A wide-angle photograph of the New York City skyline as seen from a park. The foreground is a lush green lawn with a few people sitting on a bench. A body of water, likely the Hudson River, separates the park from the city. The skyline is filled with various skyscrapers, including the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Reducing Flooding and Combined Sewer Overflows,  
Improving Water Quality, and  
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Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control





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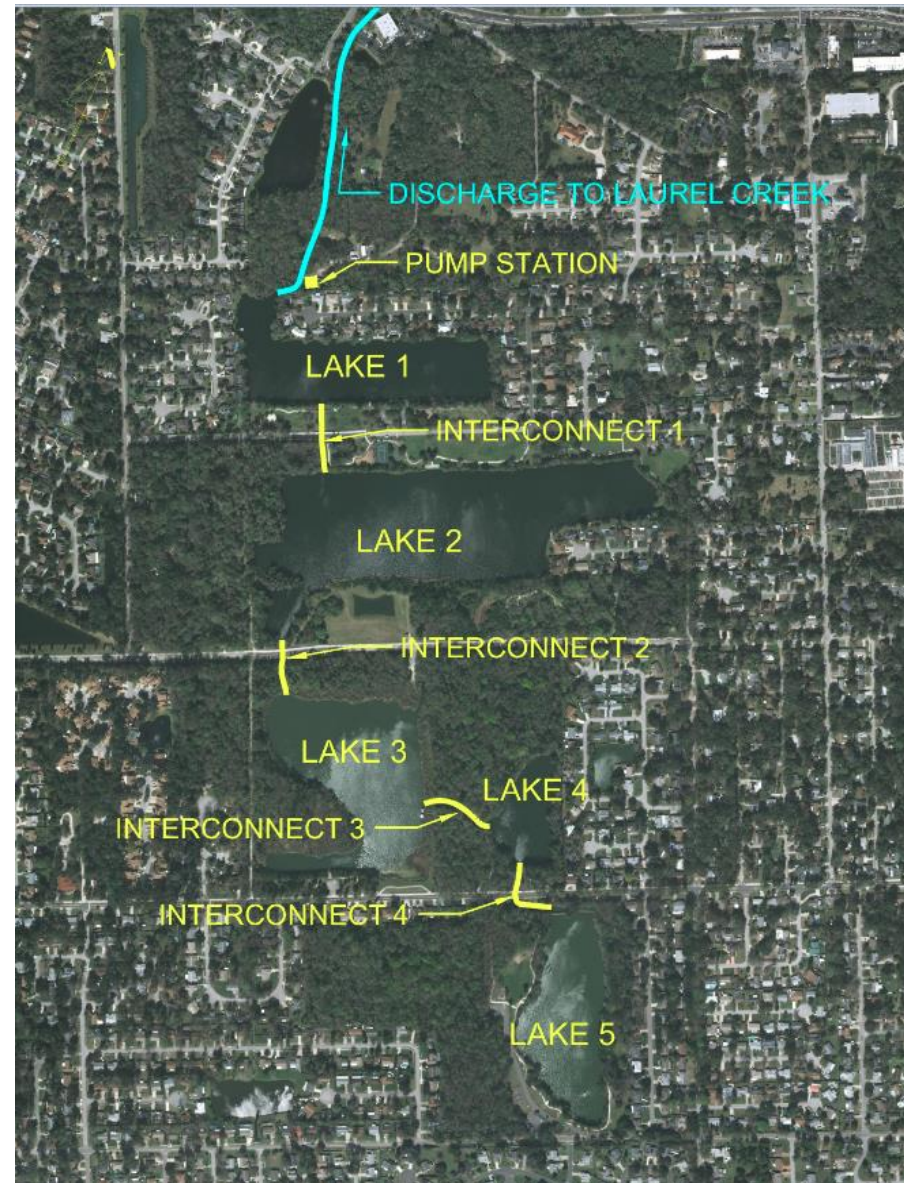
# 2009 flood, a historic storm event in Ormond Beach





# Central Lakes, City of Ormond Beach

- 550-acre drainage basin
- 5 interconnected lakes
- Single family developments
- Pumps at Lake 1







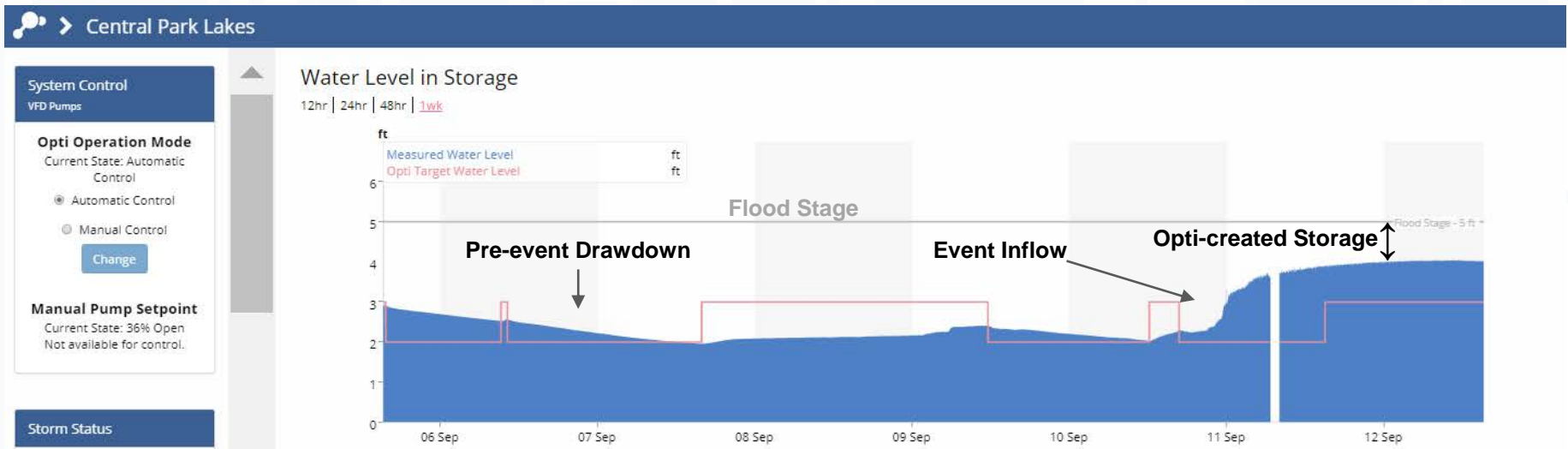
**What is the status of my  
stormwater infrastructure?**

**What needs to be done in  
preparation of the event?**

**What resources do we need  
for emergency operations?**

# Ormond Beach Florida

## Opti Prevented Flooding During Hurricane Irma



Based on forecasts, Ormond Beach used Opti to discharge ~70 ac-ft of storage from their lakes prior to the hurricane hitting.

The hurricane's torrential rains added 190 ac-ft of new water, which would have otherwise overwhelmed the water storage system.

