

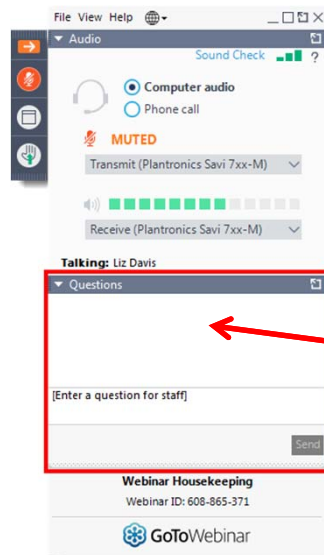
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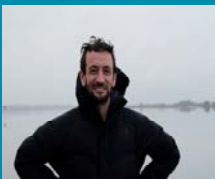
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- Leading global water technology provider based in USA
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- Doing business in 150+ countries on 6 continents
- ~\$5.2B in 2019 revenue

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constraint to health, prosperity and sustainable development**



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**South Bend, Indiana**  
 Population: 101,000  
 Area: 42 mi<sup>2</sup>  
 Median Household Income: \$38,943 (1 in 4 persons in poverty)  
 Consent Decree: \$863 million (\$25,000 per household)  
 Sewer rates already increased 384% since 2004  
 # of CSO Outfalls: 35  
 2008 CSO Volume: ~2 Billion Gallons

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# Welcome

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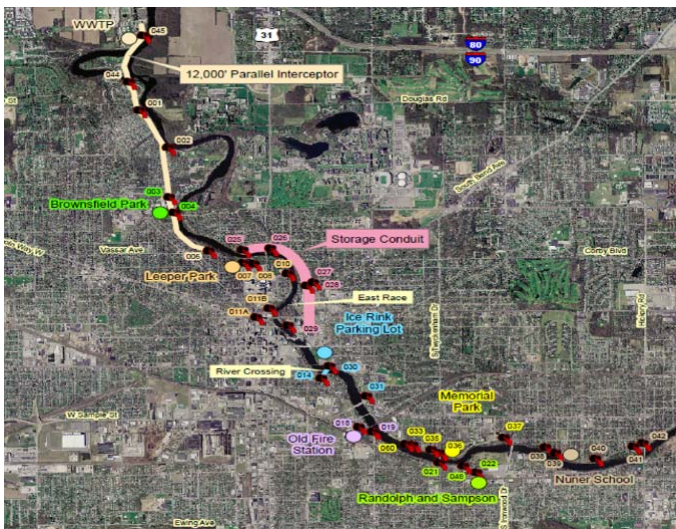
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# South Bend CSO History

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## South Bend's CSO Program



### Phase 1 (Completed)

- Strategic sewer separation
- Smart Sewer Program
- Plant capacity improvement

### Phase 2 (in current Consent Decree)

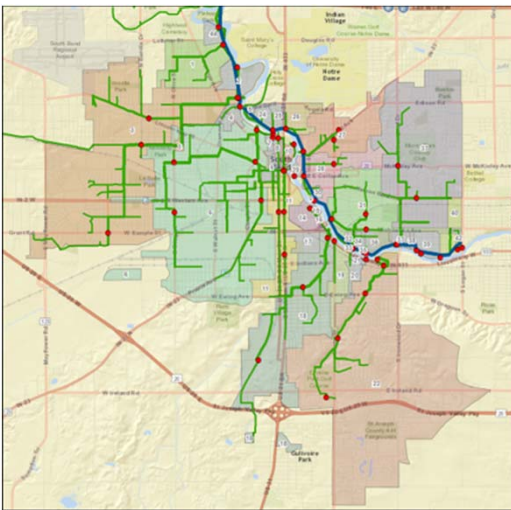
- All gray infrastructure
  - 7 Storage tanks
  - 1 Storage conduit
  - 1 Parallel interceptor
- No smart or green infrastructure

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# Smart Sewer Program

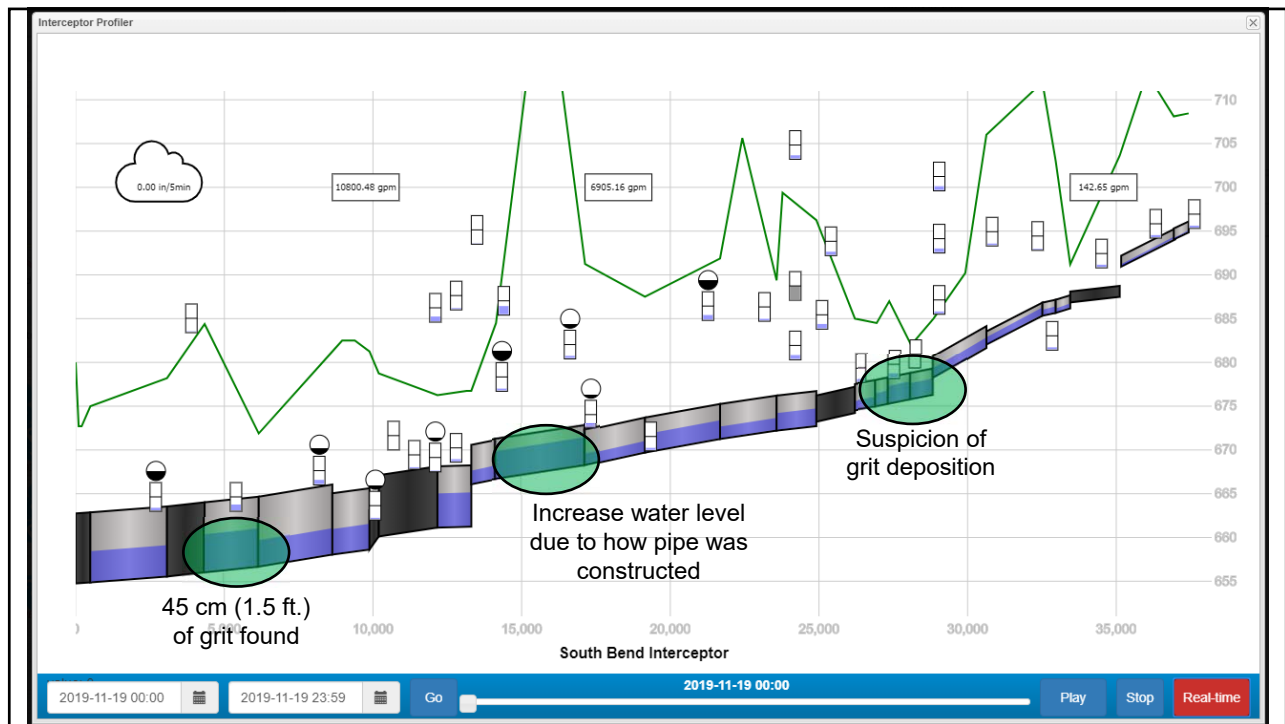
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## Step 1: Turn on the Lights



