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# NASHVILLE'S REHAB PROGRAM\*

**A Strategic Plan Removes 3.6  
Billion Gallons of I/I**

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Abatement Program 1991-2005*

**IS SEWER REHABILITATION EFFECTIVE ?**



# MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

- Reduction of I/I
- Reduction of Overflows
  - (and concurrent water quality improvement)



# NATIONAL TRENDS

**WERF\*** - study of trends of I/I reduction in 44 utilities:

**“Unfortunately, none of the information between projects was comparable...”**

*\* Water Environment Research Foundation*



# LACK OF INFORMATION

- Holds our industry back
- Discourages investment in infrastructure renewal
- Hinders environmental improvements



# Successful Trenchless Rehabilitation

- Based on **actual field results** in Nashville, TN
- **Largest published database** for measured I/I reduction in the US
- Analyzed **94 miles of rehabilitation** (250 miles total - ~ 10% system)
- **I/I cut in half**
- **123 overflows eliminated**
- EPA commends **stream improvements**



# Strategy for Application of Products is as Important as Product Quality

- Product Effectiveness is Equal (no leaks where applied)
- Therefore: Concentrate Effort to Defeat Migration
- Dry Defects on Video May be Wet Weather Leaks
- Some Defects May Not be Visible on Video
- Pipe Segments: “Connect-the-Dots”



# System Approach

## Ten steps:

1. Identify Goals
2. Select Target Area
3. Quantify Problem
4. Locate Defects
5. Select Pipe Segments
6. Estimate Cost-Benefit
7. Design & Install
8. Verify Performance
9. Follow-up Flow Monitoring
10. Calculate O & M Savings



# Nashville Design Criteria -- Total System Approach

## Goal:

“Containment” for flows from 5-year, 24-hour rainfall

## Policy:

- All service laterals connected to the rehabilitated pipes will be renewed to the easement line or the property line.
- All manholes connected to rehabilitated pipes will be renewed.



# THREE TYPES OF I/I MEASUREMENTS USED FOR NASHVILLE PROGRAM

- Annual I/I
  - (normalized for a year with average rainfall)
- I/I Rates Projected For a Standard Storm Event
  - 24 Hour I/I from 24 Hour Rainfall event
  - Peak Hour I/I rate from 24 Hour Rainfall Event



# Evaluation of Work In Nashville

- 27 areas analyzed
- 94 miles rehab'd
- (1/3+ of total work in Nashville)
- + 50% I/I reduction (in the project areas)

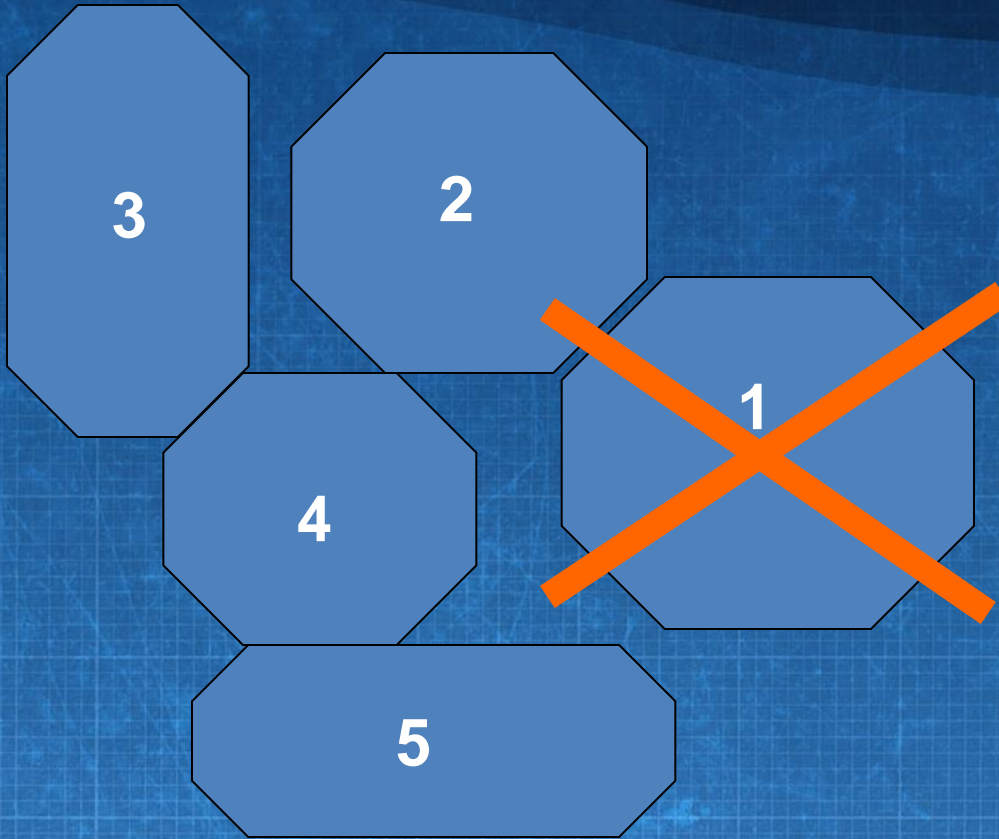
Project	Length	Annual I/I Reduction		5-Year, 24-Hour I/I Reduction		5-Year, Peak-Hour I/I Reduction	
	(ft)	(mg)	(%)	(mg)	(%)	(mgd)	(%)
Berwick Trail	2290	15	52				
Brookwood	2,550	4	8				
Cleeces Ferry (15)	2,143	9.3	50	0.151	66	0.426	62
Clifton Park	38,744	228	62	5.25	43	10.788	40
Foster Ave.	10,445	189	52	3.998	56	7.561	57
Gibson Cr. (GC4 & DR6)	38,006	18	33	1.848	54	2.385	42
Hermitage Hills	34,100	116	47	2.536	46	2.93	32
Hopedale	16,084	289	72	1.376	49	0.271	8
Kenner	2,463	91	88	0.508	31		
LE Nashville (5&6)	7,077	32	11	0.687	56	0.809	22
Madison Heights	716	0.2	7	0.147	98	0.513	96
Nolensville Rd	2,391	43	37	0.884	25	1.016	
OakValley	4,400	89	76	3.868	90	4.331	84
Osage	5,440	334	52			1.98	18
Paragon Mills(P1&2,S3&4)	21,584	171	20	4.119	39	30.853	66
Post Rd	6,931	116	70	3.79	67	5.438	69
Rainbow Terr.	515	4	98	0.087	89	0.235	91
River Dr.	1,259	20	50	1	71	3	83
Riverside Dr.	2,285	7	47	0.463	40	1.841	63
Shelby Park A-1`	40,830	353	73	3.71	77	6.05	71
Smith Springs	59,178	316	38	8.924	51	16.772	48
Sugartree	41,255	668	37	15.38	49	17.27	35
Vandiver	14,500	72	44	2.74	40	4.45	57
Wallace Rd	24,267	0		8.65	69	9.41	55
West Linden	21,005	51	45	0.575	17	0.456	7
Whites Creek	88,000	400	33	12.018	41.4	19.469	42
Williamson Ferry	6,719	11	8	0.4	13	1.8	30