**Opti saved the City from projected flooded roads, and if the original forecast had hit, millions of dollars of averted flood damage**



# Background

Opti is a technology company  
focused on

**Improving Water Quality**

**Reducing Flooding and Combined  
Sewer Overflows**

**and Restoring Ecological Flows**

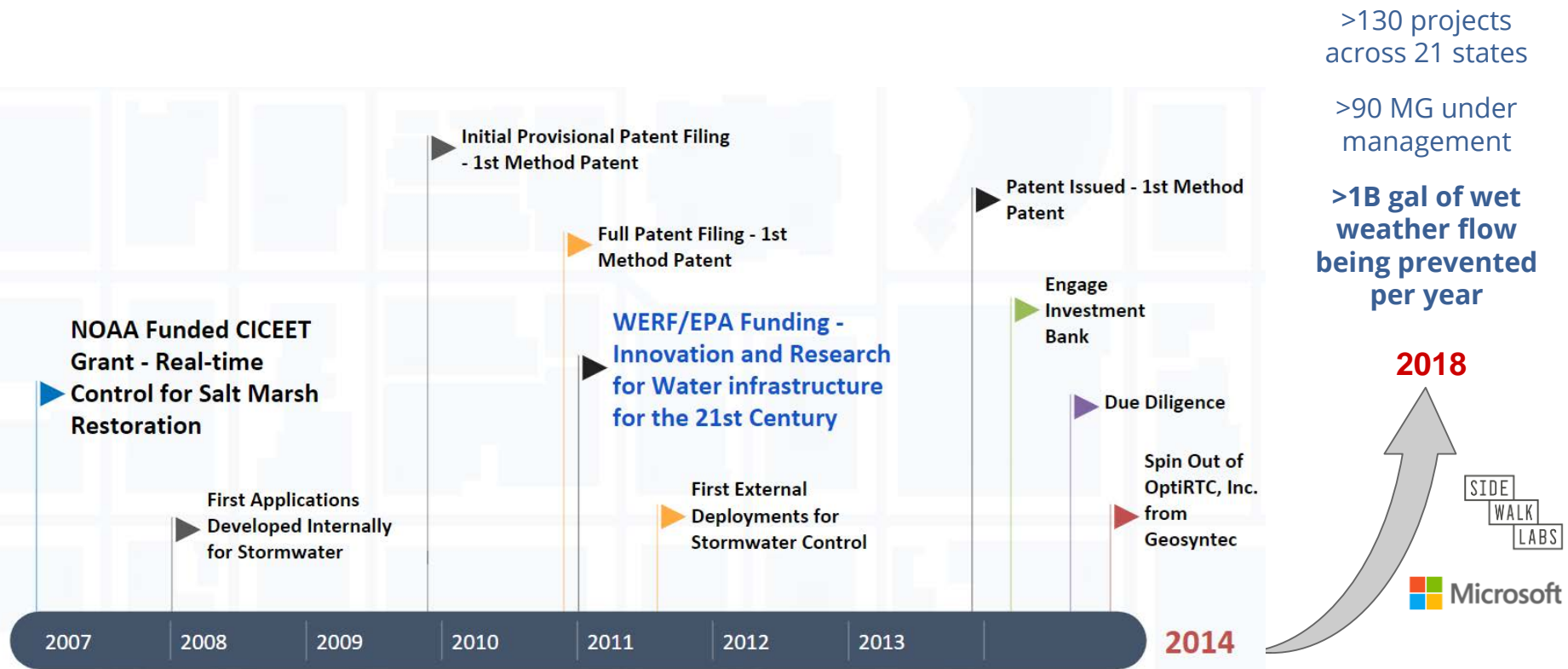
through

Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive  
Control (CMAC)

