

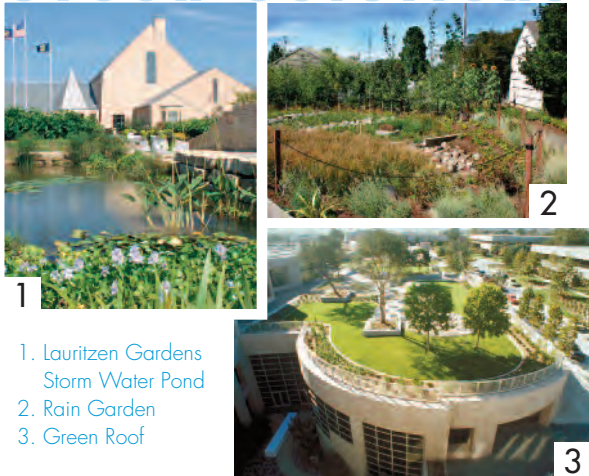
The Next Steps

Engineering teams and City Public Works will continue to refine project costs, solution concepts and construction schedules for a final report to the regulators in October of 2009. Omaha has until 2024 to implement the solutions under the Federal mandate.

How You Can Participate

There will be additional information available to the public about when and where the work will be done; contractor and job opportunities; neighborhood enhancements; rate payment assistance options for eligible community members and more. Please visit our website www.omahacso.com, any public library or call us at 341-0235.

Green Solutions



If you or your organization would like someone to speak at a meeting with more details about the CSO Program, please call our hotline or email us at omahacso@lovgren.com.

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Clean Solutions for Omaha

Omaha Must Reduce Sewer Overflows

Nationwide, the Federal government has identified 772 communities, including Omaha, that must address their combined sewer system overflows. This unfunded Federal mandate means we must reduce the number of average raw sewage overflows per year to the Missouri River and the Papillion Creek from 52 to four. Raw sewage contaminates these waterways with unhealthy bacteria making them unfit for swimming or recreation.

Deep Tunnel

The Solutions

In fall 2007, the City presented the CSO proposed solutions at a community meeting and to the regulators.

The recommendations include: targeted sewer separation, **one deep storage tunnel and three new high rate treatment facilities to only operate during wet weather.** Under an agreement with the State of Nebraska, Omaha is committed to completing the implementation of the long-term control plan by 2024.



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What Are the Benefits?

- improved water quality for rivers and streams
- increased community enhancements such as streetscapes and landscapes
- increased job opportunities and economic growth (contractors and services)

What It Will Cost.

Engineers and city officials estimate it will cost approximately \$1.5 billion to meet appropriate water quality goals.

How Will We Pay For the Improvements?

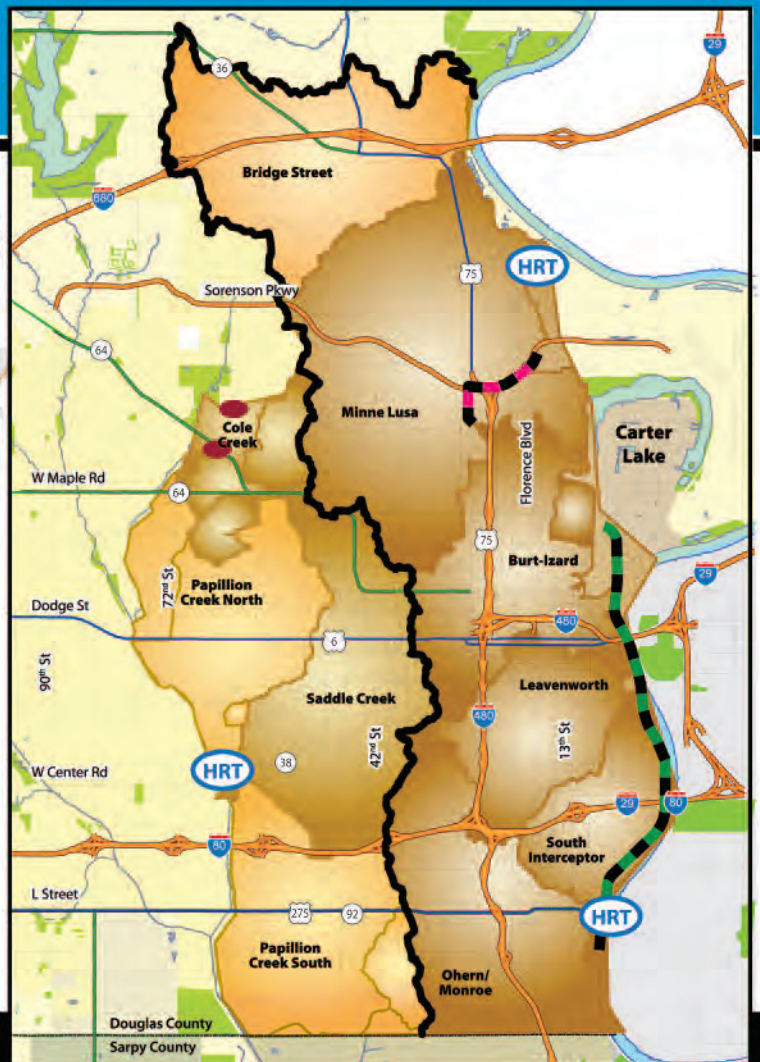
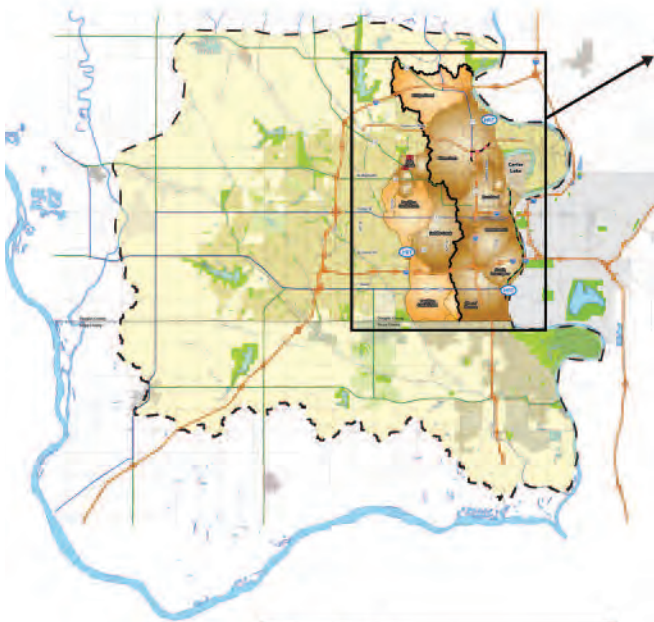
Sewer rates are the most likely source of funding this project which means all rate payers, residential,

commercial, industrial and wholesale will see monthly rates increase. Currently the average resident pays approximately \$12 per month or \$144 per year. This amount could rise to approximately \$50 per month or \$600 per year by 2017. Even when the work is completed, the increased fees will be needed for maintenance and to pay off the bonds issued by the City.

Ratepayer Assistance Program

While our community is required to implement this project we know it will be difficult for some families to pay the increased rates. So, the City is developing a rate payment assistance program to help those in need.

Proposed Major Solutions



Legend

- High Rate Treatment Facility
- CSO Tunnel
- Minne Lusa Basin Tunnel
- Missouri River Basin Boundary
- CSO Basin Service Area with Targeted Sewer Separation Projects
- Areas with CSO Sewer Separation
- Sewer Service/Use Fee Area
- CSO Storage Tanks