# Successful Rehab Factors

- Define goals
- Extensive flow monitoring & standard procedures
- Lateral rehabilitation
- “Targeting” – stop water migration
- Accountability – verify desired results
- Planning for a comprehensive program
  - ❖ Piecemeal or “find & fix” approaches are not adequate to stop migration !!

# Total System: Pick Priority Area



Work on the top  
priority area -

**- AND KNOCK IT OUT !**



# Lateral Rehabilitation Effectiveness

- Downingtown, PA -area 5
  - 38 laterals in 1,513' CIP - 100% treated
  - 97% reduction - 22 mg annually
- Stege San. Dist, CA - subarea N
  - 111 laterals in 13,400' Slip-PE & MH - 100%
  - 86% reduction
- Nashville, TN - Oak Valley
  - 63 laterals in 4,400' CIP - 41% treated
  - 77% reduction (20%-laterals) - 67 mg annually

**Over 10,000 service laterals rehabilitated in Nashville's Program**



# Flow & Rain Monitoring Is A Key Tool

- Target and prioritize basins
- Correctly interpret hydraulic conditions
- Conduct model calibration
- Monitor post-rehabilitation to verify project effectiveness

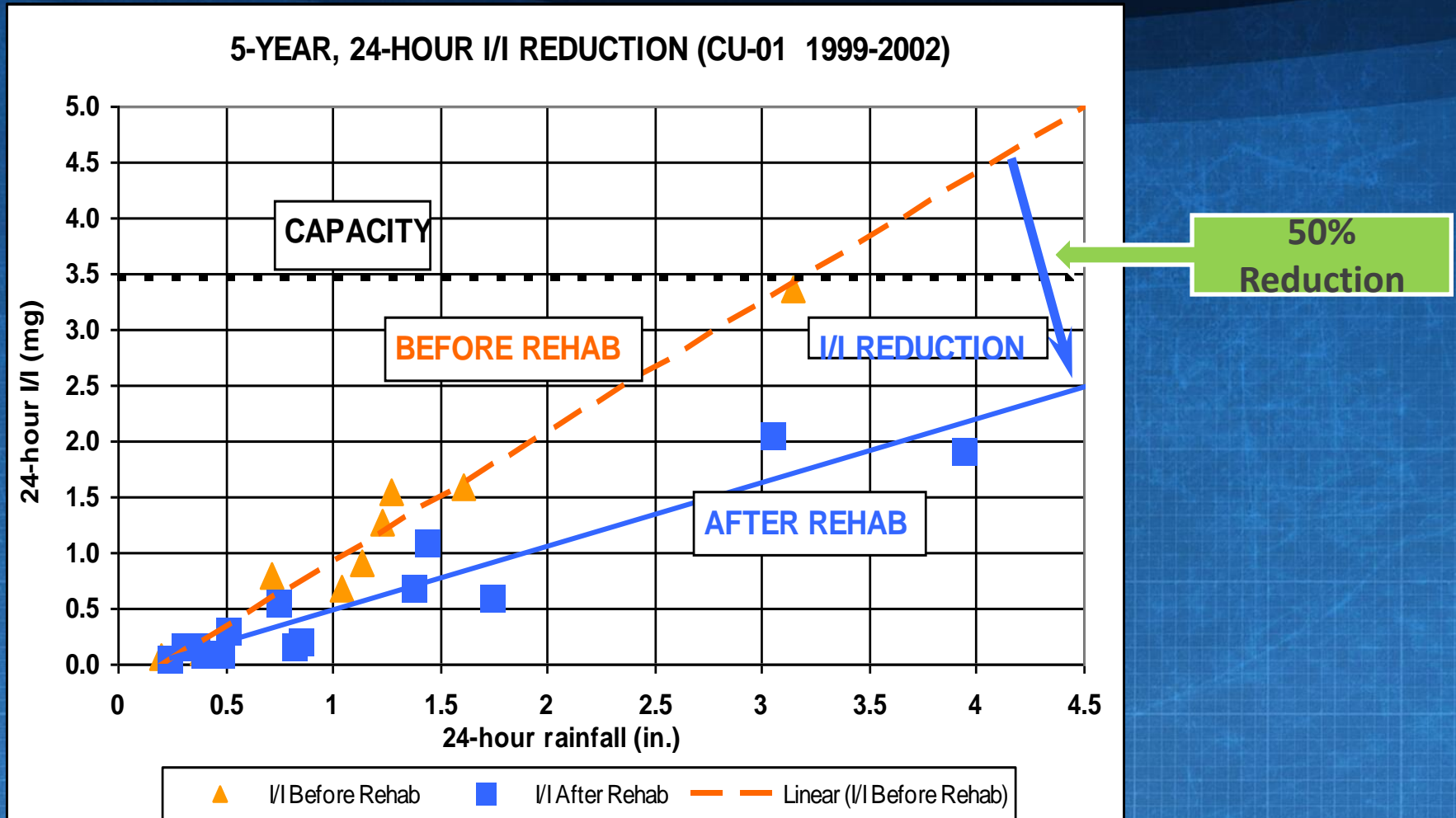


# Documentation

- Reliable Flow Monitoring Data  
(USEPA – ETV verified equipment)
- Intensive Flow & Rainfall Monitoring  
(90+ long-term, 700+ temp, 20 rain gauges)
- Standardized (non-proprietary) Analytical  
Methods for I/I Analysis
- Standardized Criteria for Reporting I/I

