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Executive Director

Program Summary



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Commission Goals & Vision

Provide Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Services

- Maintain High Quality and Safe Drinking Water
- Stabilize Rates for Long Term Sustainability & Affordability
- Value Retail & Wholesale Customer Satisfaction
- Meet Federal and State Standards and Regulations for Water and Wastewater Quality
- Develop Long Term Operational, Capital, and Financial Strategy
- Prioritize & Optimize Water and Sewer Systems Investment
- Properly Collect and Treat Wastewater



Commission Statistics - FY 17

- Produced 11.67 BG of High Quality Drinking Water
- Collected and Treated 11.92 BG of Wastewater, Returning Cleaned
 Water to the Environment
- Responded to 71,610 Customer Service Calls
- Performed 2,589 Dig Safe Markouts
- Processed 424,000 Individual Bills



Commission Accomplishments - FY 17 Continuously Evaluating and Improving Operations

- Formalized Financial Policies & Strategic Vision
- Created Stabilization Fund
- Developed Senior Leadership Team with Common Objectives and Strategy – Develop, Maintain, Recruit High Performance Work Force
- Continued Strategic CIP & Rate Program for Long Term Stability
- Established Information Technology Division
- Responsibly invested \$27 Million in Water and Sewer System Improvements
- Enhanced Customer Service by Introducing a New Online Bill Payment System



Commission Accomplishments - FY 17 Continuously Evaluating and Improving Operations

- Received 2016 Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO)
 Northeast Region Award of Merit for outstanding contributions to dam safety on a Regional Level
- Negotiated Wholesale Wastewater Contracts with 6 Communities
- Received S&P Financial Credit Rating Upgrade to AA Stable
- Received Government Finance Officer's Association Award for Financial Reporting

The Commission Provides Essential Services All Day, All Night, Every Day

Cobble Mtn. Reservoir



Water Treatment Plant



Transmission, Storage & **Distribution System**



Discharge to River



Wastewater Treatment Plant



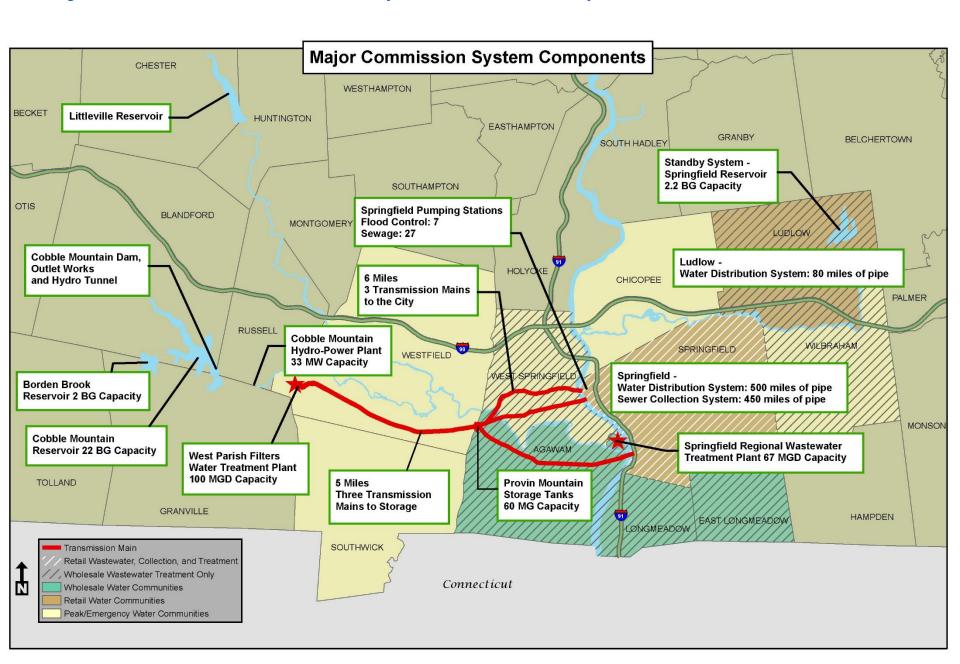
Collection System







Major Commission System Components



James Laurila

Director of Water Operations

Water Supply, Treatment, Transmission, and Storage



Facilities Planning

Dams, Raw Water Conveyance System, Treatment Plant, Transmission Mains, and Provin Mountain Storage Facility

Phase 1

Assessment

- Assess asset condition, hydraulic capacity, structural integrity, redundancy, and reliability – complete
- Implement findings and improvements over the next 3-5 years

Phase 2

Assessment

- Assess systems in context of meeting water quality criteria, regulatory criteria, and operational optimization – ongoing
- Implement findings and improvements in the next 25 years

Facilities Planning Project Cost (Phase 1 & 2) = \$1.2 million



Water System – FY18 Capital Projects

Treatment

Many upgrades to aging treatment plant

- Slow sand 11-14 valve replacement
- Emergency power
- Slow sand filters replacement sand
- Chlorine feed pipe replacement
- Rapid sand filters
 - Air header replacement
 - Air valve and actuator replacement
- Chemical Bulk Storage Room upgrades
- Loading dock repairs

Total Cost = \$2.1 Million







Water System – FY18 Capital Projects

Transmission

42-inch raw water conduit repair

- Raw water by-pass to WPF
- Needed for intake dam repair work and power plant upgrades

Construction Cost = \$1.45 Million

Transmission Main – Service Connections

- Replace 17 service connections to transmission main with private wells
- Needed for future main repairs and future treatment strategies

Construction Cost = \$310,000

Transmission Main – Assessment/Design







West Parish Filters – Operational Developments

Optimizing Treatment - Cost Effectively

Plant Process Adjustments - Coagulation

- Coagulation Trial with inorganic aluminum salt
- Goal: to reduce natural organic matter (NOM) which are precursors to disinfection by-products (DBPs).
- 7 months of trial results are excellent with 50-60% removal of NOM