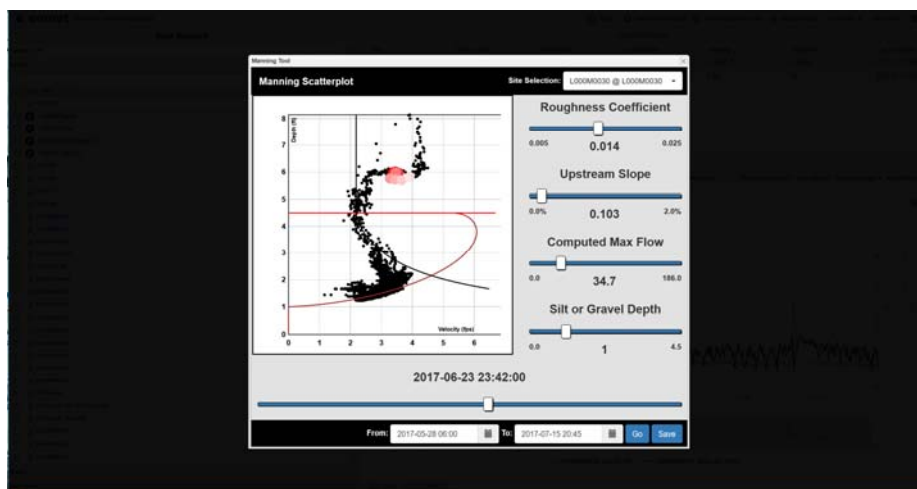
- Installed 2009
- Monitor all regulators
- Monitor interceptor and key trunklines
- Track performance of retention basins

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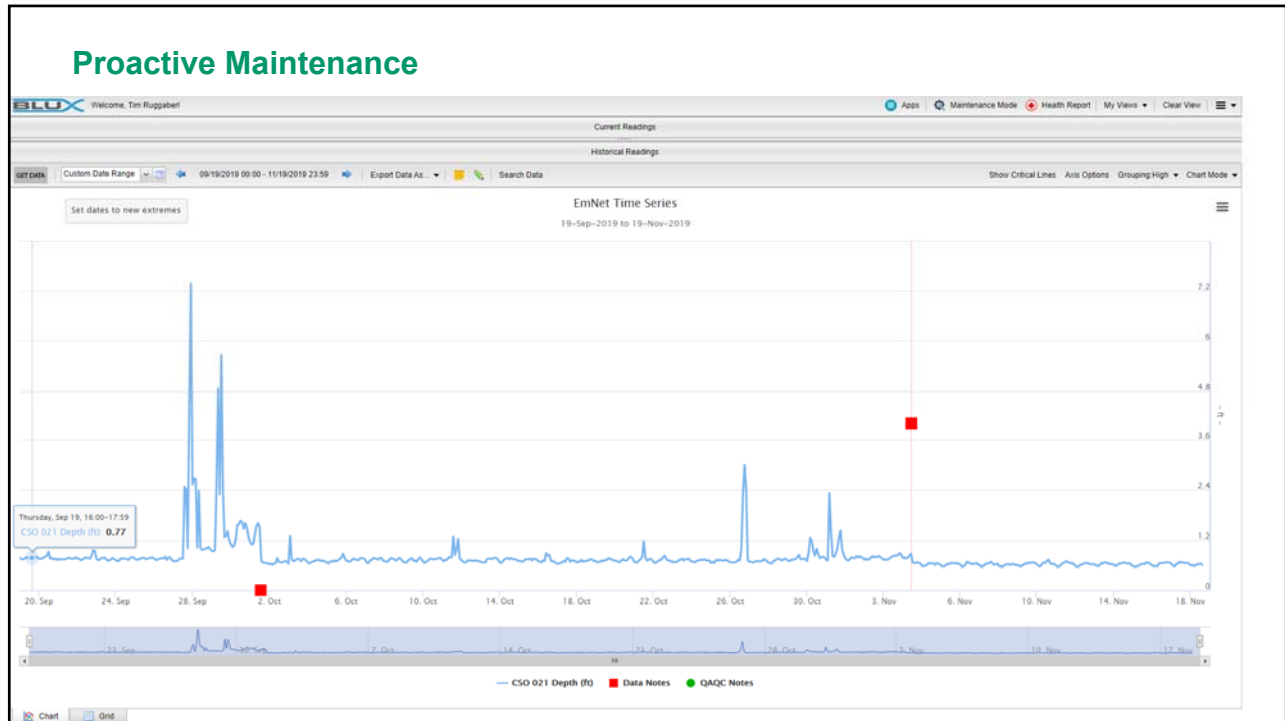


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### Manning's Dashboard



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### Proactive Maintenance

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Current Readings

Historical Readings

Custom Date Range: 09/19/2019 00:00 - 11/19/2019 23:59

Export Data As... Search Data

Show Critical Lines Axis Options Grouping: High Chart Mode

#### View/Edit Note

Sensor Name : [REDACTED]

Author : [REDACTED]

From : 10/01/2019 13:20 To : 10/01/2019 13:30

Note :  
CSO CREW REMOVED A LARGE ROOT MASS, MULTIPLE BRICKS, A SAND BAG, AND MULTIPLE PIECES OF MANHOLE COVER FROM THE STRUCTURE.

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CSO 021 Depth (ft) Data Notes QA/QC Notes

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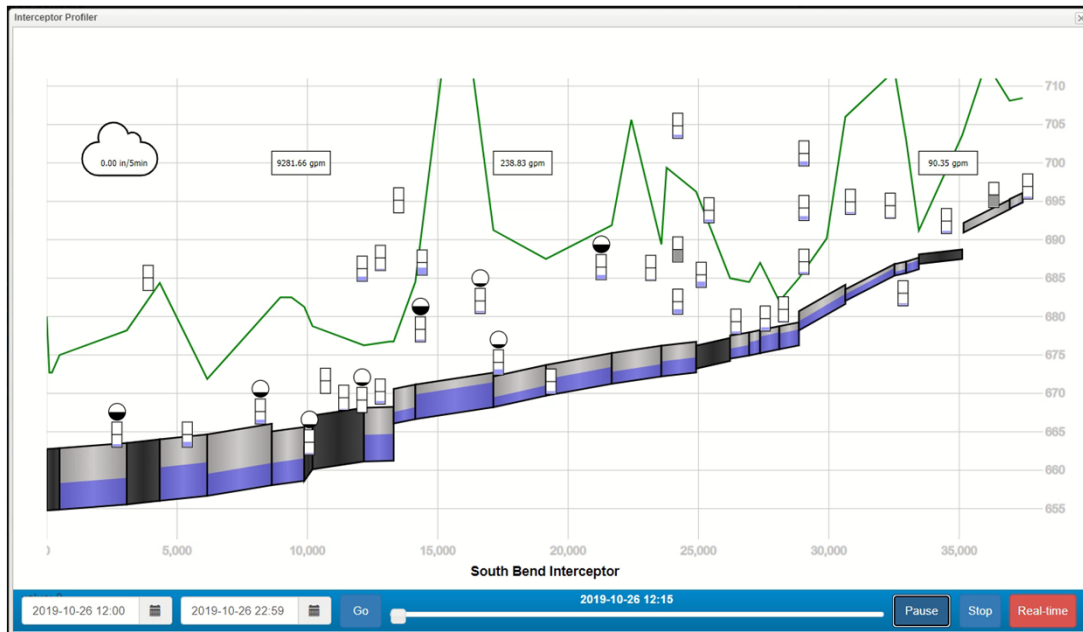
## Some Material Removed from the South Bend Sewers

