



# Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin

Aksarben-Elmwood  
Neighborhood Association Meeting  
*May 15, 2014*



## Meeting Agenda

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Ann Pedersen</b>
<b>CSO Overview</b>	<b>Jim Theiler</b>
<b>Neighborhood Update</b>	<b>Roger Coffey</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>David White</b>
<b>Project Schedule</b>	<b>David White</b>
<b>Q &amp; A</b>	<b>All</b>





# Omaha CSO Program

*Overview*



## Challenges Facing Omaha

- Meeting the increased requirements of the federal Clean Water Act
- Balancing the following needs
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Economic affordability
  - Community acceptance

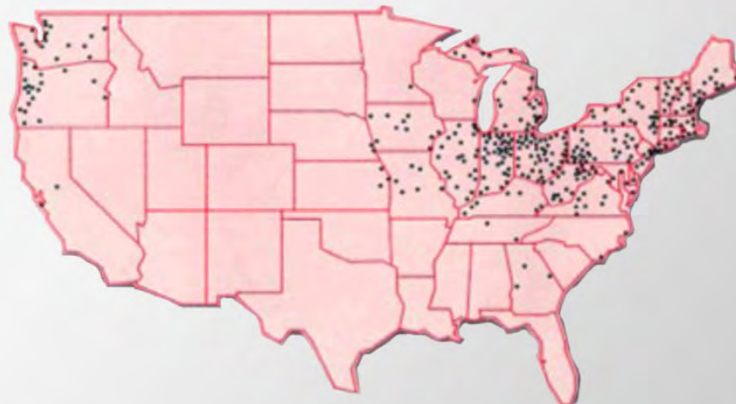


## Opportunities

- Reduce overflows of raw sewage to our streams; improve water quality
- Continue our efforts to eliminate sewer backups into basements
- Replace aging sewer, gas, water and street infrastructure
- Integrate infrastructure upgrades with continued redevelopment
- Improve drainage and reduce flooding



## 772+ CSO Communities Nationwide



## Metro Service Area

- Two regional treatment plants
- 10 wholesale users
- 275 sq mi drainage area
- 600,000 service population



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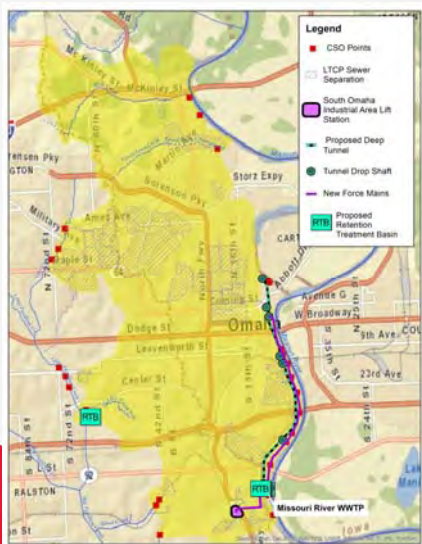
## Omaha Sewer System

- 1,950 miles of sewers
  - Eastern half combined
  - Western half separate
- 43 sq mi combined sewer area
  - 28,000 acres
  - 6,200 sq blocks
- 29 CSO outfalls
  - 10 to Papio Creek
  - 19 to Missouri River
  - 3 eliminated



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## Six Major Elements of Final Long Term Control Plan (2009)



Targeted Sewer Separation Projects



Two High-Rate Treatment Facilities



One Deep Conveyance Tunnel

Improvements to the MRWWTP Delivery and Treatment system



## Six Major Elements of Final Long Term Control Plan



Two Underground Storage Tanks



One Large Stormwater Sewer



## Program Costs (2009 Dollars)

Project Category	Program Cost
Deep Tunnel Project	\$ 442,000,000
Minne Lusa Stormwater Collector Projects	\$ 113,000,000
High Rate Treatment Projects	\$ 126,000,000
South Interceptor Force Main Project	\$ 77,000,000
MRWWTP Improvements	\$ 91,000,000
Lift Station Projects	\$ 131,000,000
Storage Structure Projects	\$ 31,000,000
Sewer Separation Projects	\$ 614,000,000
Miscellaneous Projects	\$ 36,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,661,000,000

