

CSO Program Goals

Clean Solutions for Omaha is responsible for improving water quality in the Missouri River and area streams by reducing combined sewer overflows. This is an unfunded federal mandate with three elements—**regulatory compliance**, **economic affordability**, and **community acceptance**.



Community Acceptance

Omaha Student Participates in ACE Mentor Program, Wins National Scholarship



Workforce development is one of CSO's Economic Equity and Inclusion Program (EEIP) goals, focused on fostering a future where more young women and people of color develop an interest and participate in architecture, construction and engineering.

Any firm that secures a \$500,000+ construction contract with the City is required to have an Economic Equity and Inclusion plan. Many firms in the Omaha area have united their efforts to form a local affiliate of the national ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program, expanding opportunities to give back to the community, contribute to Omaha's workforce development and make a bigger impact.

The program features a year-long mentoring period where students gain hands-on experience working with a team of architects, engineers and contractors on a real-world project.

Karen Hickey, a stand-out student from Omaha North High School, who has been involved in the program for two years, was recently awarded a scholarship of \$16,000 from the ACE National CMiC Scholarship Committee—one of the top awards available.

"So many students appreciate the time firms are giving to them," said Jan Christensen, director of the ACE Mentor Program in Omaha. "I would like to echo that appreciation, and as a former educator myself, please know that all of our students and educators are better because of the time you give them in the classroom and in their future."

Current Program Highlights & Initiatives*

Monroe Street Lift Station Improvements Project

final design is nearing completion, with construction bid advertisement anticipated in May 2021.

Final design is in progress for **Cole Creek CSO 202 Phase 2 – 70th Avenue and Spencer Street**, with 60% plans anticipated in June 2021.

Final design is in progress for **Hickory Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation**, with bid advertisement anticipated in Q3 2021.

Preliminary Design is underway for the **South Barrel Conversion and Sewer Separation Project**.

Design kick-off meeting was held in February and design is underway for the proposed modified **Forest Lawn Creek Inflow and Outflow Storm Sewer Project**.

Blake Street Lift Station Improvements Project construction bid advertisement is anticipated in Q3 2021 upon completion of right-of-way activities.

Cole Creek CSO 203 Sewer Separation Project Roloff Construction is anticipated to start work in June 2021.

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Completed Bid/Construction Study & Design Future Project *Looking back and ahead approximately one month.



Highlights and Initiatives* (Continued.)



Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin Project

-  Basin roof slab construction continues at the **Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin Project**. Chemical building construction has commenced on the west side of the site.
-  Motors for the new pumps were delivered in April 2021 for the **Burt-Izard Lift Station Replacement Project**. Start-up activities will commence in May 2021.
-  Construction started in March 2021 for the **Cole Creek CSO 204 Area – Phase 3 Sewer Separation Project**.
-  The second wastewater pump was installed at the **Missouri River Water Resource Recovery Facility – Transfer Lift Station** in March. Testing of this pump and the first stormwater pump occurred in April 2021.
-  **Riverview Lift Station Replacement Project** construction contractor has begun to pour the main floor slab for the lift station. Pipe installation in Gibson Road is completed.
-  **Nicholas Street Sewer Separation, Phase 3B Project** construction contract award is expected May 2021, with construction expected to begin in September.
-  **Papillion Creek North CSO 210 Sewer Separation Project** Roloff Construction is anticipated to start work in June 2021.

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 Study & Design  Future Project  Bid/Construction  Completed

For More Information...

Visit the Program website:
www.OmahaCSO.com

Email us: info@OmahaCSO.com

Call the CSO Program Hotline: **402-341-0235**

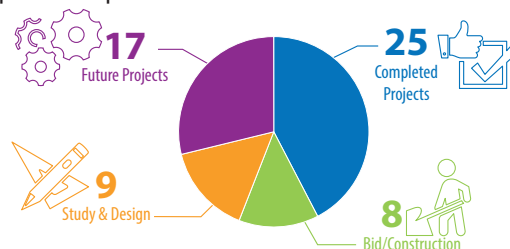
The CSO Program is a City of Omaha Public Works Initiative.

To report street flooding and sewer backups, call the City of Omaha, Sewer Maintenance Division at **402-444-5332**.

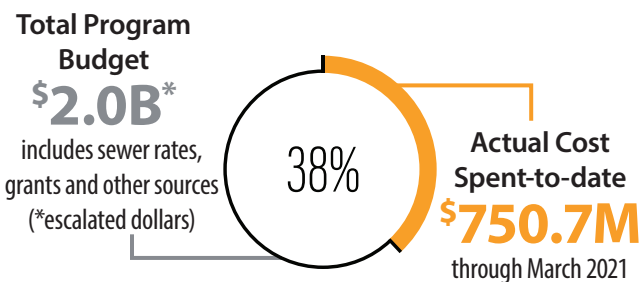
For information about the sewer use fee assistance program call **402-341-0235**. To apply for Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance, which qualifies you for sewer use fee assistance, call **402-595-1258**.

LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN (LTCP) PROJECT STATUS

Project counts change as they progress through the design and construction process, as well as during Program reviews to optimize project efforts. Project counts reflect the LTCP and the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) permit, both of which were modified in June 2017. An update to the LTCP was submitted to Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for review in March of 2021, with approval anticipated in the summer or fall of 2021.



TOTAL CSO BUDGET & EXPENDITURES




COMPANIES ENGAGED

During the past five years,* small and emerging small businesses (SEBs) received nearly **\$9 M** in construction contracts and subcontracts, representing nearly **nine percent** of the total construction amount contracted through the City's CSO Program over the same period of time.

In addition, approximately **\$21M** in construction subcontracts went to minority and/or women-owned businesses as a part of the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for those projects that received federal funding during that same period of time.

*2016–2020

RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE

 Ratepayer assistance is provided to low-income households who qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and additionally through the 2020 CARES Act.

From January through March 2021, over **\$460,000**

has been provided in assistance; for a total of **\$14,807,000** from inception through March 2021.