Increase your capacity by optimizing what you already had



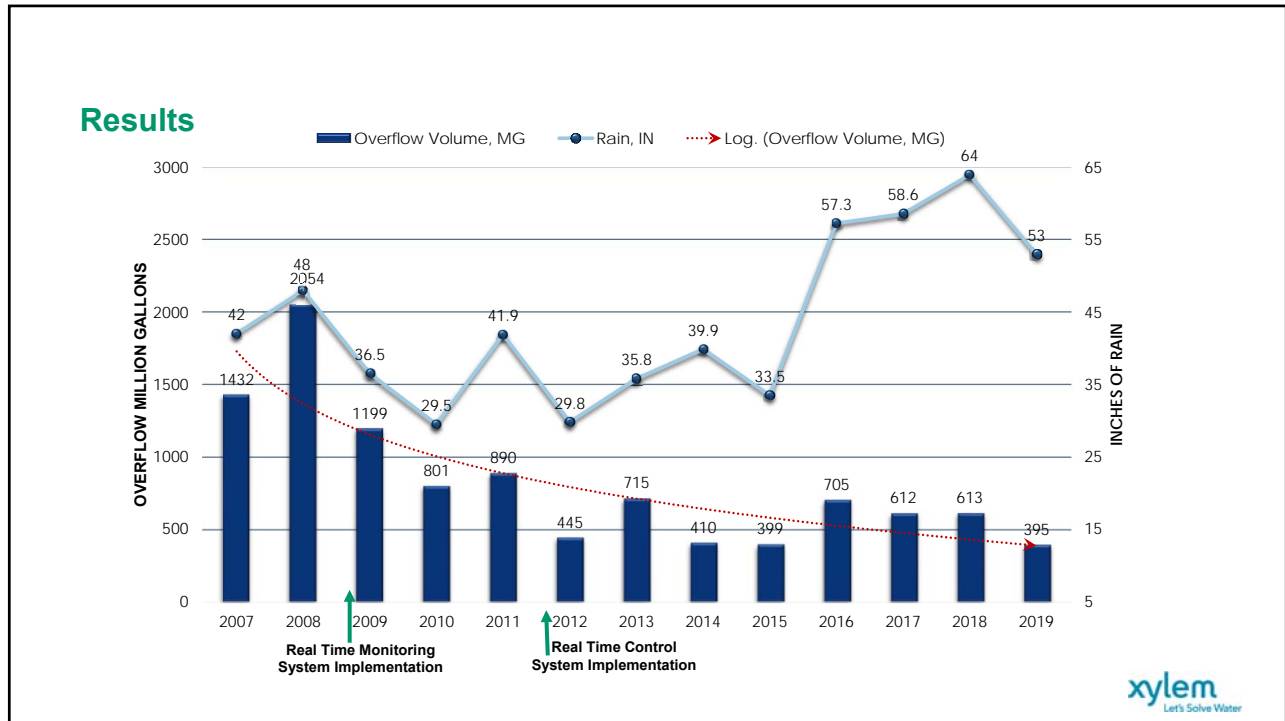
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## Globally Coordinated Control

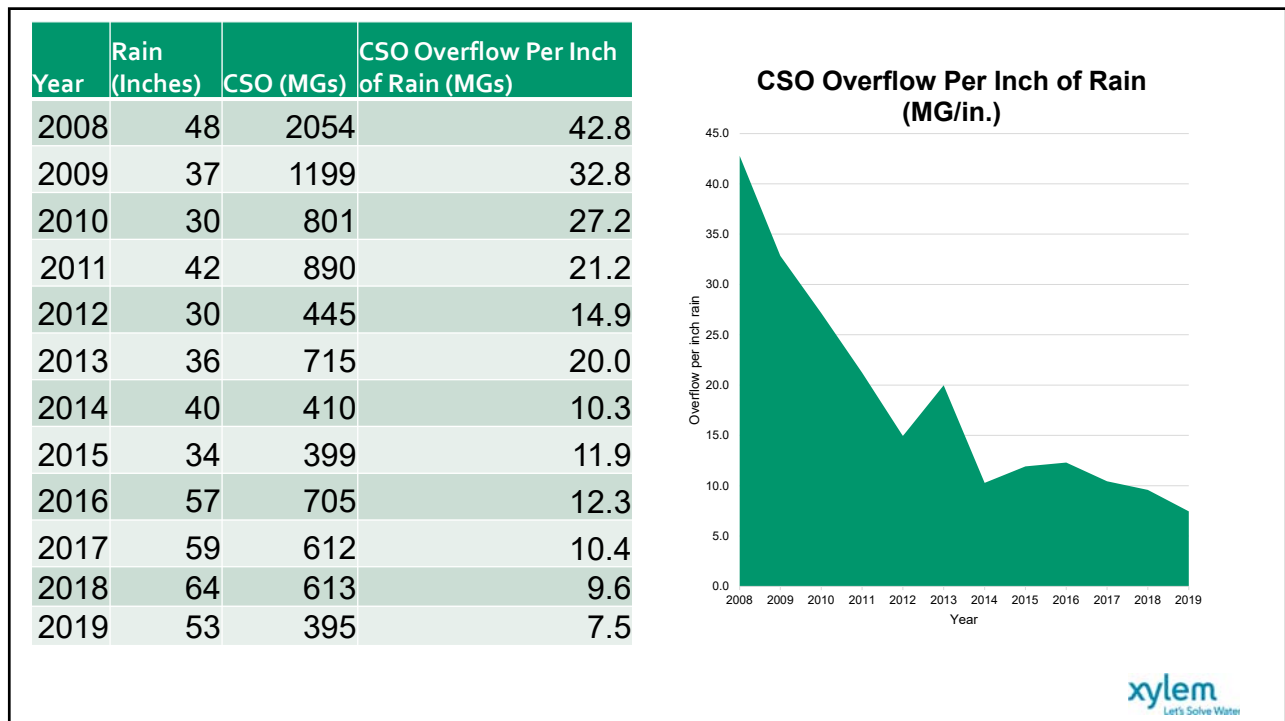


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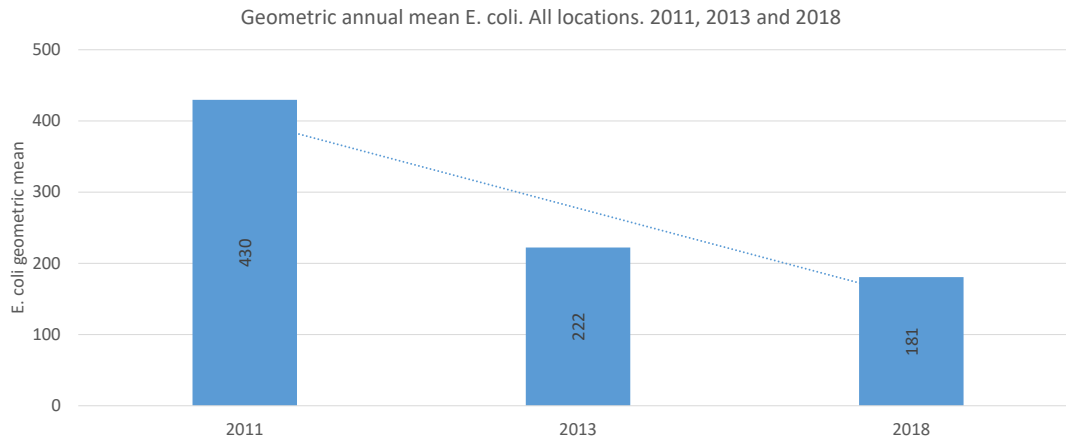


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## South Bend – E. Coli Reduction (58% decrease)



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## South Bend - CSO Long Term Control Plan Pivot

Considering the totality of the reduction from 2011 to 2018, **84%** of that reduction was achieved by 2013. From the end of 2013 to the end of 2018, just **16%** of the overall 2011 to 2018 reduction occurred.

