

Water is Life

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water is life

1. Electrification

2. Automobile

3. Airplane

4. Water supply and distribution

5. Electronics

**Greatest Engineering Achievements
OF THE 20TH CENTURY**

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How many of the 20th century's greatest engineering achievements will you use today? A car? Computer? Telephone? Explore our list of the top 20 achievements and learn how engineering shaped a century and changed the world.

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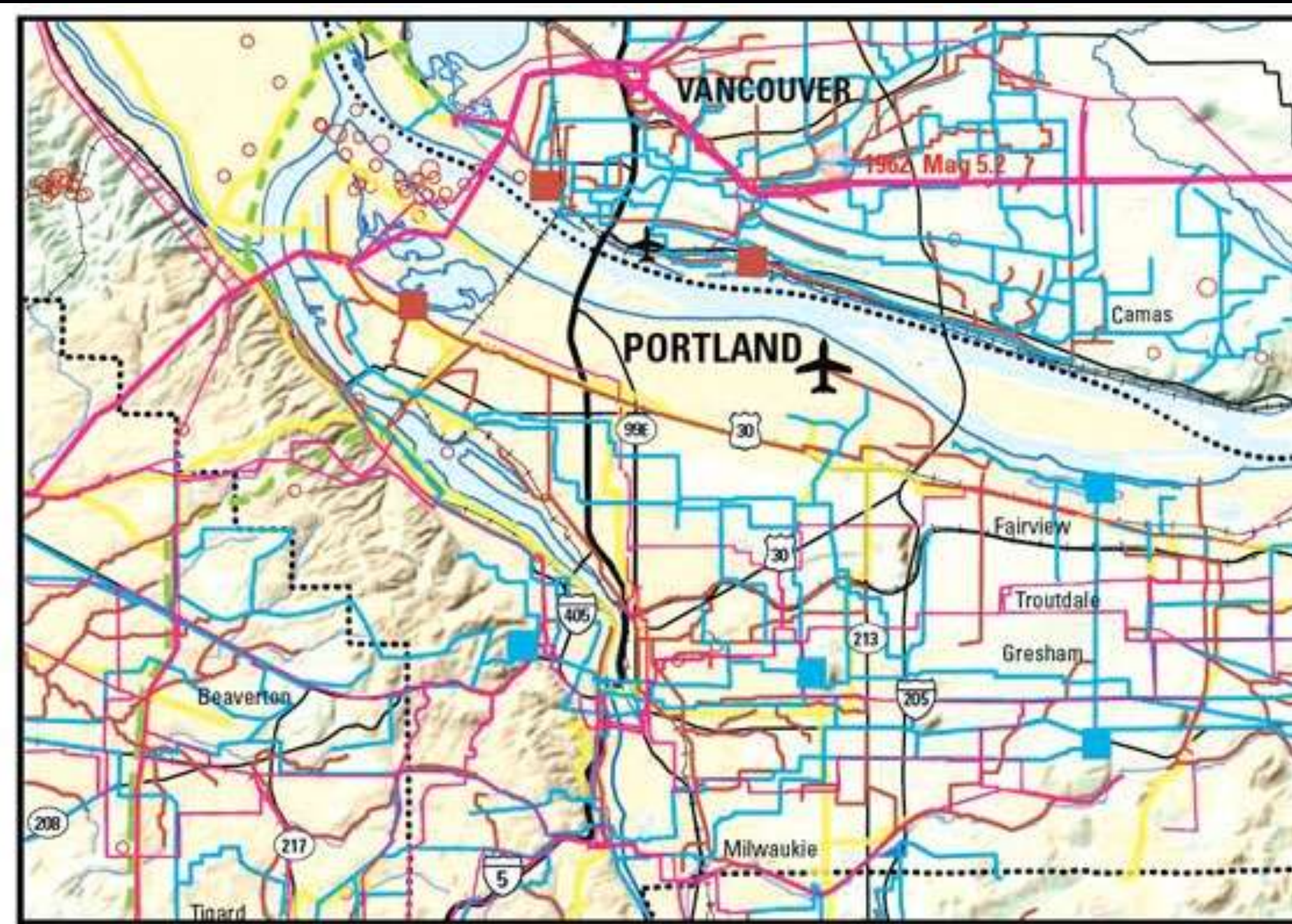


 Greatest Achievements




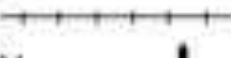






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7 Days without Water

- one day no water comes out of the tap in an entire city and no one knows when it will come back
- day by day — what happens?



Lifeline Systems

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|  | Major water supply line, water treatment plant |  | Interstate highway |
|  | Major sewer pipeline, treatment plant |  | State highways, and other major roads |
|  | Electric transmission line, 115kV, 230kV, 500kV
(map lines with thicker width are adjacent pipelines) |  | Railroad |
|  | Natural gas pipeline |  | Major airport |
|  | Liquid fuel pipeline |  | Minor airport |



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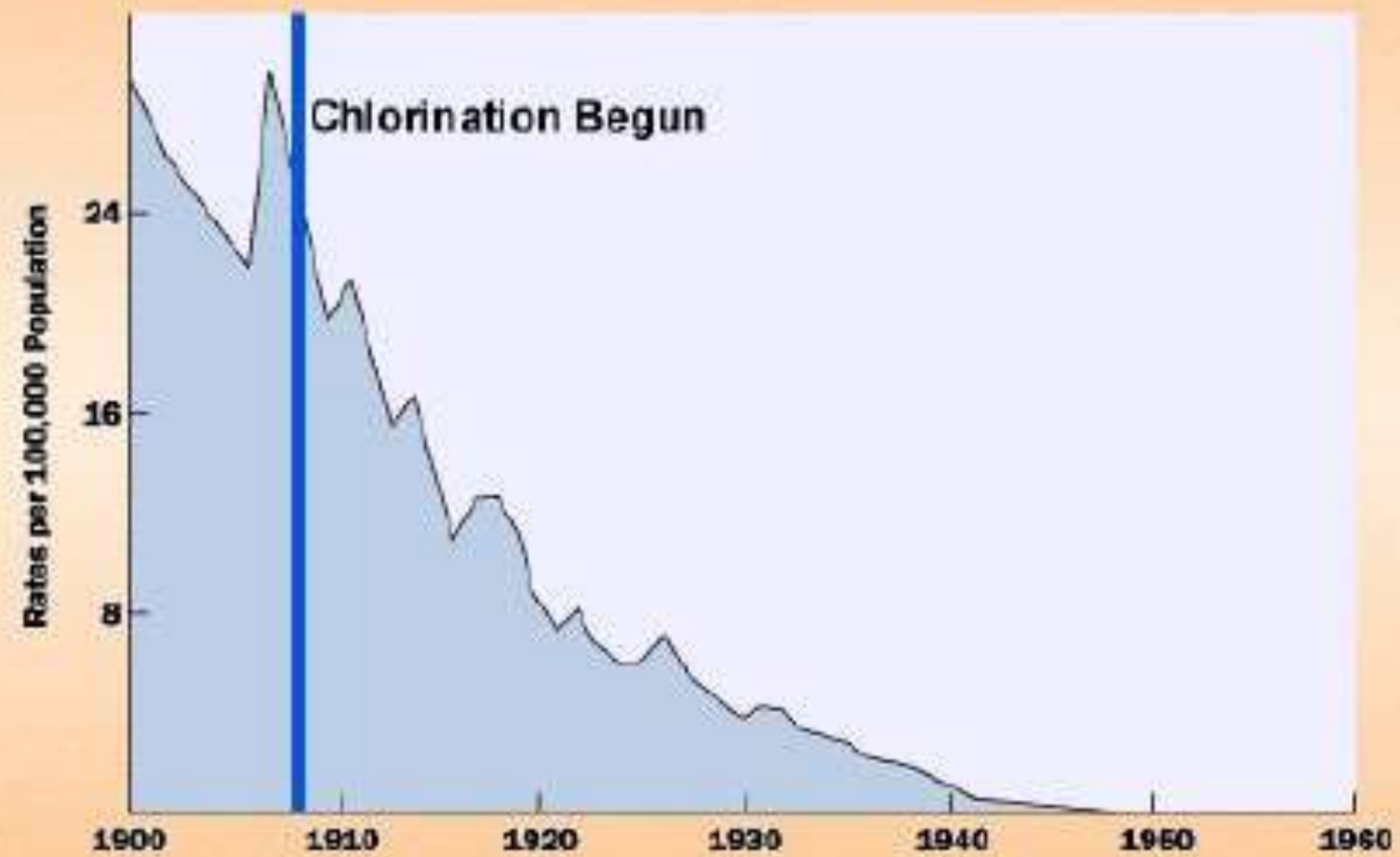
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Death Rate for Typhoid Fever United States, 1900-1960



Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Summary of Notifiable Diseases, 1997.

