



Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)

# DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS (DFFOS)



## **Introduction and History**

- The Ohio EPA Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFOs) signed on February 11, 2009
- What are the Findings and Orders?



# Findings

- TOTY OF THE OHIO
- Columbus is under a consent order (Aug. 2002)
  - Implement System Evaluation & Capacity Assurance Plan
  - Must provide adequate capacity for base and peak flows
  - Take feasible steps to mitigate or stop sewer overflows and water-in-basements
- Columbus cannot comply without satellite communities
- Bexley's sanitary sewers discharge to Columbus
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows impact human health and are prohibited





#### Orders – Overall Goal

- The Orders require the City of Bexley to properly manage, operate, and maintain all parts of its sanitary system to:
  - provide adequate capacity to convey base and peak flows,
  - take feasible steps to eliminate sewer overflows and waterin-basements,
  - minimize inflow and infiltration,
  - and to notify parties with a reasonable potential of exposure to pollutants associated with an overflow.



# Required Deliverables Status/Timeline



1. Bexley signed Orders



2. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Schedule submitted to OEPA



- Five years to complete study
- 3. Sanitary Sewer Overflow Emergency Response Plan and Public Notification Plan submitted to OEPA



4. Capacity Management, Operation and Maintenance Program submitted to OEPA



5. Final OEPA Report and Implementation Schedule



- Final Report Due to the OEPA Feb. 11, 2014
- To include Final SSES Summary
- Implementation Schedule for Improvements



# Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey

- Flow Monitoring
- Hydraulic Modeling
- Manhole Inspections
- Smoke Testing
- Dyed Water Testing
- CCTV
- Report / Recommendations
  - O&M Tasks, Rehabilitation,
    Replacement and Schedule











## Findings of the Investigation

- Capturing up to 43% of Stormwater in the Sanitary Sewer System
- Comparison of Observed Flows to Columbus Design Stds.
  - System exceeded expected design flow
  - Design Flow (9.76 cfs) / Observed Flow (14.49 cfs)
- Observed Surcharging
  - Possible Sanitary Sewer Overflows
  - Possible Water-in-Basements
- The Sanitary Sewer System isn't designed to handle the increased flow



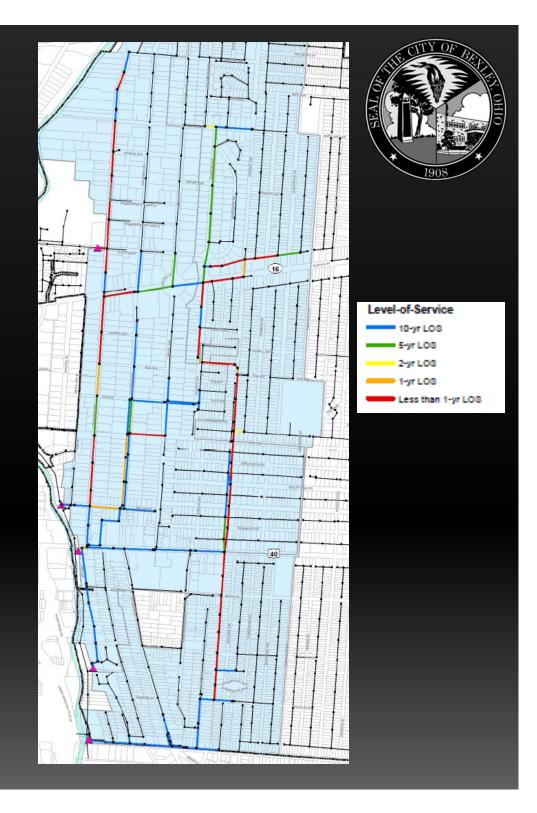
## Capacity Issues Found

#### Columbus Requirements

- 10-year level of service for Water-in-Basements
- 25-year level of service for Sanitary Sewer Overflows

