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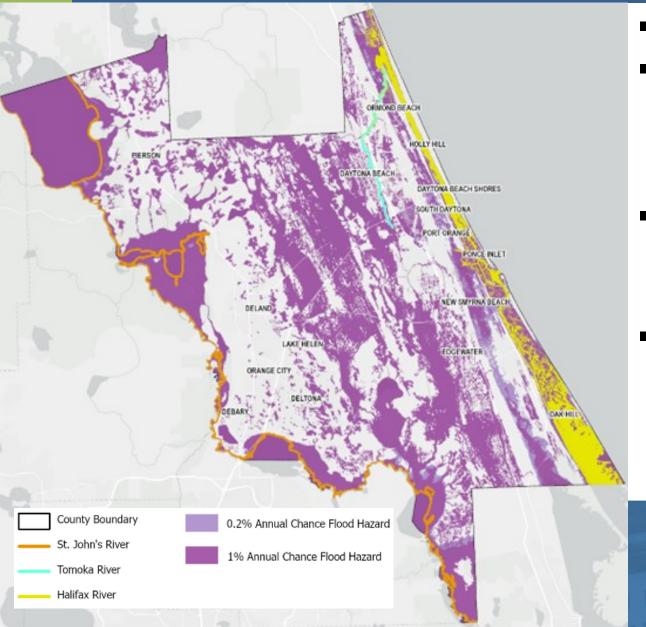
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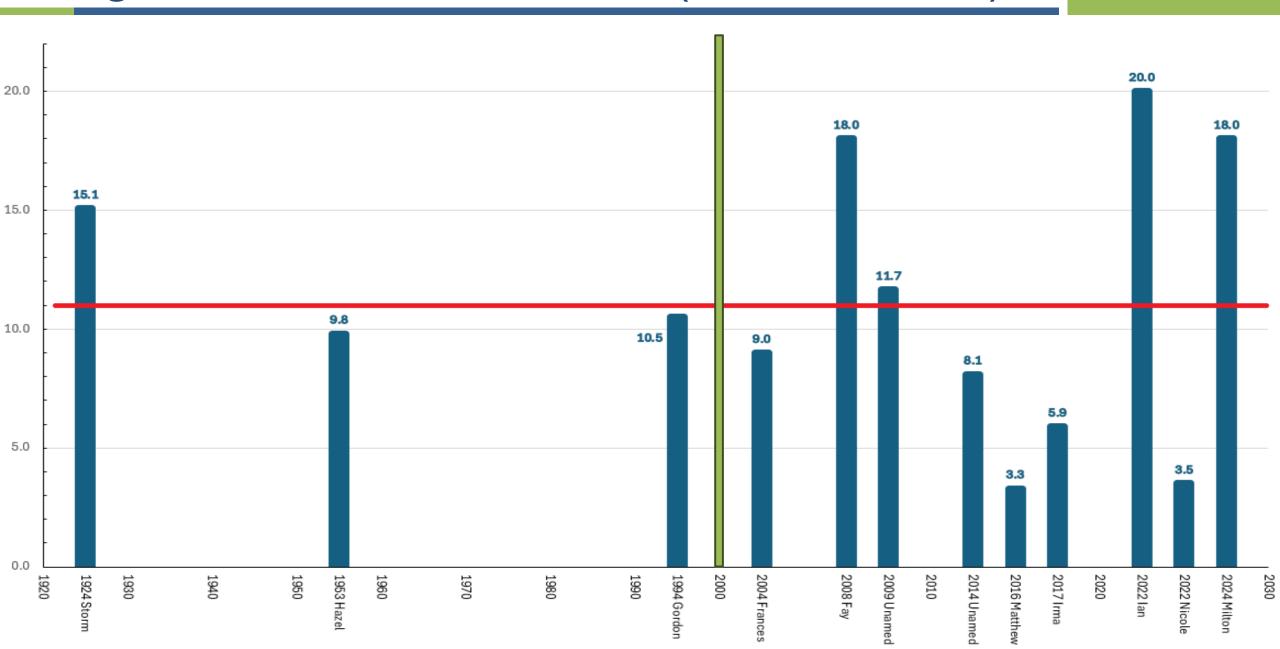


#### Volusia County-FEMA Flood Hazard Zones



- Volusia County Total Area: 1,210 Sq Miles
- Total County Area in FEMA Flood Zones:
  - 2007: 634.8 Sq Miles
  - 2017: 653.0 Sq Miles
  - 2024: 642.8 Sq Miles
- 75,943 individual parcels are in the floodplain. 58.6% of those parcels within the floodplain are in incorporated city limits.
- The total 2024 tax roll property value for Volusia County is \$104.6 billion. \$27.9 billion in property value (26.7%) is located within floodplain.