Safe Drinking Water Act - Protecting America's Public Health



MULTIPLE RISKS REQUIRE MULTIPLE BARRIERS

Safe drinking water is essential to the health of American citizens and the economic health of our communities. However, drinking water is vulnerable to contamination from many potential threats. There are programs and activities that when operated effectively form a protective web of multiple barriers to ensure the safety of our drinking water. The success of these barriers relies on the involvement and vigilance of local, state and federal officials, the private sector, public interest groups and individual citizens.

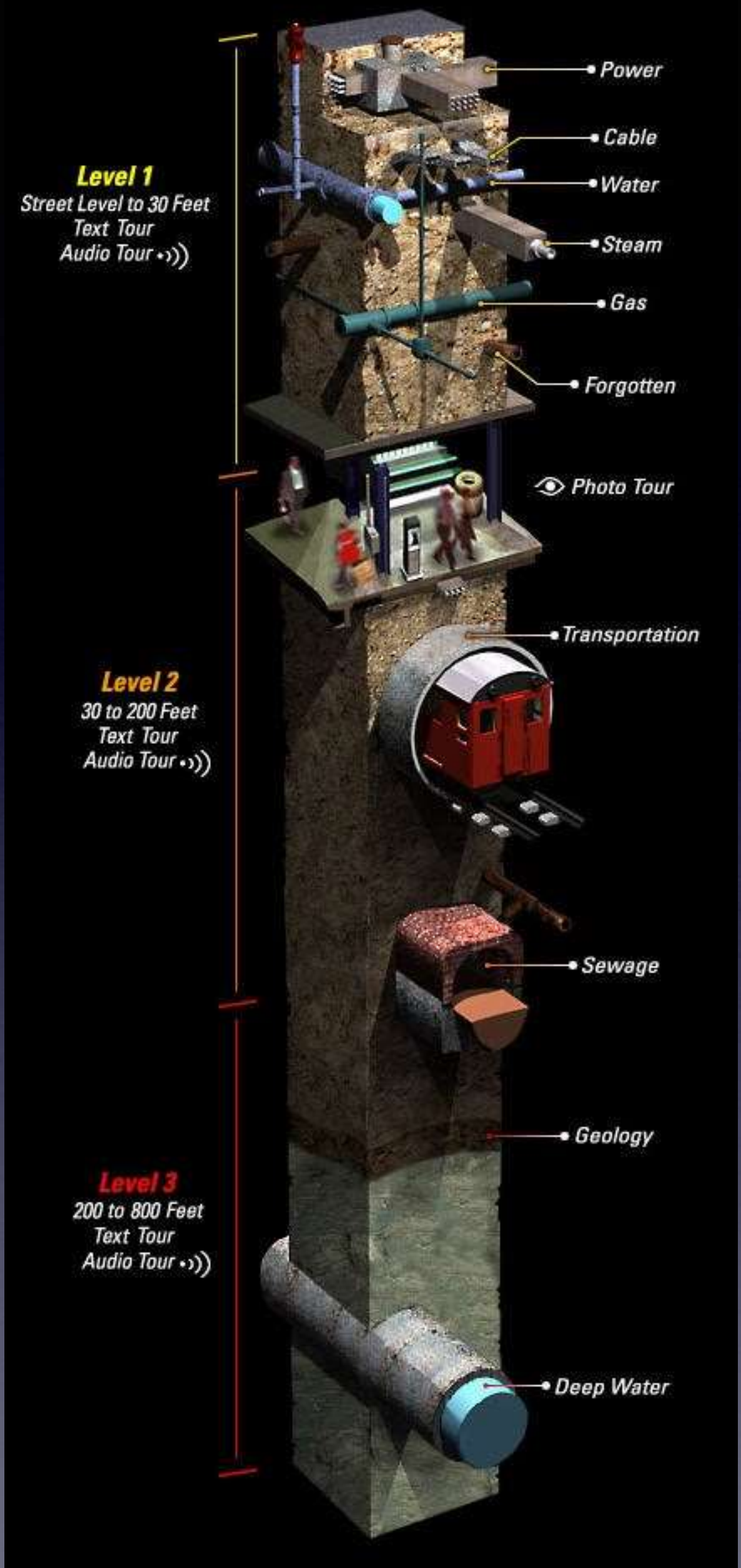
This poster identifies examples of

1. Surface and groundwater sources of drinking water (in blue).
2. Potential threats to those drinking water sources (in red), and
3. The multiple barriers that together protect our nation's public health (in green).

Risk Prevention Barrier
 Risk Management Barrier
 Risk Monitoring and Compliance Barrier
 Individual Action Barrier

Safe Drinking Water Hotline - (800) 426-4791 Safewater Web Site - www.epa.gov/safewater







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 WATER

 SEWER

 GAS

 ELECTRIC

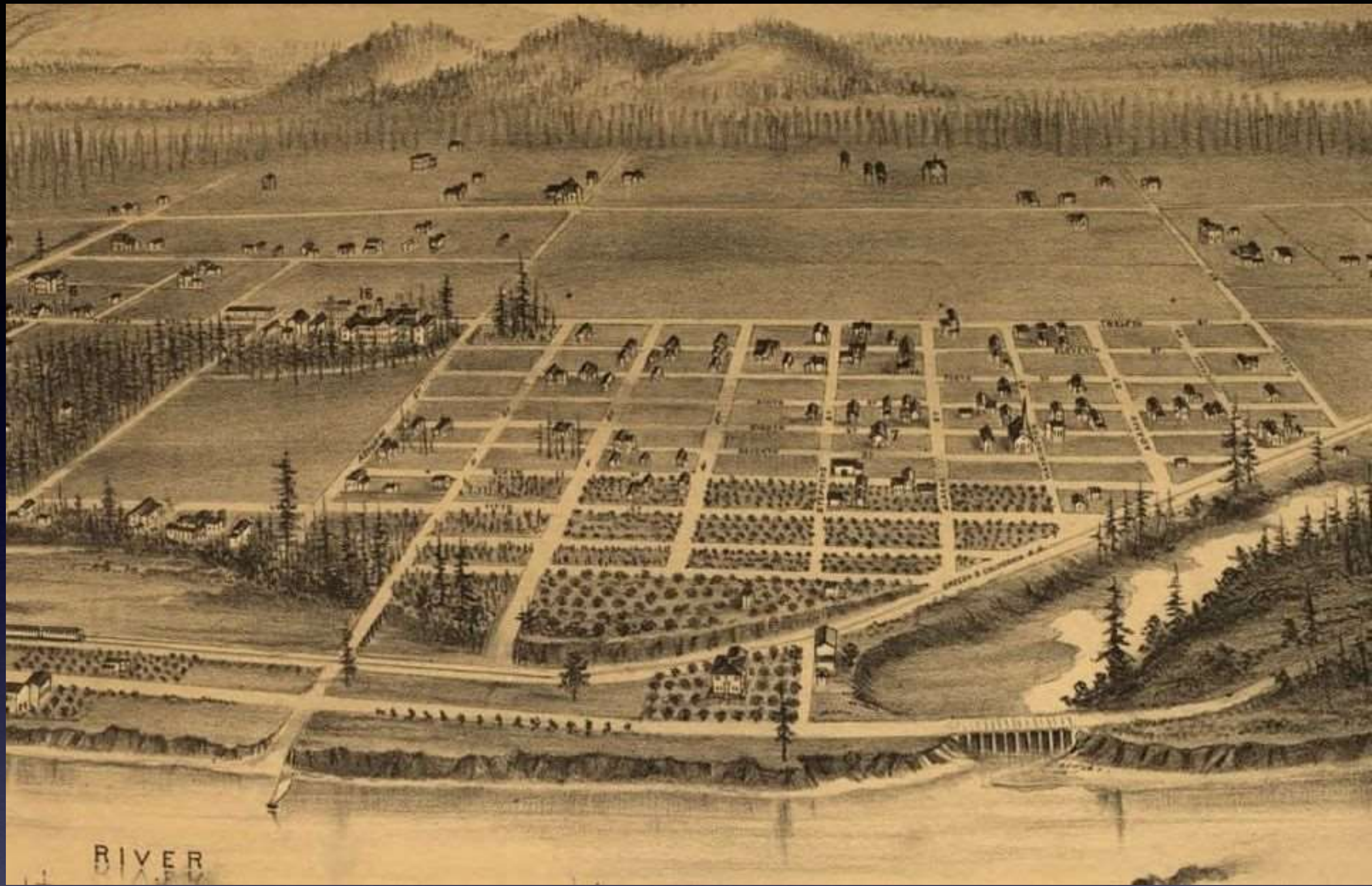
 PHONE & CABLE



It's Local

- pipes
- pumps
- valves
- fire hydrants
- growth
- drought
- earthquakes
- regulations
- public health
- pressure
- water rights
- storage
- design
- backflow
- source(s)
- security
- financing and rates
- water treatment
- aging infrastructure
- streets
- mapping
- dams
- people/politics







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 NEW MARKET BLOCK, PORTLAND, OREGON

FINE CARRIAGES AND HARNESS
 OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

COMPRISING
STUDEBAKER CRUTTENDEN & CO'S
 WAGONS, LOG WAGONS, QUARTZ WAGONS, ICE WAGONS, DEAD LANDAUS AND HIGH GRADE WORK.