#### Found Capacity Issues

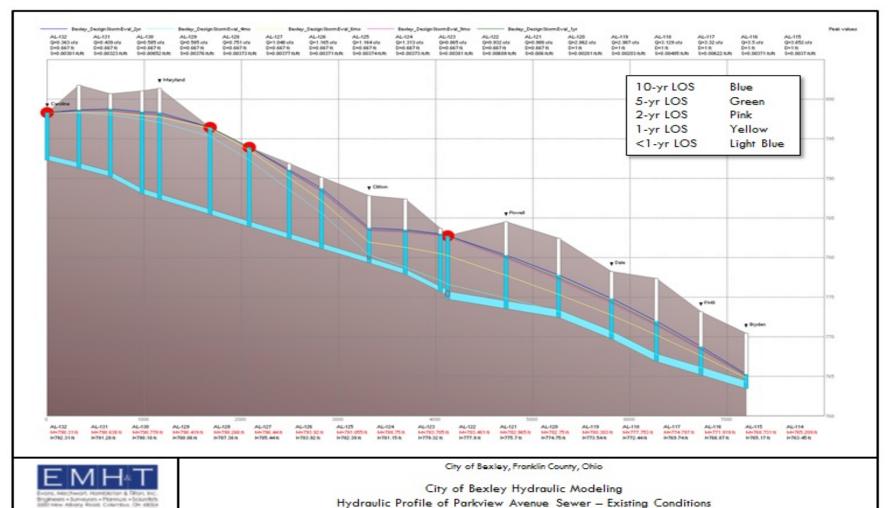
- Parkview Avenue
  - < 1-year level of service
- Cassady Avenue
  - < 1-year level of service





