



# Like a Rock or Like a Floc?

*More Treatment and Better Clarification with  
Ballasted Activated Sludge*



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## PRESENTERS



**SERGIO PINO-JELCIC**

*19 years in the wastewater industry*

*Technical Sales Manager for  
Biological Process Equipment at  
Evoqua*



**CASEY WHITTIER**

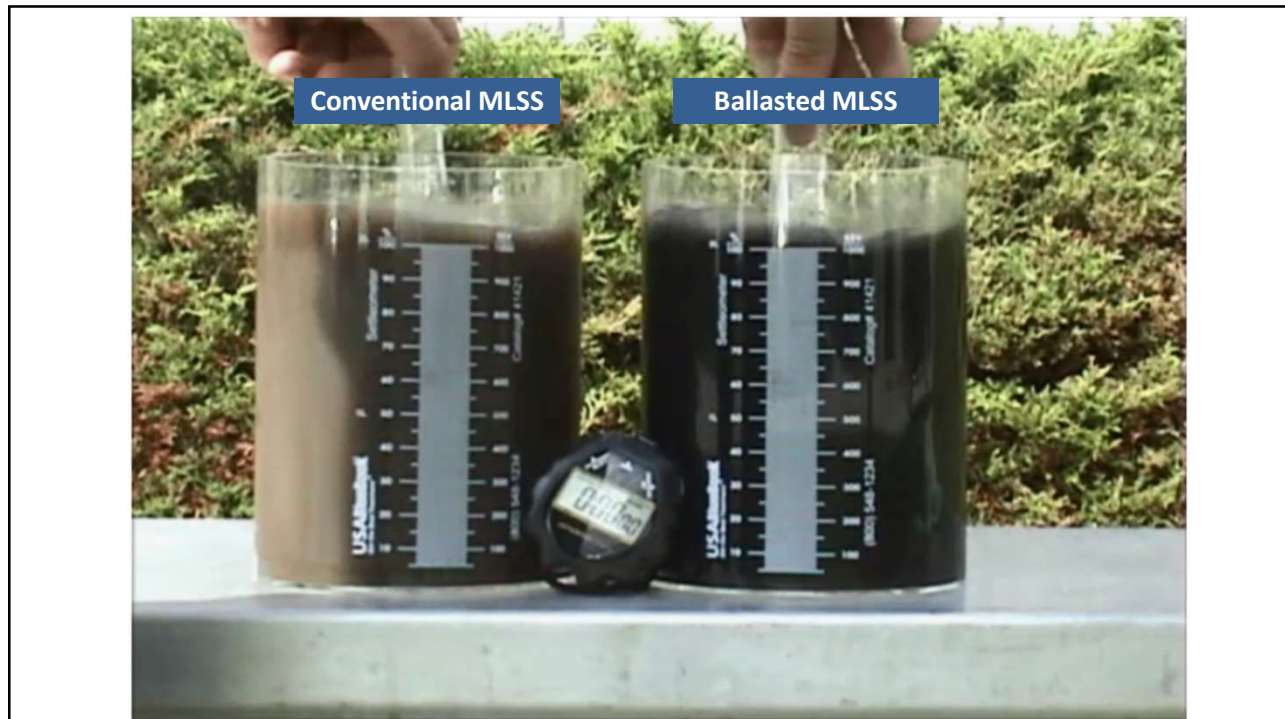
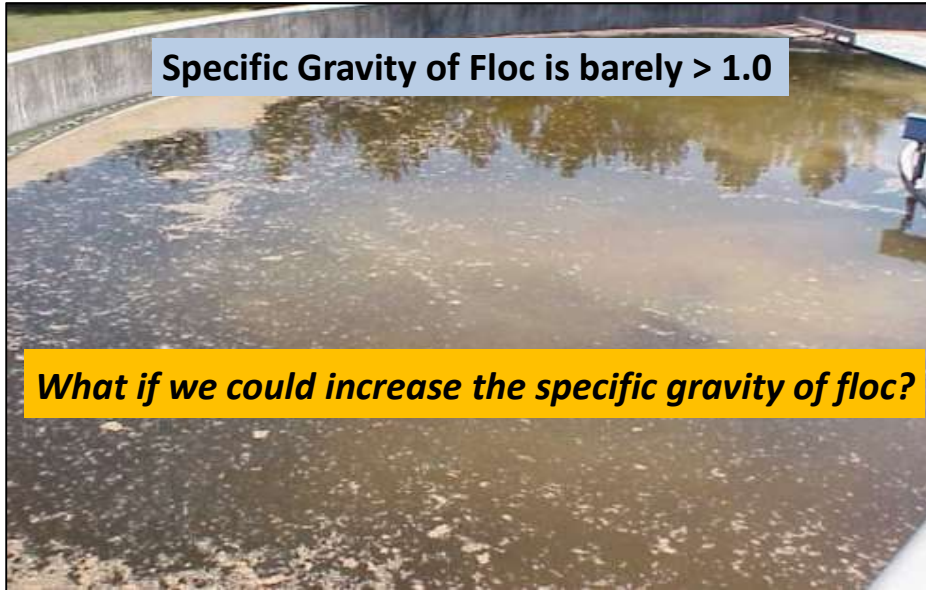
*23 years in the wastewater industry*