## Large Volume Rain Events (1922 – 2024)



#### National Hurricane Reports





#### NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT



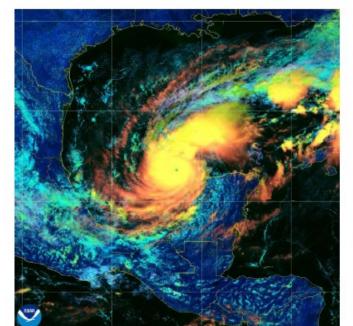


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**HURRICANE MILTON** (AL142024)

5-10 October 2024

John L. Beven II, Laura Alaka, and Cody Fritz National Hurricane Center 31 March 2025



HURRICANE IAN (AL092022)

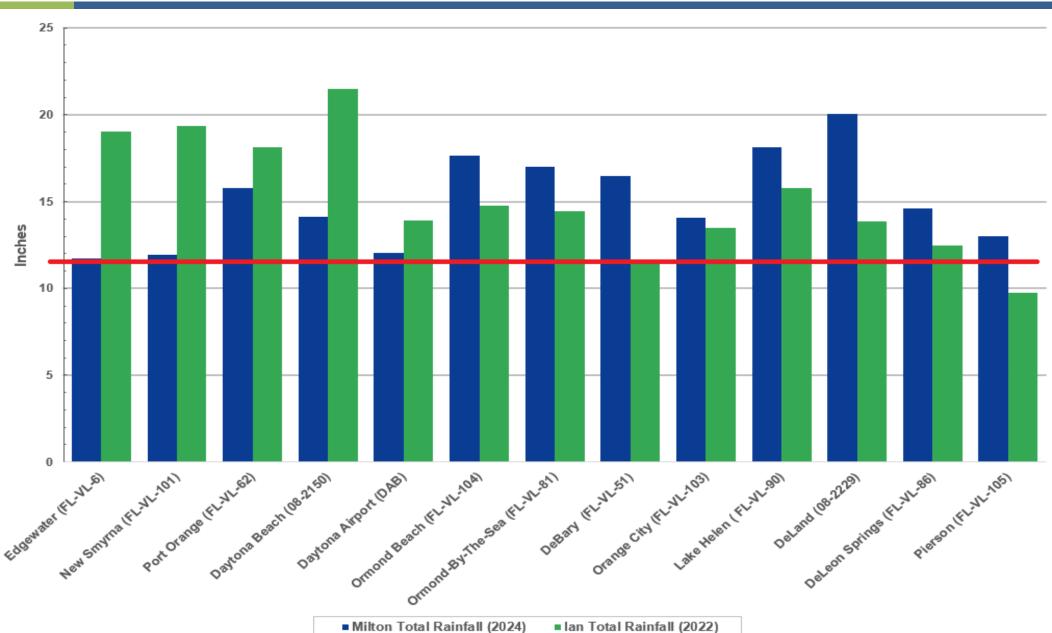
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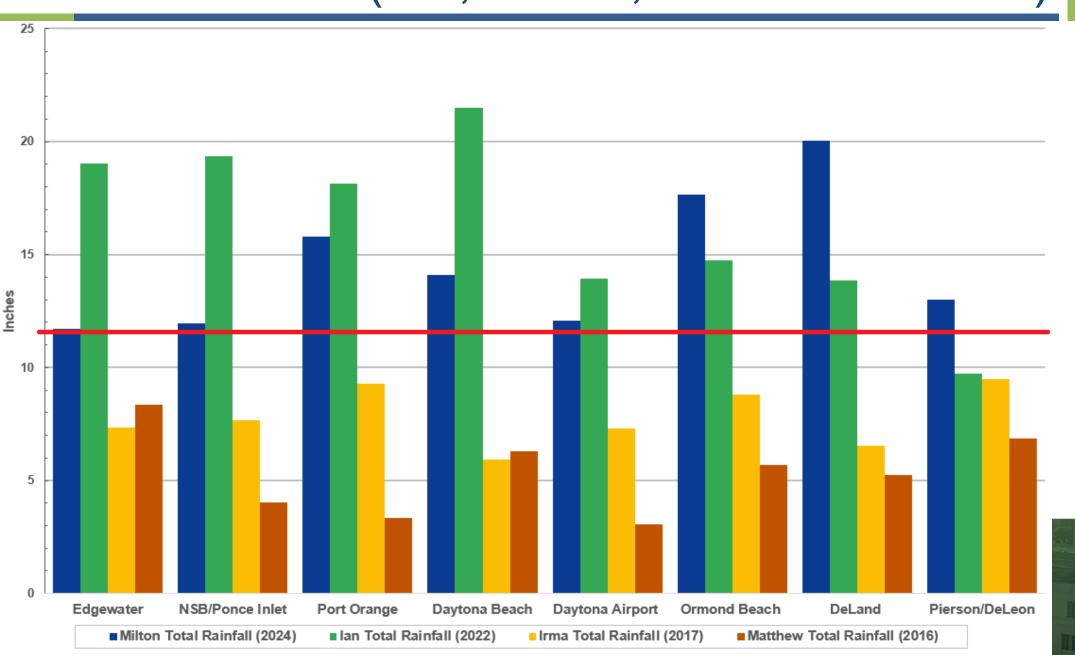