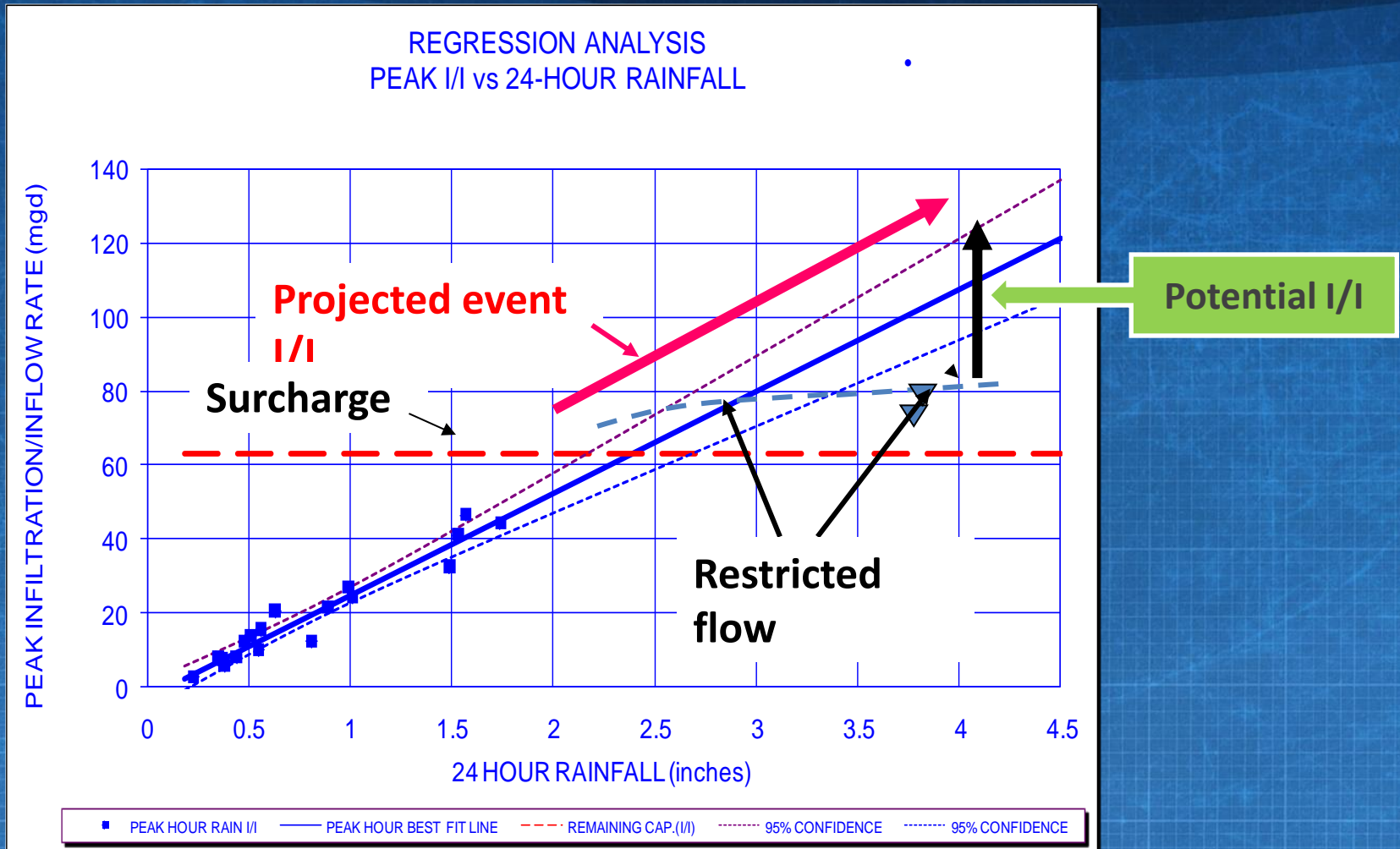


# Before-after Project Evaluation





# Proper Interpretation Considering Site Hydraulics



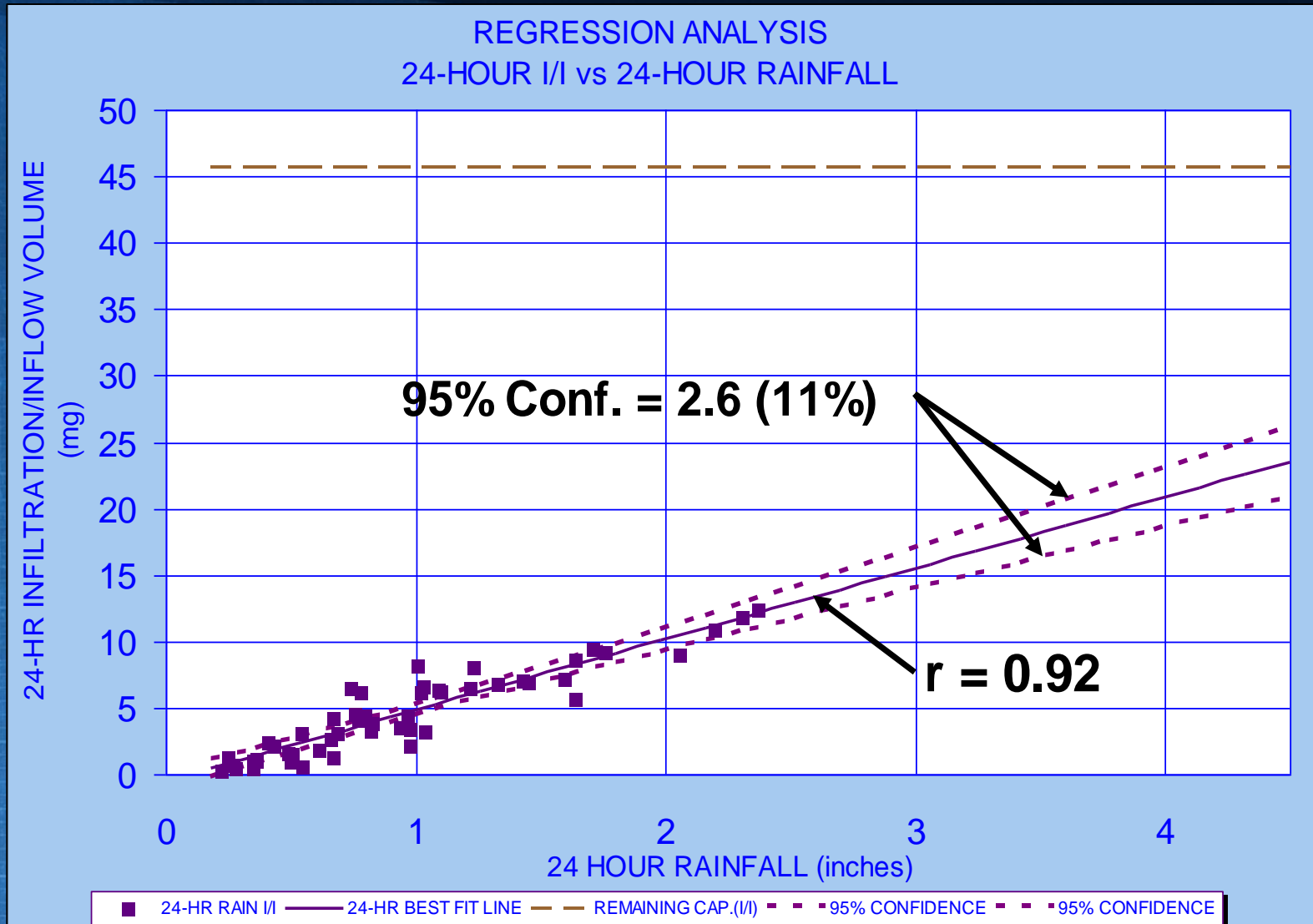
$R=0.97$ , 95% CONF. = 26%

# STANDARDIZED STATISTICAL METHODS

- Use statistical tests to evaluate the analytical methodology
- $r$  value: coefficient of linear correlation ( *$r$  not related to RTK method*)
- $r^2$  value: per cent of variation of I/I attributable to 24-hour rainfall
- 95% confidence interval