*Global Product Manager for  
Ballasted Settling Technologies at  
Evoqua*



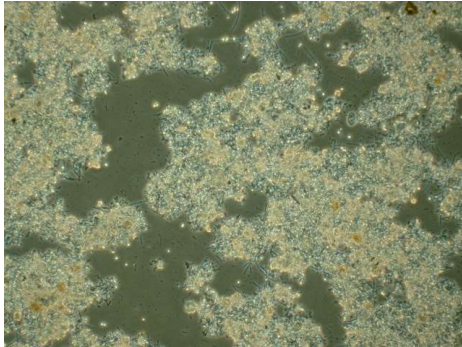
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## WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

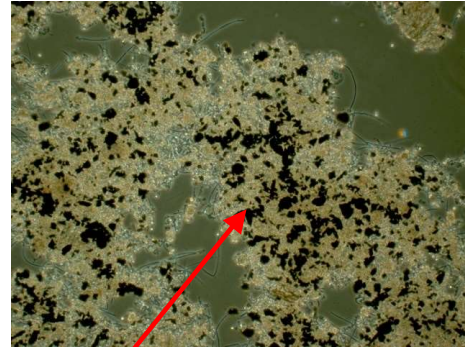


# Rapid and Reliable Settling and Clarification

*Conventional floc*



*Ballasted floc*



Magnetite ( $Fe_3O_4$ )  
Mined iron ore

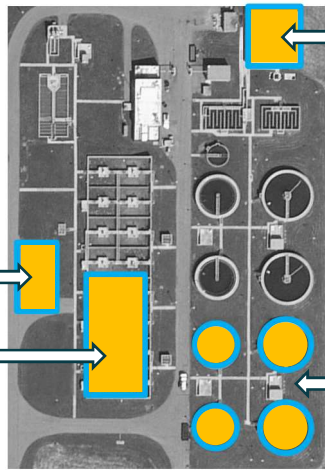


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# Plant Upgrades and Expansions

Credits: GHD

**Conventional**

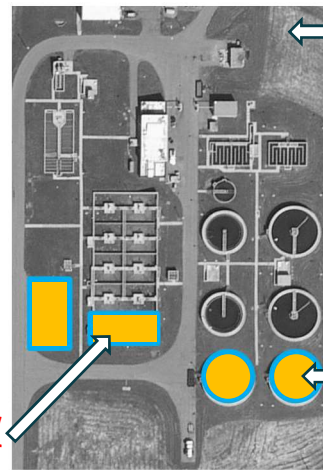


Add  
Tertiary  
Filters

New  
building  
2X more  
bioreactor

2X more  
clarifiers

**BioMag® System**



No Tertiary  
Filters

Less new  
bioreactor

Less new  
clarifiers



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# Compatible with All Activated Sludge Systems

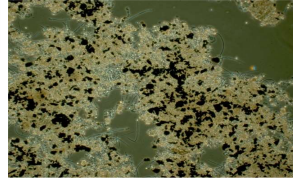
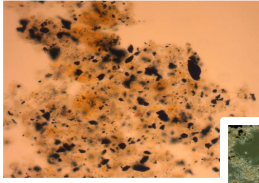
- Conventional
- High Rate
- Extended Air
- Oxidation Ditch
- Multistage BNR
- SBR



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## BioMag<sup>®</sup> System Diagram





### Magnetite: $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

- ✓ Readily available iron ore (S.G. = 5.2)
- ✓ Hydrophobic: affinity to embed in floc
- ✓ Ballast chemical and biological floc
- ✓ Fully inert (NSF® Cert.)

