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Planning for the Future

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LOTT Clean Water Alliance

- Collaboration of four local governments
 - Lacey
 - Olympia
 - Tumwater
 - Thurston County
- Regional wastewater utility
- Mission to protect public health and the environment by cleaning and restoring water resources

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Budd Inlet Treatment Plant

- LOTT's main treatment facility
- Treats 13 million gallons per day
- Discharges to Budd Inlet; southernmost point of Puget Sound
- Meets strict discharge limits to protect water quality

Wastewater Resource Management Plan



- Long-term strategy:
 - Planning effort in late 1990s
 - Extensive public engagement
 - Considered how to manage wastewater decades into future
- Public values:
 - Meet future wastewater needs
 - Treat wastewater as a valuable resource
 - Maximize benefits to the environment
 - Provide multiple community benefits

Original Management Strategies



Flow reduction



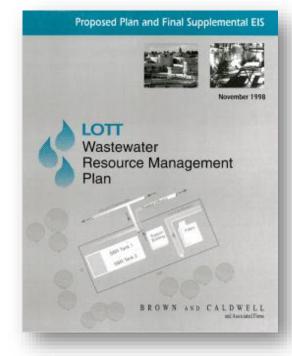
Continued to discharge to Budd Inlet



Reclaimed water

- Decentralized satellite plants
- Reuse and groundwater infiltration

Continuous planning approach



"The Highly Managed Plan"





- Reduce flows into system to delay need for new capacity
- Regional water conservation program
 - 1997-present: saved over 1.3 million gallons per day
 - So successful it is reaching the limit of additional savings
- Education & outreach
 - Major focus of WET Center and schools programs





- Highest level of treatment on Puget Sound
 - Advanced secondary treatment
 - Nutrient (nitrogen) removal
 - Meet stringent discharge permit limits
- Major upgrade underway
 - Second generation nutrient removal
 - Performance ranks among best in nation



Reclaimed Water: Production and Reuse

- Two facilities that produce reclaimed water
 - Budd Inlet Reclaimed Water Plant: 1.5 MGD
 - Martin Way Reclaimed Water Plant: 1.5 MGD
- Local reuse
 - Irrigation of parks and streetscapes
 - Irrigation at Tumwater Valley Golf Course
 - East Bay Plaza water feature



Barrier Recharge Reclaimed Water: Groundwater Recharge

- Hawks Prairie Ponds and Recharge Basins
 - LOTT-owned recharge facility
 - Recently completed scientific study at this site
- Woodland Creek Groundwater Recharge Facility
 - Cities of Lacey and Olympia own and operate
 - Provides mitigation for municipal water rights



Why Master Planning?

- New and more accurate information
 - Population projection accuracy
 - Septic to sewer conversion rate
 - Reclaimed water infiltration study
- Lessons learned
 - Operation of decentralized facilities
 - Testing of new technologies
- Changing conditions
 - Permit regulations
 - Climate/weather events



2050 Master Planning Process

Phase 1 Site Plan	 Focus on Budd Inlet Treatment Plant Assess treatment process needs 	
Phase 2 Capacity Strategy	Review overall system capacityWeigh strategies to meet future needs	
Phase 3 Public Review	Share planning progressRefine long-term plan for the future	

Phase 1: Budd Inlet Treatment Plant

- Which treatment processes need expansion through 2050?
- Which ones need upgrades?
- How do we handle sea level rise and more intense storms?
- Is the existing plant footprint adequate?
- How can we stay flexible as things change?





Phase 2: Capacity Strategy

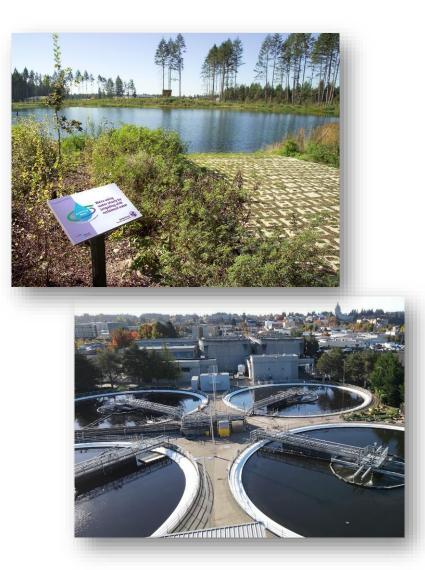
Two key options were evaluated:



Reclaimed water expansion per the original plan



A new option: enhanced treatment at the BITP







Original Plan

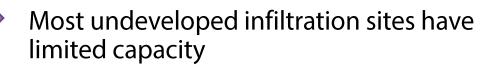
Multiple satellite plants and infiltration sites



Extensive purple pipe network for reuse

New Considerations

 Challenge to manage decentralized facilities (e.g. staffing and flow limitations)