of stormwater infrastructure



# Brief History of Technology Development and Commercialization Timeline

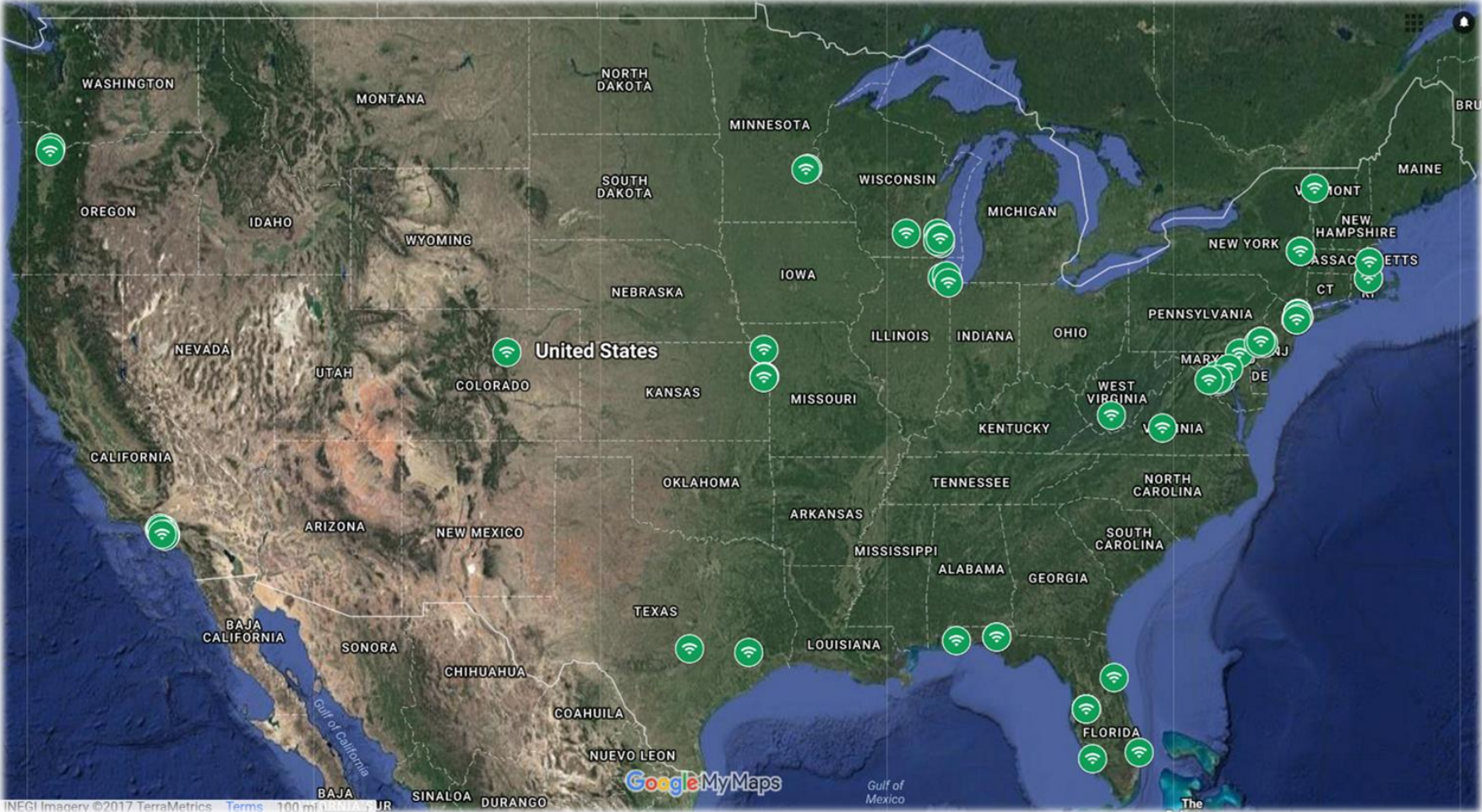


Between 2014 and 2018 over \$14MM invested in the development of Opti

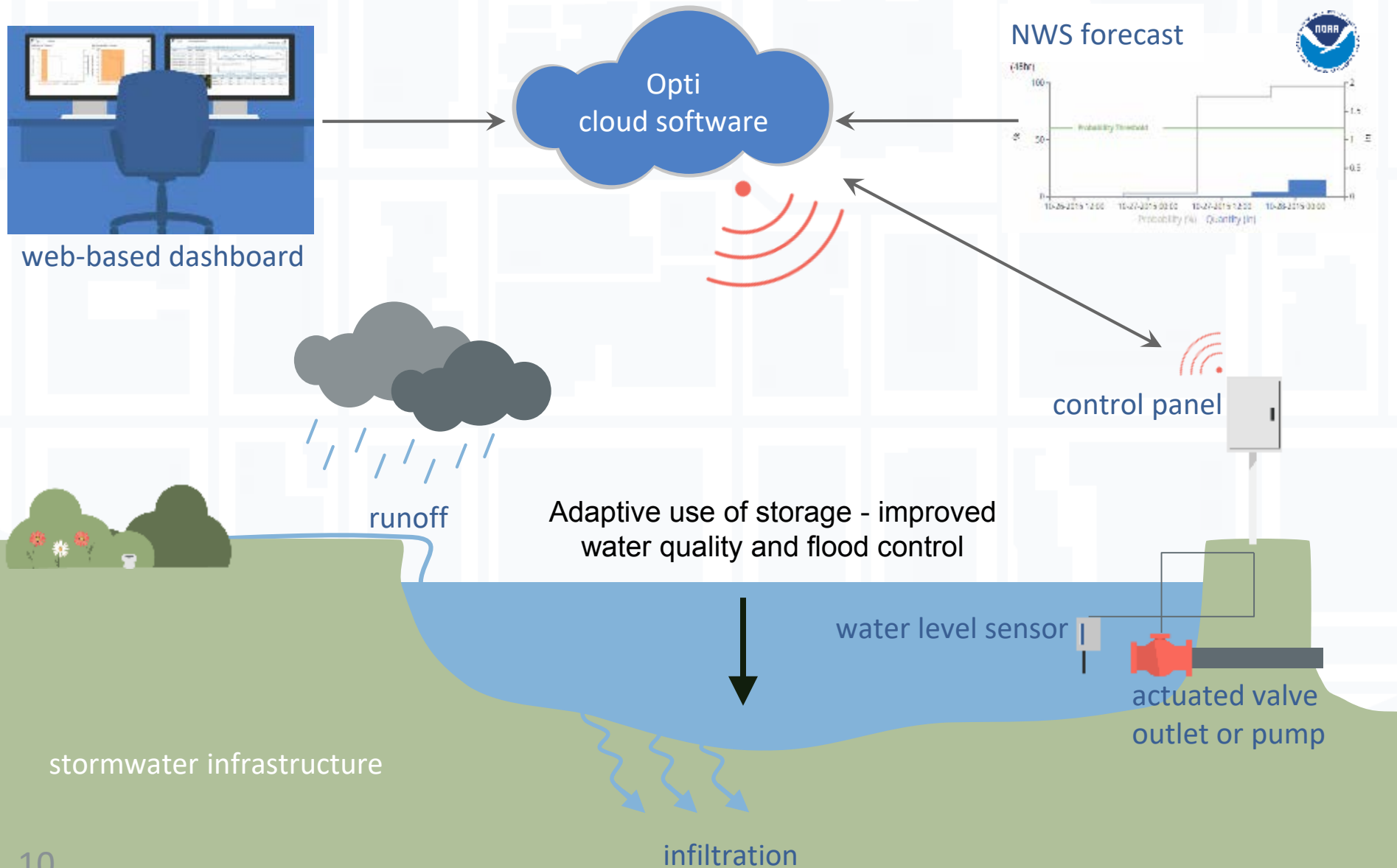
**Directly Benefiting Communities, Creating Local Jobs**