Plant Process Adjustments - Disinfection

- Better treatment reduces DBPs production
- Increase in chlorine residuals in the pipes provides required protection from bacterial contamination
- Improved tools to track chlorine residual and to make adjustments in the piping system





Planning the Future Drinking Water Operations

Factors Impacting Operations

Regulations

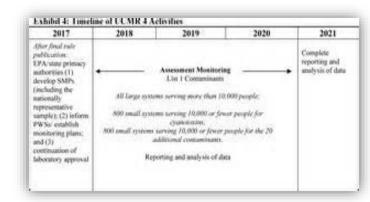
- Changes to Safe Drinking Water Act
- UCMR4 Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule - EPA efforts to regulate new compounds
- NPDES Discharge permit for wash water

Treatment Plant – Aging Process Equipment

 Ongoing need to replace equipment that is beyond it's useful life

Treatment Plant – New Process Construction

 Master Planning may reveal new processes are needed to comply with evolving regulations







Daniel DiRienzo

Director of Field Services

Water Distribution System



Water Distribution System Meters and Field Services

- Approximately 580 miles of distribution mains in Springfield and Ludlow
- Cyclical meter replacement program: 4500 meters/year
- Customer Field Service handles approximately 500 calls/week

Key Statistics FY 16		
Retail Water Accounts	42,754	
Miles of Water Pipe	595	
Valves	19,148	
Fire Hydrants	6,226	
Gallons of Water Supplied	10.5 billion	



Water Distribution System Water Quality

- Ongoing maintenance of valves and hydrants
- Unidirectional flushing program cleans water mains and maintains water quality

Water Quality Statistics				
Year	FY 16	Total (since program began)		
Hydrants Inspected	2,639	30,951		
Hydrants Rebuilt/Repaired	779	5,841		
Hydrants Painted	296	10,124		
Valves Exercised	2,978	35,853		
Pipe Flushed (miles)	79.4	838		



Water Distribution System

Infrastructure Maintenance

- Ongoing upgrades and repairs to the water distribution system
- Available 24/7/365

Water Main Replaced FY 16

8,679 feet

(multiple streets)

Notable Streets: Worthington St. Fort Pleasant Ave.

Water Distribution System Updates		
New Hydrants	4	
Replacement Hydrants	176	
New Valves Installed	142	
Valves Replaced	22	
Water Service Repairs/Replacements	107	

Water Main Breaks in FY 16					
20	2015 2016		016		
Month	# of Breaks	Month	# of Breaks		
July	1	January	7		
August	2	February	7		
September	4	March	1		
October	5	April	3		
November	7	May	4		
December	4	June	3		
TOTAL			48		



Planning for the Future Field Services

- Continue to develop efficiencies for main break response, pipe replacement, hydrant flushing, and meter replacement using the principles of asset management.
- Manage overtime with an eye towards fiscal sustainability while balancing the need to have 24/7/365 response to all potential emergencies.



Robert Stoops

Chief Engineer

Engineering

Capital Projects



Green Energy Production & Plant Improvements 33-MW Cobble Mountain Hydro Power Plant

Energy production in FY 2016 = 20,400 Megawatts

Enough to supply power to 31,600 homes



FY 2016 Gross Revenue \$1.7 million



INTEGRITY

South Transmission Main Replacement Project

- A leak detection survey, internal inspection, and lab analysis of the main were performed, concluding that the pipe reached the end of its useful life
- Project consisted of replacing the 6 mile pipeline from Provin Mountain to the Route 5 rotary at the South End Bridge
- New pipe brought online Summer 2016

Total Project Cost = \$24 million



Infrastructure Improvements – Casino Development

Water and Sewer Improvements funded by Casino Development

Rehabilitated approximately

- 1750-ft of sewer main & 14 Manholes
- 774-ft of reinforced water main

Replaced approximately

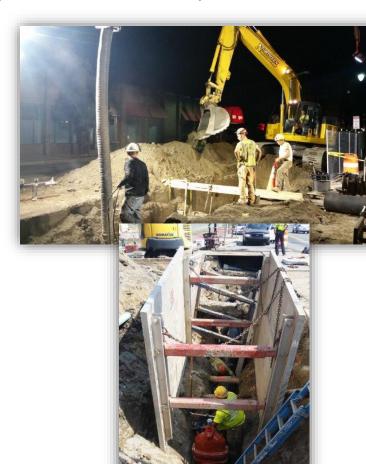
- 950-ft of sewer main & 6 Manholes
- 2754 -ft of 8-16-inch water main and 83 valves

Improvements

Main St., State St. Union St., Howard St., Bliss St., and East Columbus.

