

MEETING NOTES

Project: CSO Year 2 Green Infrastructure

Subject: Year 2 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project

Public Information Meeting

Date / Time: Tuesday, August 16, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch, 1312 W Lincoln Avenue

Attendees: Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria Deputy Director - City Engineer

Nick McMillion City of Peoria Communications Specialist

Greg Myroth Symbiont CSO Program Manager

Eric Carlson Symbiont CSO Project Engineer

Jason Heinekamp TERRA CSO Year 2 Design Engineer

George Ghareeb TERRA CSO Year 2 Design Engineer

Community Members

The purpose of this meeting was to inform the community about the Year 2 combined sewer overflow control project and receive public input regarding the Year 2 project. The meeting began with an introduction to CSO definitions and a short video describing how combined sewers work. The project team presented information on Peoria's CSO background, project goals, project location, soil infiltration testing, CSO program modeling, and draft green infrastructure types and layout locations. The PowerPoint slides from the presentation are attached. The below questions and comments from the public were addressed as they came up during the presentation.

Attendee Comments / Questions:

1. If storage is required, how will it function and what will that look like?

Response: Storage is required, and it will be installed in the later years of the program and likely be located near combined sewer river outfalls and below grade. Excess combined sewer flow would be stored in below grade tank(s) and eventually discharged to the wastewater treatment plant once plant capacity is available. Below grade storage would allow for use of the area above the tank(s) as park space or athletic fields, etc.

2. Will CSOs be eliminated?

Response: CSOs will not be eliminated. The control measures required to entirely eliminate CSOs for every size storm would be cost prohibitive. CSOs will be reduced up to the level of control agreed to in the Consent Decree between the City and U.S. EPA.

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3. There is an open unshaded area on the combined sewer map in the downtown area southwest of I-74. Why is this?

Response: The combined sewers in this area were separated as part of previous CSO control efforts in the late 1980's/early 1990's.