The significance of this timing is that it points to the smart sewer system and not the prescribed Phase 1 LTCP projects as being the projects that led to the successes in E. coli and CSO volume reduction.

Implication:

We're about to go down the wrong road for Phase 2.

We are being directed down there by State and Federal Regulators (EPA, IDEM, DOJ).

**Successes achieved were due to South Bend innovation NOT due to Regulatory enforcement actions.**

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# Wastewater Network Optimization in Action

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## Revising the Plan

1. Data-driven maintenance created increased capacity;
2. New hyper-accurate model shows deficiencies in old LTCP model;
3. Real Time Control exceeded expectations in reducing overflows;
4. Federal LTCP builds infrastructure but does not address the problem.



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## Long Term Control Plan Update- What's Changed from the Last Time?

Sewer sensors + Time → System knowledge

System knowledge → Informing model with real data

(Data enabled model +  
Global control logic +  
Optimization modelling) X 10,000's of simulations → Next generation data driven alternatives

Next generation data driven alternatives  
+ Green stormwater infrastructure



Smarter Alternative for a  
Greener Environment  
(SAGE)

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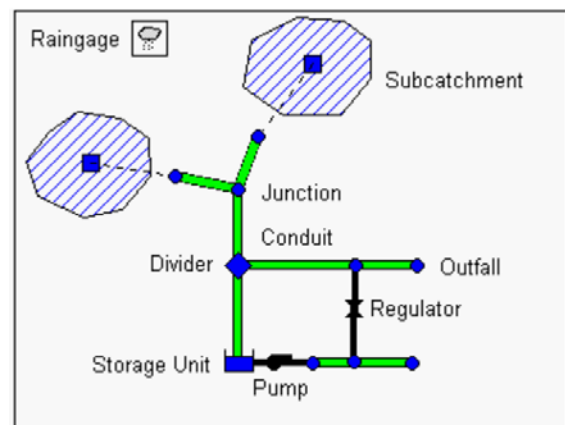
## Standard Modeling Approach

Hardest part: modeling how much of a drop of water will get into the sewer and when it will get there.

Heavily influenced by antecedent conditions.

Calibrations can cost millions of dollars and need to be redone every few years.

Each model run can take days.



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## Machine Learning Enabled Analysis

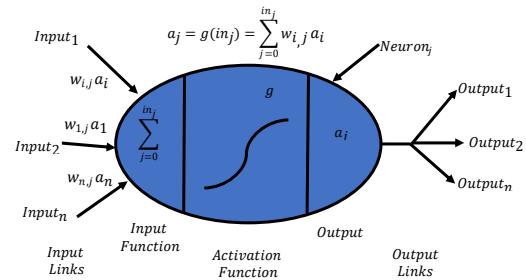
Cognitive Hydraulic Response System (CHRS)

Artificial Neural Network correlating rainfall to sewer flow

Implicitly includes antecedent conditions, groundwater changes, etc.

Embed in models

Accurate and Quick

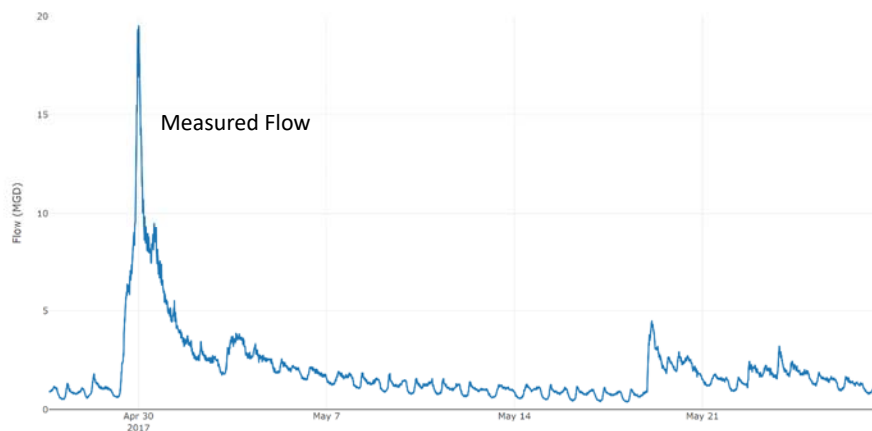


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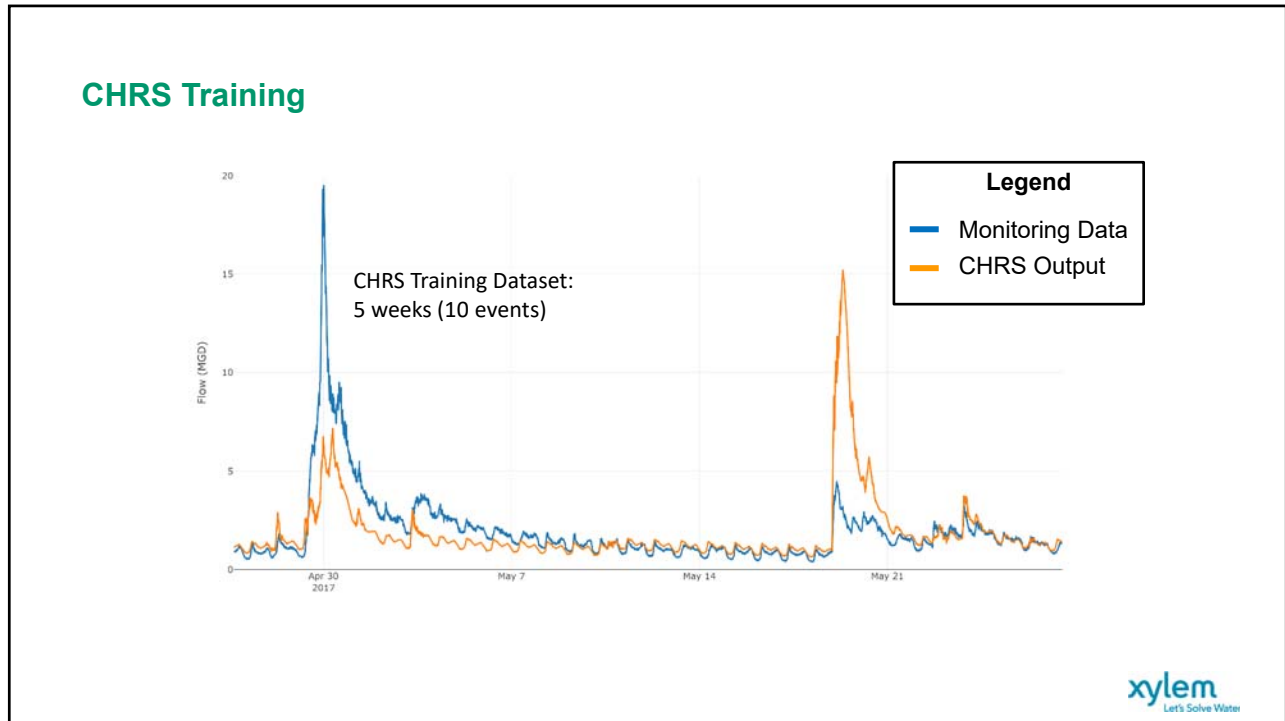
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## CHRS Training

