

Local Sewer System Evaluation Studies Provide a Roadmap for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and Member Communities to Improve Sewer Systems

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Outline

- Overview/Objectives
- Project Tasks/Approach
- Results
- Observations/Lessons/Deliverables

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) Overview

- 355-square-mile total service area
 - 85 SM combined sewers
 - 270 SM separate sewers (76%)
 - 300 miles of interceptor sewers; 3 WWTPs
- 61 member communities
- \$3B Project Clean Lake CSO control program (2011-2036, 98% control of CSOs)



Sewer System Evaluation Studies - Planning-level Projects to Support Communities



NEORSD Separate Sanitary Sewer System Areas

- Highly variable, aging systems
- Basement backups (BBUs)
- SSOs
- Other water quality issues
 - Common trench sewers
 - Illicit discharges
 - Failing septic systems



Common Trench Sewers



- Constructed in NE Ohio primarily before 1980
- High I/I
- Sewage crossflows to storm sewers
- Difficult O&M and repairs

LSSES Objectives (Planning Level Study)

- Use existing information and new information and analysis to characterize sewer system performance and problems.
- Develop, optimize and prioritize planning level solutions for community implementation.
- Document approach, findings and solutions in ArcGIS Online (AGOL) and supporting community reports.
- Support community understanding and implementation efforts.
- Support community participation in District's Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program (MCIP).

Member Community Infrastructure Program (MCIP)

2017 – 2021 – completed or in progress

- \$32.5 million invested 54 sewer improvement projects
- Leveraged \$55.5 million in member community contributions
- Remediation of over 1,600 basement flooding locations
- 11 SSO/CSOs mitigated or controlled
- 3 wastewater treatment plants eliminated
- 1,600 individual septic systems converted to sewer service
- 161,000 LF of new sewers

2022 MCIP - authorized

- \$15 million 20 additional projects
- Remediation of additional 575 basement flooding locations,
- 14 SSOs controlled,
- 73 septic systems converted to sewer service
- 37,000 LF of new sewers



LSSES Tasks Overview

Task	Task Objectives	Approach
1. Local system assessment strategy	Prioritize study area for monitoring and inspection of significant problems	 Analyze existing information to prioritize likely problem areas
		Confirm information with communities
		 Initial micromonitoring to screen calibration monitoring locations
2. System inspection and condition assessment	Inspect 5-10% of the total system to determine condition and relate to performance	 Micromonitoring (550 locations)
		 Smoke and dyed water testing
		CCTV inspection
		 Public sewers and private service laterals
3. System evaluation	Model the system to relate condition and performance, and identify problems	 Model calibration monitoring (260 locations)
		 Model calibration and problem ID (SSOs and BBUs)
		Confirm information with communities
4. Prioritized capital solutions	Develop, optimize and prioritize planning-level capital improvements for community review and implementation	 Use costs and results from previous improvement areas to develop alternatives and model post-construction performance.
		 Use screening alternatives to provide starting point for analysis
		 Develop/optimize solutions using the calibrated model and costs

Local System Assessment Strategy – Reported Problems



Local System Assessment Strategy – Sewer System Type



Local System Assessment Strategy – Existing System Capacity



Local System Assessment Strategy – Initial Monitoring



Local System Assessment Strategy – Peak Flows



Local System Assessment Strategy – Active SSOs



Local System Assessment Strategy – Basement Backups



Local System Assessment Strategy – Observed Sewer Surcharging



Local System Assessment Strategy – Initial Priority Map



Local System Assessment Strategy – Final Priority Map



System Inspection and Condition Assessment Prioritization



System Inspection and Condition Assessment - Testing



System Inspection and Condition Assessment Private Property Testing



System Inspection and Condition Assessment – ArcGIS Online (AGOL)

- Field data recorded in AGOL or linked for larger files, video, etc.
- Allows efficient overlay and correlation of data and analysis results
- Documentation for approved system users



Local System Evaluation – Monitoring and Analysis





- Calibration monitoring (260 locations)
- Rainfall monitoring (27 locations)
- Model calibration
- Hydraulic performance assessment HGL profiles in AGOL
- Problem identification

Local System Evaluation – Projected Surcharging & SSOs

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Local System Evaluation – Projected Basement Backups

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Standardized Improvement Options

Task 4

Other options include

- Increased capacity or new flow path to sewer with capacity
- Private I/I rehabilitation
- Local storage of peak flows
- Integrated solutions/GI stormwater mgmt.

High Pipe Concept for Isolated Basement Backups

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Alternatives Optimization

Standardized Process

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Improvements Prioritization

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Known problems

- Community reported problems (generally BBUs)
- Known SSOs active during 5-year rainfall

Areas of excessive I/I

- Separate over/under common trench systems
- Sewage/stormwater cross-flow pollution
- Difficult O&M

Projected problems

- Model predicted BBUs, flooded MHs
- Sewage/stormwater cross-flow pollution
- Aging infrastructure

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Existing conditions

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Tier 1 Improvements

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Tier 2 Improvements

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Tier 3 Improvements

Prioritized Capital Solutions – Tiers 1, 2 & 3 Improvements

Future Conditions Analysis – Potential Development Impacts

- Identified developable land areas
- Assigned to nearest base model nodes using GIS
- Assigned dry and wet weather flows based on monitoring in recent development areas
- Analyzed impacts using base and improved system models
- Identified potential capacity problem areas

Observations/Lessons for LSSES Planning Projects

- Identify and use existing data and community information to prioritize where and how to target field investigations.
- Coordinate with local communities throughout the project to share information and results.
- Use AGOL to plan and implement field investigations and document findings.
- Develop efficient analysis tools and a standard process for alternatives development and optimization (separate presentation is available).
- Use recent local project cost data for cost estimating and standardize unit costs for typical improvements.
- Integrate all data collected and study results in AGOL for community and District use.
- Document and meet with communities to discuss results.

Major Project Deliverables

- Project library, gap analysis and data deliverables memo and spreadsheet
- Project progress meeting slides and minutes
- Prioritization Approach TM
- Community work plans and 100 Field Work Orders
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow TM
- Condition Assessment TM and investigation data, videos, etc.
- ArcGIS Online (AGOL) fieldwork planning and tracking
- Flow Monitoring Plan and Report
- Model Development and Calibration Report
- InfoWorks model files
- Analysis tools including model results display, basement backup analysis and cost tools integrated with InfoWorks hydraulic model results
- Hydraulic Capacity Assessment Report
- Community Reports and AGOL summarizing fieldwork, results and proposed improvements
- Master spreadsheets for each community summarizing results, proposed improvements and costs
- Community meetings slides and notes
- Project Summary Report

(red = provided to communities)

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