VIEW OF
PORTLAND, OREGON.

1891

WITH COMPLIMENTS OF

STAVIER & WALKER,

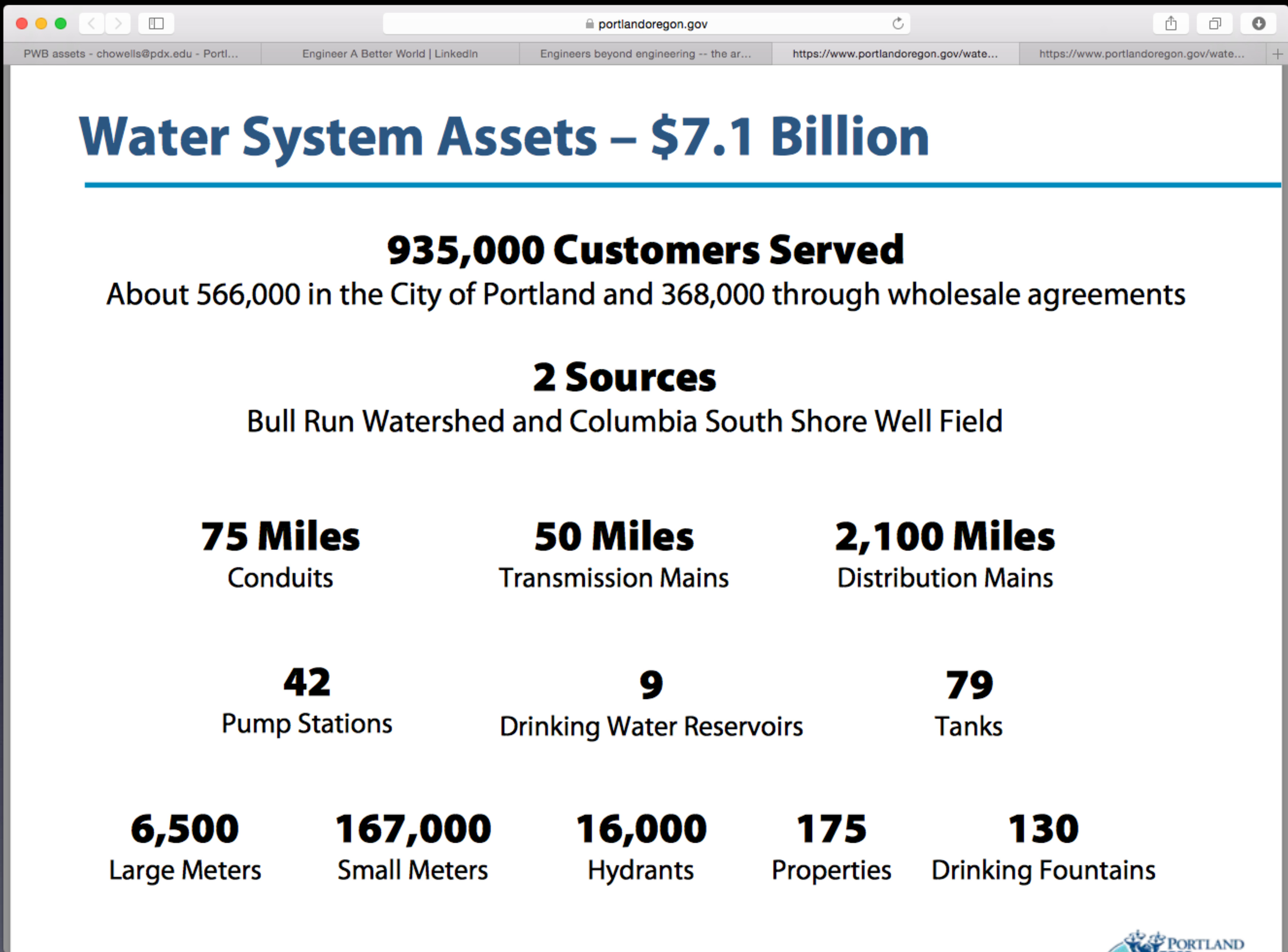
IT WILL PAY ALL PARTIES WANTING

FARM MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS,
 STATIONARY, VERTICAL AND MARINE ENGINES AND BOILERS,

SAW MILLS AND SHINGLE MILLS, WOOD-WORKING MACHINERY, BRICK, TILE AND CLAY-WORKING MACHINERY,
 STEAM EXCAVATING AND ROAD GRADING MACHINERY
 OR HEAVY MACHINERY OF ANY DESCRIPTION.

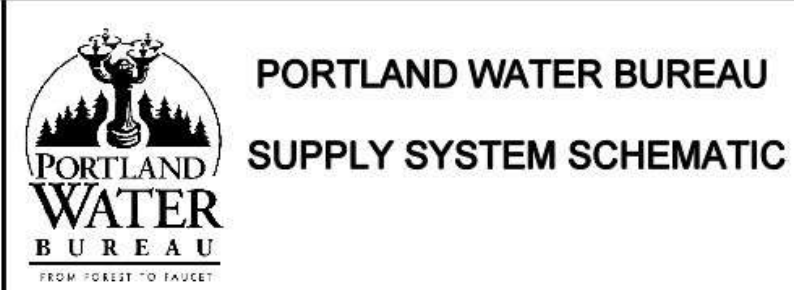










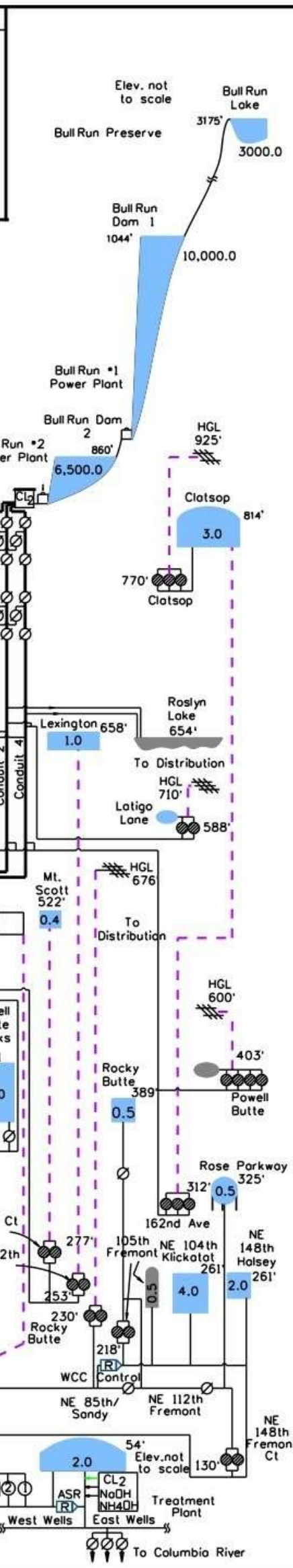
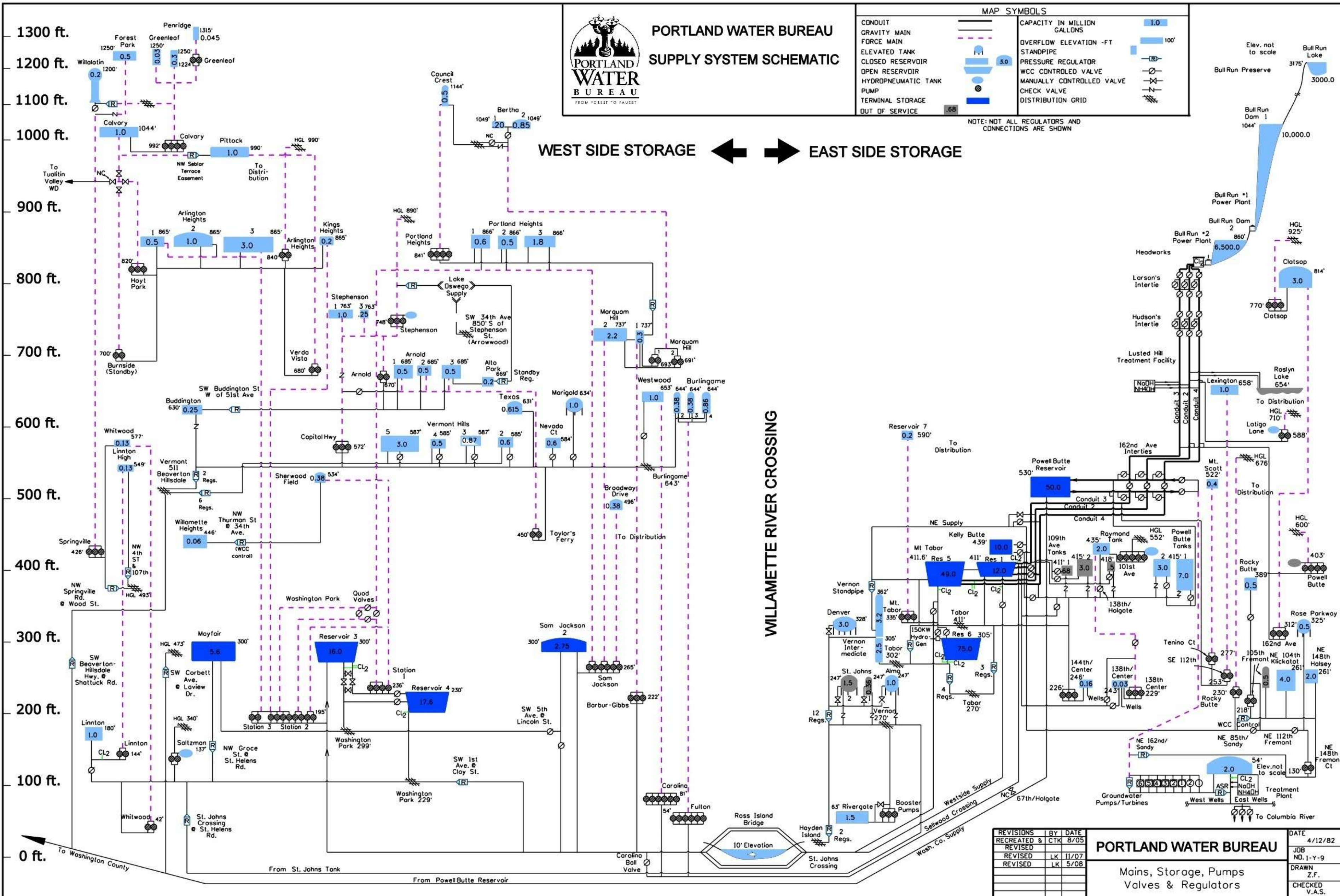