# The Opti Community

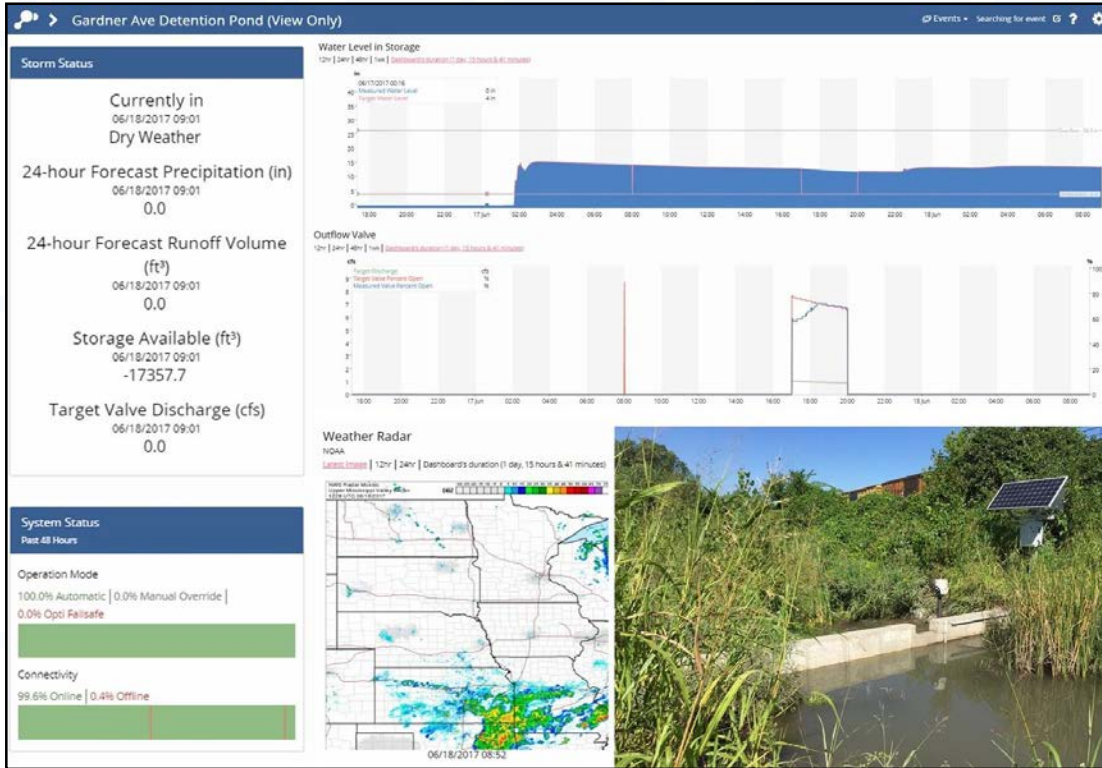


# How Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control works





# Cloud-Hosted Software



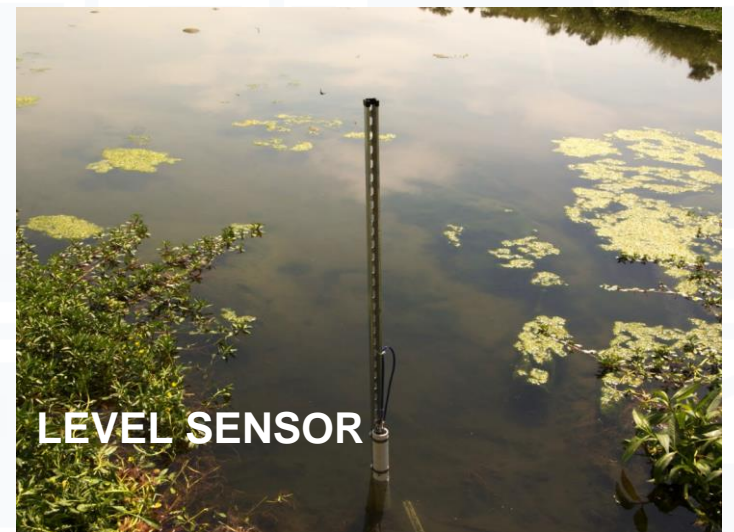
# Integrated Hardware





# Example of CMAC Hardware in Suburban Setting

## Pond Retrofit

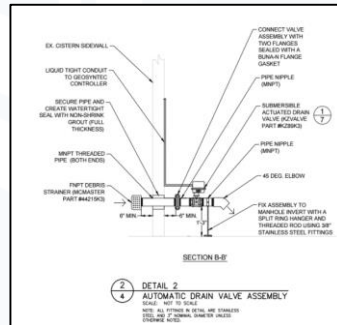
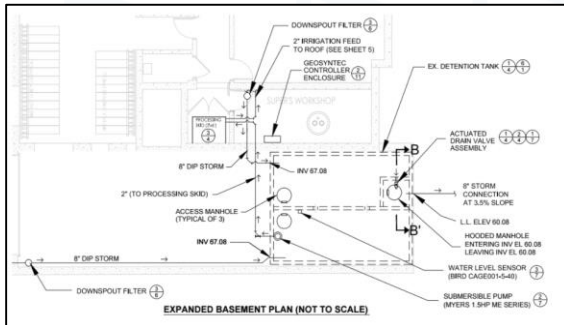
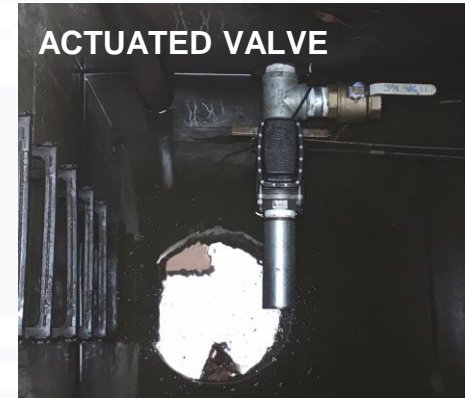




# Example of CMAC in an Ultra Urban Setting

## Forest House - The Bronx, NYC

Utilize Underground Detention Basin for CSO Mitigation and Rainwater Harvesting



# Range of CMAC Applications and Scales

Small

Medium

Large



## Application

Water Reuse and Water Quality

## Scale

Residential (gallons)

## Application

Water Quality and CSO

## Scale

Development (cubic feet)

## Application

Flood Control and CSO

## Scale

Regional (acre feet)



# Automated Reporting – Example from Lenexa, KS

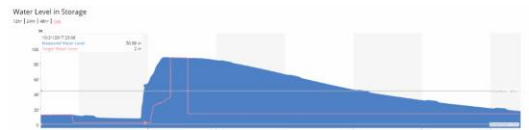
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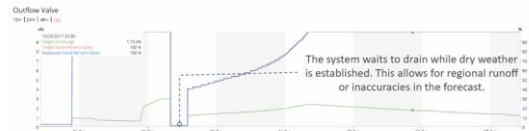
**BACKGROUND**  
The City of Lenexa and Johnson County engaged Opti in 2016 to increase flood control capacity and improve water quality as part of the City's renowned Rain to Recreation program. The project involved retrofitting four stormwater ponds with Opti's Continuous Monitoring and Adaptive Control (CMAC) technology to achieve these objectives.

**RETROFIT APPROACH**  
Opti helps communities and businesses turn their stormwater storage assets into smart, resilient systems at reduced cost and with less risk than existing alternatives. Opti integrates cloud-based technology, field sensors and the weather forecast to enable storage systems to plan, observe, and respond to storm events. The retrofits at the Lenexa sites serve two purposes: (1) reduce flood risk by adaptively managing storage volume and (2) improve water quality by retaining runoff after a storm event, effectively reducing erosive peak flows downstream.

**ASSET PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

- ✓ Real-time information for facility performance monitoring
- ✓ Alerts for operational awareness and maintenance
- ✓ User-friendly and interactive dashboards for enhanced visibility

**Water Level in Storage**  


**Outflow Valve**  


**Prior to and during wet weather:** Estimated incoming runoff exceeds space remaining in pond. Valve is set to open.

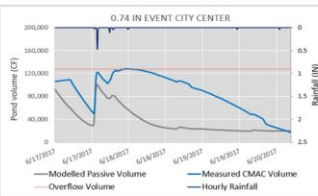
**During dry weather:** The system is in a post event retention period. The valve modulates at controlled rate to slowly release water.

**After the retention period, the pond returns water level to permanent pool elevation, just above the underdrain.**


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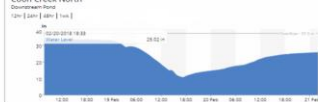
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at City Center uses the underdrain and wet weather outflow retention. In the 0.74 (glt), the measured (red line) is discharged prior to the minimum (blue line). A passive valve provides a 14.7 hour retention. The CMAC site uses storage retention.

**0.74 IN EVENT CITY CENTER**  


**COON CREEK EAST**  
The Coon Creek East pond (pictured on left) was retrofitted with an actuated valve in a prefabricated outlet structure. The system is programmed to maintain a permanent pool for aesthetic and wildlife purposes. Prior to rain events, the permanent pool is drawn down to make room for incoming runoff. A total of 67.8% of wet weather volume was retained and slowly released in dry weather, versus 15.4% in a passive condition.

**COON CREEK SOUTH**  


**COON CREEK NORTH**  


**UPSTREAM POND RECEIVES FORECAST, STARTS DRAWDOWN**    **DOWNSIDE POND OPENS VALVE, DRAINS DISCHARGE FROM UPSTREAM POND**    **BOTH PONDS IN PRE-VENT TARGET STATE FOR START OF RAIN EVENT**

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**IMPROVING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN LENEXA, KS** **JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS**

**IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES**

- AVERAGE RETENTION TIME POST-RETROFIT: **85.9 HOURS**
- AVERAGE PEAK FLOW REDUCTION: **32.6%**  
*Improvement over pre-retrofit*
- WET WEATHER INFLOWS RETAINED FOR DRY WEATHER SLOW RELEASE: **48.9%**

**PRICING**

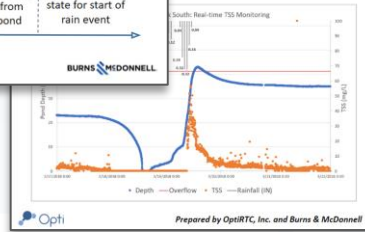
Category	Annual Services
Installation	\$45,000-\$70,000
Software License	\$5,000
Maintenance Station	\$30,000-\$50,000
Analysis and Reporting	\$0-\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000-\$120,000</b>

and Johnson County renewed the annual subscription services to extend the life of each of the four ponds. Partnering with Burns & McDonnell, continuous sensors were installed at the City Center and Coon Creek South ponds, and will be installed at Coon Creek North and Coon Creek East ponds in Spring 2019. Preliminary results at Coon Creek South show low baseline levels with distinct spikes in concentration during wet weather.