Project started in 2016 and to be complete in fall 2017

Estimated Project Cost = \$5.5 million





Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements - Ongoing

Program Developed from Asset Management Information

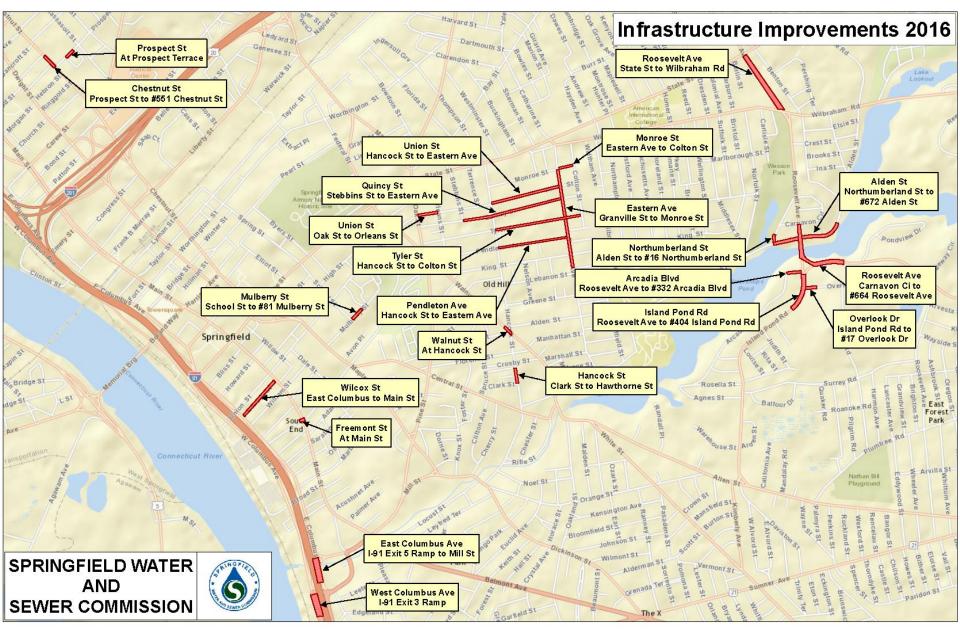
- Rehabilitating approximately
 - 5,745-ft of sewer main
 - 43 manholes
- Replacing approximately
 - 3,530-ft of sewer main
 - 7,930-ft of water main
- Multiple sites throughout the City
- To be complete in fall 2017

Estimated Project Cost = \$7,110,000











Planning for the Future 2018-19 Infrastructure Improvements

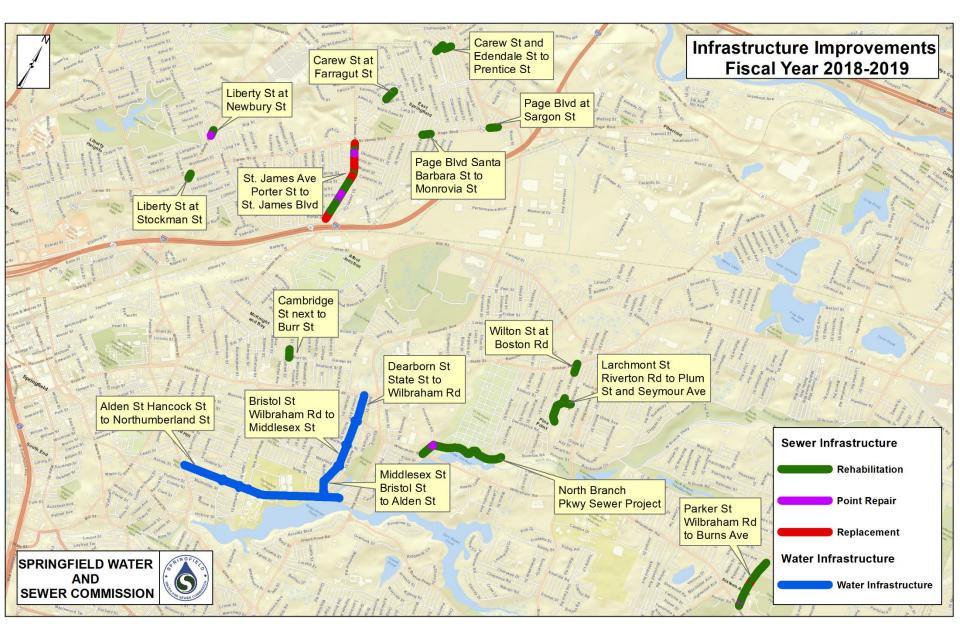
Program Developed from Asset Management Information and Coordinated with City DPW Pavement Program

- Rehabilitating approximately
 7,000-ft of sewer main
- Replacing approximately 1,600-ft of sewer main 10,800-ft of water main
- Multiple sites throughout the City
- Project to begin in Summer 2018

Estimated Project Cost = \$8,250,000









William Fuqua

Director of Wastewater Operations

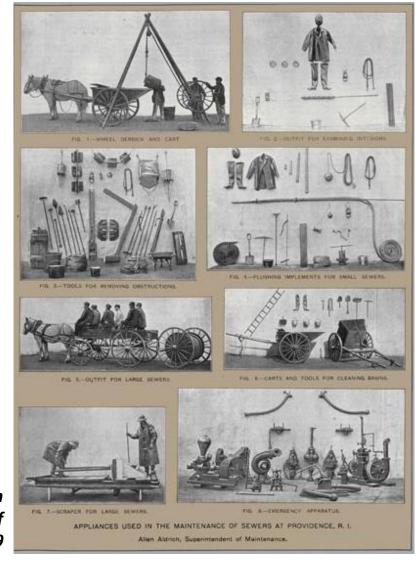
Wastewater Collection System



Wastewater Collection System

Key Statistics FY 16				
Retail Sewer Accounts	37,230			
Miles of Separated Sewer Pipe	314			
Miles of Combined Sewer Pipe	145			
Total Miles of Sewer Pipe	459			
Combined Sewer Outfalls	23			
Manholes	11,194			
Pumping Stations	33			

Appliances used in the maintenance of sewers, 1899





Asset Management and Maintenance Program

Clean, Map, and Assess Wastewater Collection System

Since 2009

- 1,943,000 ft of mainline sewers cleaned and assessed
- 80% + of all city sewers

Goals

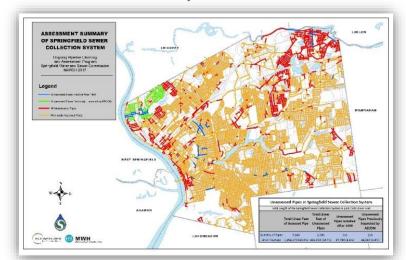
- Complete remaining system
- Transition work to Commission forces