# Existing Capacity of the Parkview Avenue Sewer

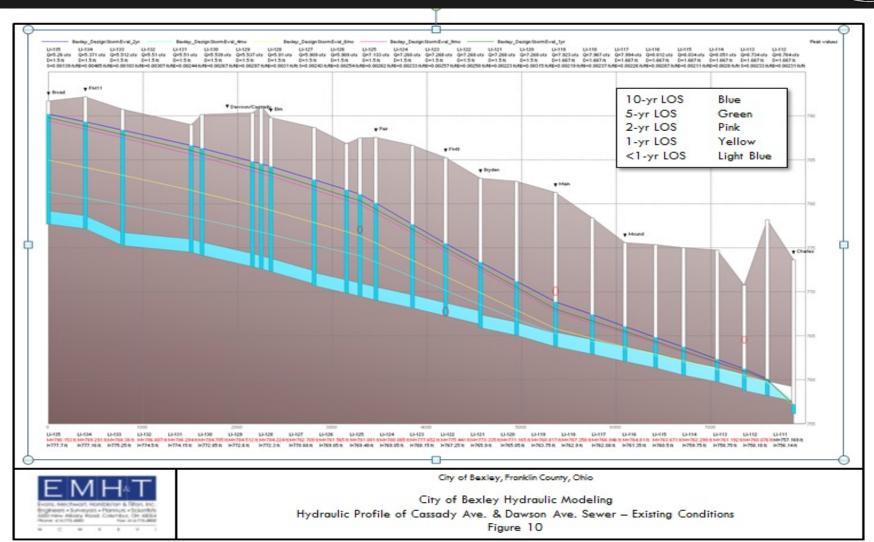






# Existing Capacity of the Cassady Avenue Sewer



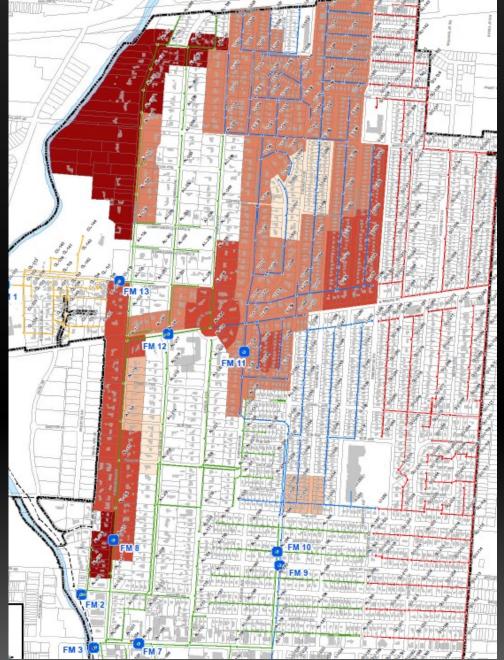




### Possible Water-in-Basements



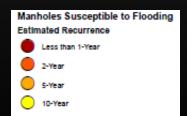






# Possible Sanitary Sewer Overflows









# Alternative Analysis

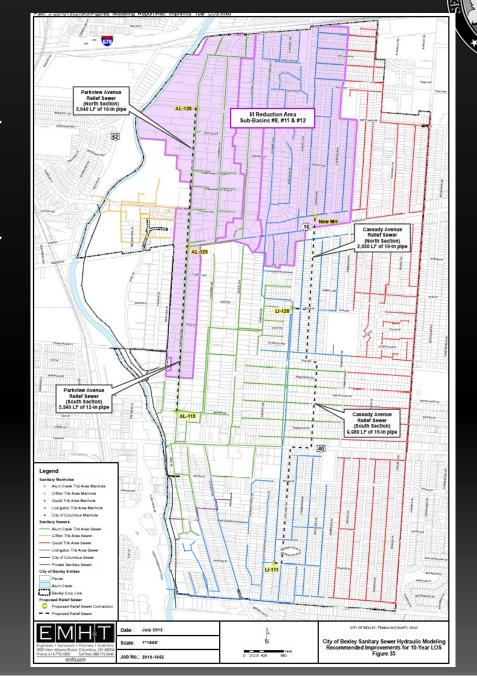


- Alternatives Evaluated
  - I/I Reductions
    - Private (downspouts, laterals, cleanouts, etc.)
    - Public infrastructure
  - Relief Sewers
    - Parkview Avenue
    - Cassady Avenue
  - Storage
    - Control flow to Columbus' Sewer System
    - Inline/offline storage options



#### Capacity Enhancements

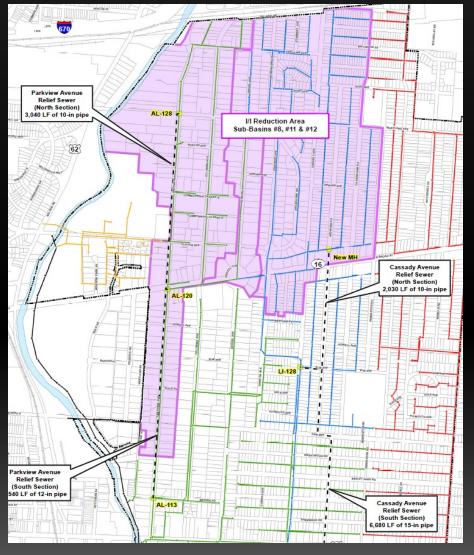
- Parkview Avenue Relief Sewer
  South of Broad Street
  (3,540 LF of 12-inch Sewer)
- Parkview Avenue Relief Sewer North of Broad Street
   (3,040 LF of 10-inch Sewer)
- Cassady Avenue Relief Sewer South of Fair Avenue
   (6,680 LF of 15-inch Sewer)
- Cassady Avenue Relief Sewer North of Fair Avenue
   (2,030 LF of 10-inch Sewer)







- I/I Reduction
  - 15% Reduction Assumed
  - Basin #8, #11 and #12



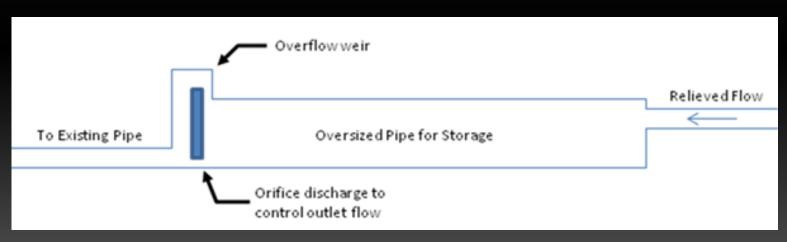




#### Possible Storage Required

- 15% Reduction Assumed Basin #8, #11 and #12
- 300,000 gallons  $\pm$
- Regional Storage Option
- In-Line Storage Option









 Total Recommended Improvements is estimated at \$22 Million

Project Description	Estimated Project Cost in 2014 Dollars
High Priority North of Fair	\$1,718,900.00
High Priority South of Fair	\$656,850.00
Medium Priority North of Fair	\$5,989,125.00
Medium Priority South of Fair	\$4,835,550.00
Parkview Relief North	\$1,146,834.00
Parkview Relief South	\$1,356,134.00
Cassady Relief North	\$800,656.00
Cassady Relief South	\$2,762,322.00
Storage	\$2,708,400.00
Total Improvements	\$21,974,771.00



### Implementation Schedule

- Must submit proposed schedule for improvements by Feb. 11, 2014
- DFFOs suggest 5-year Study and 10-year Improvement Plan
  - Does allow for extended schedules
  - Community needs to provide financial justification with submittal
  - Ohio EPA will review and notify the Community if the proposed schedule is unacceptable
- We will propose 40-year improvement schedule to the Ohio EPA
- We will have 90 days to settle any schedule dispute



# Any Questions?





