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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

#### **Board of Directors**



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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



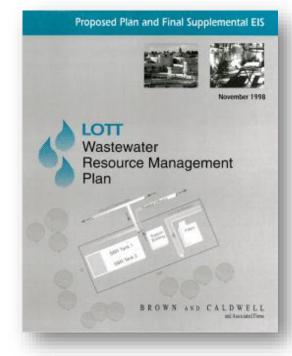
Continued to discharge to Budd Inlet



#### Reclaimed water

- Decentralized satellite plants
- Reuse and groundwater infiltration

Continuous planning approach

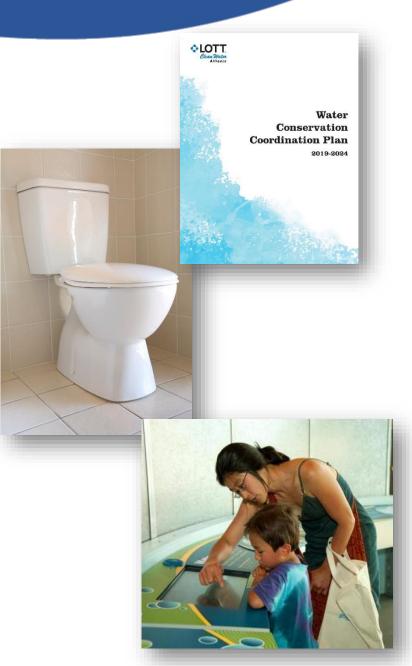


"The Highly Managed Plan"





- 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	<ul> <li>Focus on Budd Inlet Treatment Plant</li> <li>Assess treatment process needs</li> </ul>	
Phase 2 Capacity Strategy	<ul><li>Review overall system capacity</li><li>Weigh strategies to meet future needs</li></ul>	
Phase 3 Public Review	<ul><li>Share planning progress</li><li>Refine long-term plan for the future</li></ul>	

#### **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**

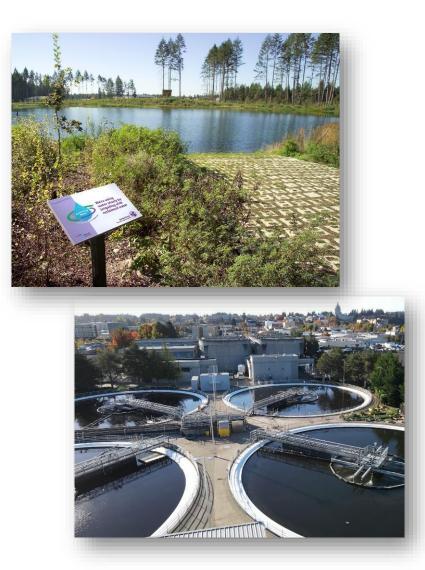
Two key options were evaluated:



Reclaimed water expansion per the original plan



A new option: enhanced treatment at the BITP







**Original Plan** 

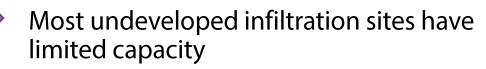
Multiple satellite plants and infiltration sites