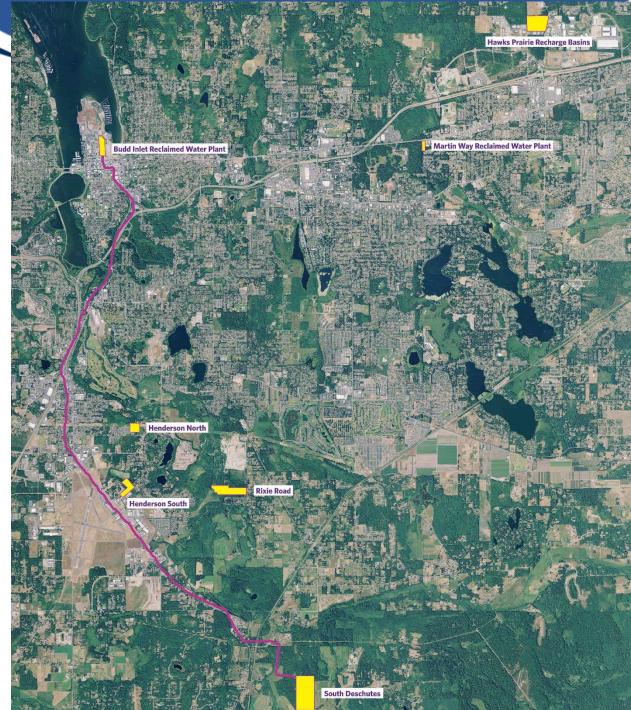




Reuse limited to areas near pipe network

Reclaimed Water Option

- Expand reclaimed water at existing facilities
 - Budd Inlet Reclaimed Water Plant
 - Martin Way Reclaimed Water Plant
 - Hawk's Prairie Recharge Basins
- Develop new infiltration
 - New infiltration basin(s)
 - Long, costly conveyance pipeline needed





- New technologies could expand capabilities at Budd Inlet Plant
 - Further reduce nitrogen and biochemical oxygen demand
 - Treat and discharge more flow and remain in compliance with strict permit limits

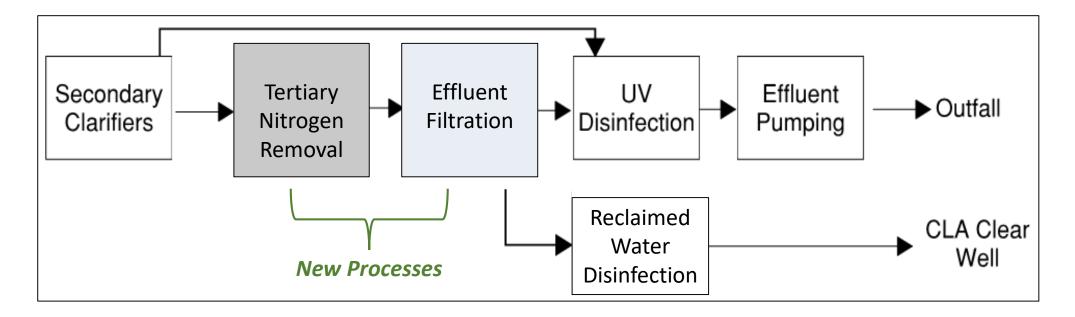
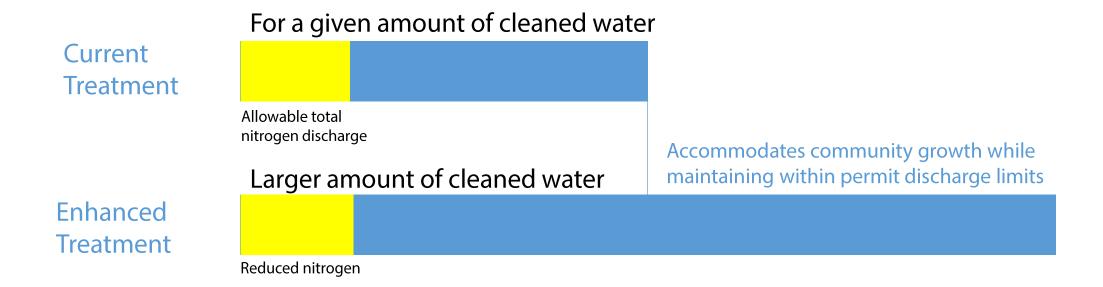


Illustration of Enhanced Treatment Gains

- LOTT is regulated on the total amount of nutrients in the cleaned water (e.g. nitrogen)
- Enhanced treatment could reduce concentration of nutrients, allowing discharge of more flow



Key Master Plan Strategies

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Focus on enhancing treatment at Budd Inlet Treatment Plant

- Promising new technologies to manage more flow
- Room at the plant to add these treatment steps
- Could significantly increase discharge capacity



Expand reclaimed water at existing facilities

- Martin Way RWP as wastewater flow becomes available
- Hawks Prairie Recharge Basins as needed for additional infiltration
- Budd Inlet RWP as demand for reclaimed water develops





Master Plan Outcomes

Cost efficiency through a focus on existing infrastructure

- Avoids cost of excess staffing and extensive pipelines to new infiltration sites
- Allows for surplus of most of LOTT's undeveloped properties

- Adaptability through alignment with partner jurisdiction reclaimed water needs

- Retains flexibility to increase production
- Creates option of adding treatment to produce potable quality water in the future

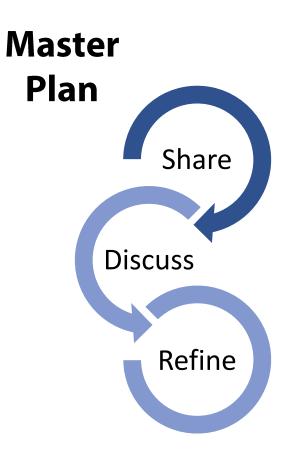
Support of public values

- Reclaimed water as a valuable resource
- Meet future wastewater needs; multiple community benefits

Flexibility by providing multiple options to meet capacity needs through 2050

Next Steps

- Community presentations
 - Community groups
 - Partner jurisdictions
- Community Forum #2
 - In-depth look at master planning effort
 - February 27, 2023
- Environmental and public review
- Refine and finalize updated plan



Questions?

- To receive notice about the upcoming Community Forum, email: info@lottcleanwater.org
- For more information about LOTT and master planning, visit: lottcleanwater.org

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