Estimated 2014 Dollars:  
\$2 Billion

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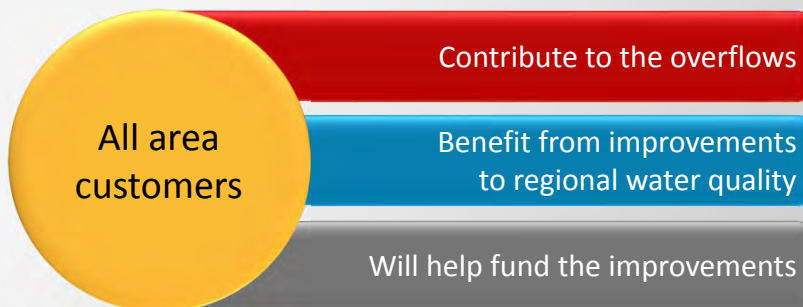
## Program Status as of March, 2014

- **\$31M** - construction complete, contracts closed
- **\$208M** - construction work ongoing contracts open
- **\$379M** - estimated value of work in design
- **\$105M** - currently paid out for construction

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## Funding the Program

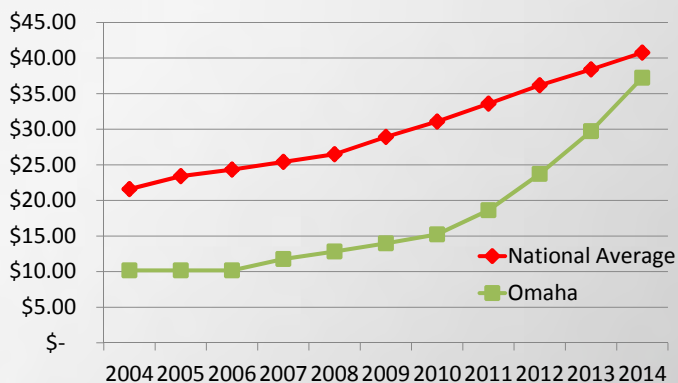
The federal mandate for the Omaha system is to increase wet weather capacity to reduce sewage overflows.



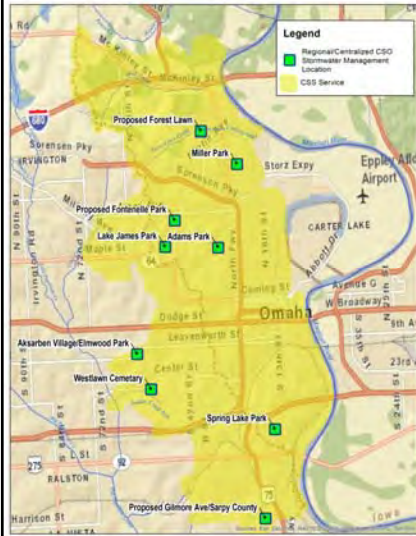
## Paying for the Program

Financed with Bonds  
Funded by Sewer Fees

*Residential Rates*



## City of Omaha CSO Program Regional System of Centralized Stormwater Management



- Large scale 'centralized' stormwater management practices
- Use in parks and other open spaces
- Controlling stormwater to save over \$30 million by using less 'grey infrastructure'



## Neighborhood Update





## Neighborhood Project Status Aksarben Village/Elmwood Park



- Project Completed
- Project awarded the Green Leaf Award from Omaha By Design
- City Overlay Program – July to October 2014



