

CSO!

Clean Solutions for Omaha

Jobs

The CSO program is working with area organizations to identify workforce and job training needs and promote employment through the many projects scheduled to be completed. These projects include sewer separation as well as building treatment plants and the tunnel.

According to national data there will be opportunities for many types of business from hauling, construction, equipment, to materials and supplies.

The Omaha Workforce Collaborative, a partnership between the Greater Omaha Chamber, Metropolitan Community College, the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, and the United Way of the Midlands will coordinate a customized training opportunity for those seeking careers in fields related to CSO work. The training, provided by Metropolitan Community College with input and participation from the Nebraska chapter of the National Utility Contractors Association, will focus on specific utility construction practices and employable skills. The first group is scheduled to start in December of 2010 and finish in early spring 2011.

The CSO! Program is working with the community to enhance local business and jobs through this major project.



- Updates or links on training programs and recruitment for these programs will be posted on www.omahacso.com or you can request information at **420-341-0235**
- Requests for Proposal (RFP) related to construction and professional services can be found on the Public Works page of the City of Omaha's website at www.cityofomaha.org/pw/for-contractors-a-consultants or phone: **402-444-5220**
- Other opportunities for bidding on City goods and services can be found at www.omaha-douglasconnection.com/doing-business or phone: **402-444-7155**
- For information about small and emerging small business opportunities visit www.cityofomaha.org/humanrights/contract-compliance or phone: **402-444-5055**

CSO! Hotline:
402-341-0235

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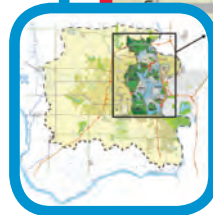
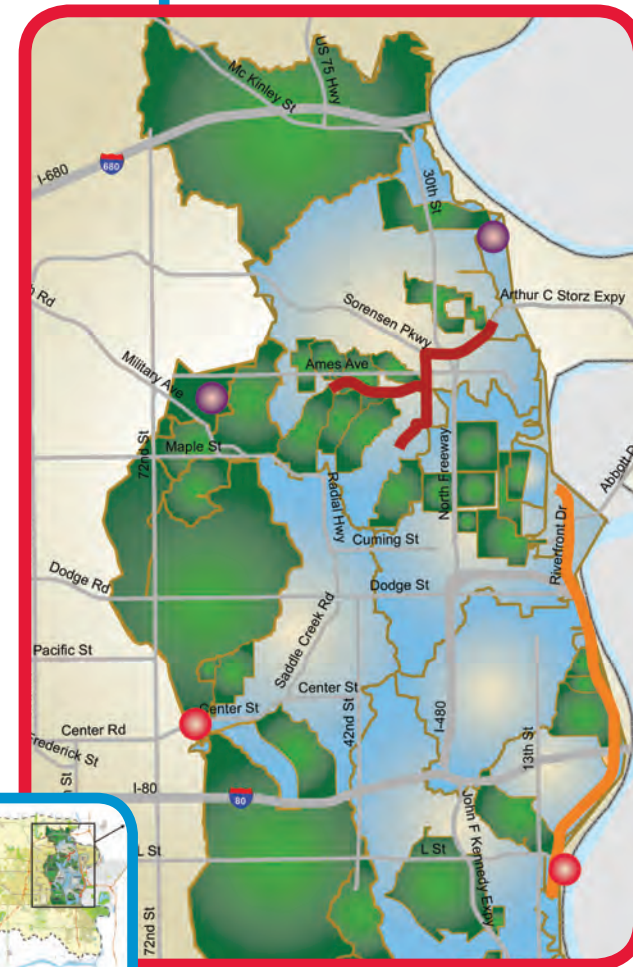


City of Omaha, Nebraska
Jim Suttle, Mayor

Proposed Major Solutions

LEGEND

- CSO Tunnel
- Minne Lusa Stormwater Conveyance Sewer
- CSO Targeted Sewer Separation
- Sewer Service / Use Fee Area
- CSO Storage Tanks
- Treatment Plants



The CSO Plan is Approved

The City of Omaha's CSO Implementation:

After three years of intensive study and community input, the City's plan to meet the unfunded, federal mandate to reduce the number of combined sewer overflows has been approved by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The plan will be constructed in phases with completion scheduled by 2024.

The City continues to face challenges in meeting the increased requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act while balancing regulatory compliance, economic affordability and community acceptance. But even with these challenges, there are also opportunities for community benefits.

Community Enhancements

Community opportunities will fall into two areas:

Projects that contribute to the reduction of water into the system and may be funded by the CSO Program include:

- Bioswales
- Reduced street width providing expanded green spaces
- New sidewalks
- Utility relocation
- Infrastructure replacements at new design standards

Projects desired by a neighborhood that would generally be paid for with outside funding obtained by a neighborhood or community organization and completed in collaboration with a CSO project include:

- Streetscape enhancement
- Public art
- Street furniture – benches, bike racks, kiosks
- Monument signage
- Recreation equipment

Green Solutions

As the CSO projects progress, they will include an assessment of how green solutions can be implemented to reduce the impact of stormwater on the system overall. Green solutions might include bio-retention swales, stormwater detention ponds and wider planting strips between streets and sidewalks.

There are also green solutions you can implement at home. Check out our website for more details at www.omahacso.com. Additional green solution resources for home or business can be found at:

- www.omahabydesign.org
- www.environmentomaha.com
- www.greenomahacoalition.org
- www.keepomahabeautiful.org
- www.omahastormwater.org

Funding the Program

This unfunded, federal mandate will be paid for primarily through increased sewer fees for residences, businesses, industries and wholesale customers of our regional wastewater system. Residential sewer fees will average \$37 a month by 2014.

Financing the Program

Bonds will be used to spread the costs over many years and will be issued annually to pay the cost of the projects. The sewer fees will pay the debt service over time.

Ratepayer Assistance Program

An assistance program has been established for those ratepayers who are on fixed incomes or need help meeting their financial obligations. In 2011, up to \$1 million dollars will be available to sewer customers for ratepayer aid. This program will be implemented in collaboration with the Metropolitan Utilities District (M.U.D.)



New Jobs



Rain Gardens



Bioswales



Green Spaces