### Magnetite Ballast

- ✓ Inexpensive commodity
- ✓ Sustainable: 95% recovery
- ✓ Small particles (10-40 microns)



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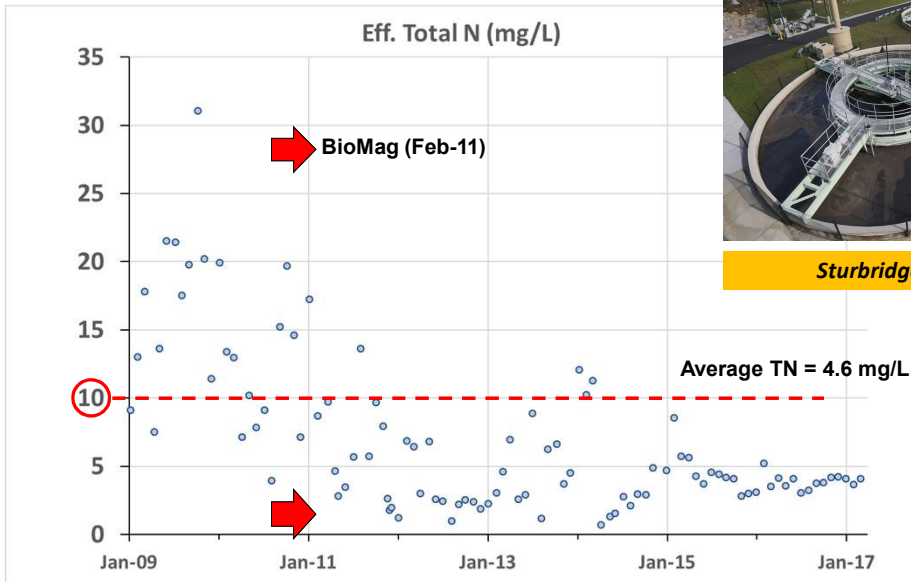
## Stringent Limits without Filters

- Free up tankage for more treatment volume
- Longer SRT, higher MLSS in existing tanks
- $< 3 \text{ mg/L TN}$  and  $< 0.2 \text{ mg/L TP}$  out of secondary clarifiers
- Need proper biological configuration for BNR
- Metal salt may be required for TP removal



