Developing Regional Solutions



Stormwater Management & Green Infrastructure

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Green Infrastructure

- Constructed Techniques
 - Rain Gardens
 - Bioswales
 - Porous Pavement
- Natural features
 - Wetlands
 - Woodlands
 - Meadows







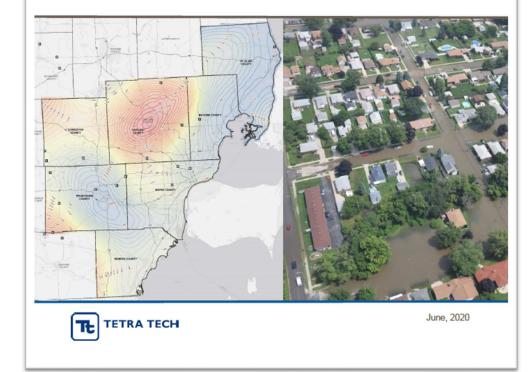
Future Considerations – Rainfall Projections

Current 10-year	Mid-Century 10-year
	(projection)
3.3"	5.2"
	57% 🕇





Southeast Michigan Current and Future Precipitation Climate Resiliency and Flooding Mitigation Study





Stormwater Roundtable Practitioners

- Develop engineering alternatives & guidance for future infrastructure planning & design
- Considerations:
 - National Guidance and Best Practices
 - Future rainfall predictions
 - Regulatory impacts
 - Case studies and different approaches
 - Risk management

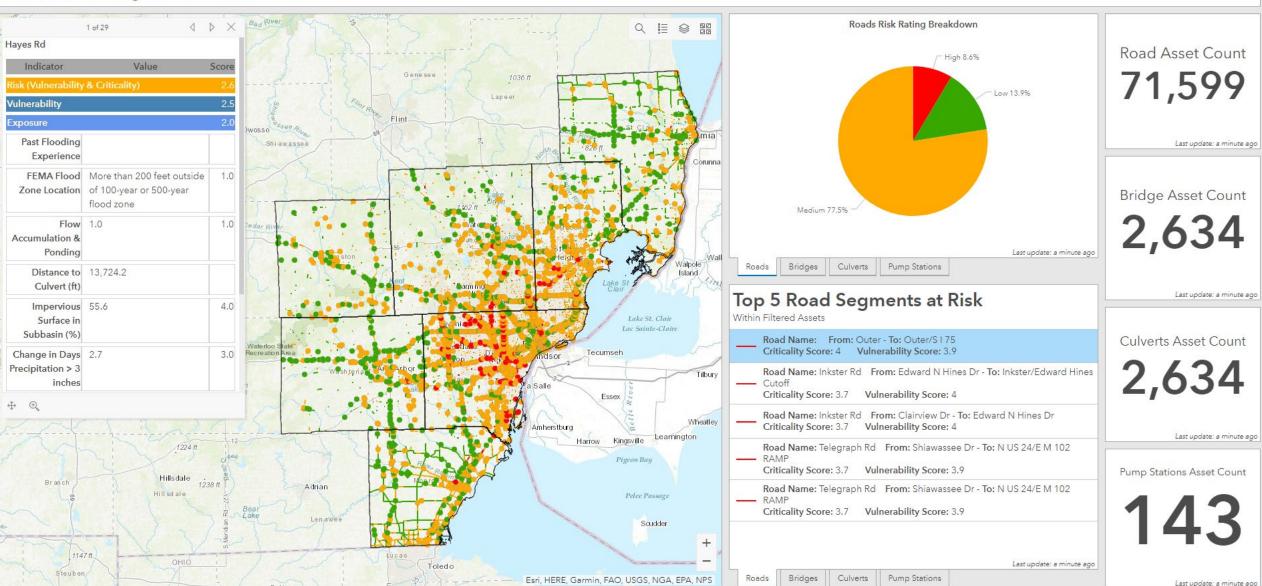






Flood Risk Tool Dashboard

SEMCOG Flooding Risk Tool Dashboard

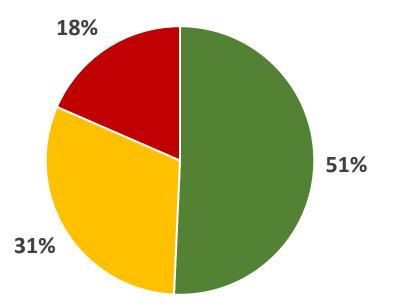


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Stormwater Infrastructure Condition & Investment Need

