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COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW
Diluted sewage may flow into the river
here during and after storms.
Avoid bodily contact with water.
For more information, contact the
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Public Participation Plan

CSO REMEDIAL MEASURES PROGRAM

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Revision Summary

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Sections 1.3.2 and 1.3.3	Updated to indicate notifications will occur seven days a week instead of only on business days.
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1.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

1.1 OVERVIEW

The City of Peoria has a public participation plan to involve the public in implementing the City's combined sewer overflow (CSO) Remedial Measures Program and provide the public with detailed information regarding CSO discharges. The public participation plan is consistent with the requirements of the Consent Decree, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, and federal guidance documents. The public participation plan focuses on public participation and public notification.

1.2 PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City has developed a plan to involve the public in implementing the CSO Remedial Measures Program. The plan includes providing information to the public on the status of the CSO control program and soliciting public input during the planning and design of the annual CSO control projects.

1.2.1 Public Information Distribution

The City utilizes multiple methods to distribute CSO Remedial Measures Program information to the public. Information distribution methods include public meetings, the City's CSO website, emails to distribution list subscribers, and flyers mailed to customers with their sewer bills.

1.2.2 Public Comment Solicitation

The City values public comment and utilizes multiple methods to solicit public comments on CSO remedial measures. The City has had success involving the public during the planning stages of public works projects by conducting planning stage public meetings. Public input is provided through comment periods at these meetings and recorded in meeting minutes and through attendee completion of surveys. The City invites public comment through online surveys and email input requests to subscribers on the CSO website email distribution list where appropriate.

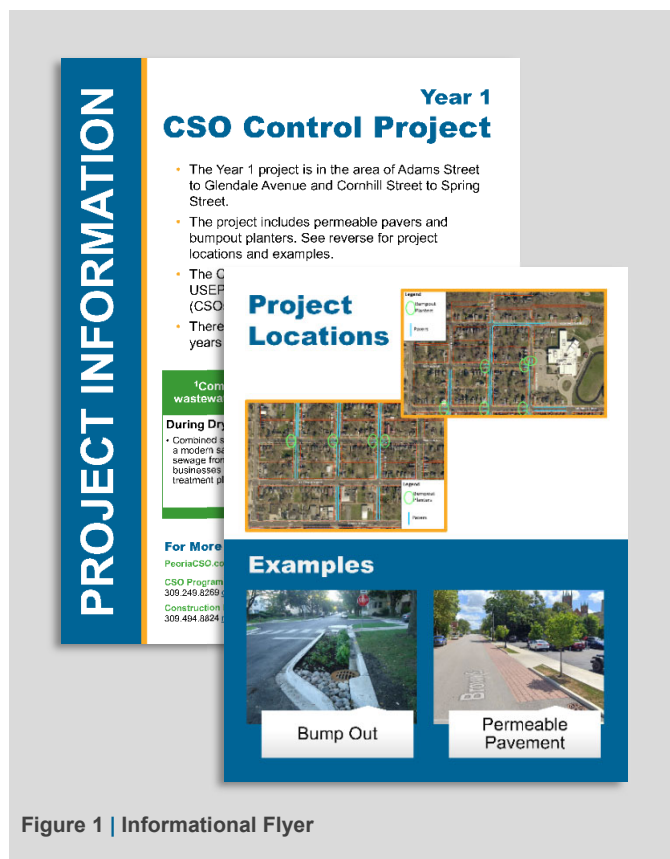


Figure 1 | Informational Flyer

1.2.3 Public Meetings

The City conducts public meetings to provide CSO Remedial Measures Program updates and solicit input for implementing future CSO control measures. Upcoming meeting information, including date/time/location, is distributed by door-to-door notification, social media posts, posts on the City's CSO and general websites, and via email notification to distribution list subscribers.

One annual public meeting will serve as an overall CSO control program-wide update. At the yearly overall CSO control program public meeting, the City will provide a summary and status of the program. The City will submit documentation that the public information meeting was held, a summary of significant comments or questions raised by the public, and the City's response to each issue. The City will identify any modifications to the CSO control program due to the public information meeting within 60 days of holding the public meeting. The CSO Annual Report, submitted on March 31 each year, will serve as a basis for the annual public meeting.

The City will continue to conduct at least one annual meeting associated with its annual CSO control project. Additional meetings will be conducted, as appropriate, as the City progresses with the remedial measures to invite comment and inform the public of localized projects in CSO areas.

The City will use the Year 1 CSO control project meeting format for future project area meetings. Several formal and informal meetings were held with the public in the Year 1 project plan area. The meetings were formatted to inform attendees of project objectives and proposed CSO control measures and to solicit input on the design of the Year 1 CSO control project. Follow-up discussions and meetings were held with the public to provide updates on incorporating feedback from previous meetings and online survey responses.