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# Nitrogen Removal

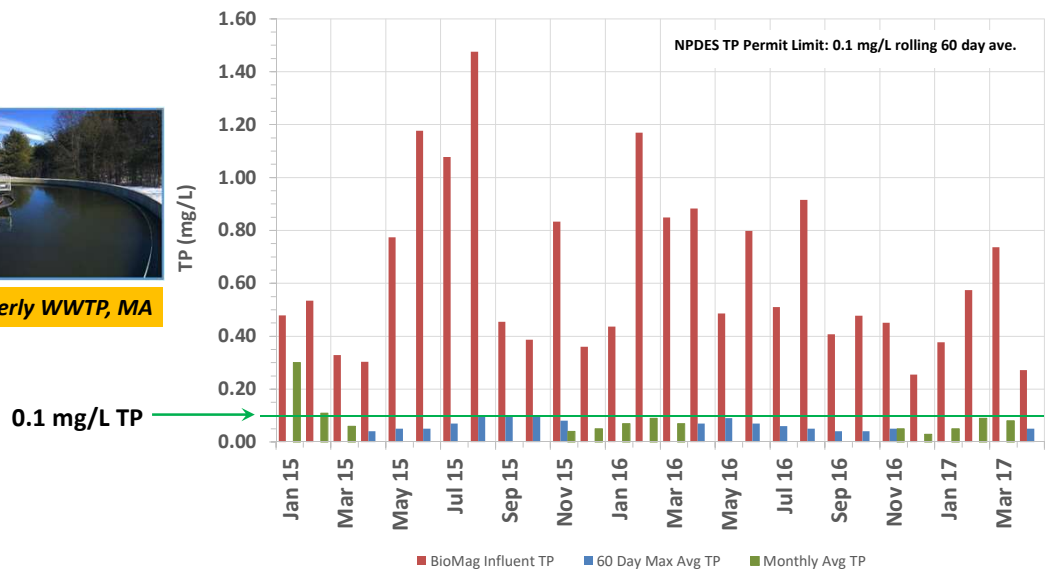


Sturbridge WWTP, MA

# Phosphorus Removal



Marlborough Easterly WWTP, MA



# Wet Weather Flow Management



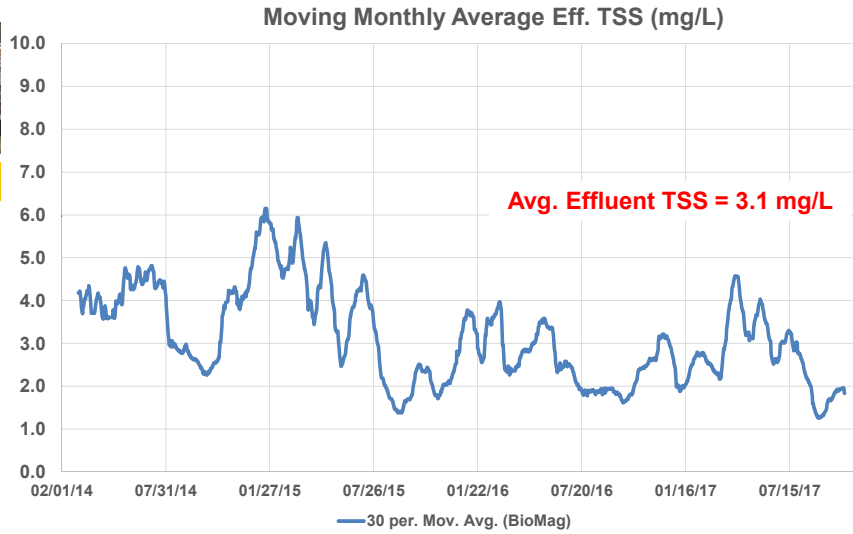
**Upper Gwynedd Township, PA**

**Flow Rates**  
(2014-2017):

Avg = 2.5 MGD

Max = 16.9 MGD

Min = 1.3 MGD



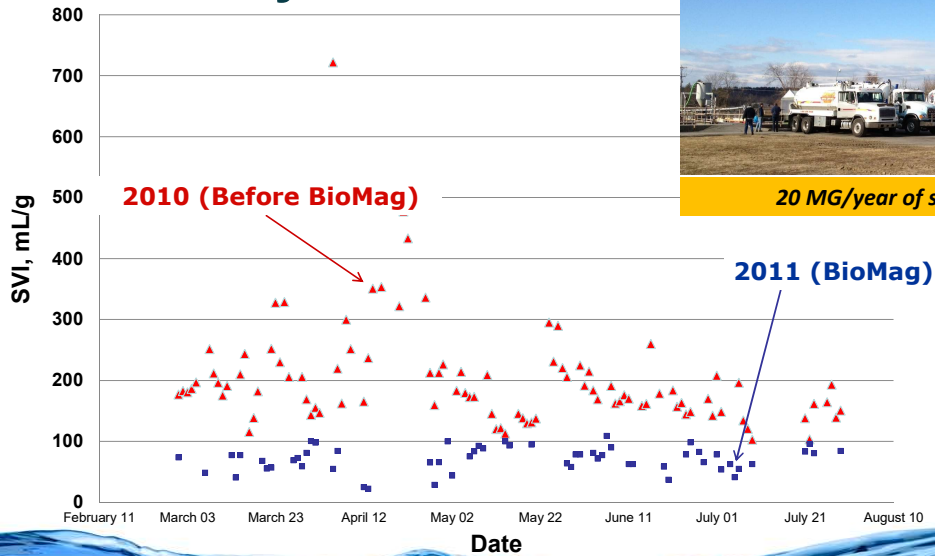
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# Process Stability