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Combined, the two facilities can retain 1.3 MG of stormwater runoff without discharging. For large events, this volume is used to mitigate peak flows by continuously responding to the forecast condition. Images on right from Opti's online dashboard demonstrates the staged drawdown in the two ponds.



# BMPs can't function if they don't work: Increased uptime and decreased risk with continuous monitoring

## Technical Report

Stormwater BMPs in Virginia's James River Basin:  
An Assessment of Field Conditions & Programs

(part of the *Extreme BMP Makeover* project)



June 2009  
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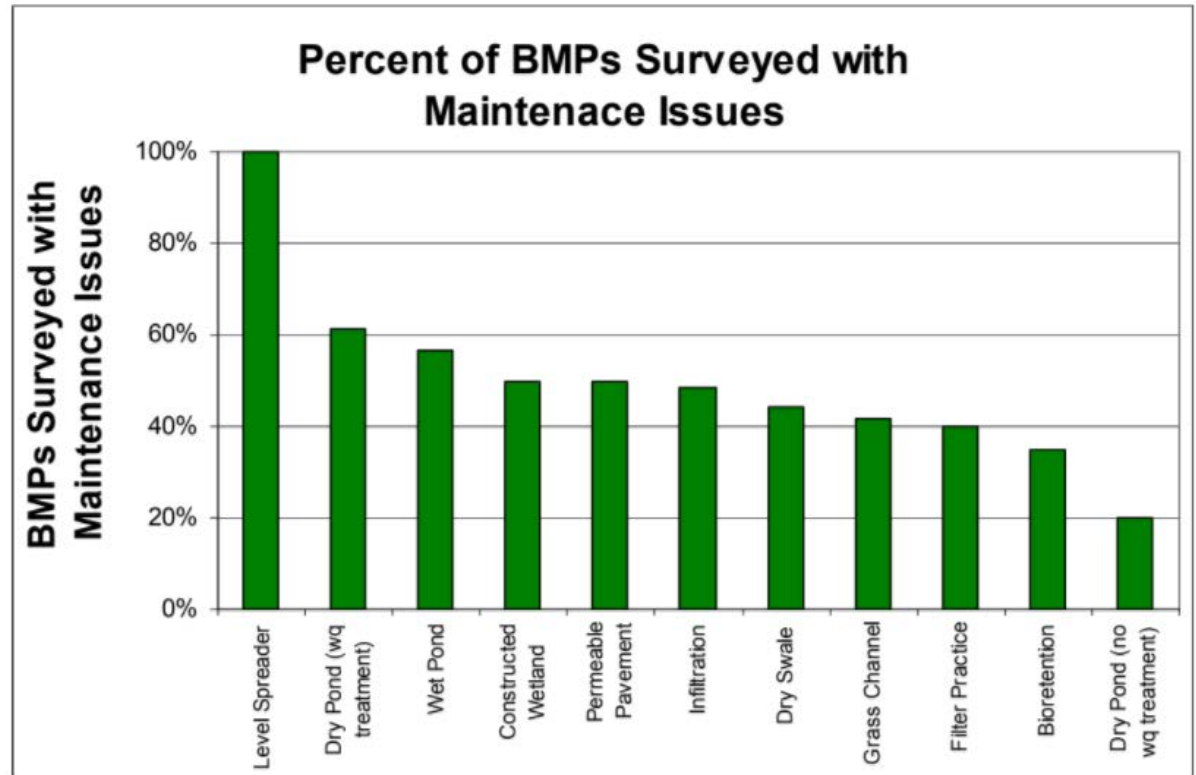


Figure 20. Percent of BMPs surveyed with maintenance issues by BMP type (n=87).