**PORTLAND WATER BUREAU
SUPPLY SYSTEM SCHEMATIC**

MAP SYMBOLS

CONDUIT	---	CAPACITY IN MILLION GALLONS	1.0
GRAVITY MAIN	---	OVERFLOW ELEVATION -FT	100'
FORCE MAIN	---	STANDPIPE	---
ELEVATED TANK	---	PRESSURE REGULATOR	---
CLOSED RESERVOIR	---	WCC CONTROLLED VALVE	---
OPEN RESERVOIR	---	MANUALLY CONTROLLED VALVE	---
HYDROPNEUMATIC TANK	---	CHECK VALVE	---
PUMP	---	DISTRIBUTION GRID	---
TERMINAL STORAGE	---		
OUT OF SERVICE	---		

NOTE: NOT ALL REGULATORS AND CONNECTIONS ARE SHOWN



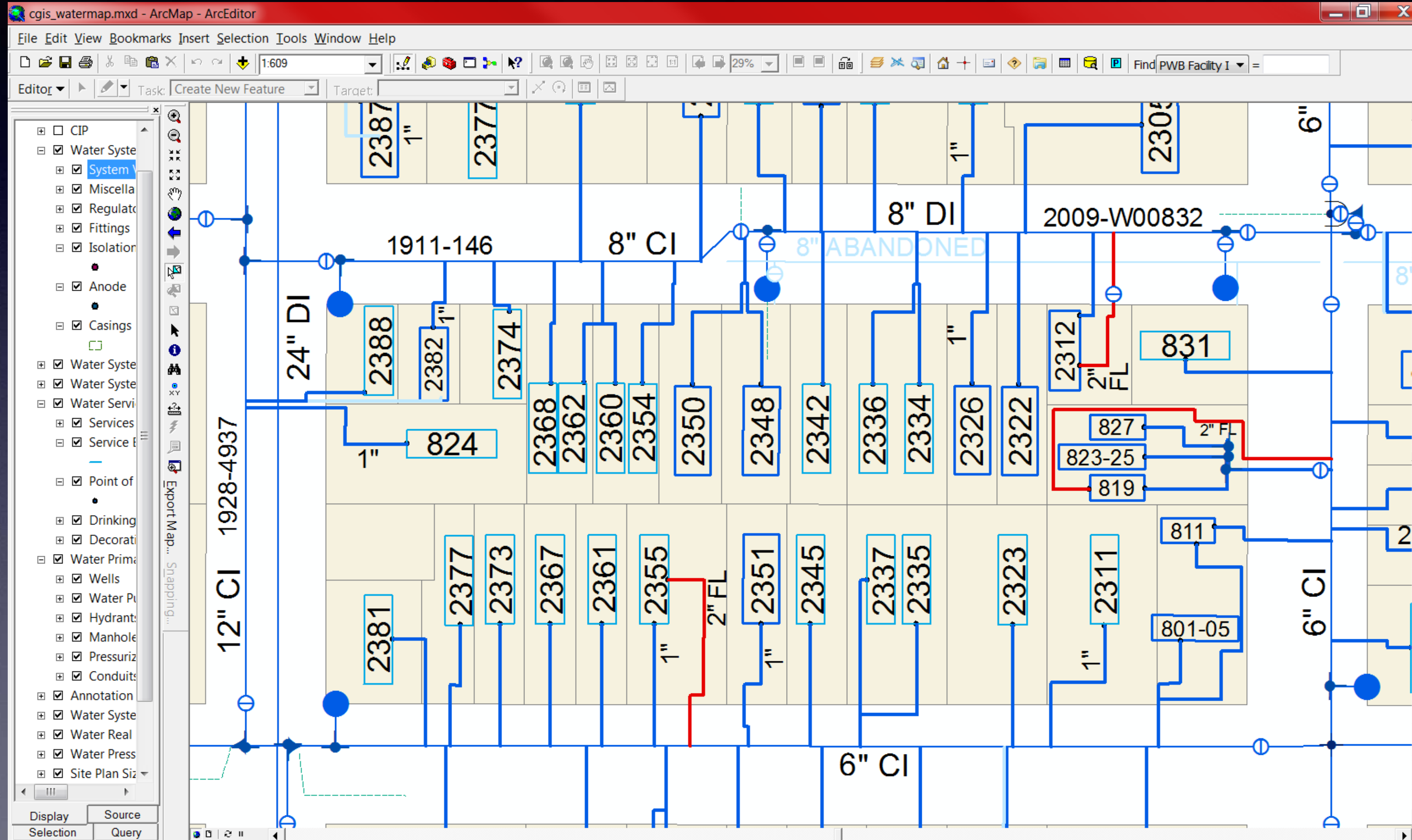
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PORTLAND WATER BUREAU