Inflow & Infiltration

 Utilizing Asset Management data to identify and abate sources of I/I

Goals

- Increase system capacity
- Reduce operating costs







Main Interceptor Rehabilitation and CSO Improvements Project

Rehabilitation of a Critical Combined Sewer Pipeline

- Pipeline carries flow for more than 60% of the City
- Inspection identified need for immediate rehabilitation
- Project consists of rehabilitating:
 - 3,200 feet of 60 and 66-inch diameter sewer pipe and manholes with cured-in-place liners
 - Three CSO structures along the Connecticut River
- Completion mid-2017

Total Project Cost = \$25,476,000

Goals

Preserve critical infrastructure from catastrophic and costly failure





Connecticut River Crossing & York Street Pump Station Conveying CSO & Wastewater Flow for Treatment

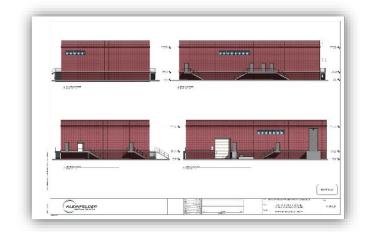
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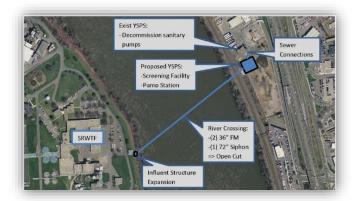
- Collection system performance optimization
- Construction of 2 36" and 1 72" river crossing pipes
- Improvements to SRWTF Influent Structure
- Construction of a new pumping station at York Street

Estimated Total Project Cost = \$83,000,000

Goals

- Redundancy of critical infrastructure
- Reduction in CSO volume to river improving water quality
- Operational flexibility





Future Wastewater Projects Under Development

Sustainable Cost Savings in the Future

Solar Energy

- Development of 1.4 MW solar energy project by third party on SWSC property
- Evaluation of Net Metering solar energy credits

Steam to Energy

 Partnering with Covanta Energy to utilize steam from incinerator to generate on-site power

Goals

 Reduce treatment plant energy costs 25 – 50% through the use of green, renewable resources







James Richardson

Director of Information Technology

Information Technology



Information Technology FY18 Goals

- Improve Cyber Security throughout the enterprise
 - Allows us to deploy newer technology and services to support the commission
 - Reduce risk of data breach or system compromise
 - Protect customer data
- Building redundancy to the commission's I.T. infrastructure
 - I.T. will introduce business continuity and resiliency (DR)
 - Adding redundant data center at West Parish Filters facility
 - Implementing Site Recovery Manager to greatly improve return to operation (RTO) after a disaster



Information Technology FY18 Goals

- Introduce data governance to the commission's unstructured data
 - Where is the data, what's it doing and who has access to it
- Establish I.T. SLAs
 - Clearly define and establish the response times of I.T. services and systems
- Plan for expansion of SCADA related services
 - Secure remote access
 - Greater coverage and broader system availability
- Standardize documentation and work instructions for I.T. services



Information Technology Division Overview

Maintains and manages over 50 servers in a virtual environment

- Virtualization enables supporting more technology with less investment in hardware
 - Reduces cost of:
 - Power and cooling
 - Hardware annual maintenance

Supports end user devices:

- ~160 laptops and computers
- ~125 mobile devices
- ~45 printers and plotters
- G.I.S. now part of I.T.
 - Aligns better with business goals
 - Strategically places G.I.S. to work with all business units equally