# Standardized I/I Analysis



# Standardized Approach (summary highlights)

- Design storm (e.g., 5-year, 24-hour event)
- Statistical criteria for QA/QC
- Define rainfall event (e.g., 10 hrs dry prev.)
- Use maximum number of events in period
- Minimize analyst bias (selectivity)

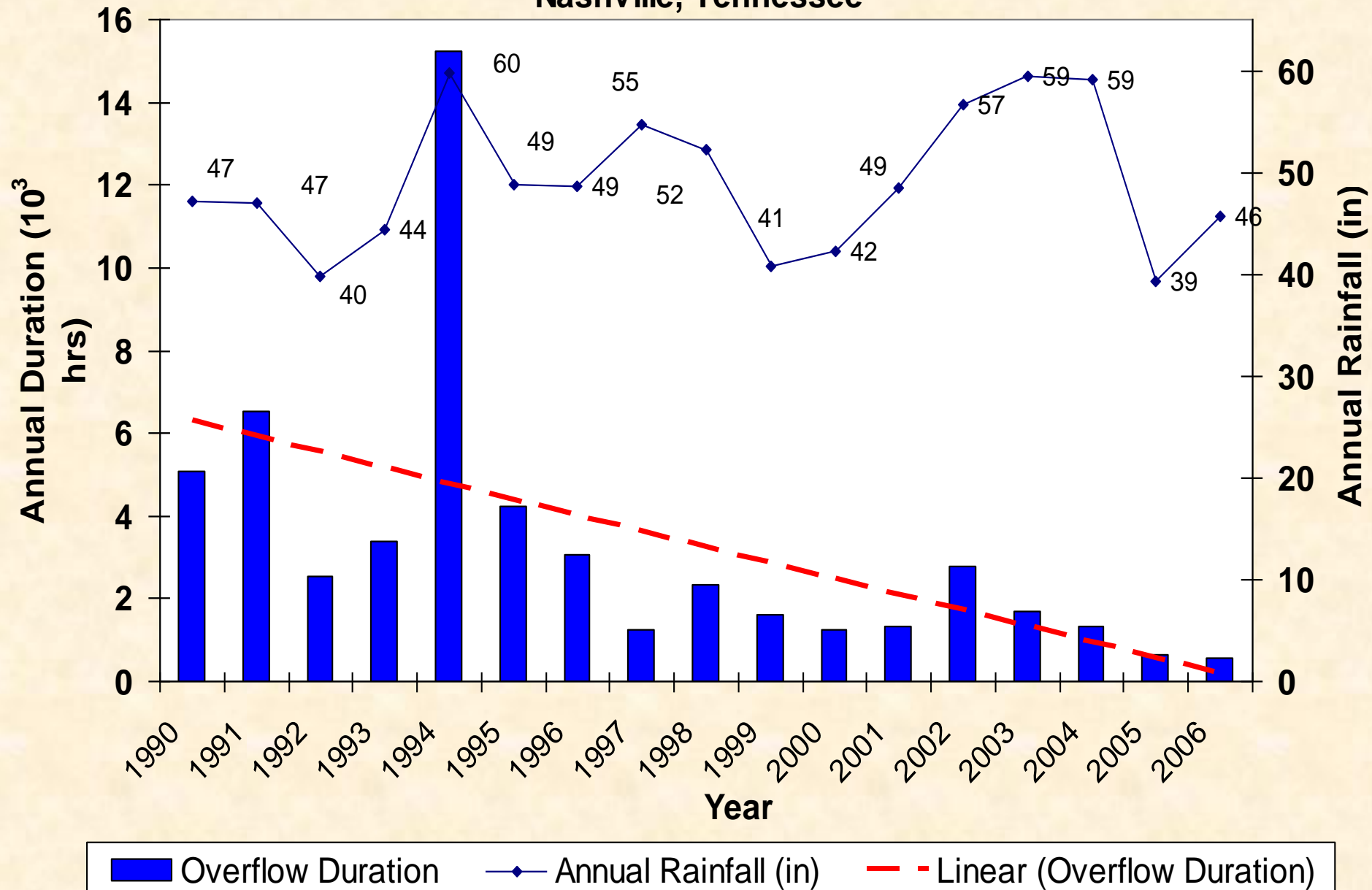


# Nashville measured results

For the 27 areas (94 miles) analyzed so far:

- I/I eliminated annually: 3.647 billion gal.
- Annual I/I eliminated: 49.6%
- 24-hour, 5-year I/I reduction: 53%
- Peak-hour, 5-year I/I reduction : 52.2%

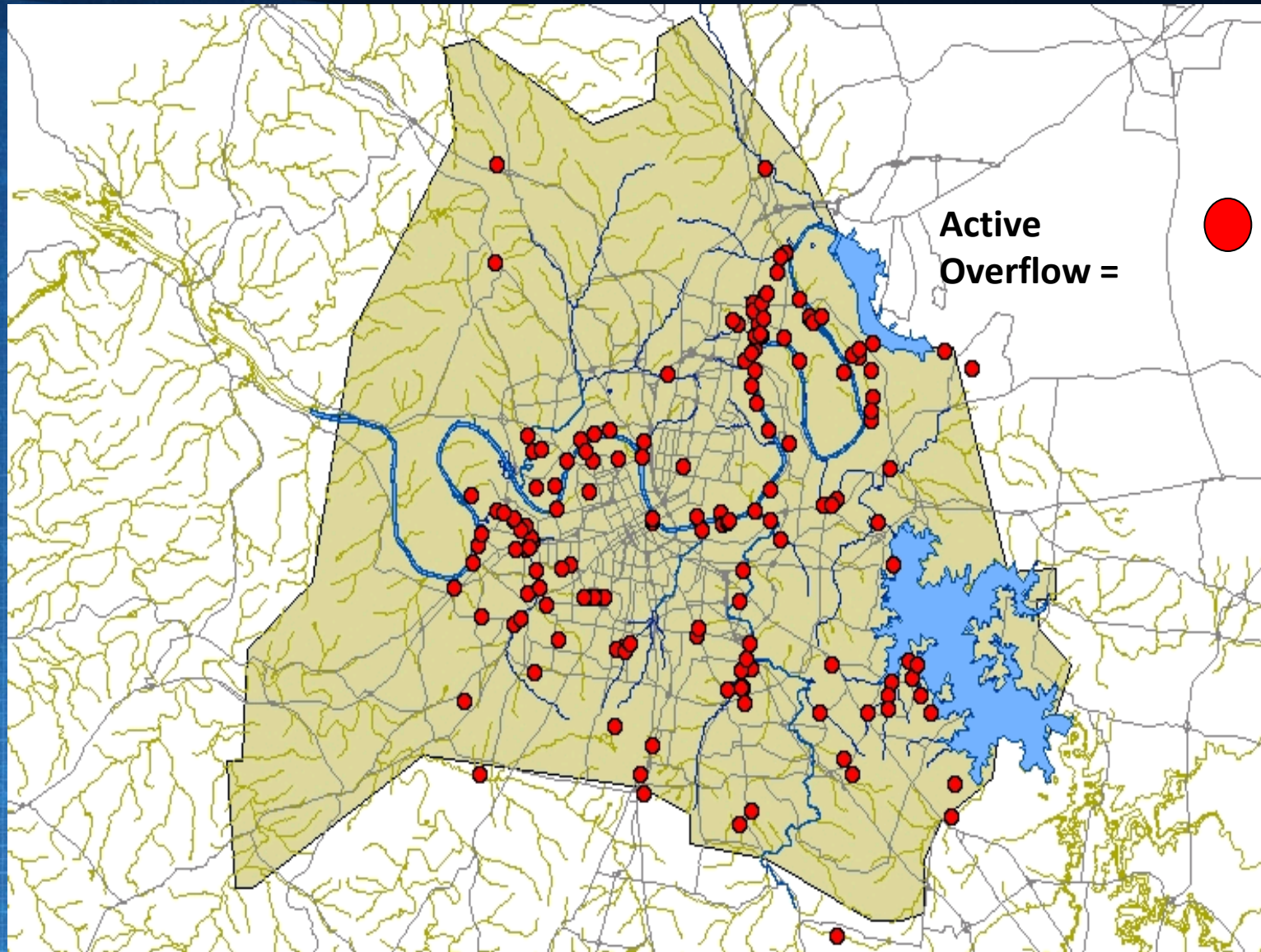
# Annual Duration of Rainfall Induced Bleeder and Manhole SSOs Nashville, Tennessee