# Case Study: CMAC on Cintas Property for CSO Mitigation - Philadelphia

8-acre Drainage Area  
Adaptively Controlled Retention



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**WATER**

# Case Study: CMAC Cintas Property - Philadelphia

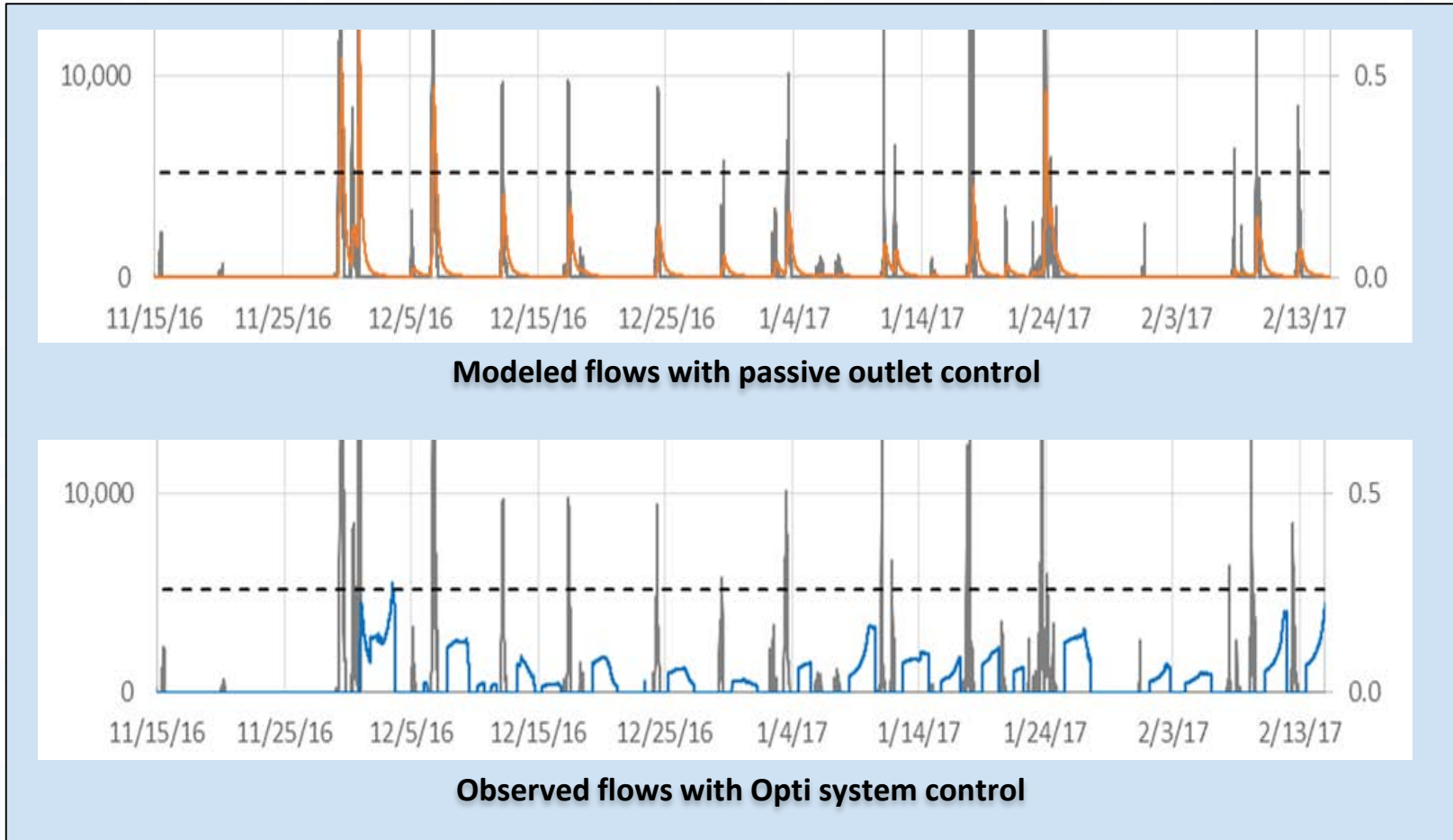


<b>Project Timeline (award to run)</b>	<b>6 months</b>
<b>Incremental Benefit</b>	<b>3.3 Green Acres</b>
<b>Capital Cost</b>	<b>\$48,000/GA</b>
<b>Net Savings for Cintas</b>	<b>~\$17,000/yr</b>





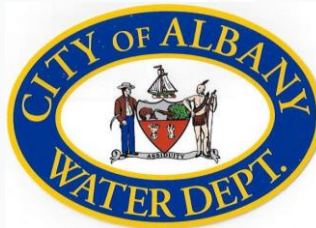
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CMAC resulted in a **96% reduction** in wet weather flow volume (1.01M gallons of runoff to 40K gallons)

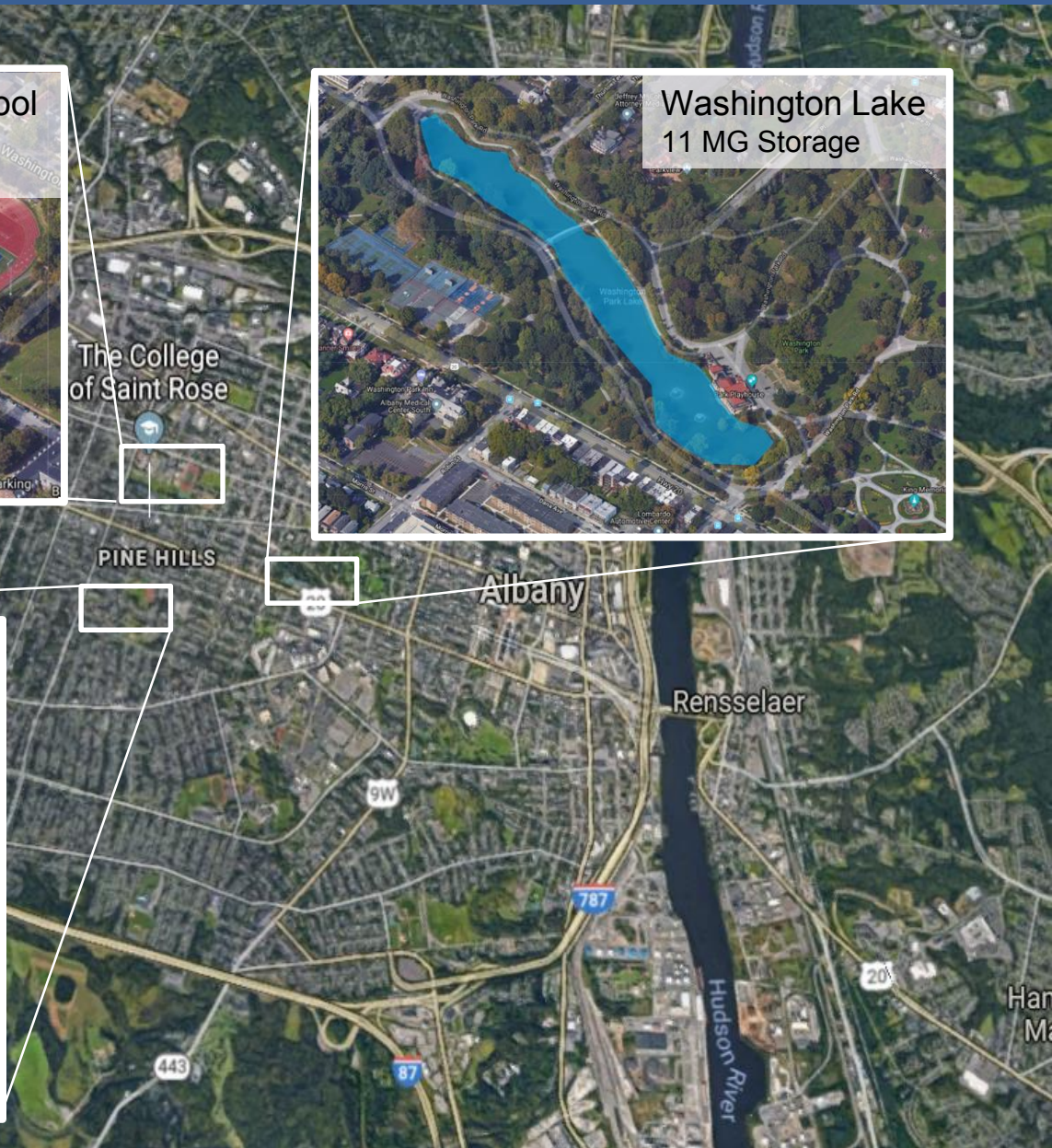
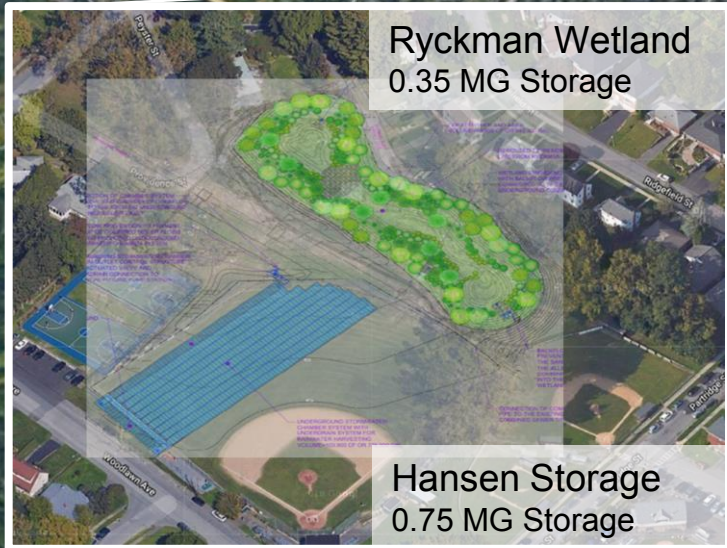
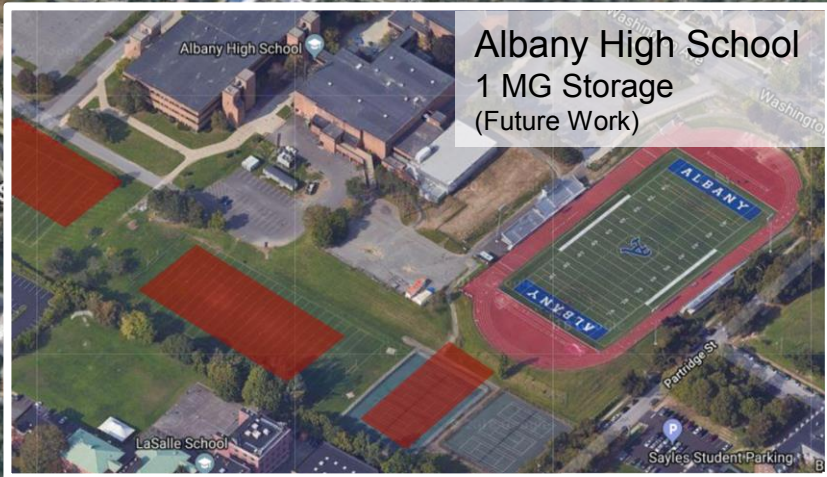
# Case Study: Beaver Creek Sewershed- Albany, NY