Figure 2 | Year 1 CSO Control Project Public Meeting

1.2.4 Public Comment Consideration

City staff and the project team will review and consider public input at the planning and design stages. Public comments will also be considered as CSO control measures are planned and developed for subsequent annual projects in the CSO area.

1.3 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

1.3.1 Outfall Warning Signs

The City maintains outfall warning signs at the discharge locations that experience the most frequent CSOs. The signs are posted on the riverbank or dock as close to the outfall as reasonably practical. Where the outfall pipe goes through a sheet-pile wall, the sign is immediately adjacent to the wall and directly above the pipe. The signs are two-sided, with one side of the sign facing the Illinois River and the other side facing land. The signs indicate a CSO discharge location is present. The location of CSO discharges with signs is shown in Table 1.



Figure 3 | Peoria Outfall Sign

Table 1 | Riverfront Access Area Sign Locations

Location	CSO Outfall No.
Green Street	001
Spring Street	003
Eaton Street	A06/B06
Fayette Street	A07
Fulton Street	009
Cedar Street	016
South Street	017
Sanger Street	018
Darst Street	019
Main Street	020

The following text is on each sign:

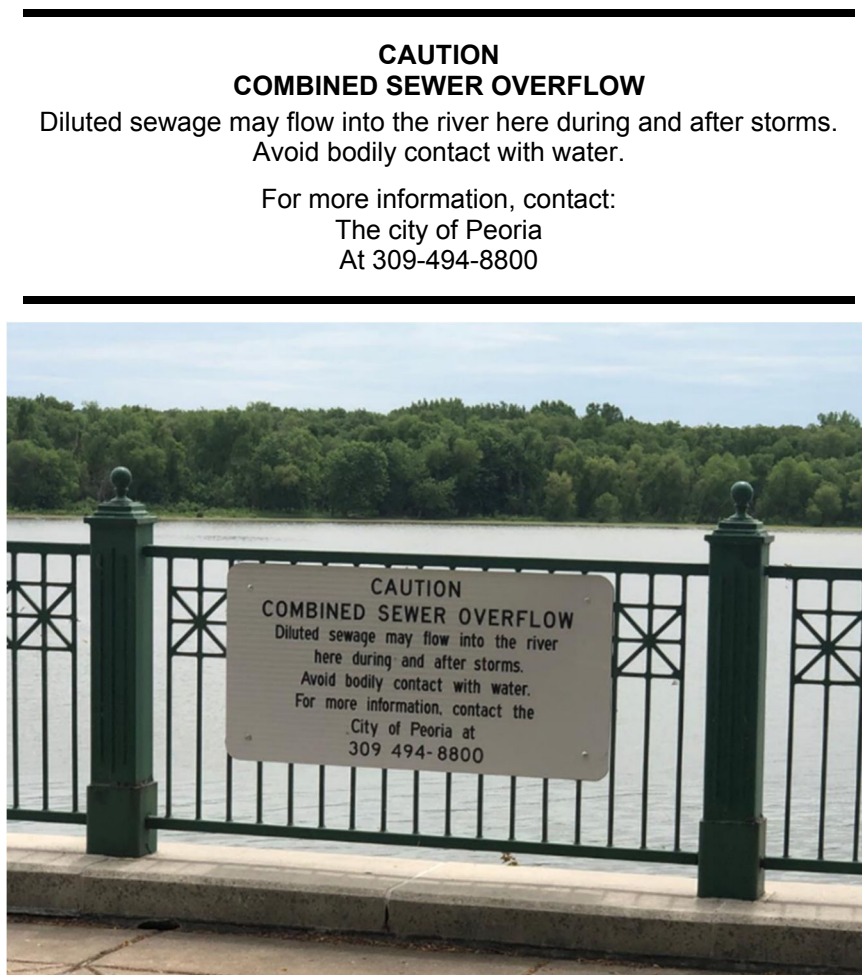


Figure 4 | Example Sign

1.3.2 Email Notification

The City has an email notification system it uses to provide CSO discharge occurrence information. When overflows occur, the City currently issues the below alert to its email subscribers.

Combined Sewer Overflow e-Alert from the City of Peoria

***** SEWAGE WARNING TODAY *****

Rainfall in the City of Peoria has caused a sewer overflow into the Illinois River recently from one or more of the locations shown on [the map located here](#). When this warning is posted, please avoid full-body contact with the Illinois River in the area downstream from Detweiller Marina, as [shown on the map](#). You may get sick if you swallow water while swimming, Jet Skiing, or water skiing in these areas after a sewer overflow. The City of Peoria is developing a long-term plan to reduce sewage overflows to the river during wet weather, as required under the Clean Water Act.