## Neighborhood Project Status Saddle Creek – 55<sup>th</sup> to 64<sup>th</sup>

- Anticipated Completion  
July 2014

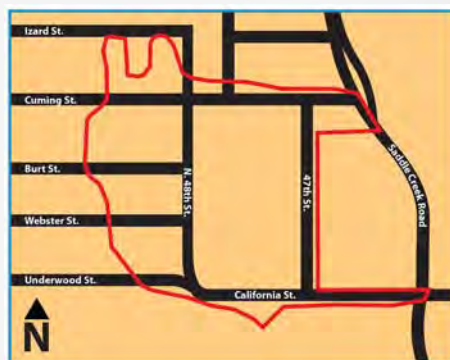


## Neighborhood Project Status CSO 211 – 66th & Pacific Street

- Project Completed
- City Overlay Program – Currently Underway



## Neighborhood Project Status 48<sup>th</sup> and Burt Sewer Separation Project Area

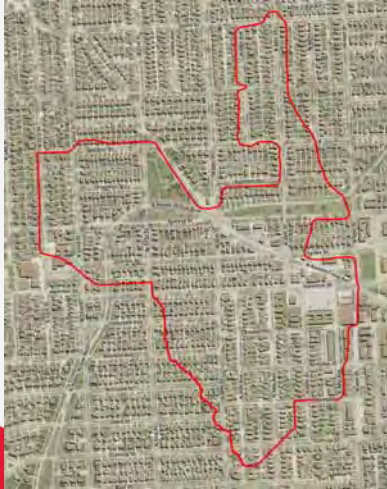


**LEGEND:**  
— Study Boundary for the  
48th & Burt Project

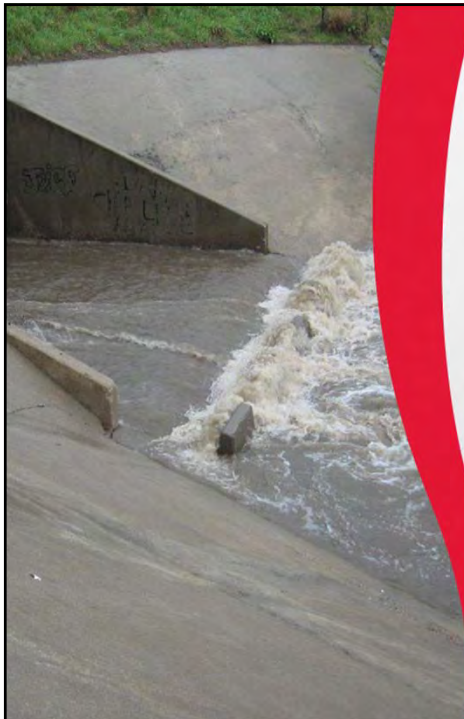
- Sewer Separation to address localized basement back-ups and street flooding
- Study on-going; extent and timing of construction TBD



## Neighborhood Project Status 49<sup>th</sup> and Caldwell Sewer Separation Drainage Area



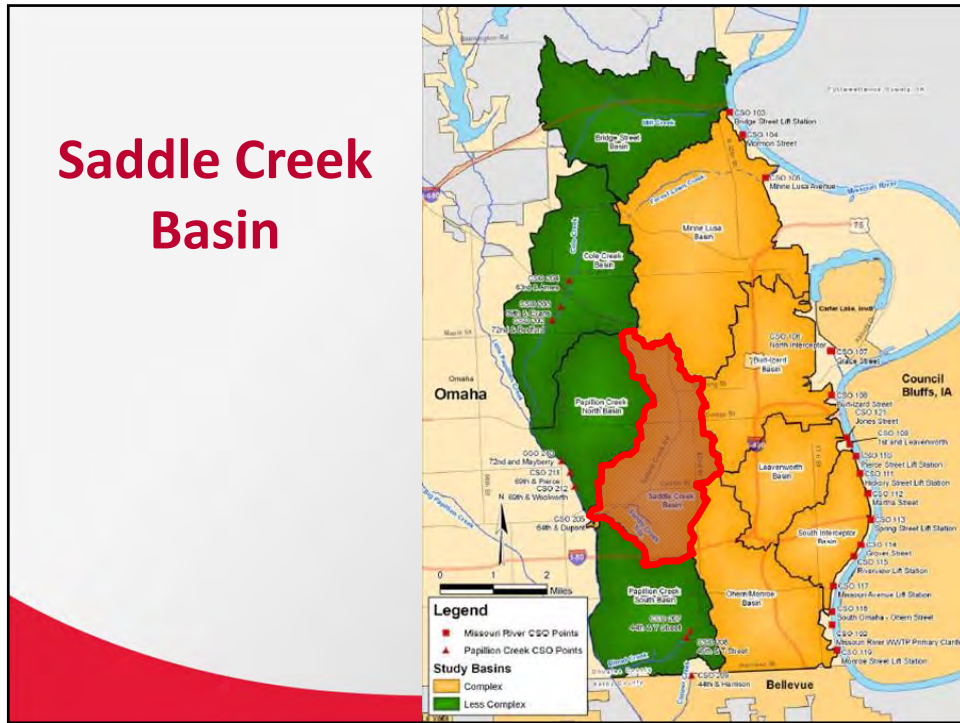
- Sewer Separation Project to address localized basement back-ups and street flooding
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - 60% Design Public Meeting
- Anticipated design complete this year
- Construction in 2015 - 2016