Adaptively Controlled On-site  
Detention for CSO Control



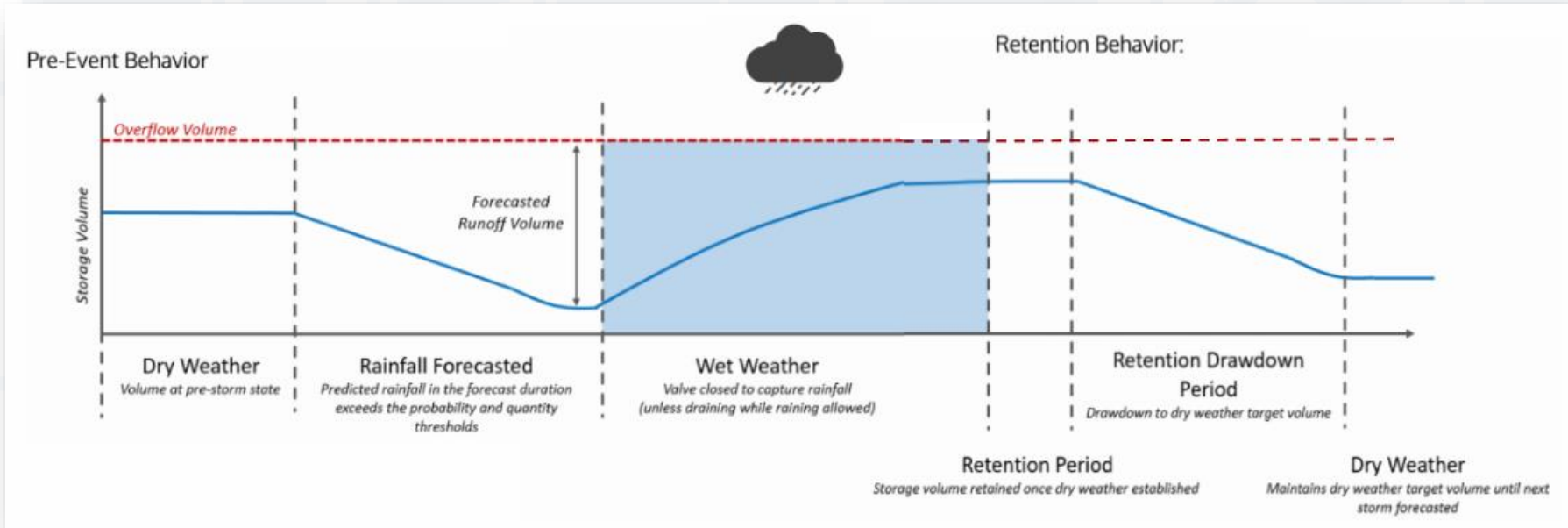


# Controlled Assets in Beaver Creek Sewershed





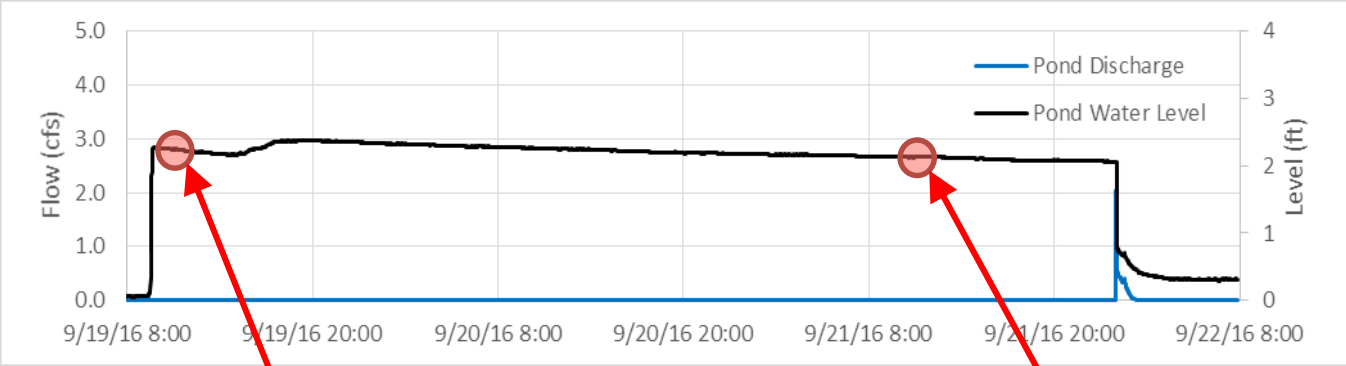
# CMAC Behavior Modes



Albany CMAC Sites are Configured to Reduce Wet Weather Runoff



# Case Study - Water Quality - Prince George's County - Frost Pond CMAC Performance During a Single Rainfall Event

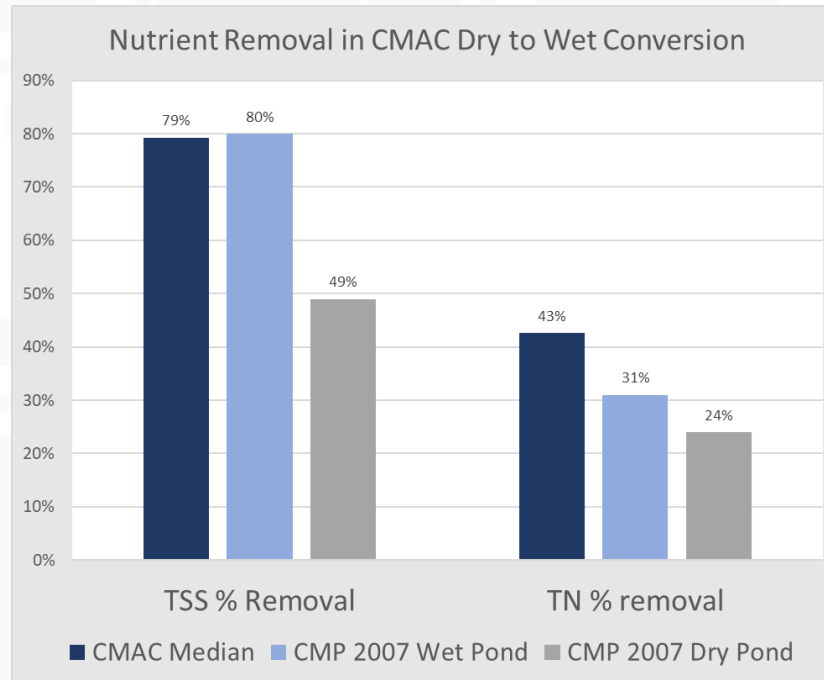


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# Frost Pond Water Quality Sampling



CMAC Median compared to the median reported from Center for Watershed Protection (CWP). 2007. National Pollutant Removal Performance Database Version 3.0. Center for Watershed Protection, Ellicott City, MD.