- At least \$1B needed for linear assets annually through 2045
- Does not include cost for:
 - CSO reduction
 - Upsizing or rightsizing
 - Treatment (i.e. green infrastructure/other stormwater BMPs)
 - Vertical assets like pump stations

Storm Sewer Condition (based on 2019 SEMCOG AM Program)





Southeast Michigan Stormwater Management Funding Initiatives

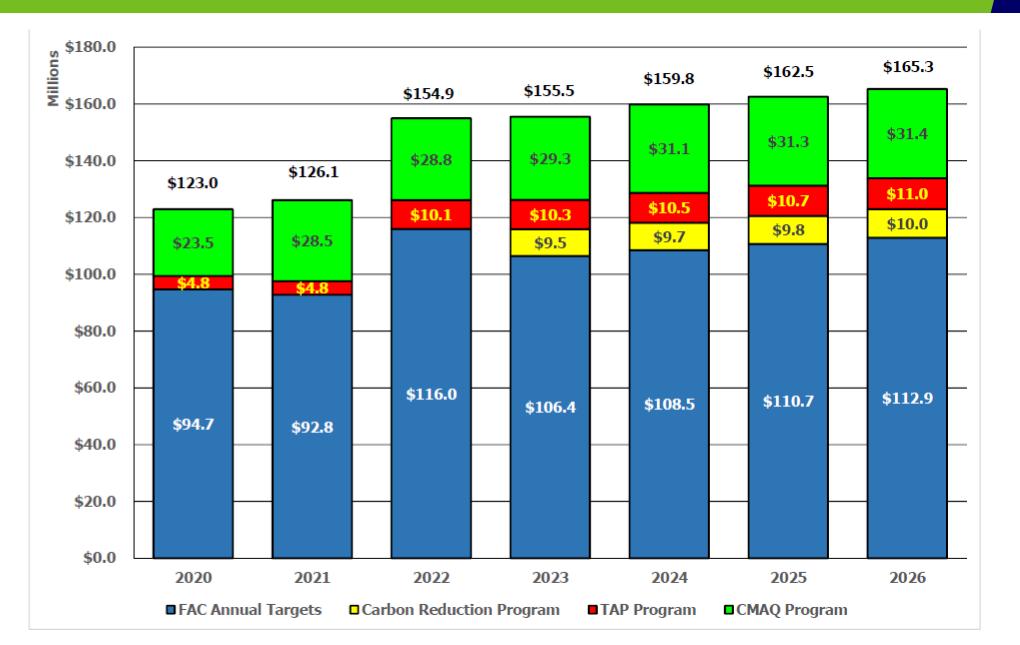


EPA Green Infrastructure SubGrant Program

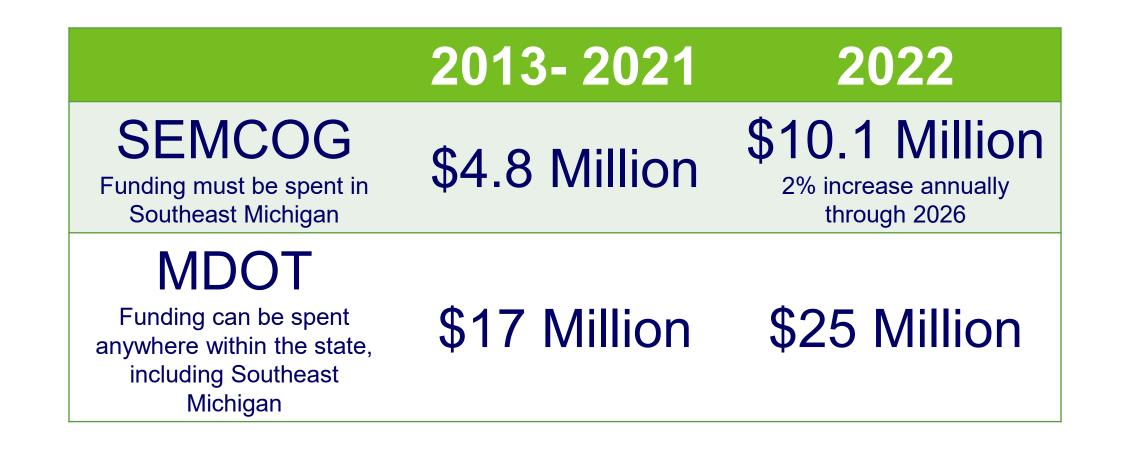




Estimated Funding Available to Local Agencies (millions)



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Increase under the BIL





- Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
 - Non-motorized pathways/trails (on & off road facilities)
 - Pedestrian safety & accessibility projects
- Transportation-related Environmental Mitigation
 - Green Infrastructure
- Community Improvement & Streetscape Projects focus on safety elements
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programs



Other Stormwater Funding Options –

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

- Low Interest loans for clean water projects
- Wastewater & Stormwater
- Less than 1% of funds support stormwater projects
- Eligibility limited to smaller scale stormwater management (water quality)
- HB 5890 5892

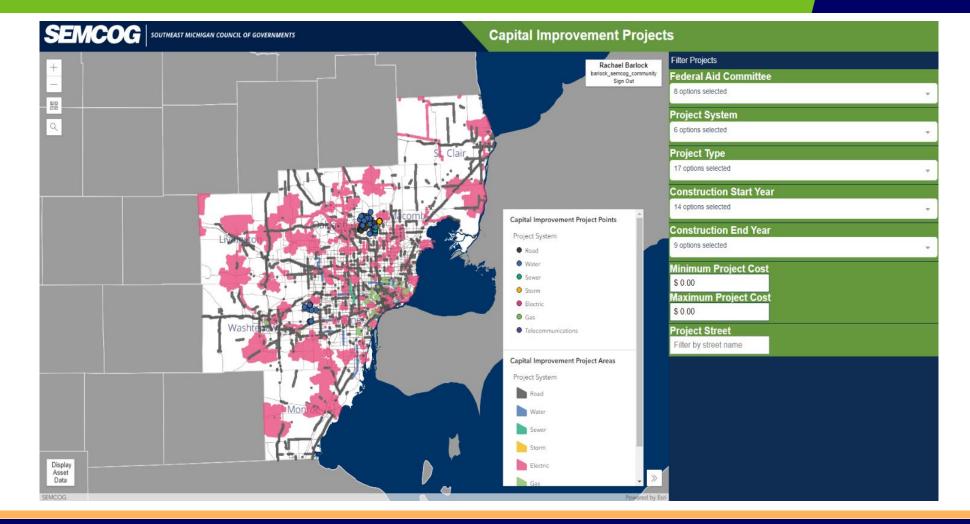
Stormwater Utility

- Adopt a plan
 - Enable multi-community approaches
 - Detail the specific purposes you chose
 - The level of service and supporting rationale
 - The total cost of service
 - Assuring charges are proportional
- Adopt an ordinance that follows the plan

Regional Infrastructure Planning & Coordination

Portal – Capital Improvement Projects

- Public Utilities
- Road projects
- Drinking Water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater





Key Stormwater Management Takeaways

- Green infrastructure provides multiple benefits along transportation corridors, but is not going to solve flooding challenges
- Stormwater management must be addressed collaboratively across different jurisdictions
- Storm sewer investments needs are at least \$1billion annually and that is only to replace poor condition pipes.
- Trends in future rainfall show increasing frequency and intensity
- The level of service will continue to decline
- Transportation Alternatives Programs are opportunities to support stormwater management along roads, but more is needed



Recommendations Transportation & Stormwater Management

- Funding: Regional Stormwater Studies for Future Infrastructure Planning and Design
- Collaboration: Infrastructure "Dig Once" Concept. Align infrastructure projects for long-term cost savings and efficiencies
- Data Collection: Stormwater assets condition and capacity (culverts as example)
- Public Education: Impacts of future rainfall on existing systems
- Legislative: SRF changes (HB 5890 92) and Stormwater Utility



Thank You!

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