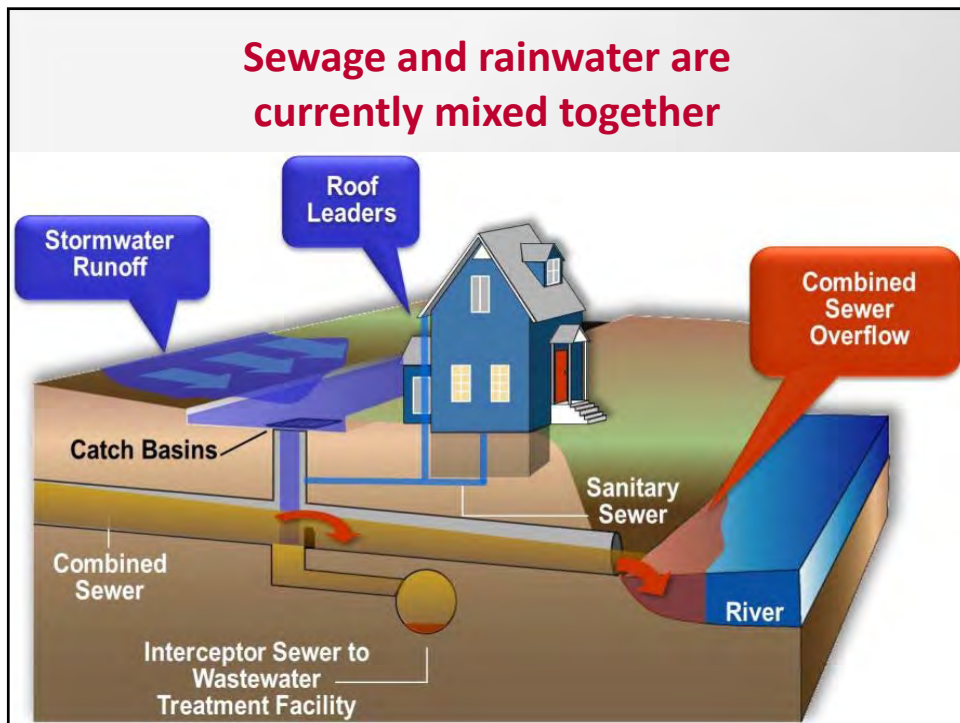
## Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin



# Saddle Creek Basin



## Sewage and rainwater are currently mixed together



# Existing Site

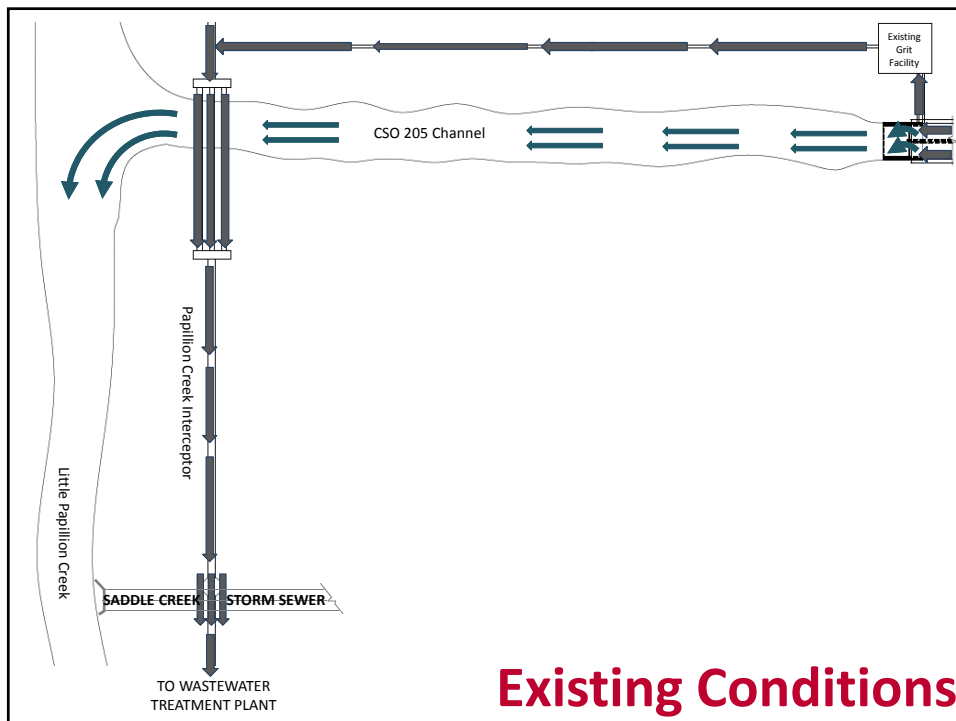


## Combined Sewer Overflows

- Overflows occur on average between 50 and 60 days in most years
- As little as 0.10<sup>th</sup> inch of rain can cause an overflow



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**Existing Conditions**



## Purpose of the Project

Capture, treat and reduce the volume of combined stormwater and sewage entering the Little Papillion Creek



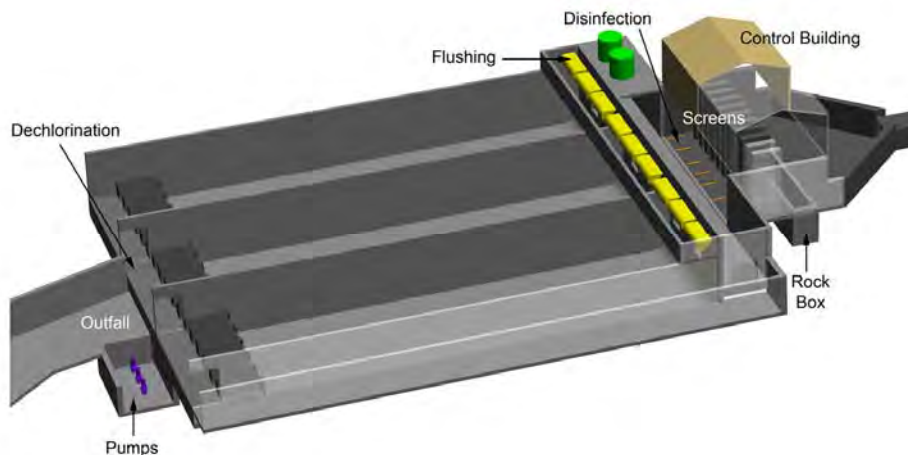
## Project Goals

- Improve water quality and meet EPA requirements
- Reduce odors
- Minimize disruption to businesses and residents
- Integrate green and sustainable solutions

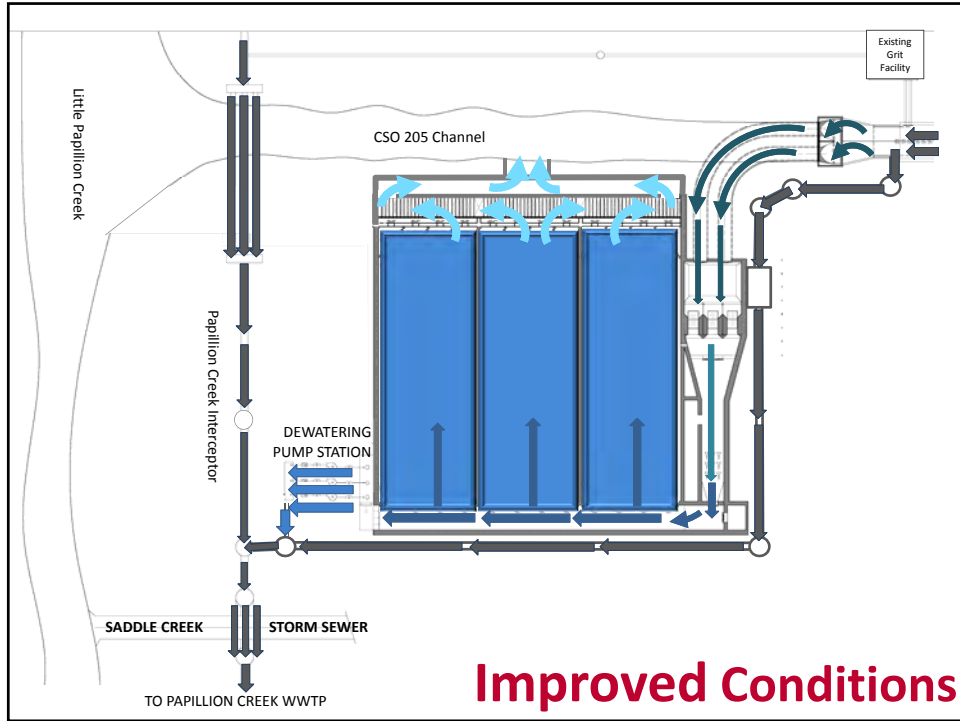


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## What is an RTB?