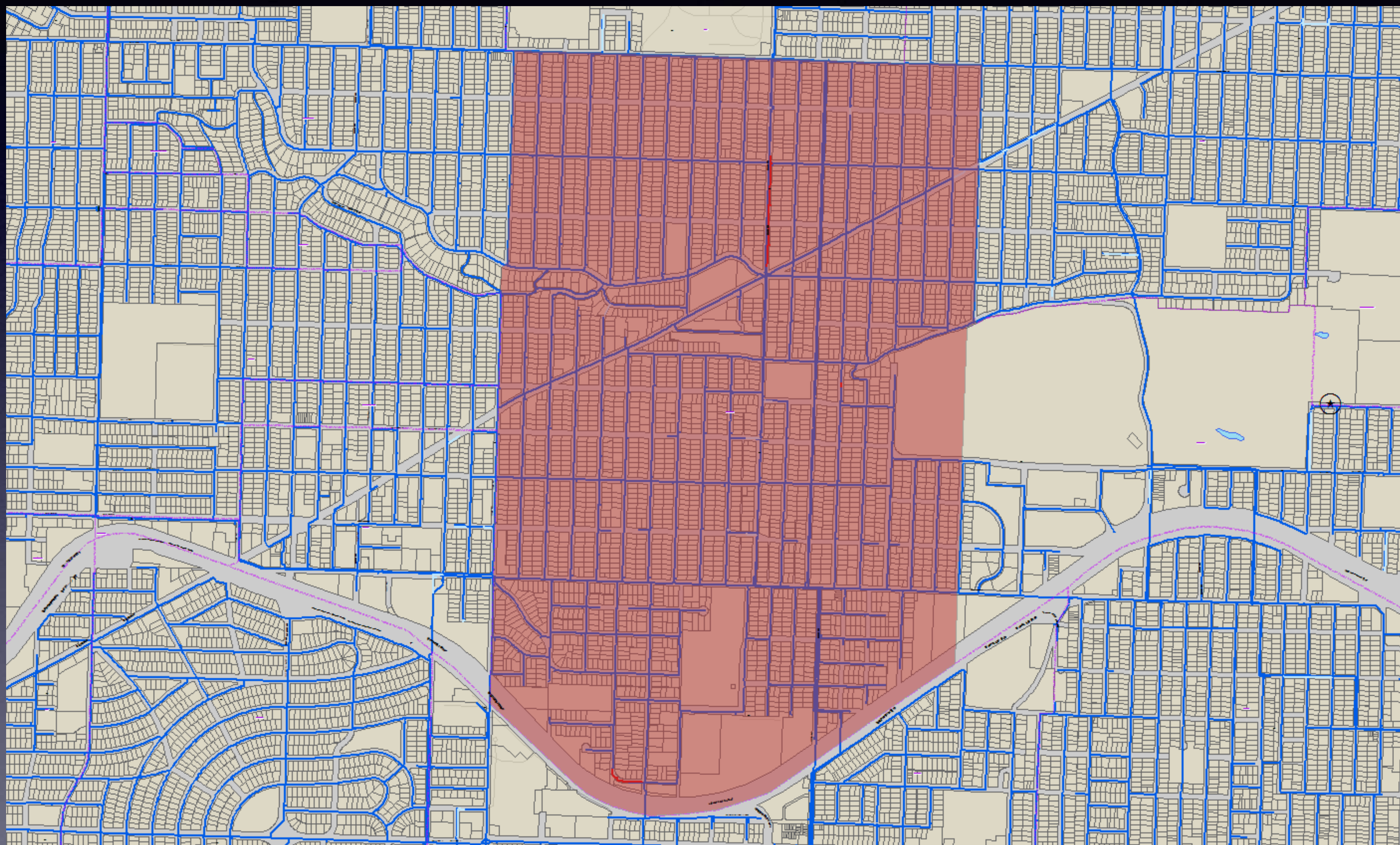
Mains, Storage, Pumps
Valves & Regulators

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The Water System



The Rose City Park Neighborhood



Approx 234 blocks, 3,600 Parcels

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Water System

178,473 ft of 6" & 8" DI Water Main
Costs \$20,246,000 to Install

221 Fire Hydrants @ \$4,539 = \$1,003,119

3,756 1" Services @ \$2,428/ea. = \$9,119,568

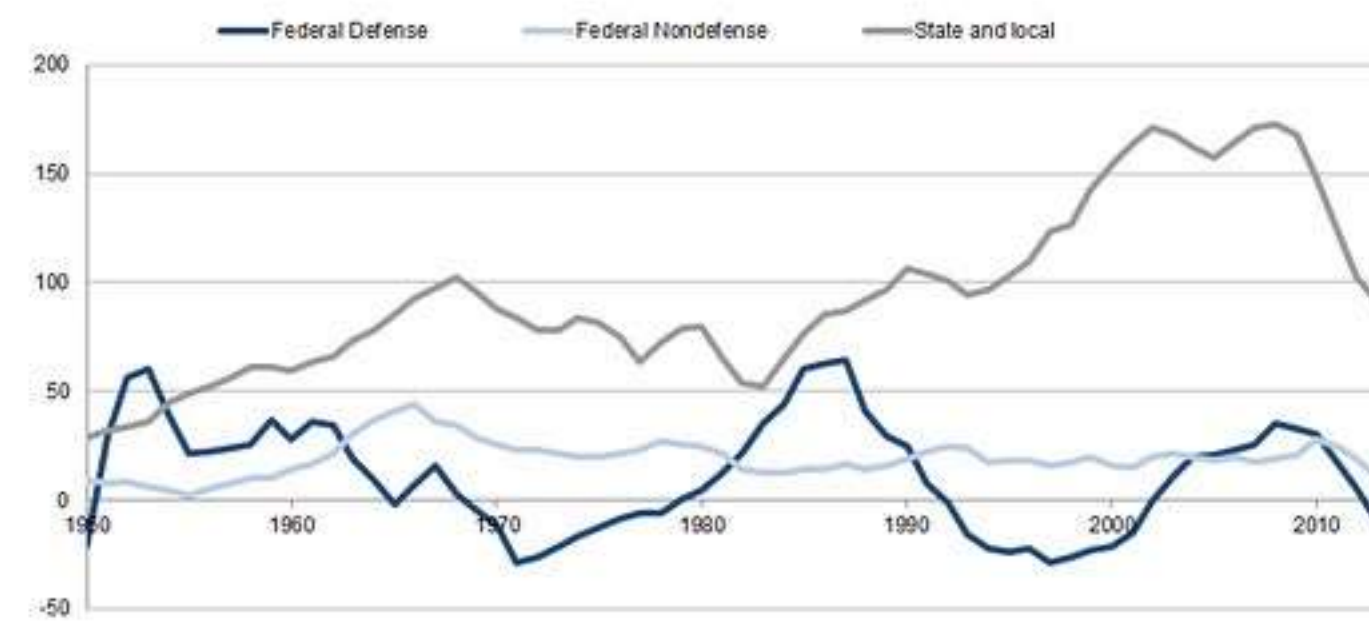
Water Infrastructure for Neighborhood
= \$30,369,000.*

*Does Not Include Water Supply & Transport, Tanks, Pump Stations, et al



Public Infrastructure Spending: Going Down

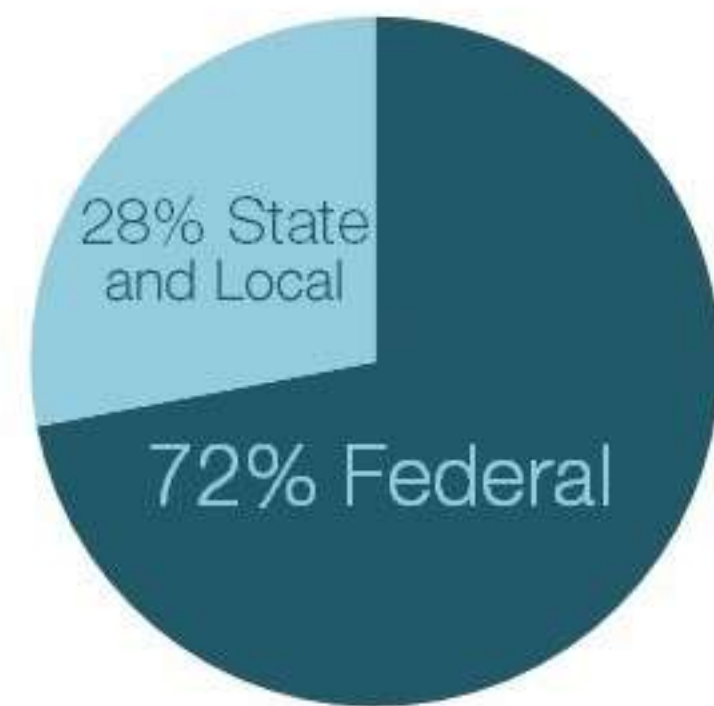
Net government investment spending, state & local, federal defense, federal non-defense, billions of 2014 dollars



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis; Hutchins Center on Fiscal & Monetary Policy, Brookings

