

# The Plan

The Long Term Control Plan that will be submitted to the state on October 1, 2009 is available for viewing on the CSO! website at [www.omahacso.com](http://www.omahacso.com), at the City Public Works office located at 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 600 or at any of the metropolitan public libraries.

## Proposed Major Solutions



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Clean Solutions for Omaha

## Omaha Must Reduce Sewer Overflows

Omaha is one of more than 772 cities nationwide required by an unfunded federal mandate to reduce sewer overflows resulting from its combined sewer system.

To meet the required water quality guidelines, the city must reduce the average number of annual raw sewage overflows into the Missouri River and the Papillion Creek from 52 to four. The city has worked for the past three years, analyzing the issues and developing solutions for the Long Term Control Plan.

## Learn More About the Plan

You're invited to a public meeting where the plan will be presented:

**August 18, 2009**  
**TAC Building**  
**3218 Cuming Street, Omaha**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

OR read the plan on line at [www.omahacso.com](http://www.omahacso.com) or call the hotline for questions and other locations where the plan is available for reading.

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# Proposed Solutions

In 2007, the city presented the CSO proposed initial solutions to the community and to regulators. Since that time, refinements have been made that include:

- Adding additional areas for proposed sewer separation
- Reducing the length of the tunnel by approximately one-half mile and increasing the diameter from 12 feet to 17 feet.
- Eliminating one of three proposed high rate treatment plants and instead including a below-ground storage tank in the Minne Lusa area
- Reducing the number of tunnel drop shafts from six to five
- Proposing an underground storage tank near Benson Park
- Adding a large storm sewer in North Omaha.

In addition, about 15 locations have also been identified for green solutions and are being further evaluated by the city to determine their effectiveness in helping reduce the impact of storm water on the sewer system.

# The Cost

The projected cost of the entire project has been updated to reflect the cost in 2009 dollars. The cost was estimated at \$1.5 billion in 2006 and is now estimated at about \$1.7 billion in 2009 dollars. Sewer rates will be the likely source for funding this project. Funding will include all rate payers; residential, commercial, industrial and wholesale users.

Currently, the **average Omaha resident** pays approximately \$14 per month or \$168 per year. This amount could rise to over \$50 per month or \$600 per year for the average resident by 2017. Commercial and industrial rates along with residential rates in communities outside Omaha will see various rate changes. A rate payment assistance program is being developed and will be implemented in 2011 for low or fixed income individuals.



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