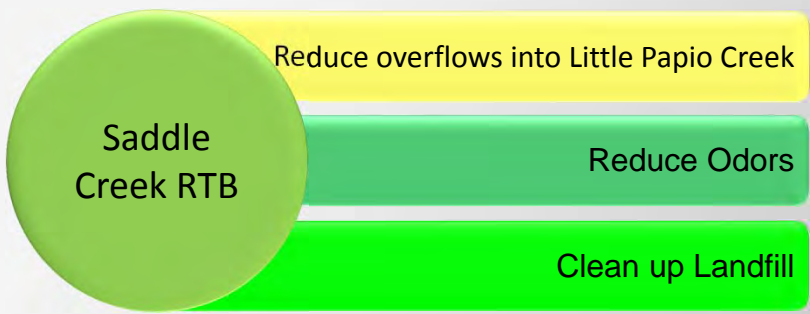
## Conceptual Facility



## View of Building From the North



## Community Enhancements



## Utility Coordination

- Partnership with OPPD&UNO Arena on power supply
- Partnership with MUD&UNO Arena on water lines



## Sustainable Solutions

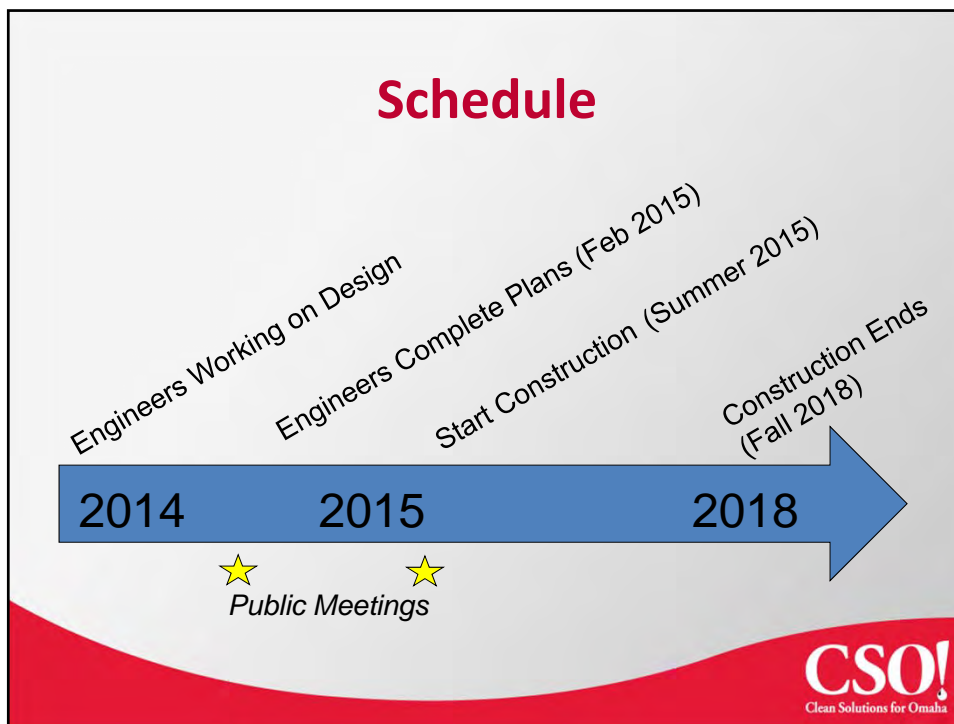
- Gravity Flow Through Facility Eliminates Need for Expensive Pumping Equipment
- Removal of Construction & Demolition Landfill Debris and Reuse of Site
- Geothermal Heating/Cooling Partnership with OPPD
- White Roof



## Green Solutions

- Rainwater Harvesting
- Bioretention Pond
- Native Grasses





## For More Information

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**Questions?**