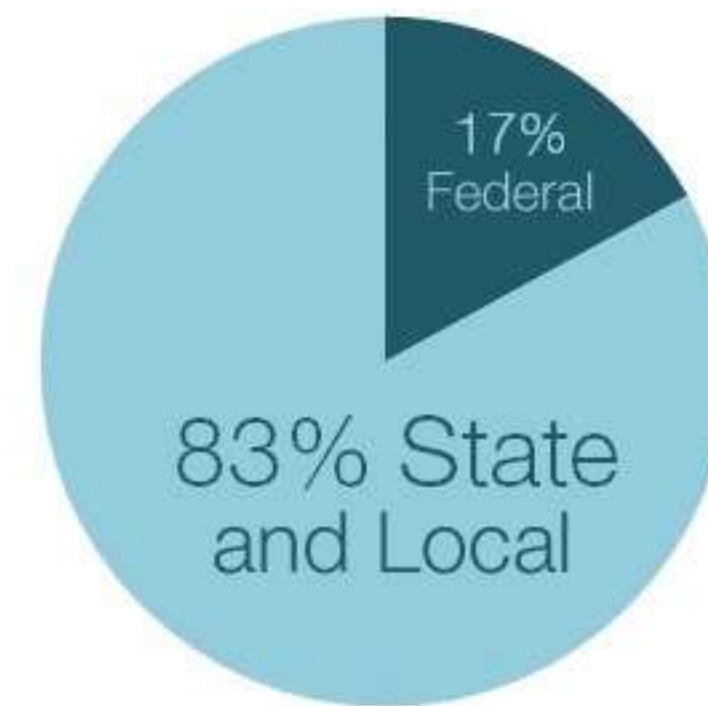
BROOKINGS 

Capital Investment in Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

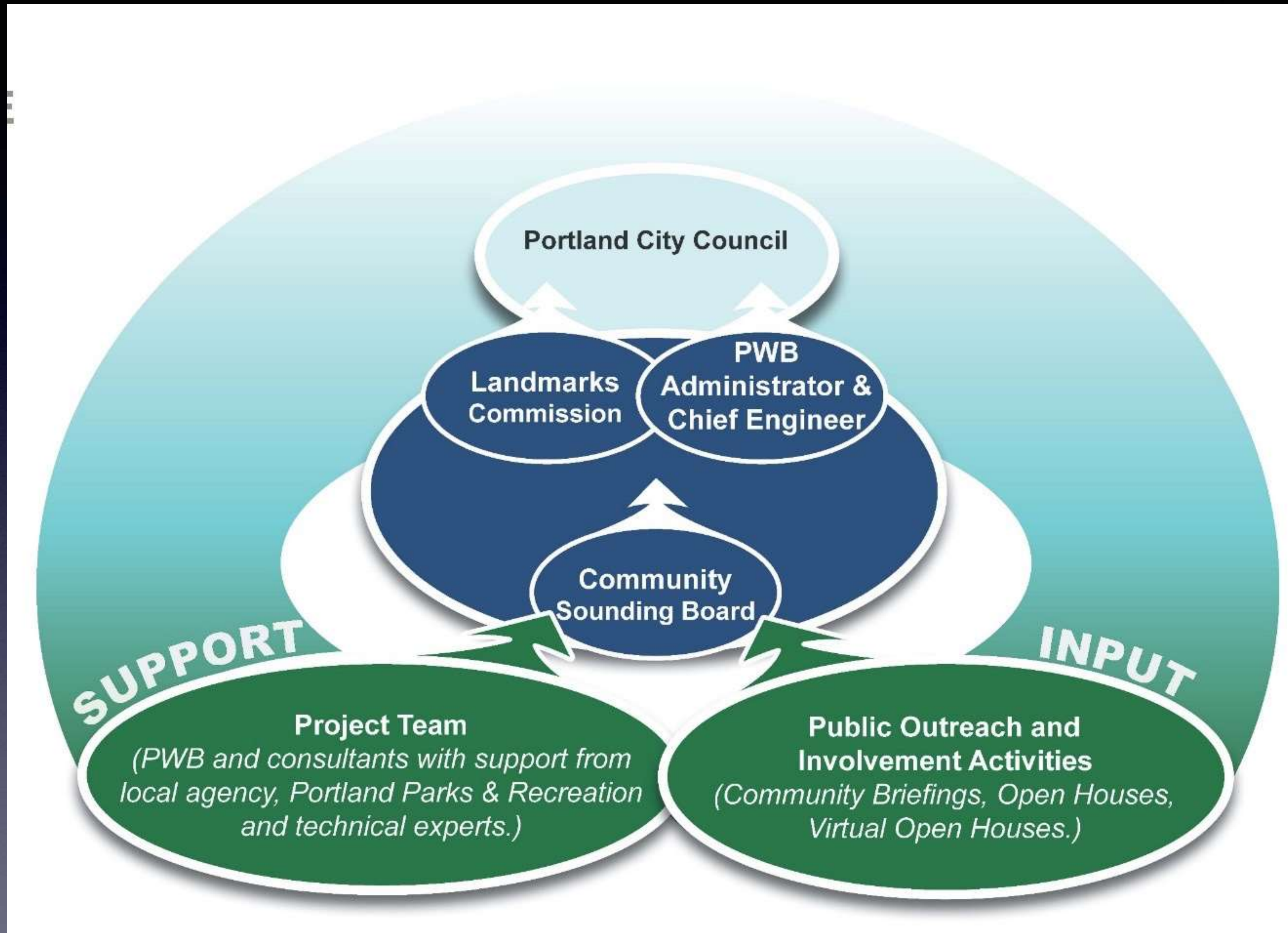


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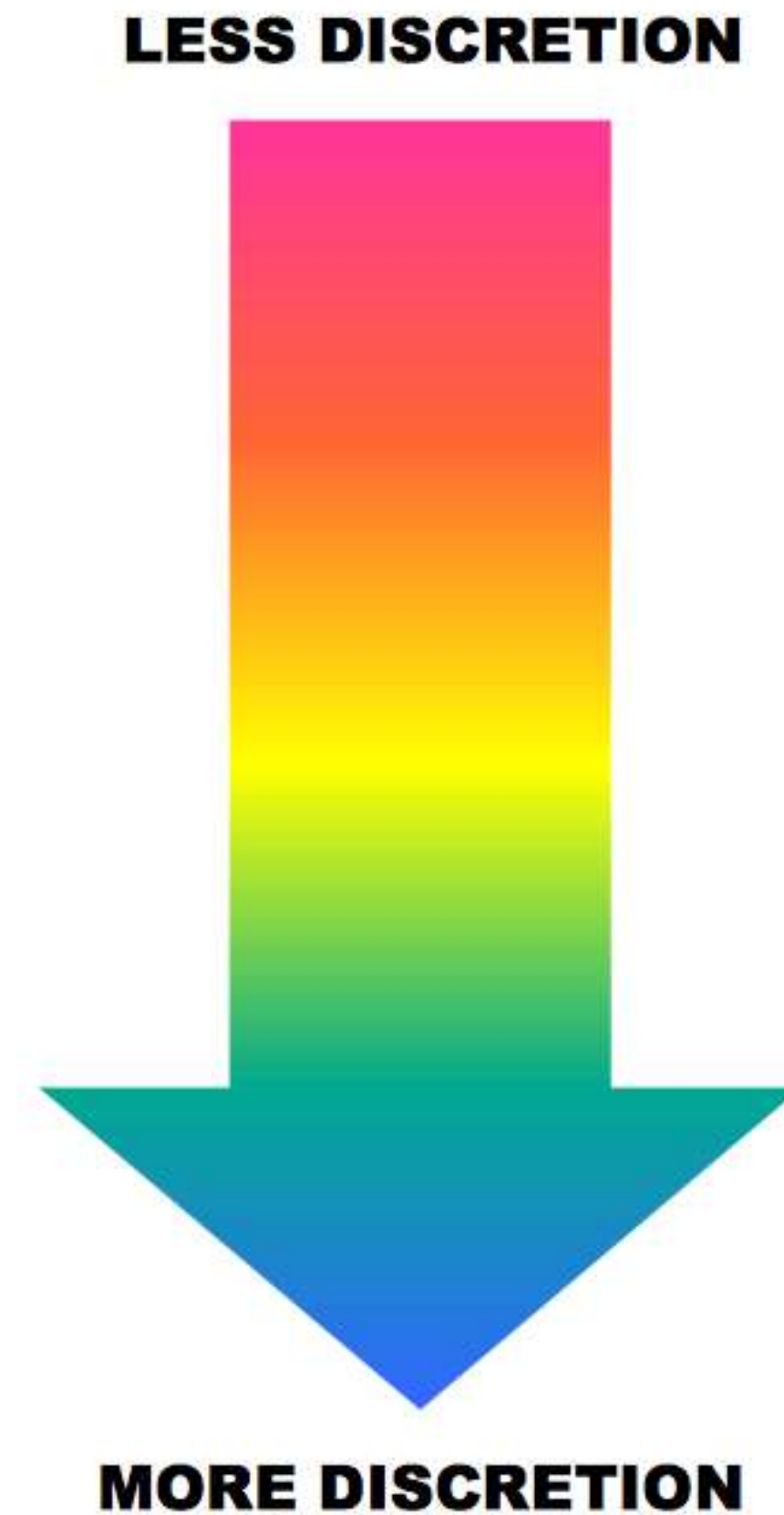


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What drives the CIP?