Anthony Basile

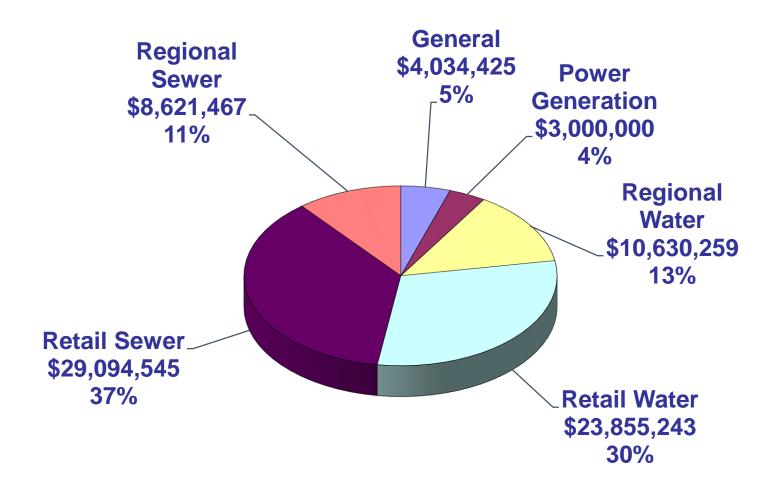
Comptroller

The Financial Plan



Revenue Fiscal Year 2018

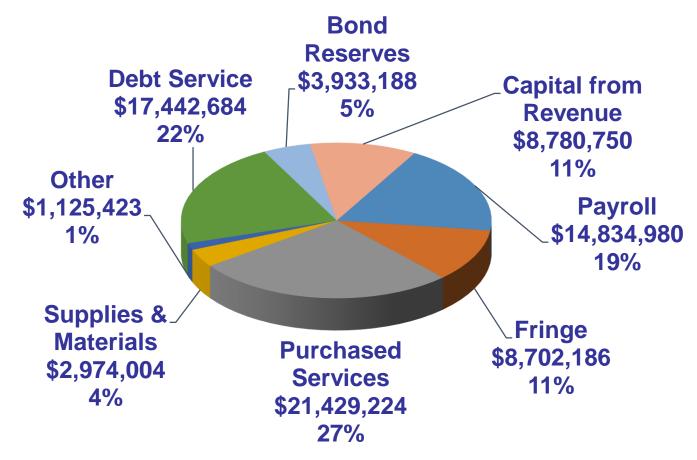
Estimate - \$79,235,939





Spending By Category FY2018

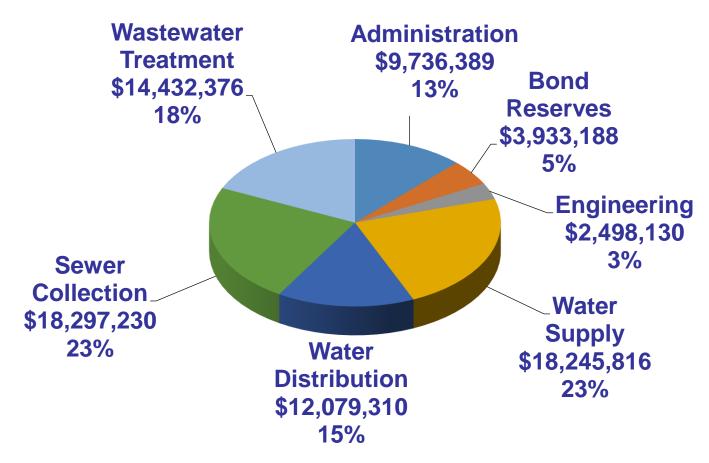
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Capital Spending 2018-2020





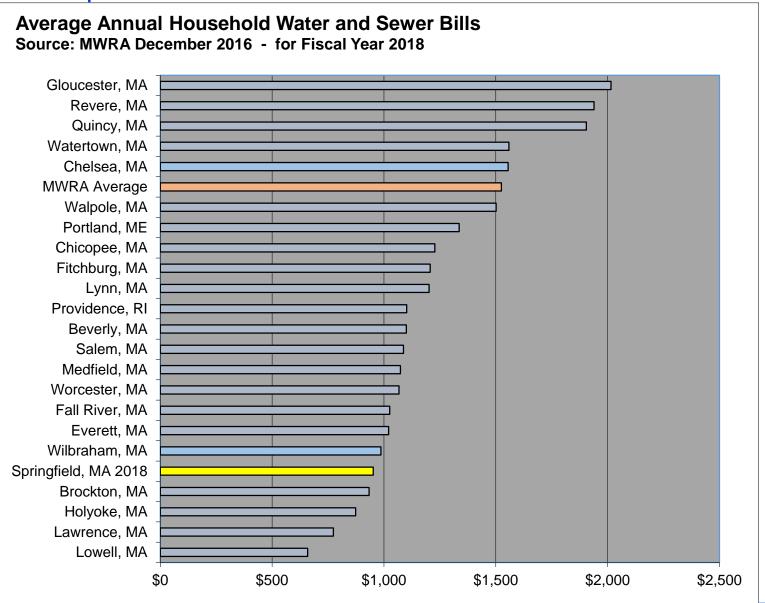
Retail Water and Sewer Rates

	FY2017 Eff. July 1	FY2018 Eff. July 1	% Increase
Water:			
Residential & Commercial	\$2.89	\$3.01	4.0%
Industrial & Municipal	\$2.15	\$2.24	4.0%
Sewer:			
Residential & Municipal	\$4.74	\$4.93	4.0%
Commercial & Hospital	\$5.21	\$5.42	4.0%
Industrial	\$5.69	\$5.92	4.2%
Restaurant	\$6.16	\$6.41	4.2%
Combined Water and Sewer:			
Typical Annual Household Bill	\$953.13	\$991.30	4.0%

Note: rates above are for each 100 cubic feet (or 748 gallons) of metered water.



Rate Comparison





Domenic Pellegrino

Finance Director

Capital Program

Fiscal Optimization

Proposed Rules and Regulations Changes



FY 2018 Capital Spending Program

Project Description	Status	Funding Source	Project ID	Cost Ctr	2018
Facilities Planning & Improvements	Planned	Revenue	090-0021	ADM	500,000
Unit 2 Hydro-Generator Overhaul	Planned	Bond	130-0002	PS	200,000
Transmisison Line 637 Poles Replacement	Planned	Revenue	130-0006	PS	200,000
Project A - Governors and Controls	Planned	Bond	130-0007	PS	480,000
Overhead Door Replacement	Planned	Revenue	130-0008	PS	80,000
Center Street Ludlow DOT Project	Planned	Revenue	12B-0072	WD	245,000
Distribution System Main Replacement 17-18 Const Season	Planned	Bond	12B-2018	WD	2,534,000
Septic System Borden Brook	Planned	Revenue	004-0029	WS	70,000
York House Demo & Removal	Planned	Revenue	004-0031	WS	40,000
Raw Water Conduit Rehab - Construction	Planned	Bond	005-0044	WS	2,600,000
WPF Slow Sand Filter 11-14 Valve Replacement	Planned	Revenue	005-0048	WS	200,000
WPF Redundant & Emer Power Line Repl & Expan	Planned	Revenue	005-0049	WS	175, ₀₀₀
Treatment Facilities Plan Phase II	Planned	Revenue	005-0050	WS	500,000
Slow Sand Purchase	Planned	Revenue	005-0051	WS	210,000
Burried Chlorine Line Replacements	Planned	Revenue	005-0053	WS	330,000
RS Inlet & Drain Valve Replc	Planned	Revenue	005-0054	WS	110 <u>,</u> 000
RSF Air Valve Actrators & Gearboxes	Planned	Revenue	005-0055	WS	80,000
Chemical Bulk Storage Room Improvements	Planned	Revenue	005-0056	WS	150,000
Loading Dock Repairs at West Parish Filters	Planned	Revenue	005-0057	WS	100,000
Rapid Sand Filter Air Header Pipe Replacements	Planned	Revenue	005-0058	WS	50,000
Transmission Main Private Service Removal	Planned	Revenue	06A-0035	WS	310,000
Styrolutions 24 in main replacment	Planned	Revenue	06A-0036	WS	75,000
Infrasturcture Improvements Construction 17-18	Planned	Revenue	06A-0037	WS	94,000
CSO Control Throttles	Planned	Bond	003-0033	WWC	2,131,700
CSO Throttle Controls CA/RE	Planned	Revenue	003-0035	wwc	320,000
CSO Phase II-York St Station & River Crossing Final Design	Planned	Bond	003-0038	wwc	3,500,000
Wastewater Reporting & Reg Compliance	Planned	Revenue	003-0040	WWC	350,000
Sewer Rehabilitation 17-18 Constr Season	Planned	Bond	12A-2018	WWC	2,311,000
					17,945,700