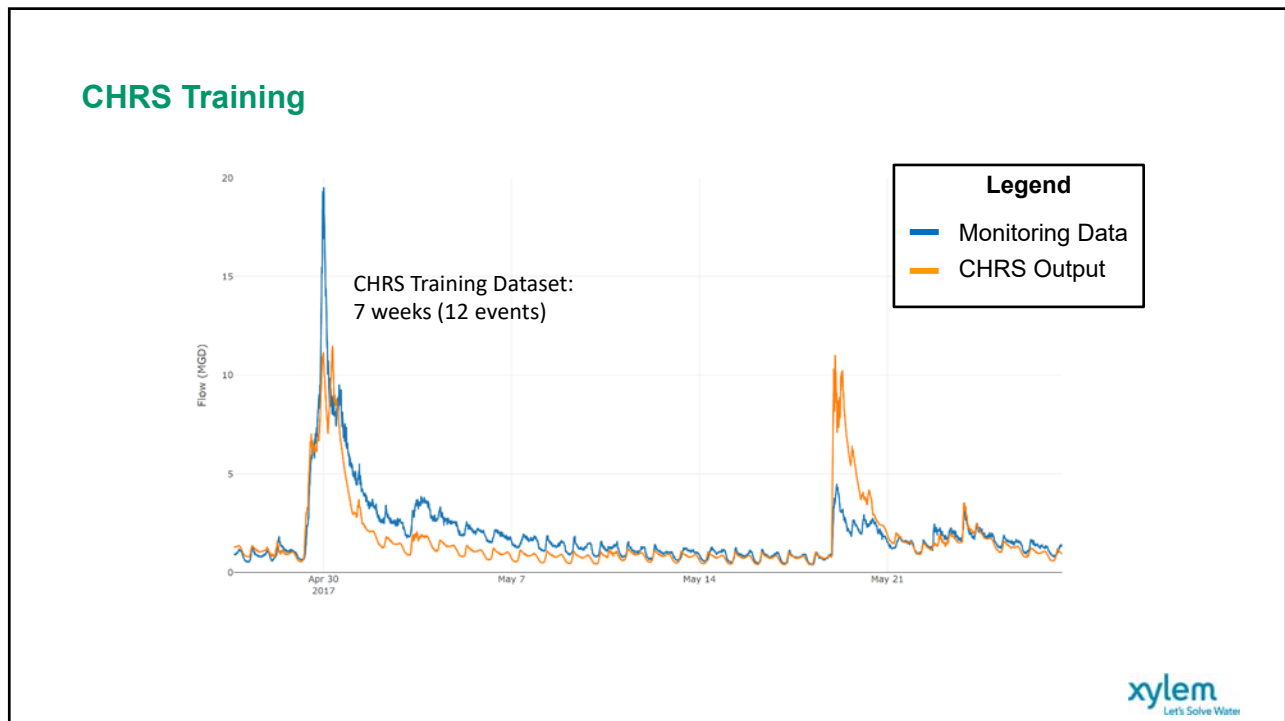


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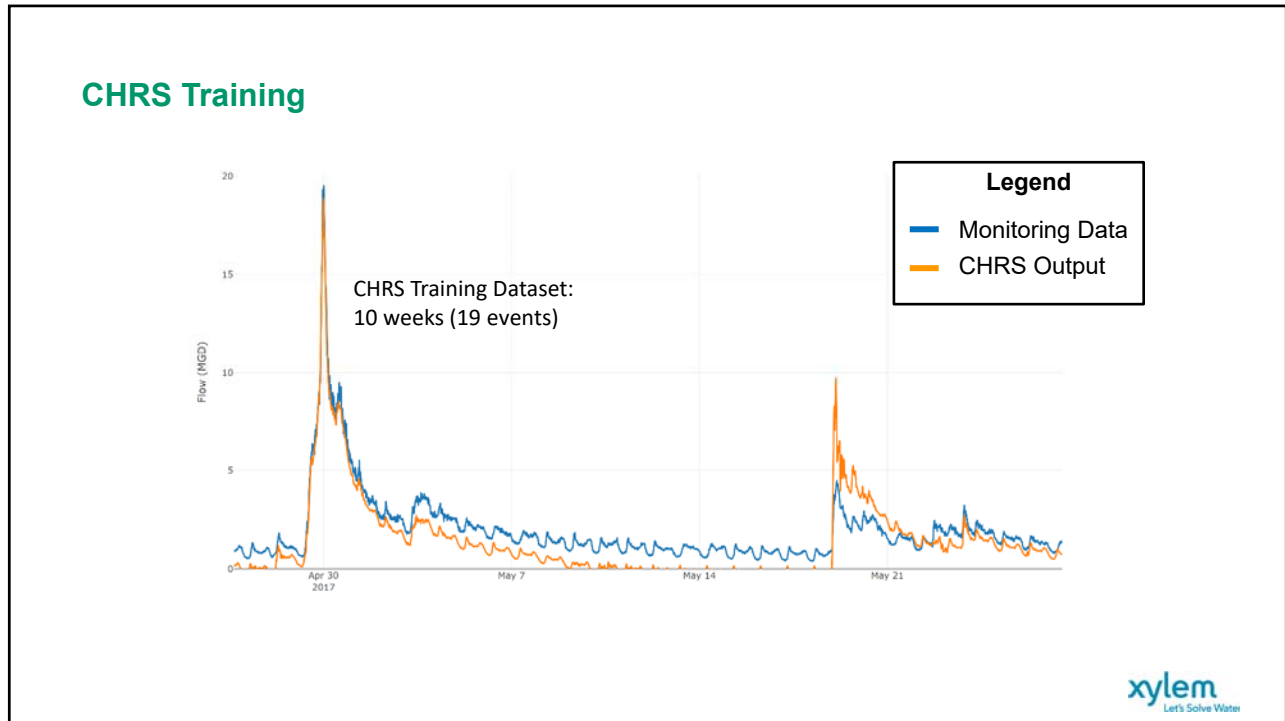
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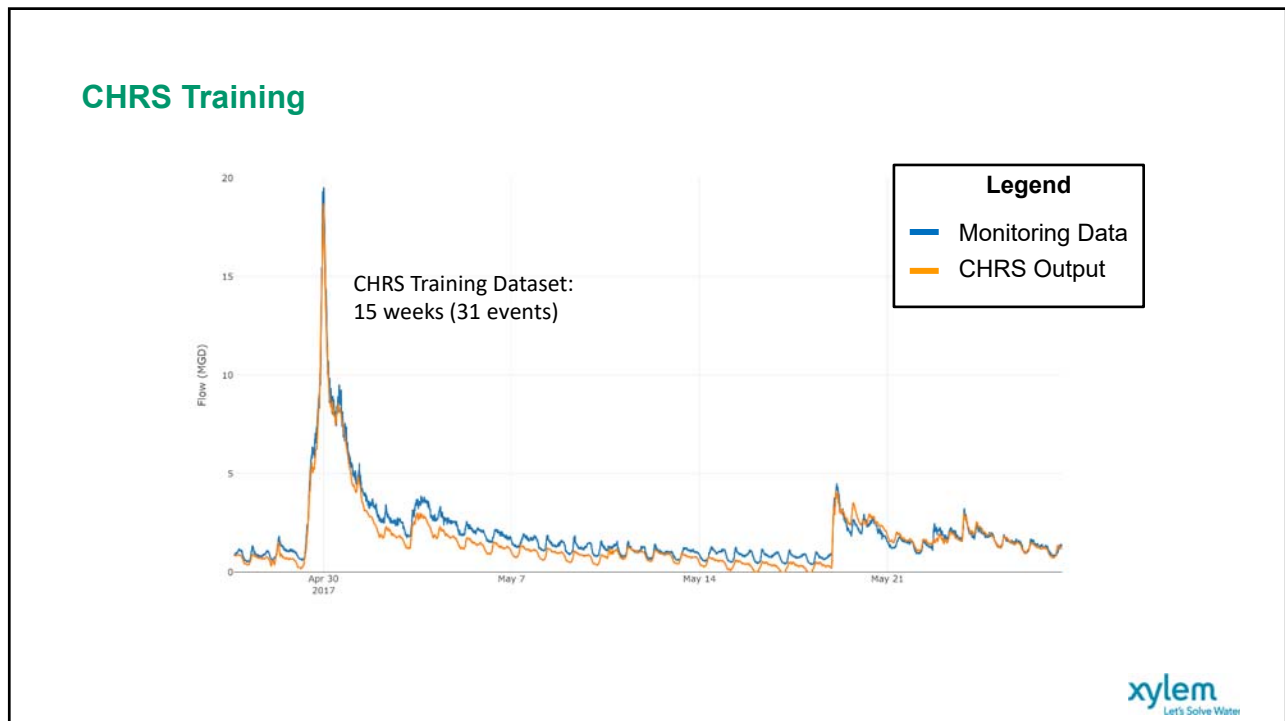
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