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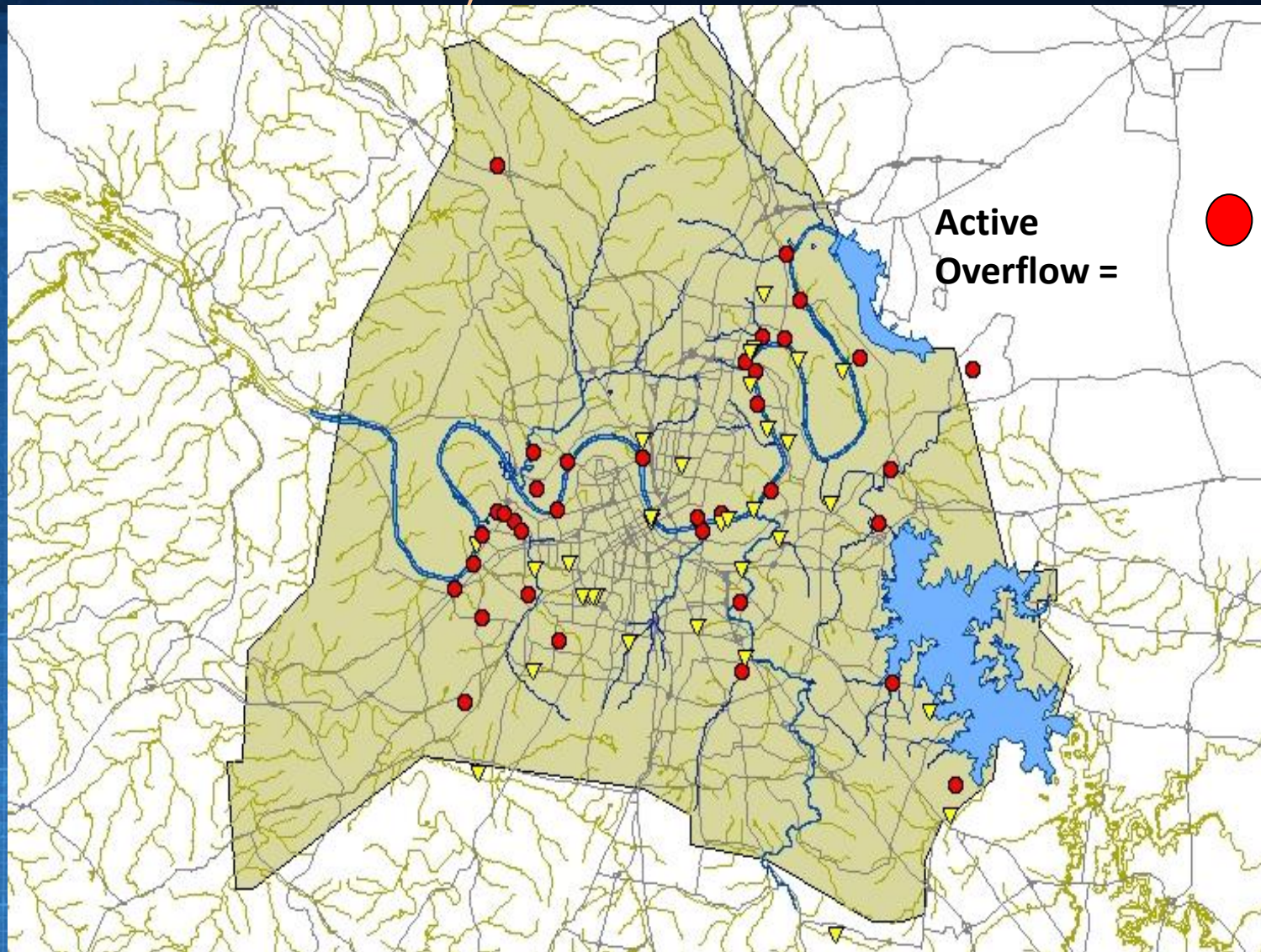
157 Potential SSO Locations Identified Since 1990