Source of Funding

State Revolving Fund General Revenue Bond 13,756,700

Revenue 4,189,000

Total 17,945,700

Funding by Cost Center

Administration 500,000
Power Supply 960,000
Water Distribution 2,779,000
Water Supply & Transmission 5,094,000
Wastewater Collections 8,612,700

Wastewater Treatment

Total 17,945,700



Fiscal Optimization Activity

- **Estimated \$625,000** in interest income per year The SWSC in conjunction with the Commission's Trustee has put together an investment portfolio, in accordance with the General Bond Resolution's permitted investments, that will yield interest income from the reserve requirements on deposit with the Trustee.
- Refunding of Revenue Bonds The Commission was able to refinance
 Revenue Bonds issued in FY 2011 and FY 2015. The refinance resulted in
 a present value savings of \$2.4 million over the next 12 years (or roughly
 \$200,000 per year)
- Increase in Bond Rating As a result of a review by Standard & Poors Bond rating agency, the Commission was upgraded to AA from AA-. This upgrade is similar to an individual's Credit Score, a higher rating results in lower borrowing rates.

Rules and Regulations Proposed Changes All Changes Effective FY 2018: July 1, 2017

Chapter 5 – Schedule of Rates, Fees, Charges and Penalties

Section 5.2	Water Rates	
Class of Customer	FY 2017	FY 2018
Residential (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$2.89	\$3.01
Commercial (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$2.89	\$3.01
Industrial (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$2.15	\$2.24
Municipal (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$2.15	\$2.24

Section 5.8	Sewer Rates	
Class of Customer	FY 2017	FY 2018
Residential, Institutional and Municipal (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$4.74	\$4.93
Commercial and Medical Facility (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$5.21	\$5.42
Industry Wet & Dry (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$5.69	\$5.92
FSE (per 100 cu.ft.)	\$6.16	\$6.41



Rules and Regulations Proposed Changes

All Changes Effective FY 2018: July 1, 2017

Copies of the Rules and Regulations Proposed Changes are Available by Request.



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Challenges and Closing Remarks



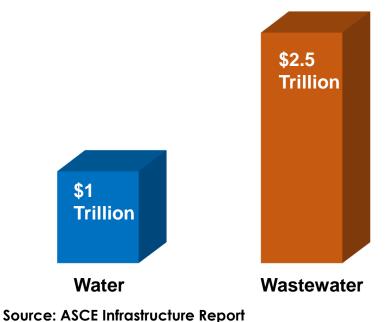
What Are Our Future Challenges?

- Changing Regulatory Requirements & Continued Compliance
- Aging Infrastructure & Strategic Renewal Plan
- Rates & Affordability
- Evolving Customer Needs
- Workforce Strategies
- Safety & Security
- Resiliency & Reliability
- Keeping Pace with Technology

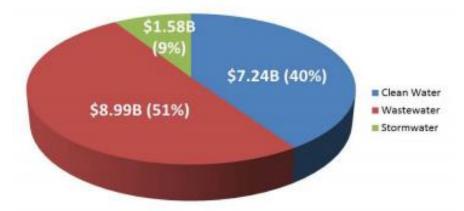


Significant Funding Needs

National Water and Sewer Utility Funding Needs



Massachusetts 20 Year Utility Funding Needs



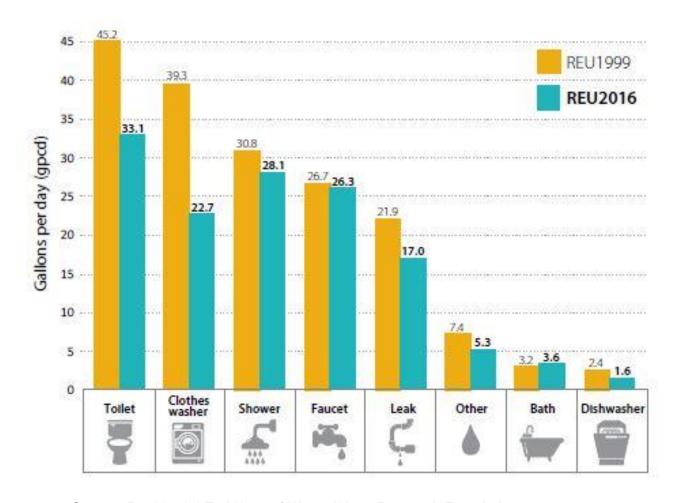
Source: MA Office of Auditor: Local Financial Impact Review – Issued January 17, 2017