## **Offset and/or reduce capex by optimizing existing storage assets of all types**

- a. Improve water quality or hydrologic function
- b. Adaptively control urban hydrology (e.g., timing, peak flows, volumes, flow rates)
- c. Restore ecological flows to protect streams and built infrastructure

## **Reduce capex for building new green and grey infrastructure**

- a. Adaptively controlled facilities can be smaller while also exceeding the performance of passive traditional systems.
- b. Use storage for more than one purpose (e.g., rainwater harvesting AND effective reliable flow control). Can cut capex >50%.

## **Reduce opex**

- a. Target zero unplanned maintenance of green and grey infrastructure
- b. Continuous monitoring of functions and outcomes (e.g., failure monitoring, performance monitoring)
- c. Cameras as out-of bandwidth sensor and secondary source of truth

## **Invest in eco-services and quality-of-life with savings and/or deliver some of the benefits to meet multiple objectives**

## **Directly connect communities to resources**

- a. Transparency of outcomes through continuous monitoring
- b. Public outreach and education

## **Support and drive local blue tech job creation**

- a. High-wage job growth, creation, and training

# Case Study: Montgomery County, MD

*peak flow reduction + water quality*

15 ac-ft

Adaptively Controlled Detention/Retention

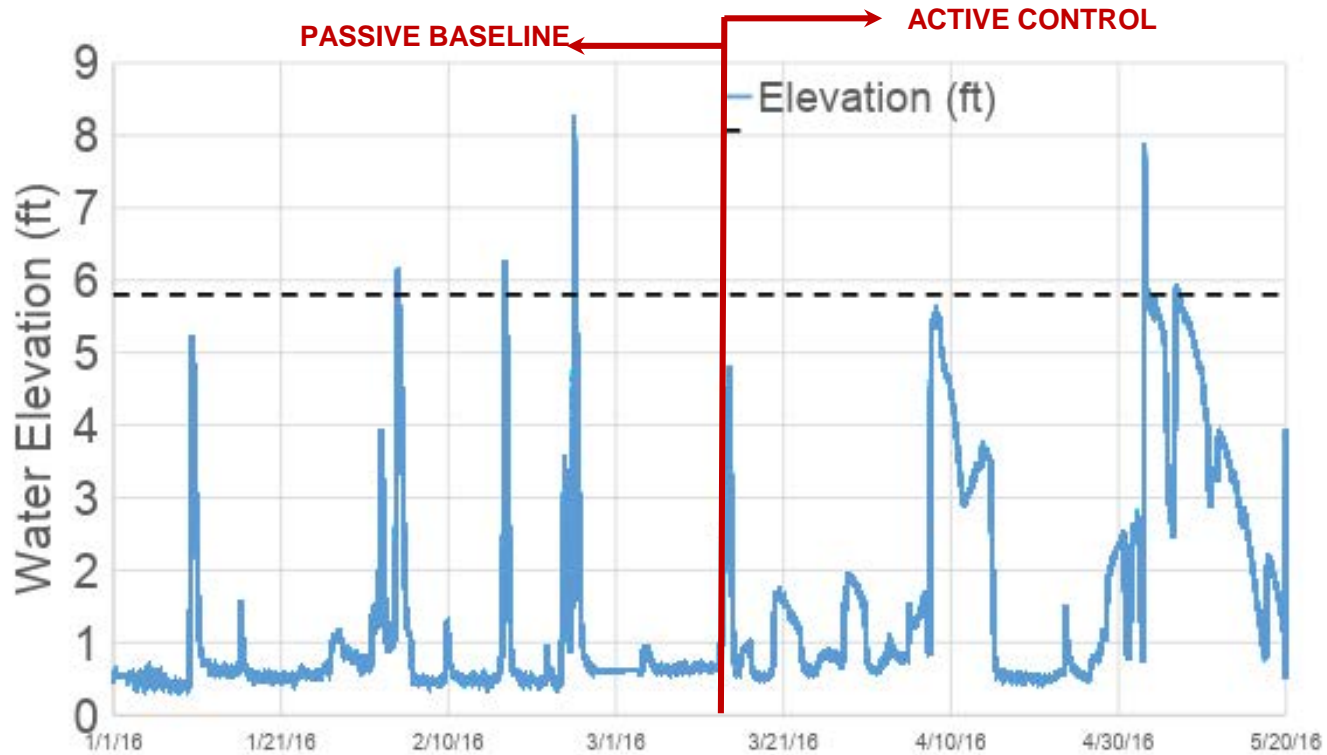




# University Blvd Wet Pond – Montgomery County, MD



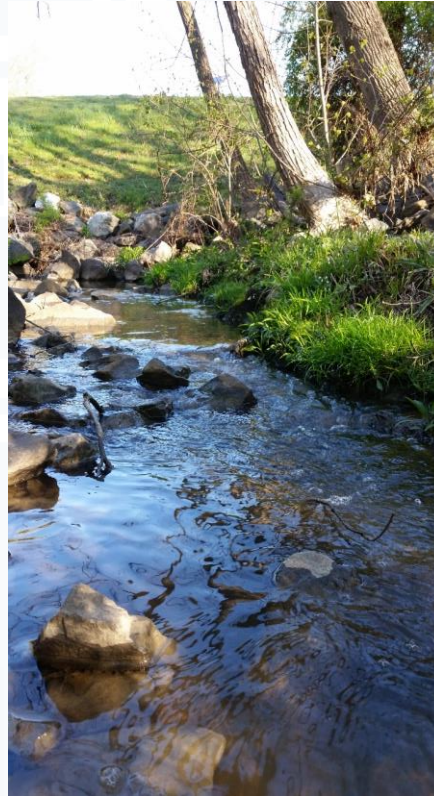
# Passive vs. Active



University Blvd Wet Pond	
Passive	15.8 hrs
Active	39.0 hrs



# University Blvd Wet Pond – Montgomery County, MD



- 440 acre drainage; 36% imp.
- 15 ac-ft wet pond
- In line on Sligo Creek
- Retrofit December 2015
- Impaired for nutrients and sediment

# Passive vs. Active

## Cumulative TSS Mass Discharge

Results based on 480  
TSS measurements  
collected over 96 hours