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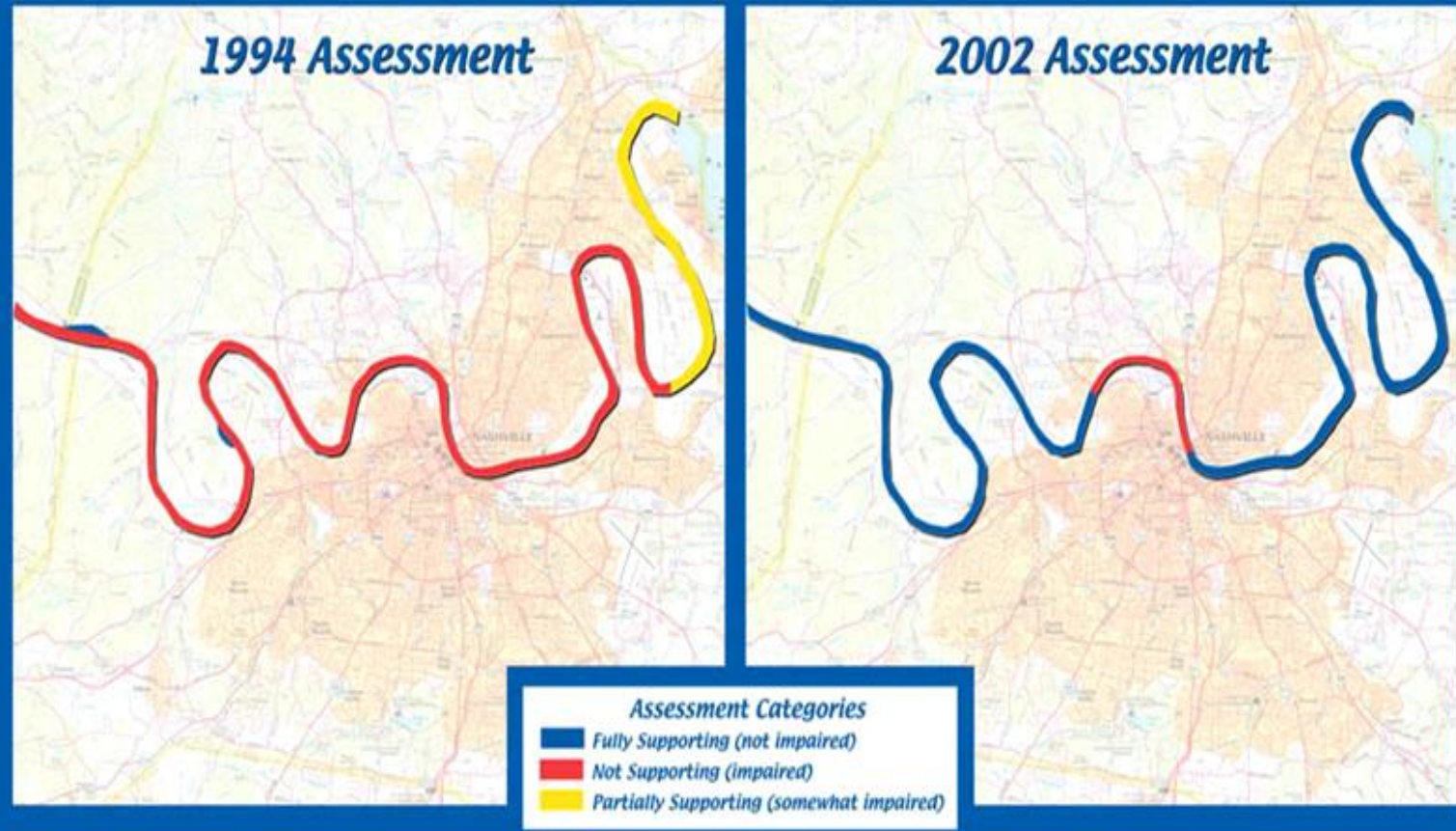
34 Active Overflows & Watch list Locations (As of January 2005)





# Governor's Ceremony 11-25-2002

## Cleaning up the Cumberland





# EPA & Governor's Deposting Ceremony

## November 2002

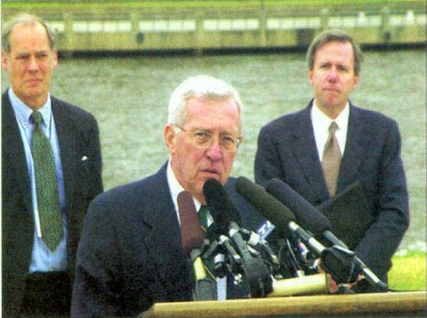
- 33 miles “de-posted”
- Many segments on 303d list removed or no longer attributed to collection system failure

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Deputy Governor Justin Wilson, left, and Mayor Bill Purcell listen Monday as Gov. Don Sundquist discusses the efforts to cleanup the Cumberland River.

## Cumberland River certified clean

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It's OK to swim in the Cumberland River again. You can even eat the fish.

Gov. Don Sundquist, Mayor Bill Purcell and officials from various environmental entities gathered Monday at the east bank of the Cumberland River to announce a historic cleanup of the river.

The Cumberland River has been included on the state's list of polluted waters since the mid-1980s as a result of Metro Nashville's sewage system. More than 33 miles of the Cumberland River in Davidson County now meet state and federal water quality standards.

Since 1990, Metro government has invested more than \$700 million in its pollution control efforts, and will invest an additional \$150 million over the next five years to continue to improve water quality.

"The progress that we're celebrating ... is the direct result of the hard work and investment by Metro Nashville staff and leadership over many years," Purcell said.

"I'm proud of the progress that we've made and remain committed to continuing efforts to protect and enhance the quality of this great river and its watershed."

Purcell said the progress made cleaning the river is also in large part due to Sundquist.

"This governor ... also has made clear today through this effort — as well as in the days past, what we can accomplish when we are together as a city and as a state," Purcell said.

Sundquist thanked Margo Farnsworth, executive director of the Cumberland River Compact, and her non-profit organization for educating citizens and raising awareness of water quality issues.

"We can't stop now," Sundquist said. "Taking us into this river's future is a group of dedicated citizens called the Cumberland River Compact. Margo Farnsworth and her organization have

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Clean water depends on every one of us working together."

Farnsworth said it was fitting the announcement fell during the week of Thanksgiving.

"The people in this region have much to celebrate and be thankful for with regard to this river," Farnsworth said.

The 33 miles of river, which now meet the water quality standards, represent an 87 percent reduction in pollution since 1998 in the Davidson County portion of the Cumberland River not meeting standards.

Approximately five miles of the river in Tennessee still remain on the state's list of impaired waters.

"This is a river that has changed and changed for the better," Purcell said. "I think the people of Nashville will appreciate that for many, many years to come."

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# Strategic goals met

- I/I reduction
- SSO reduction
- Stream improvement



# Questions ?

## **NASHVILLE'S REHAB PROGRAM**

A strategic plan removes 3.6 billion gallons  
of I/I