VISION

ACCOUNTABILITY

Demand Continues to Decline

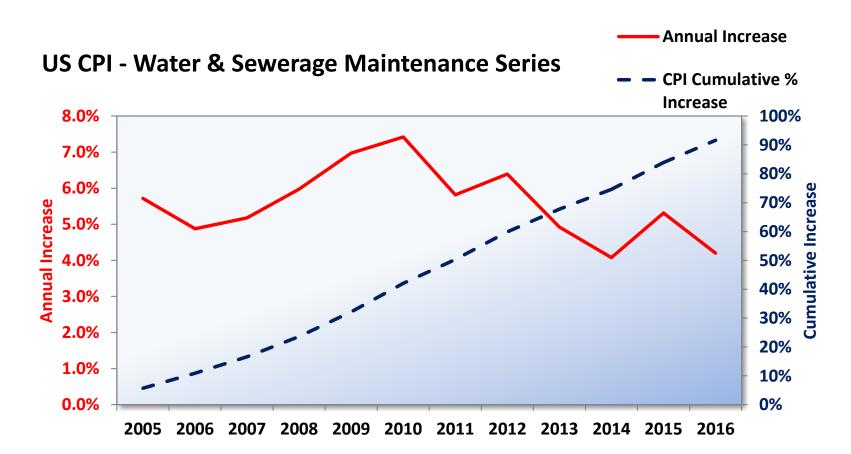


22%
DECREASE
PER HOUSEHOLD
DAILY WATER USE
1999 TO 2016

Source: Residential End Uses of Water, Water Research Foundation 2016

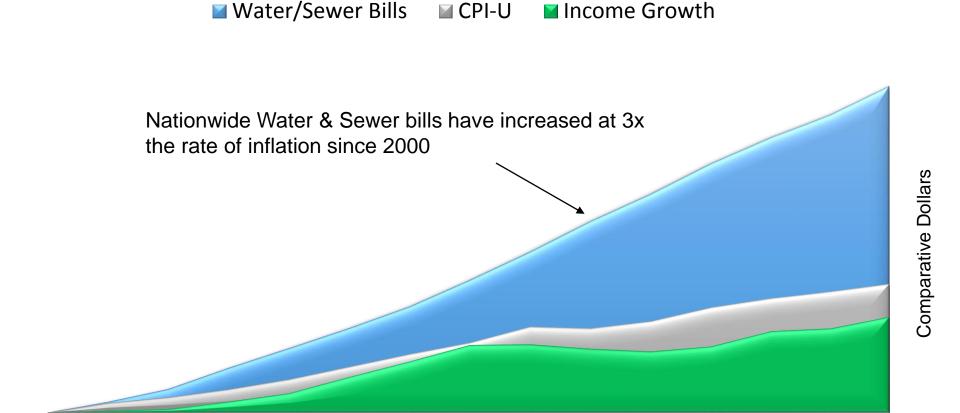


Rates Continue to Climb Nationally



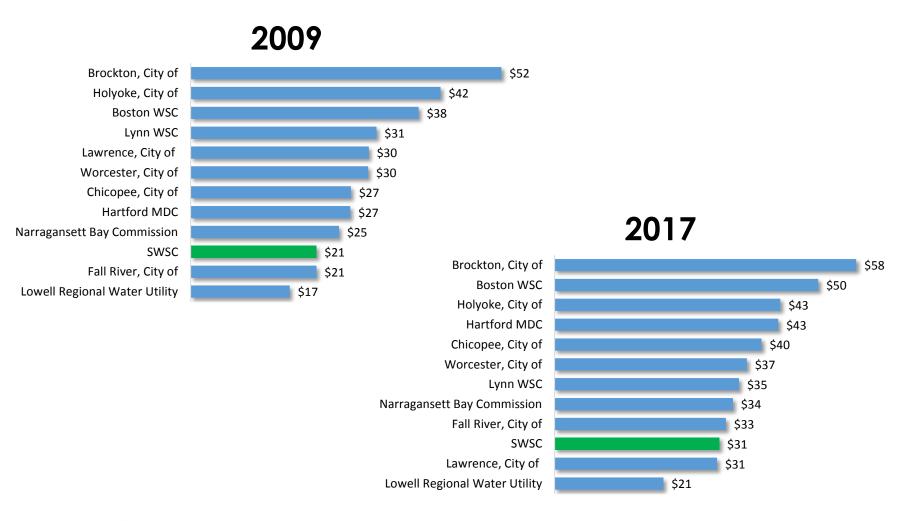


Increases Have Outpaced Income Growth



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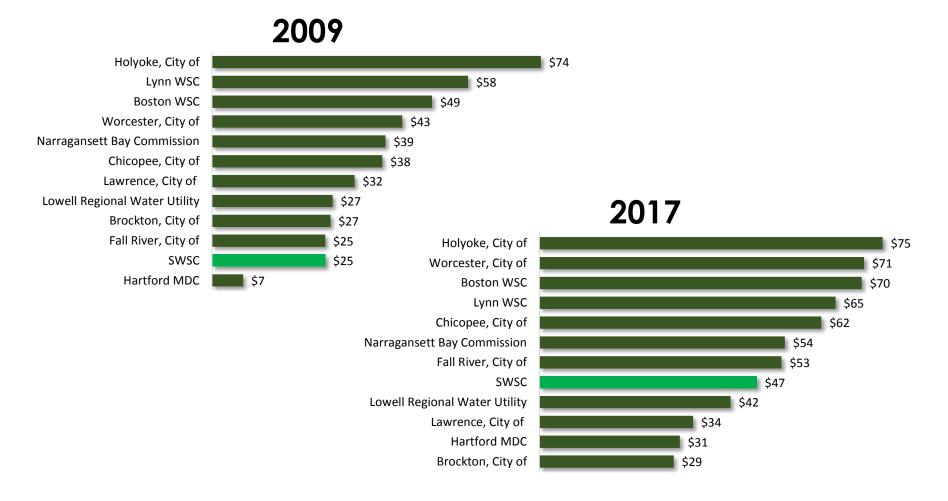
Regional Comparisons Monthly Water Bill (10 HCF)