- **Regulatory Compliance**
- Public Health Protection
- Risk Mitigation
- Public Expectations
- Cost-to-Benefit Analyses
- Stewardship
- Council Direction



Resilience

- Entropy
- Black Swan events

Partnership
 Dust Eco
Oregon
 Plan
 Resources
 Flood
 Natural
 Challenges
 Hazards
 Exploring
 Tsunamis
 expertise
 key
 questions
 role
 Windstorms
 Coordinator
Planning
Mitigation
Recovery
 County
Resilience
Initiatives
 answers
Hazard
 Community
 livelihoods
disaster
 technical
 aims
 Landslides
 Winter
Earthquake
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The Oregon Resilience Plan

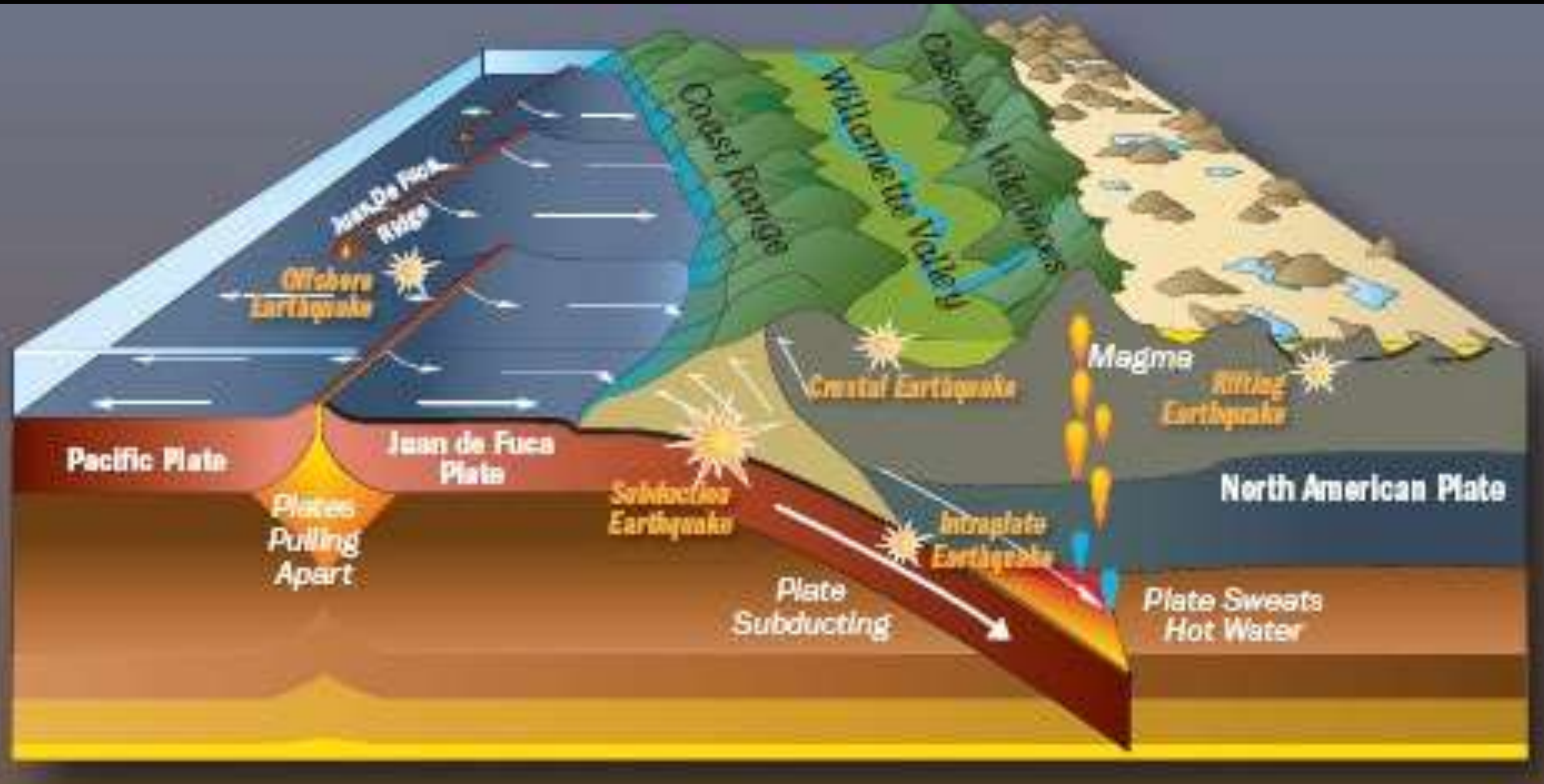
**Reducing Risk and Improving Recovery
for the Next Cascadia Earthquake and Tsunami**

Report to the
77th Legislative Assembly

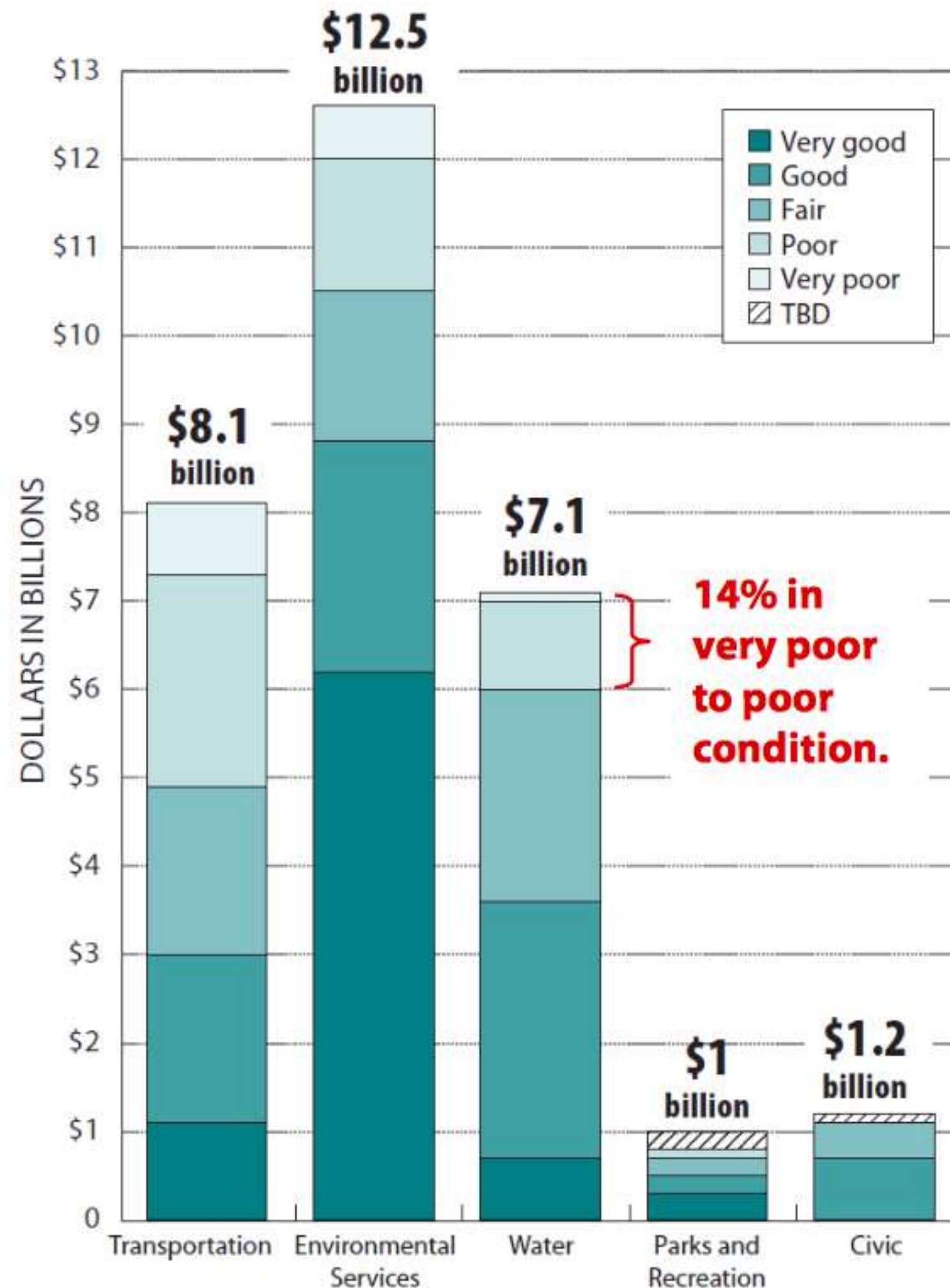
from
Oregon Seismic Safety Policy
Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)



Salem, Oregon
February 2013



Condition of Assets



- Total asset value is **\$7.1 billion**.
- About **14 %** of the bureau's assets are in very poor to poor condition, representing **\$1 billion** of needed investment.
- About **half** of the 2,100 miles of pipes in the Distribution system are **more than 60 years old**.