#### Volusia Rain Totals (Ian & Milton)



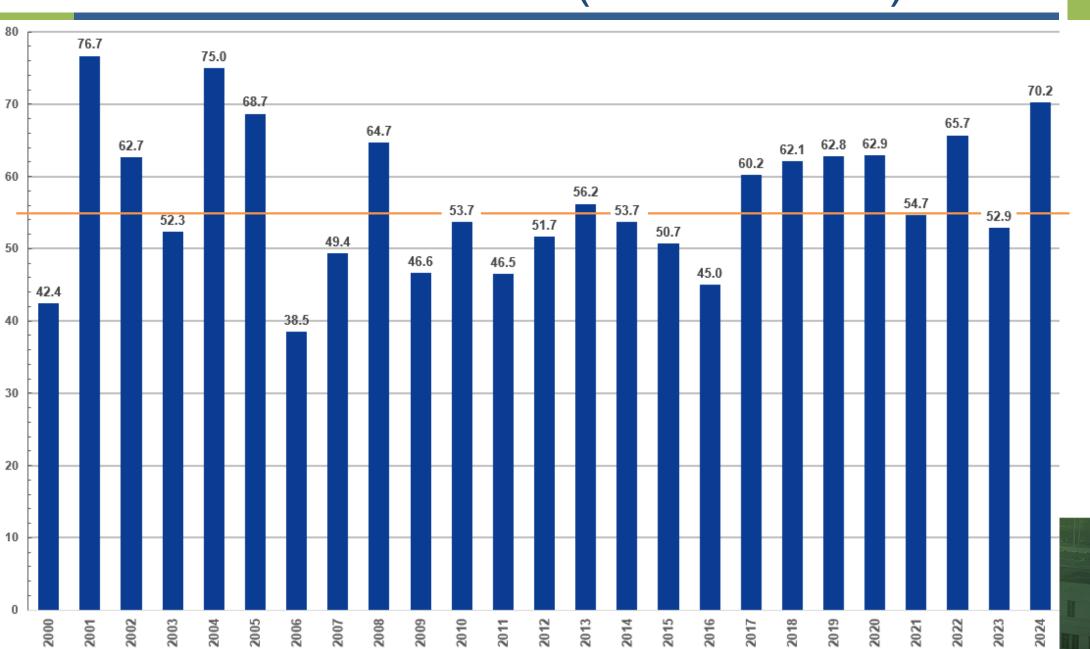


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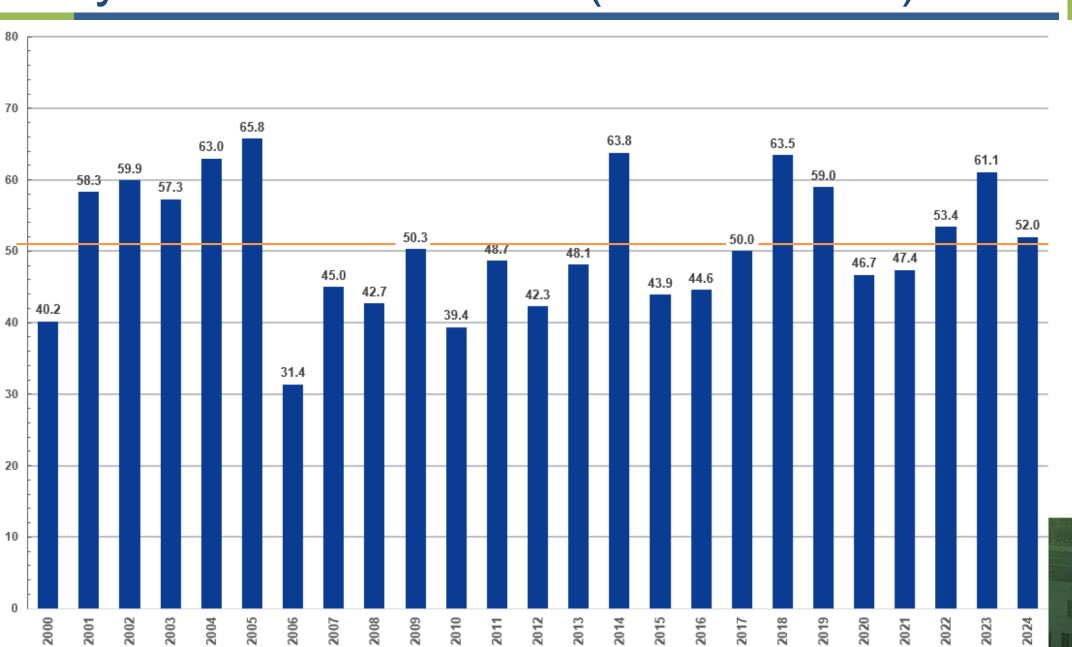


## DeLand Rainfall Totals (2000 - 2024)





## Daytona Rainfall Totals (2000 – 2024)

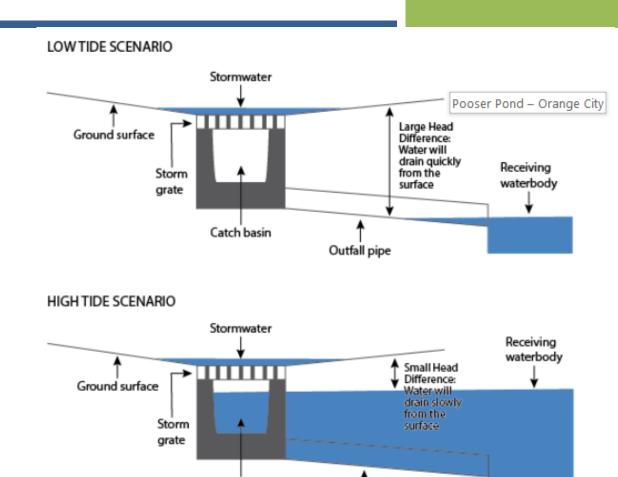




#### Tailwater – Tidal Impacts



- Stormwater runoff drains slowly
- Creates temporary closed basins
- Backflow can cause flooding without rain