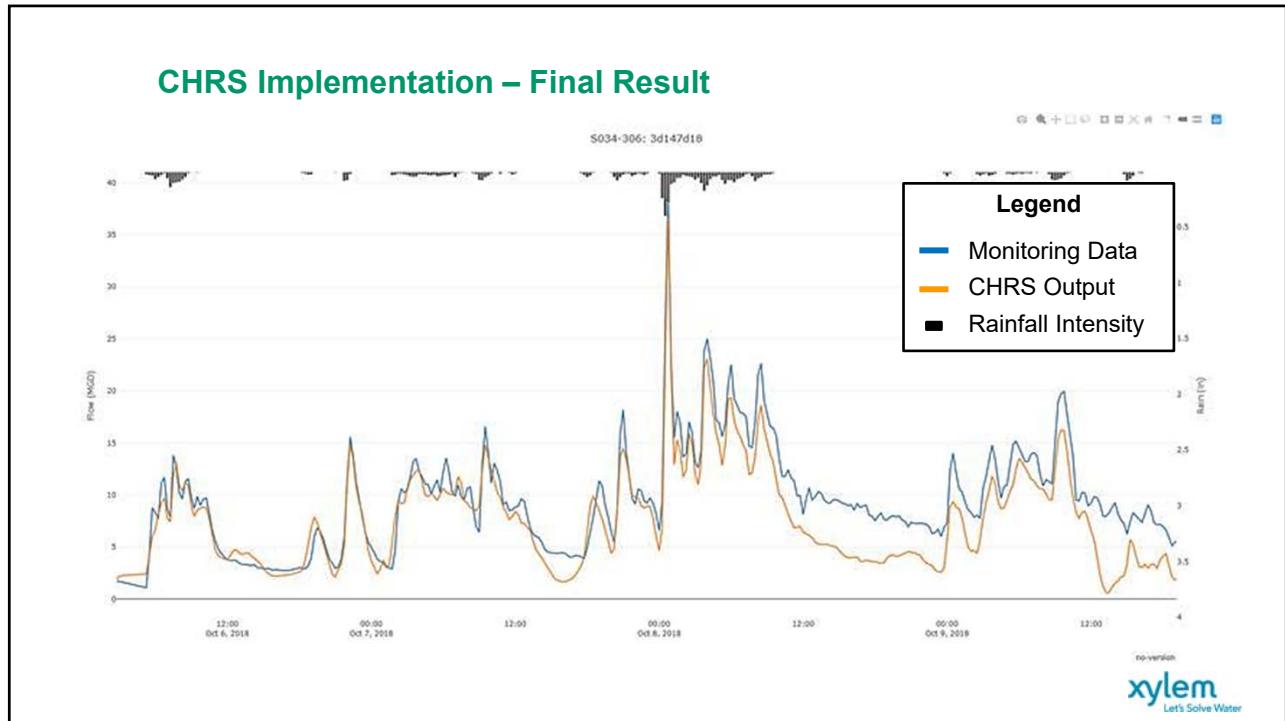
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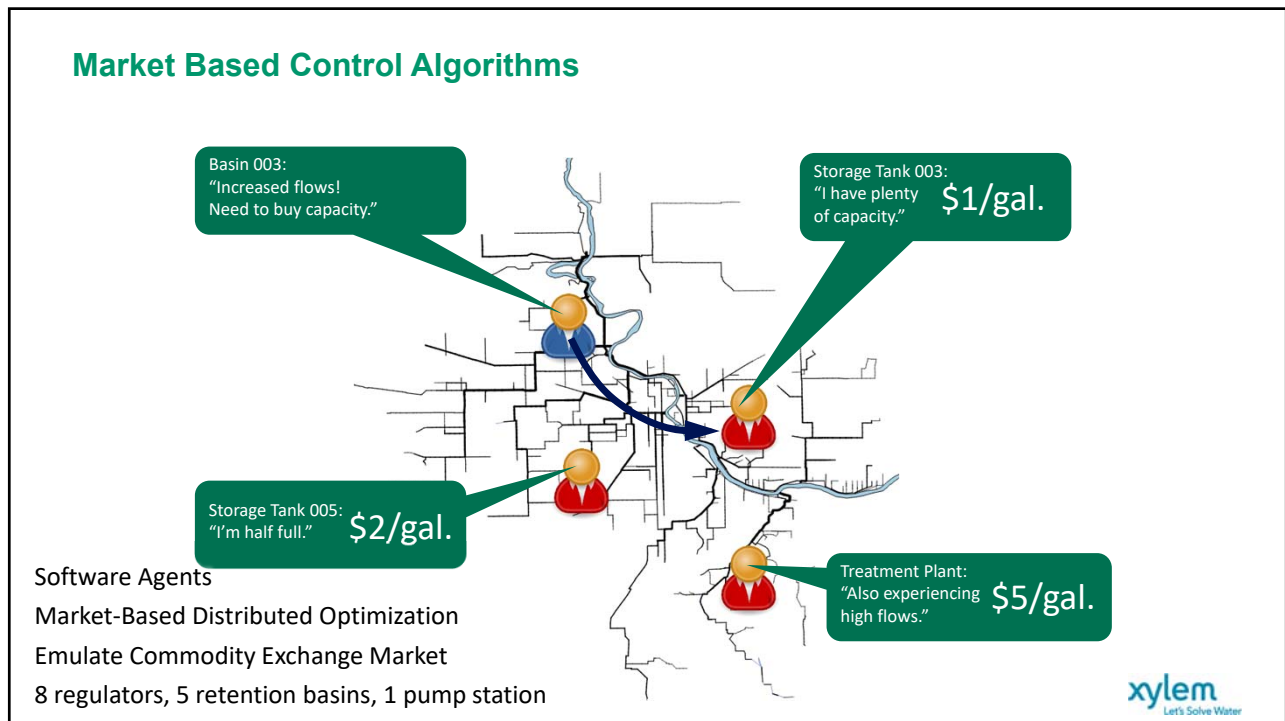
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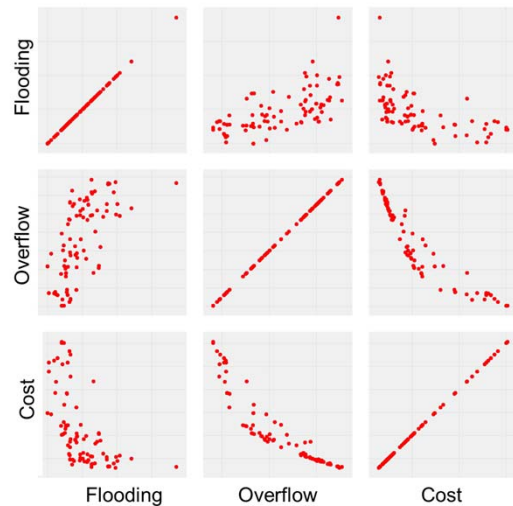
## Water Quality Based Optimization

