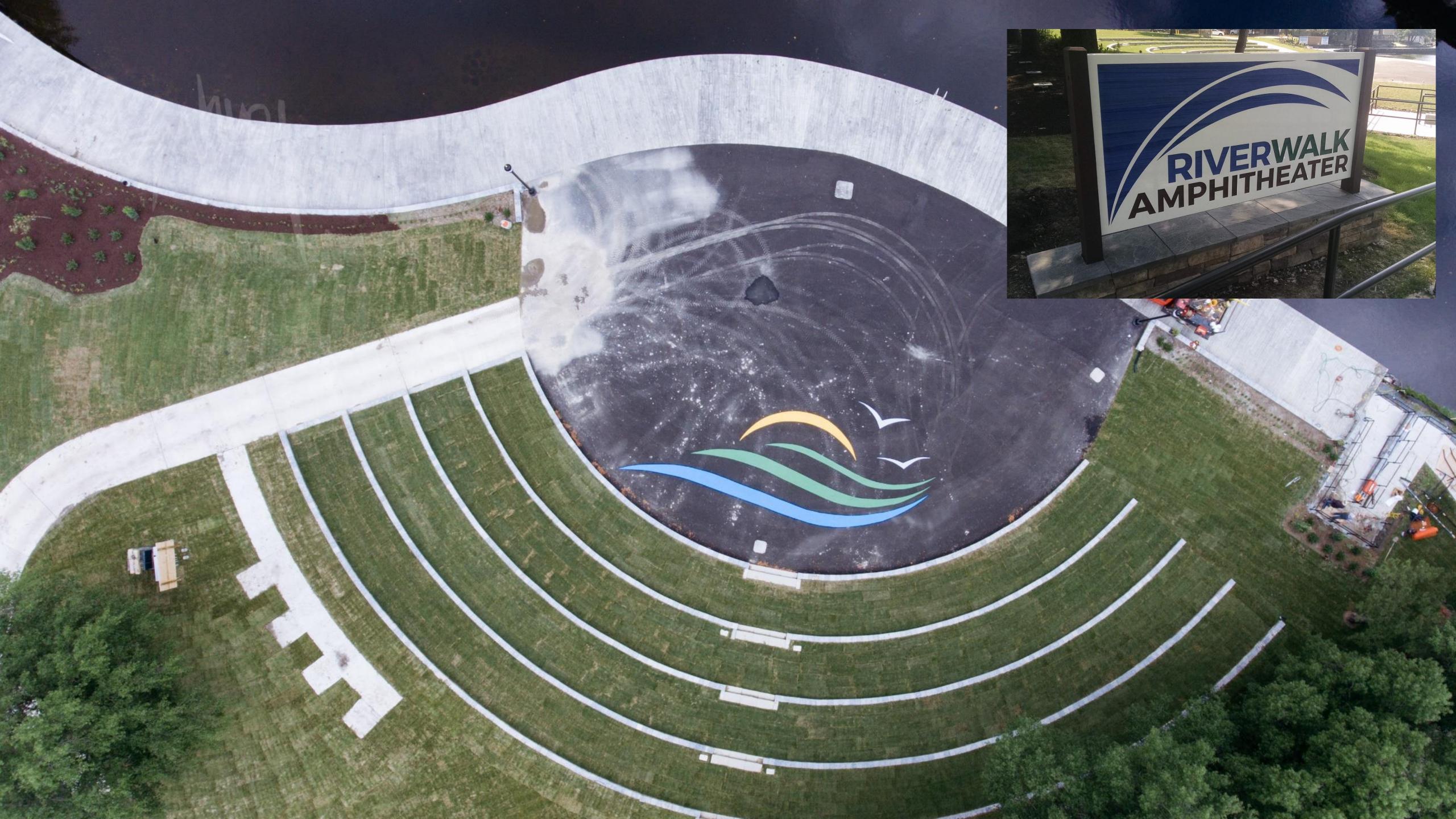
























\$19.1 Billion GMP

READY FOR TAKEOFF SMALLER CITIES POISED TO BECOME POWERHOUSES