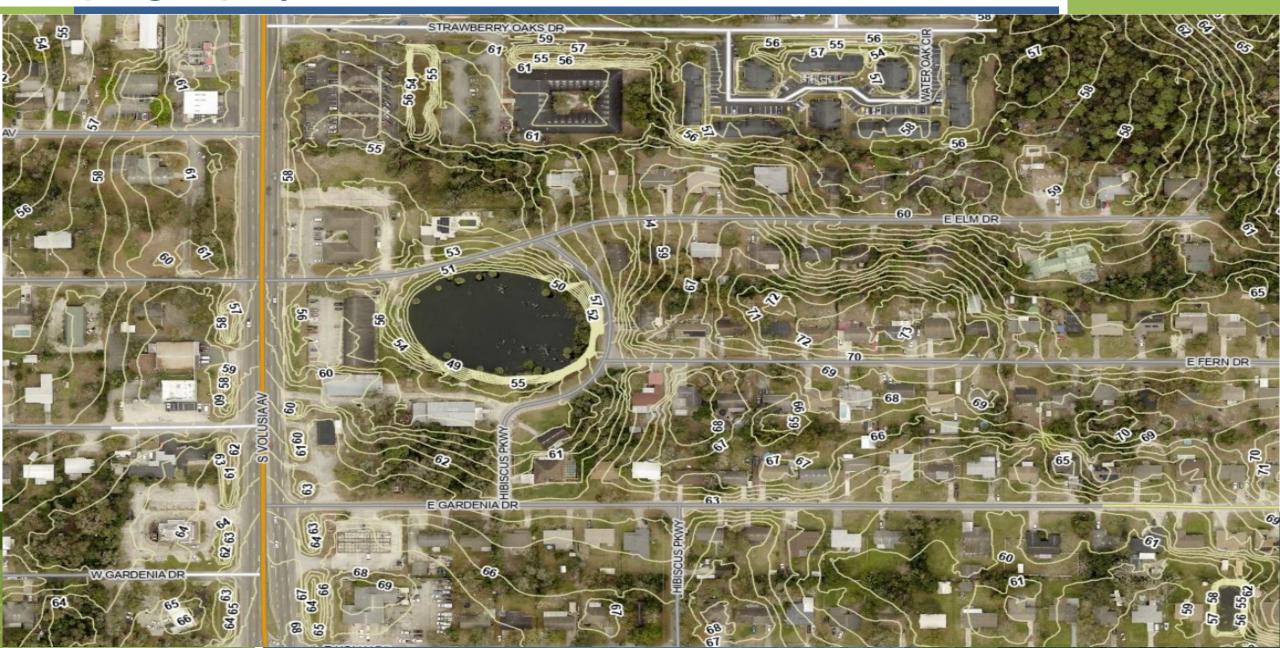


Outfall pipe

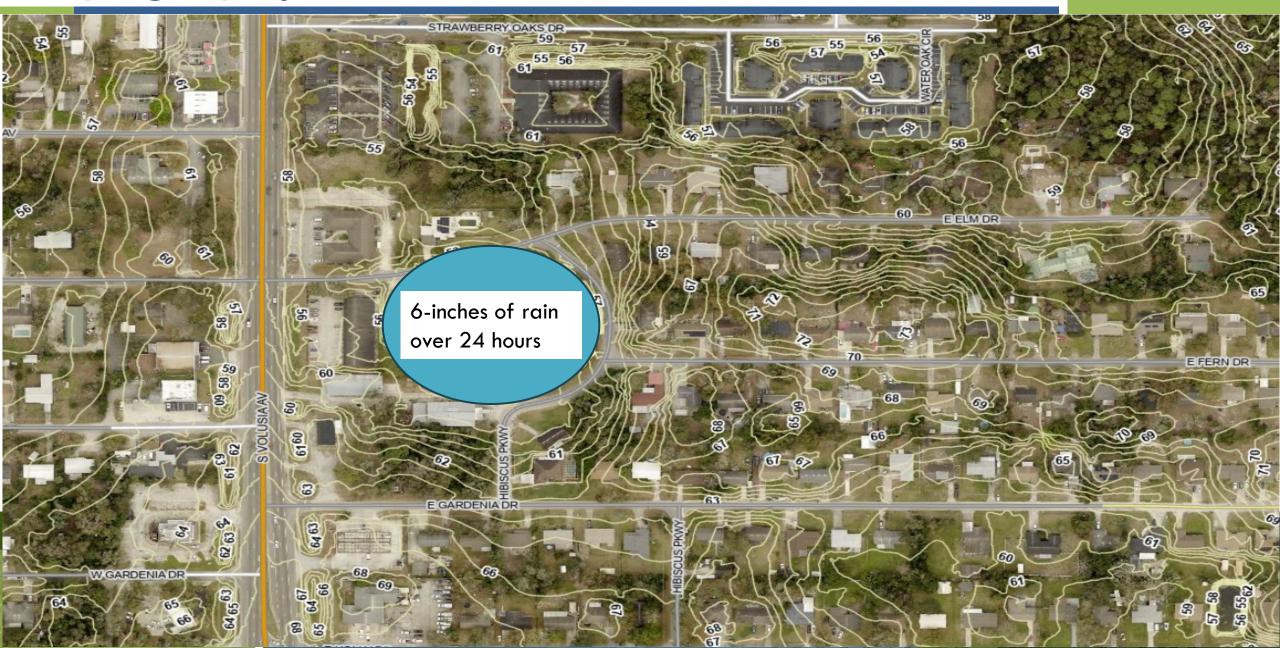
Catch basin



# Topography - Closed Basins



# Topography - Closed Basins



# Topography - Closed Basins



#### Stormwater & Flooding Regulations

#### Federal

- Clean Water Act
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

#### State

- Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP)
- Water Quality Standards