KEY TO THE TABLE

TARGET TIMEFRAME FOR RECOVERY:

Desired time to restore component to 80–90% operational

Desired time to restore component to 50–60% operational

Desired time to restore component to 20–30% operational

Current State (90% operational)

G
Y
R
X

TARGET STATES OF RECOVERY: WATER & WASTEWATER SECTOR (COAST)											
	Event occurs	0–24 hours	1–3 days	3–7 days	1–2 weeks	2 weeks – 1 month	1–3 months	3–6 months	6 months–1 year	1–3 years	3+ years
Domestic Water Supply											
<i>Potable water available at supply source (WTP, wells, impoundment)</i>				R		Y		G		X	
<i>Main transmission facilities, pipes, pump stations, and reservoirs (backbone) operational</i>			R	Y	G					X	
<i>Water supply to critical facilities available</i>				R		Y		G		X	
<i>Water for fire suppression—at key supply points</i>			R		Y			G		X	
<i>Water for fire suppression—at fire hydrants</i>						R	Y	G		X	
<i>Water available at community distribution centers/points</i>				R	Y	G	X				
<i>Distribution system operational</i>					R		Y	G			X

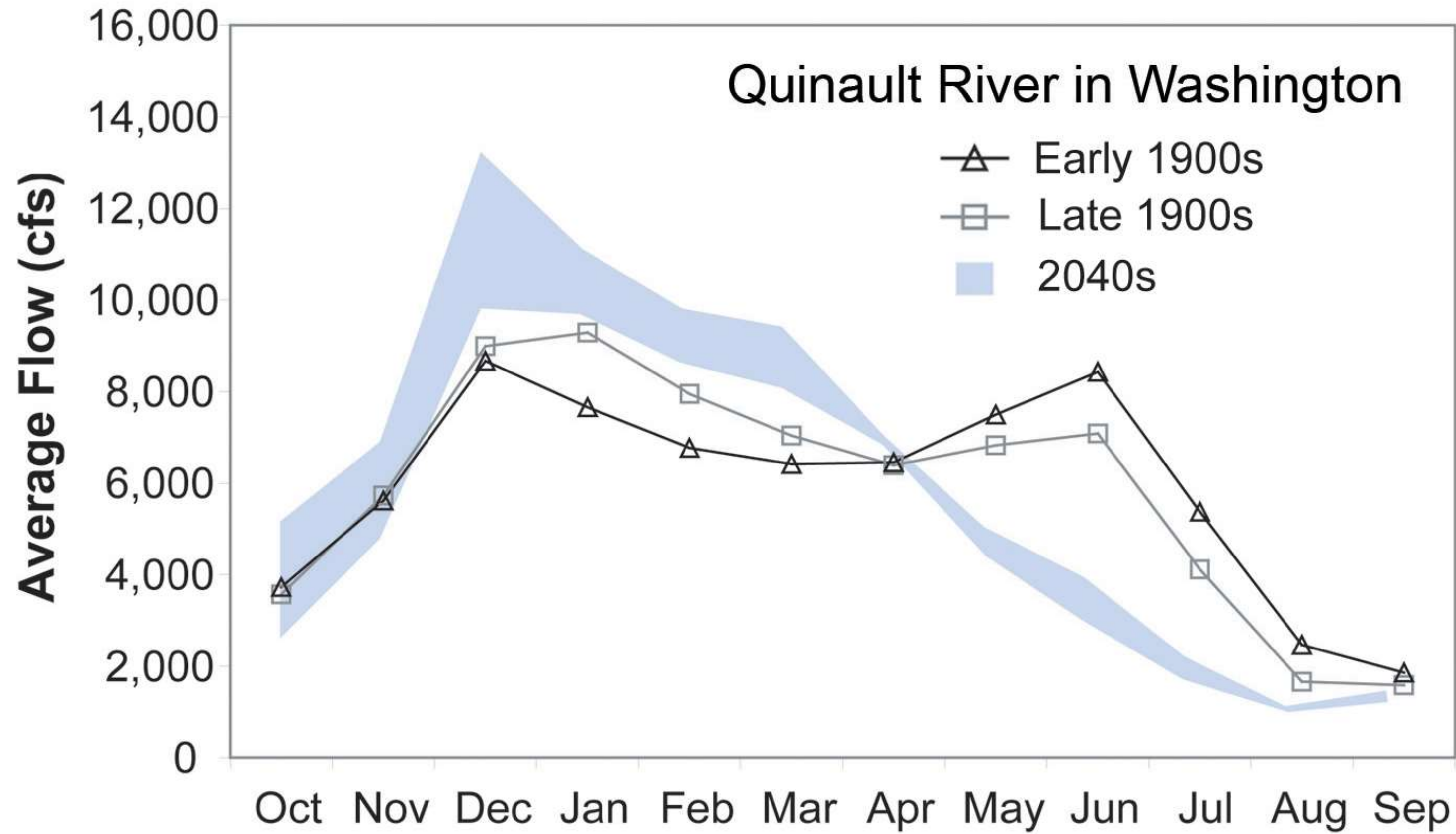
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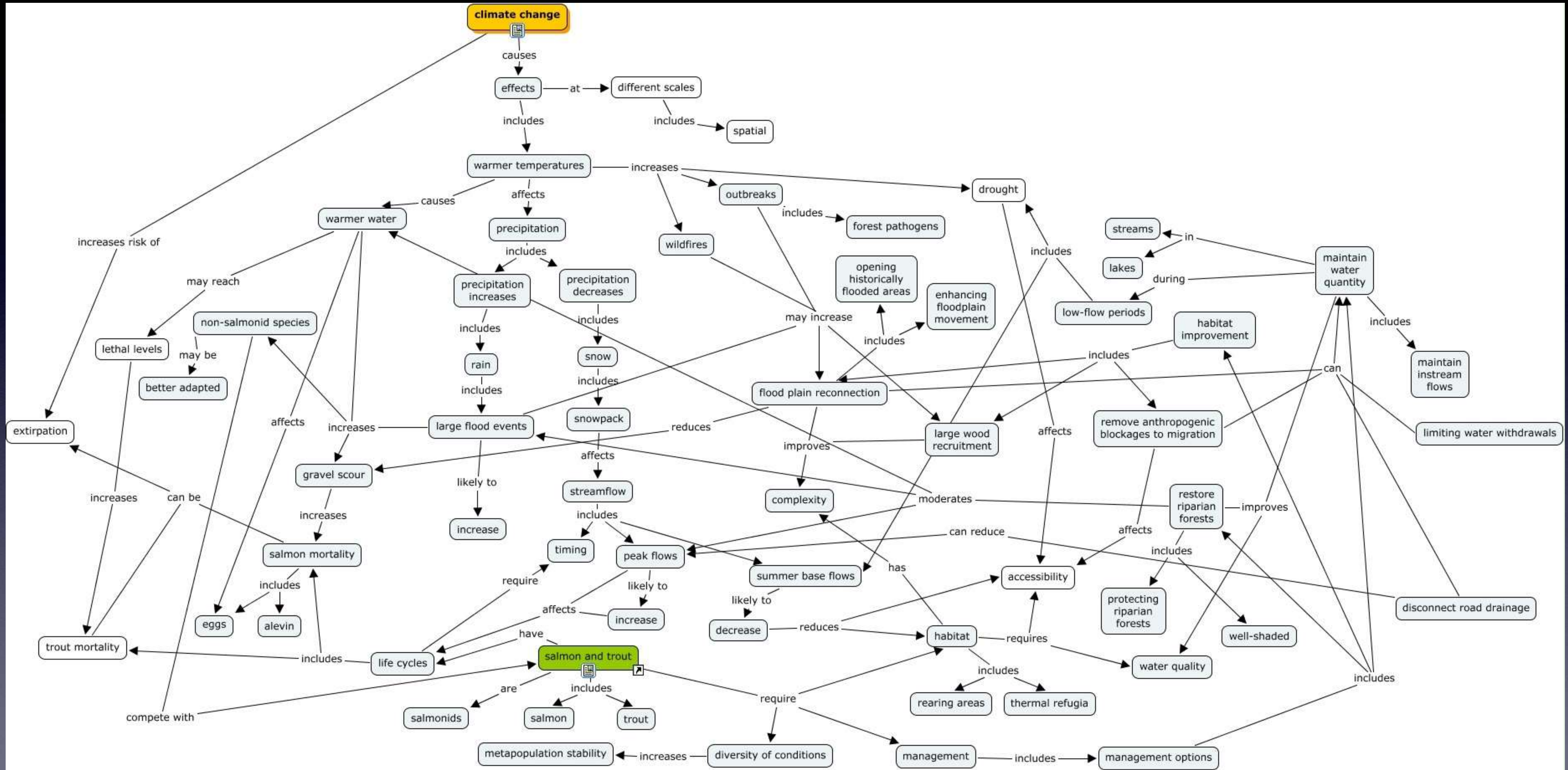
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TARGET STATES OF RECOVERY: WATER & WASTEWATER SECTOR (VALLEY)											
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<i>Water supply to critical facilities available</i>		Y	G				X				
<i>Water for fire suppression—at key supply points</i>		G		X							
<i>Water for fire suppression—at fire hydrants</i>				R	Y	G			X		
<i>Water available at community distribution centers/points</i>			Y	G	X						
<i>Distribution system operational</i>			R	Y	G				X		



University of Washington⁴⁹⁰

As precipitation continues to shift from snow to rain, by the 2040s, peak flow on the Quinault River is projected to occur in December, and flows in June are projected to be reduced to about half of what they were over the past century. On the graph, the blue swath represents the range of projected streamflows based on an increase in temperature of 3.6 to 5.4°F. The other lines represent streamflows in the early and late 1900s.^{487,494}





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Stephanie Minor, Mayor of Syracuse, NY

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