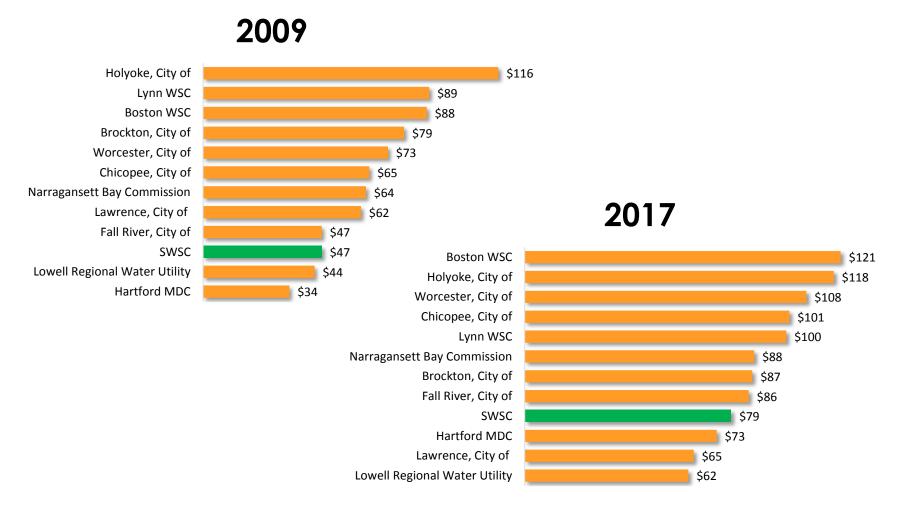
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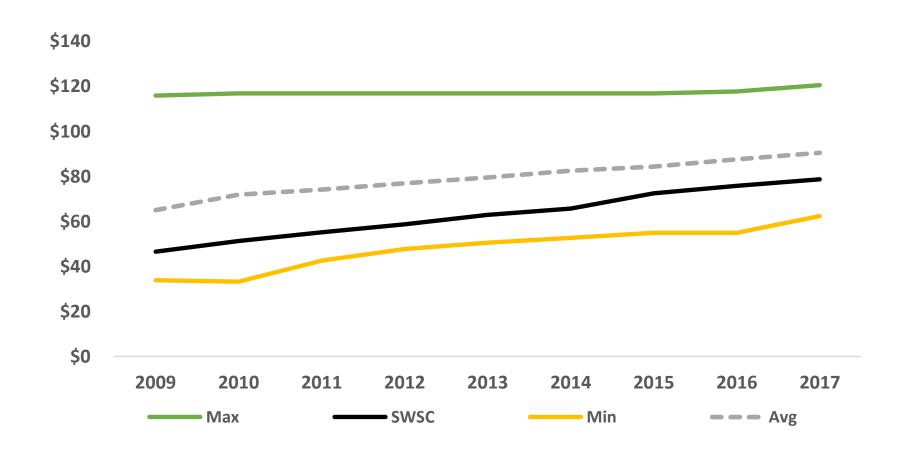
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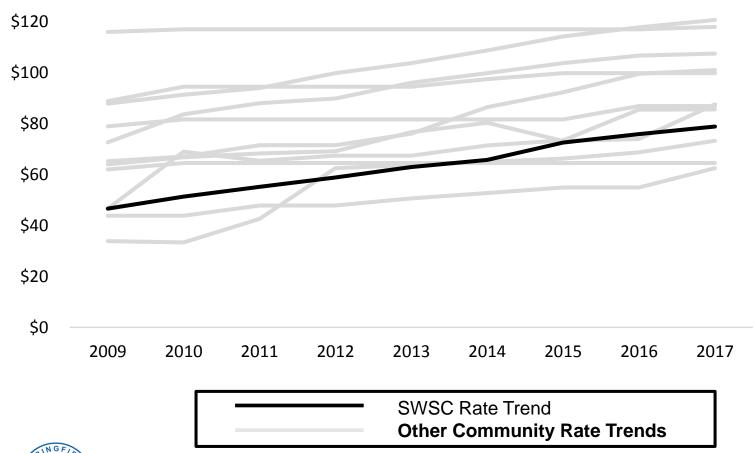
Trends in Combined Monthly Bills (10 HCF) Among Regional Comparisons





Regional Comparisons

Trends in Combined Monthly Bills (10 HCF) Among Regional Comparisons





Regional Comparisons - Summary

Utility	Median Household Income	Moody's Rating	S&P Rating
Boston WSC	\$55,777	Aaa	AAA*
swsc	\$34,728		AA
Worcester, City of	\$45,472	Aa3	AA-
Narragansett Bay Commission	\$45,473		AA-
Chicopee, City of	\$47,684	Aa3	AA-*
Brockton, City of	\$47,557	A1	A+*
Lynn WSC	\$47,429	A1	A+*
Holyoke, City of	\$36,608	A1	A +*
Lowell Regional Water Utility	\$48,002	A1	A +*
Lawrence, City of	\$34,852	А3	A-*
Fall River, City of	\$35,213	А3	A-*
Hartford MDC	\$30,630	Ba2	BB*

^{*} Moody's Credit Rating Converted to S&P Credit Rating



What is the Value of Water?

Reliable Water and Sewer Services are Vital for:











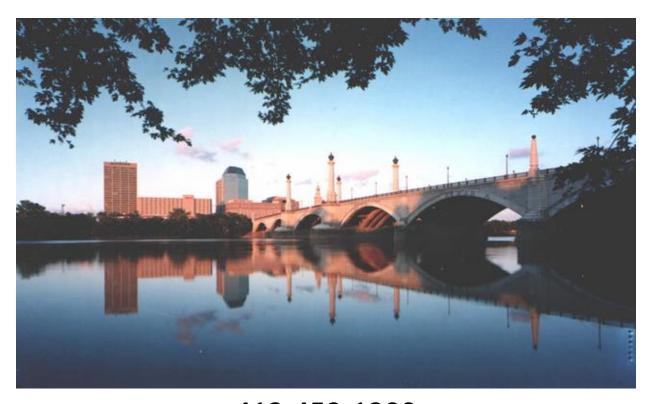
Springfield Water is a Great Value!







Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, Continuously Working for a Better Future



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