**Allenstown, NH**



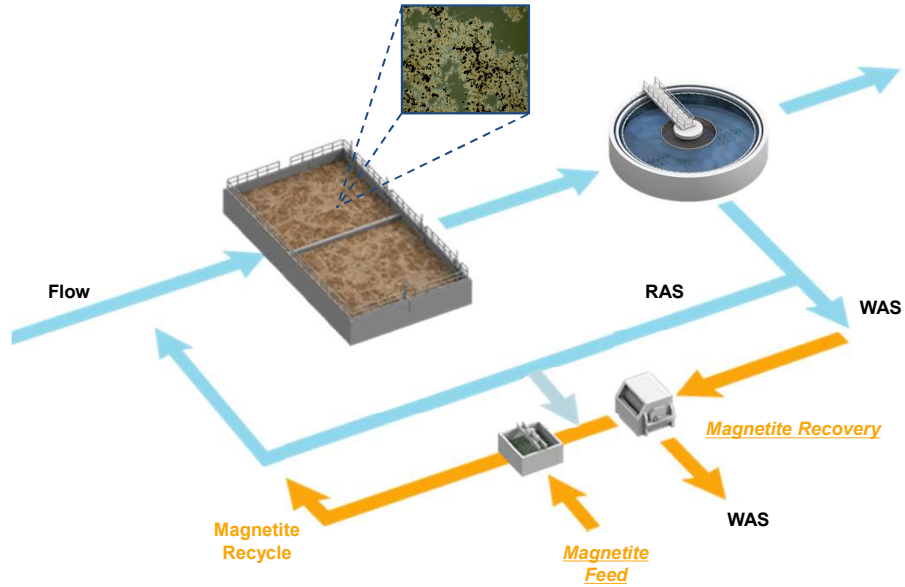
**20 MG/year of septic**



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# BioMag<sup>®</sup> Equipment – Feed and Recovery



# BioMag<sup>®</sup> System Construction

*Marlay Taylor, MD*



*Upper Gwynedd Township, PA*



*East Norrinton, PA*



## Magnetite Feed – Options



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## Magnetite Recovery Drum

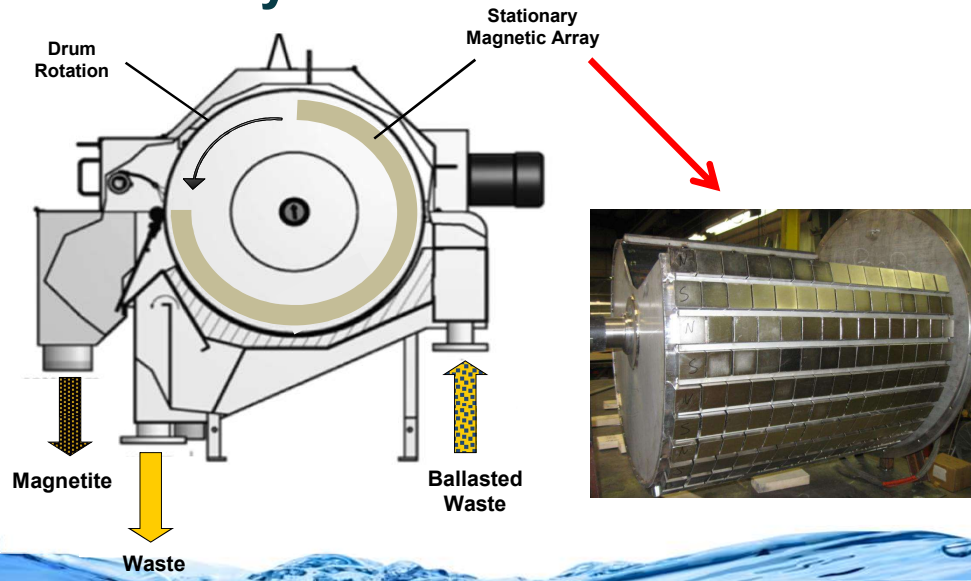


*Equipment adapted from the mining industry*



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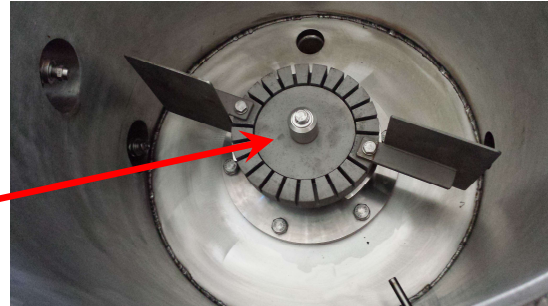
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# BioMag<sup>®</sup> Recovery Drum



## BioMag® Shear Mill



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## BioMag® System: Ballasted Activated Sludge

- Increase treatment capacity within existing tankage 2X-3X
- Achieve stringent permits without tertiary filtration
- Reduce costs for upgrades/expansions
- Improve clarifier performance
- Manage wet weather flows
- Provide process stability

*26 references and counting...*



*Settle it like a Rock ...not like a Floc!*



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**Thank You!**

**BioMag<sup>®</sup> System**

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