### Step 1 – Define Water Quality Goal

- # of hours of E. coli non-compliance
- Measured at IN/MI stateline

### Step 2 – Update Hydrologic/Hydraulic Model

- Develop a CHRS enhanced model
- Identify all potential infrastructure options
- Develop globally coordinated control logic for all options
- Auto export key results
- Start with subset of storms, then do typical year



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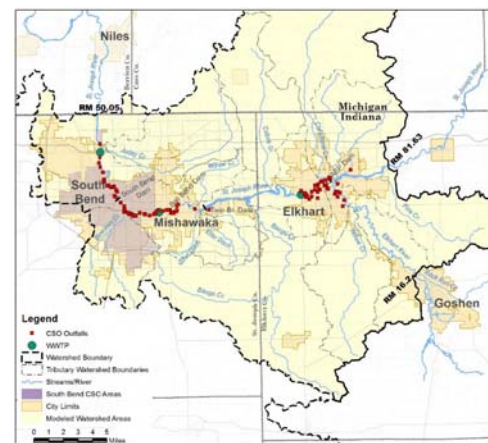
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## Water Quality Based Optimization

### Step 3 – Update Water Quality River Model

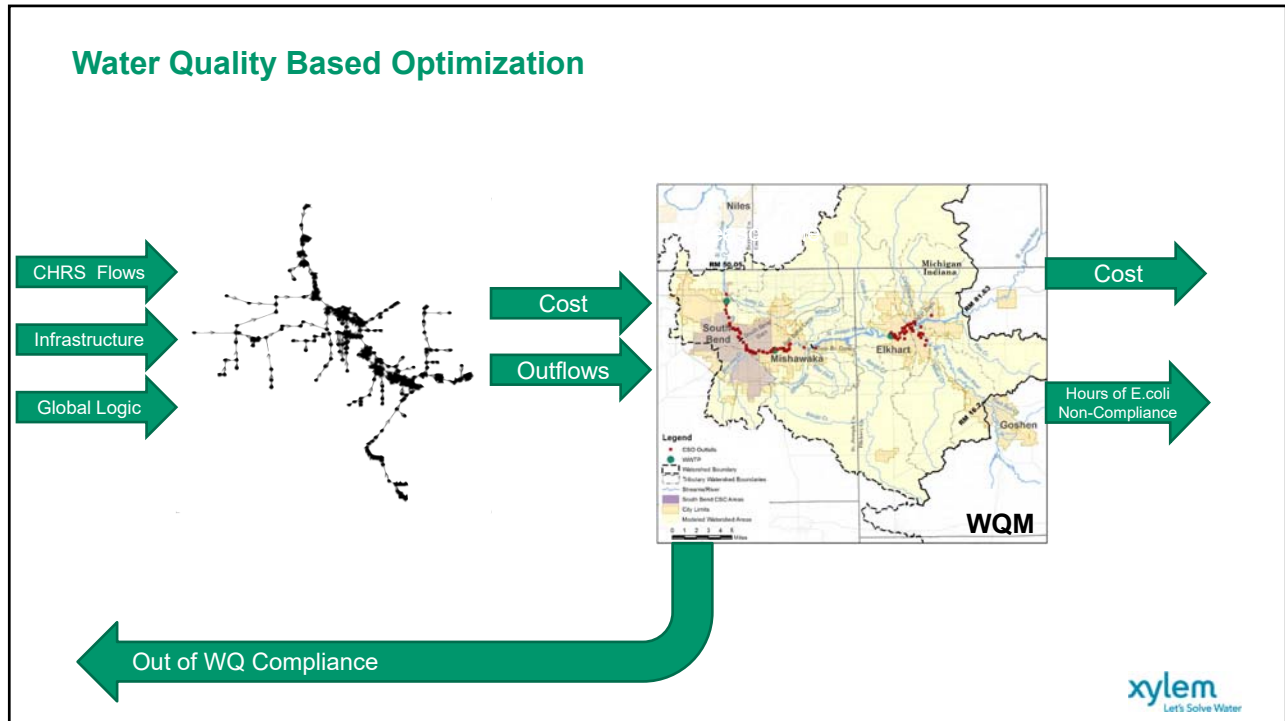
Includes hydraulics, Water Quality, and fate/transport

- Different pollutant concentrations depending on source
  - WWTPs
  - Stormwater
  - Untreated CSO
  - Partially treated CSO
  - Disinfected CSO
- Developed executable to accept timeseries outfall flows, classify them, run model, extract results, and give KPI



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### Water Quality Based Optimization

Multiple compliant plans  
 Examine secondary criteria

- Michigan standards
- Indiana standards
- # of activations
- Public impact

Submitted updated plan to regulators  
 Have completed negotiations  
 Finalizing approvals

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# Key Results and Learning

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<b>Updated Recommended Plan</b>			
<b>Plan Criteria</b>	<b>Current Conditions</b>	<b>Current LTCP</b>	<b>SAGE Plan*</b>
Green infrastructure plans (#CSO basins)	0	0	9
No. CSO storage locations	0	9	4
Total storage volume (MG)	0	24.4	13.4
Captures at least 85% of wet weather combined sewage volume per year	YES (89%)	YES (96%)	YES (99%)
WWTP capacity (MGD)	77	100	100
Number of overflows (Typical Year)	NA	13	3
Cost to implement LTCP (additional amounts)	\$0	\$713M	\$276M
Residential indicator % (<1 low, 1-2 mid, > 2 high)	N/A	3.69	2.3

\*Smarter Alternative for a Greener Environment

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### Why Go With SAGE Plan?