#### Local

- Chapter 50: Minimum Environmental Standards
- Chapter 72: County Land Development Code
- Environment/Natural Resources Advisory Committee

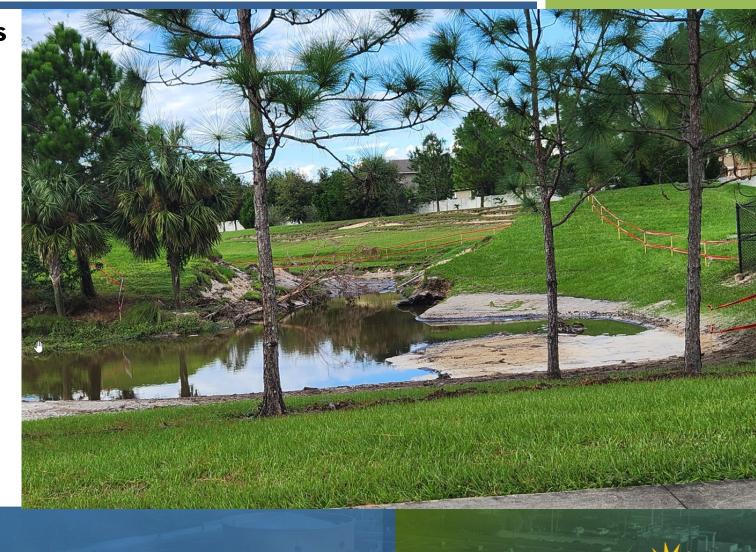






#### Stormwater Rule Modifications

- Stormwater System Observed Issues
  - Pond Failures
  - Seasonal High Groundwater Elevation
  - Tailwater Elevations
  - Events that exceed the design storm
  - Soils Conditions
  - Discharge Structure Design
- Chapter 72 Stormwater Ordinance Revisions
- SB 180 Preemption by State



## Low Impact Development (LID)

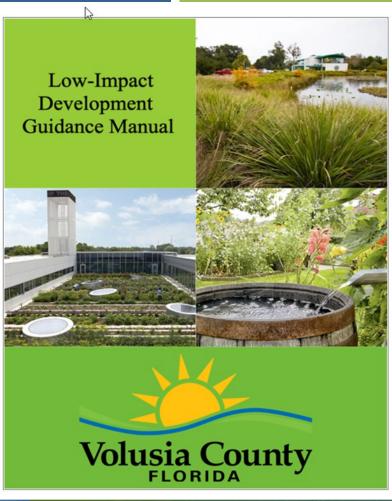
A voluntary, incentive-based program to encourage low-impact development within the un-incorporated county.

- Comprehensive Plan changes to encourage LID practices
- Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Code changes to set the standards
- Development of a LID Guidance Manual with the details on best management practices (BMPs), incentives, and maintenance requirements
- A matrix of the BMP's and incentives



#### Low Impact Development Guidance Manual

- Education + Development Standards + Incentives
- Menu approach, developer picks a minimum of 6 BMPs
- 15 Site Design BMPs
- 9 Stormwater Storage, Treatment, and Conveyance BMPs
- 15 Incentives





#### County Canal Maintenance Program

- Canal Maintenance
  - Annual Work Plan
  - \$800k annual budget (15.9% increase)
  - 22. 9 miles of canals mechanically cleaned annually
  - Inspection frequency
  - Vegetative Maintenance
  - Pre/Post storm inspections







## Moving Forward – Flood Mitigation

- Watershed Basin Analyses
  - Central Repository for Data
  - Stormwater Master Plan Standards
  - Transfer386 Studies
    - 32 total (28 City, 4 County)
- Capital Projects
  - Transform 386 funded projects
    - 28 total (26 City, 2 County)
  - 2nd Transform386 ApplicationWindow Complete







#### Solutions – Traditional Stormwater Systems

- Stormwater Pond for Volume
- Gravity Conveyance System
- Positive Outfall











# Solutions – Pump Stations

- Increased Maintenance
- Limited Capacity
- Allows for pre-storm pumping to increase storage capacity



## Solutions – Acquisition

- Last Resort
- Willing Seller
- Clustering Acquisitions



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