Extensive purple pipe network for reuse

#### **New Considerations**

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

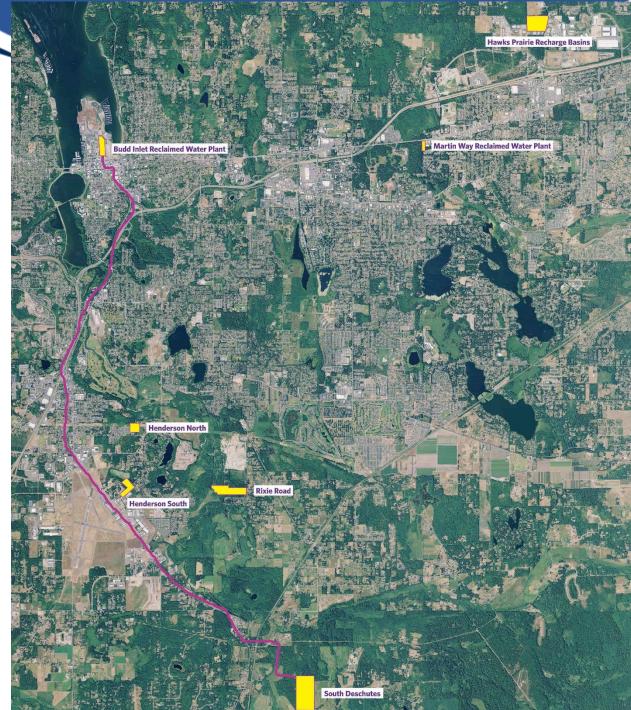




Reuse limited to areas near pipe network

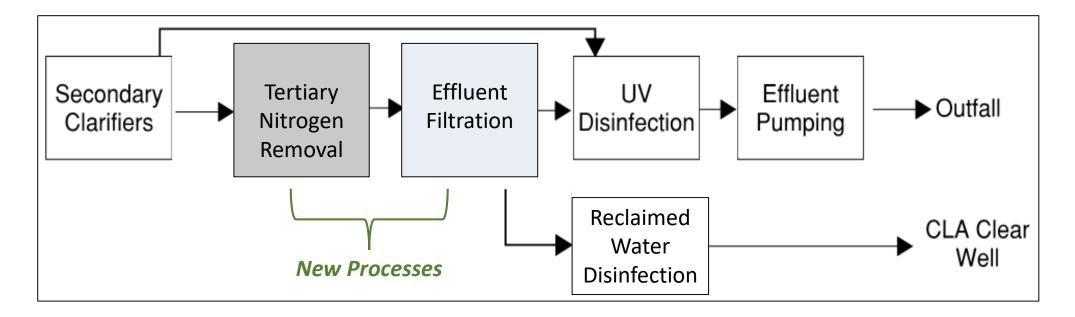
# **Reclaimed Water Option**

- 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



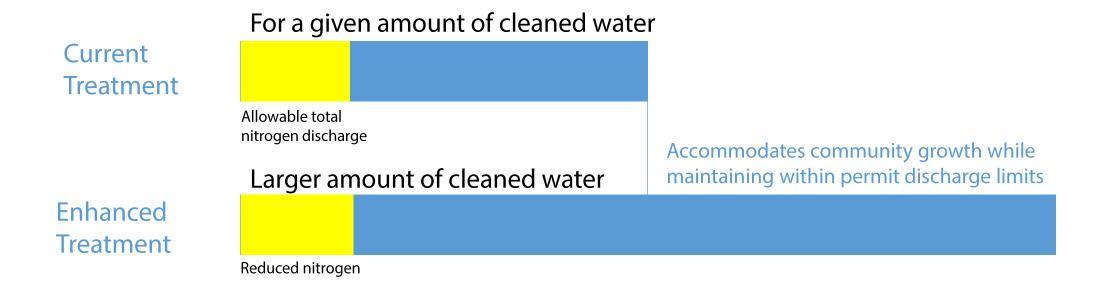


- New technologies could expand capabilities at Budd Inlet Plant
  - Further reduce nitrogen and biochemical oxygen demand
  - Treat and discharge more flow and remain in compliance with strict permit limits



#### **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

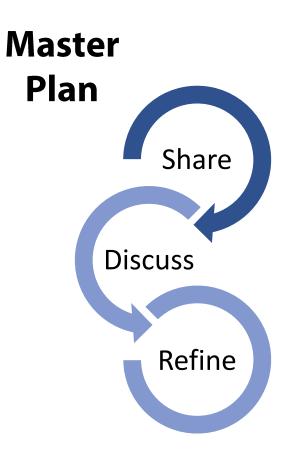
#### Support of public values

- 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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