- \$437m less expensive
- Will result in 12% less E. Coli in St. Joseph River compared to the 2011 Consent Decree Plan
- Less frequent overflows (emissions) compared to today and compared to the 2011 Consent Decree Plan
- Less community disruption (4 vs 9 storage locations)
- Substantial green infrastructure

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### End Goal: Save the St. Joseph River



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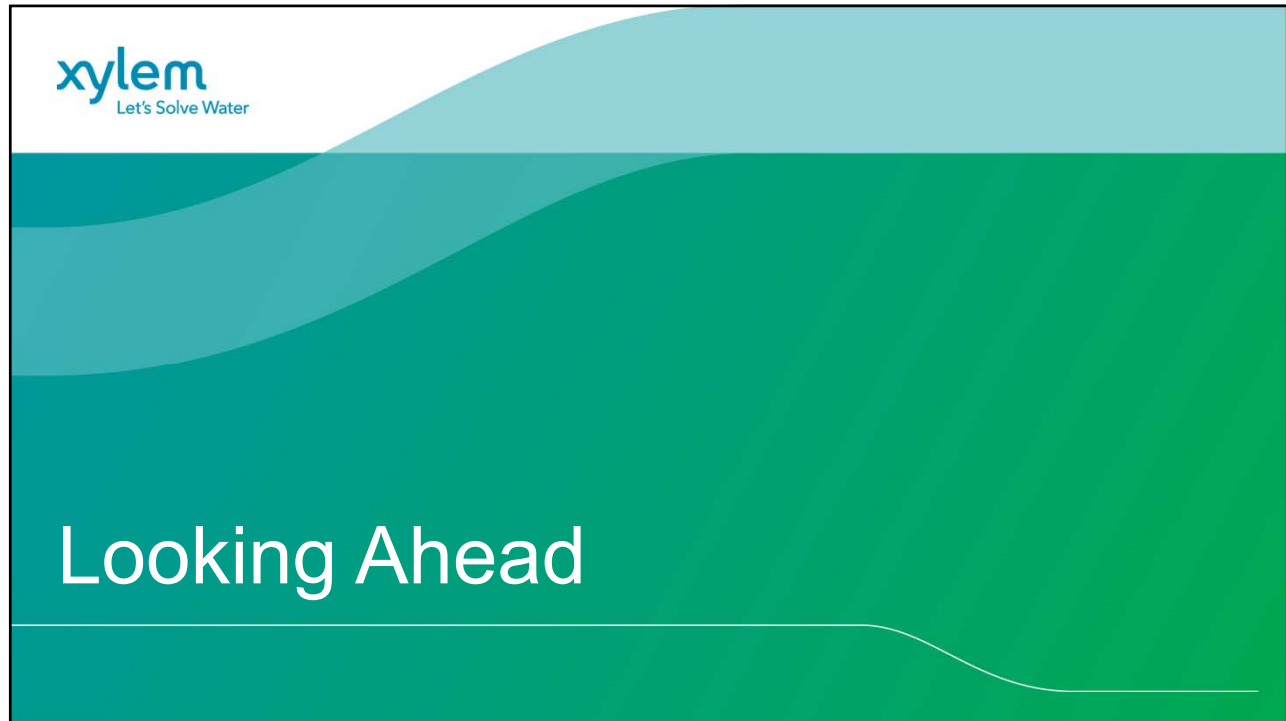
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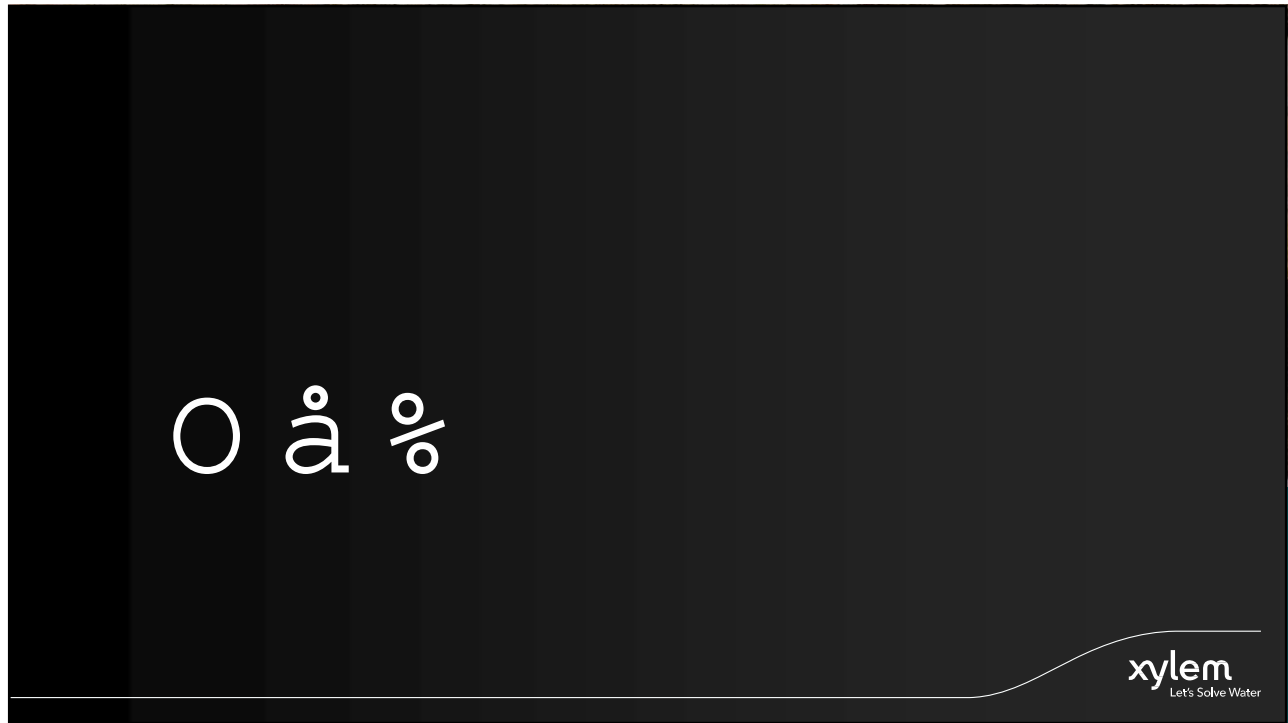
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Looking Ahead

- In final steps of completing negotiations with the regulators
- WWTP expansion is underway
- Piloting real time optimization of WWTP operations using BLU-X
- Linking collection system operation with WWTP operations

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