The City will use this system to send an automated email using its distribution list within two hours of learning of a CSO. If the CSO occurs outside of regular business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm), including after 3:00 pm, the City will send its automated email by 10:00 am the next day. The City will send an additional CSO notification email using its distribution list by 10:00 am the next day if a discharge from one of its CSOs is still occurring. The City will also send an additional CSO notification email by 10:00 am if a CSO discharge occurred within the past 48 hours. The City maintains a link on its website allowing people to sign up for CSO email notifications.

1.3.3 Website Notification

The City will update its CSO website within four hours after becoming aware, through its flow meters, that a CSO discharge has occurred. If the CSO occurs outside of regular business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) including after 1:00 pm, the City will update its CSO website with the CSO notification by 10:00 am the next day. The City will leave up CSO notifications for at least 48 hours after the CSO discharge has ended.

1.3.4 CSO Website

The City has developed a CSO-specific website at www.PeoriaCSO.com. The CSO website contains information on the overall CSO program, annual CSO control projects, public meetings, outfall location map, and updated CSO warnings.

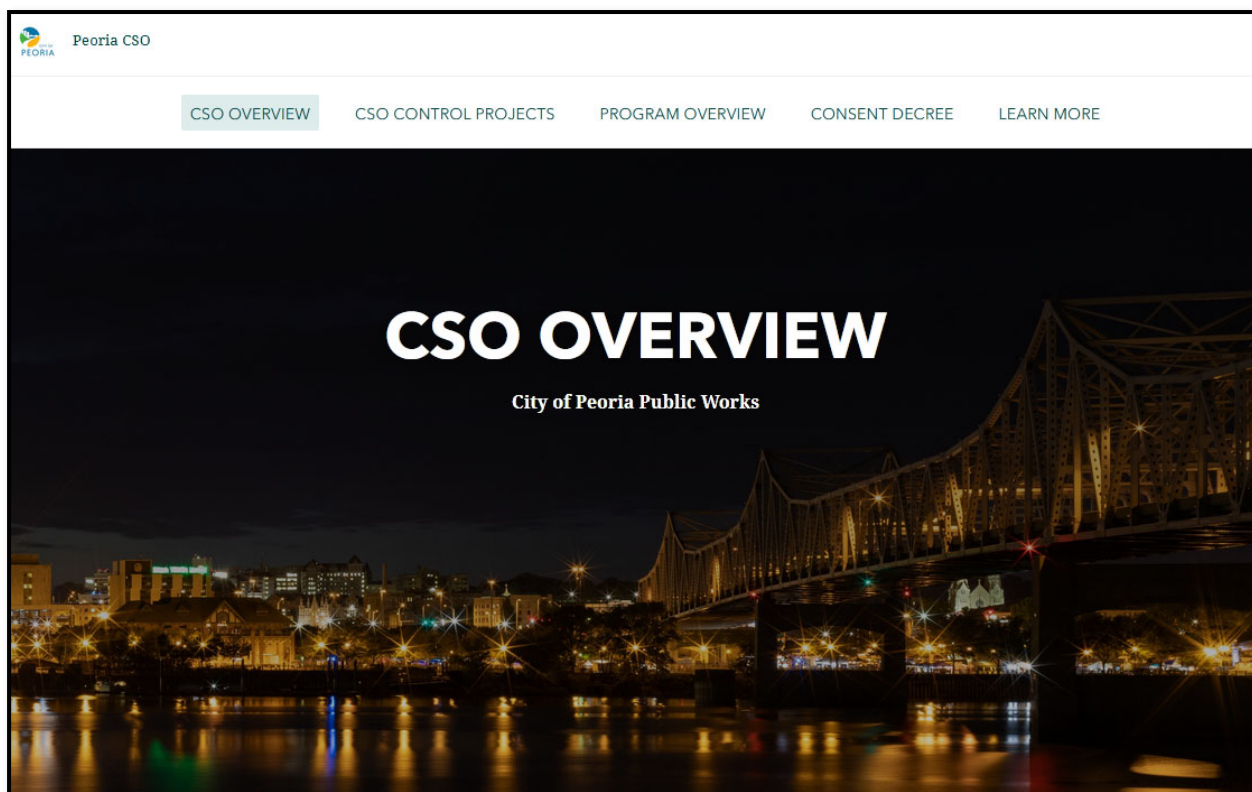


Figure 5 | PeoriaCSO.com Website

Additional information posted to the CSO website will include:

1. Total CSO volume, on a monthly basis, discharged from each CSO outfall
2. Associated table and graph that charts the total amount of CSO volume discharged each month and the total rainfall each month, as recorded by the City's rain gauge network
3. Any applicable water quality monitoring results of the CSO receiving waters
4. The dangers to human health and the environment from CSOs
5. CSO Annual Reports

The data for items 1 and 2 above will be posted to the website within 60 days of the end of the month to allow for necessary data verification and quality assurance/quality control.

The CSO website also includes an electronic database containing all the deliverables required by the Consent Decree in a format that is readily accessible, clearly labeled, and clearly presented to the public.