

# Context of Stevenson Sewer Challenges

October 30, 2023





#### Agenda

- Review overall history of sewer system
- History of current treatment plant upgrades process
- Council strategic plan

"It's **not** about *me*, it's **not** about *now*."



#### History of Sewer System

Russel St. Collection (1911)

WWTP and Initial Collection System, Russel St. Replacement (1972)

Treatment Plant Expansion, Second St. Sewer, Rock Creek & Kanaka PS Upgrades (1993)

Hidden Ridge (2007)





School St. (North-Central portion of city-High School) (1956)

Add a footer



Clean Water Act Requirement



Fairgrounds PS Install and NE portion of city (1979)



Skamania Lodge

(20-years after initial

system)



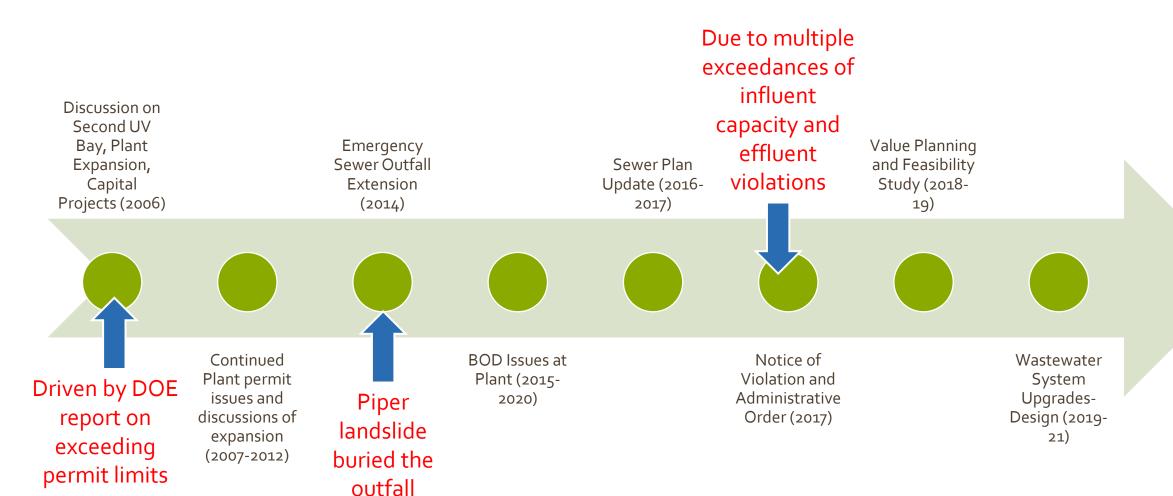
Angel Heights (2005)







### History of Sewer System (cont.)

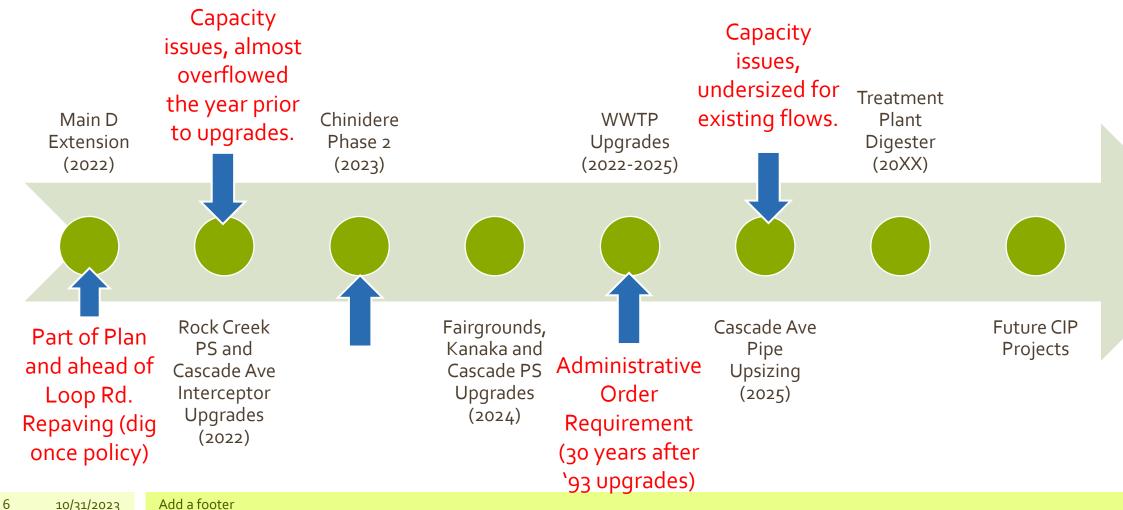


## Requirement of Administrative Order

Requirement	City Response
Limit New Industrial Connections	Commercial Moratorium
Promote Source Control	Updated FOG program and monitoring
Explore Funding Opportunities	Secured over \$8M in grants and almost \$12M in low-interest loans
Require Industrial Pretreatment	Ordinance updated and strengthened in 2018
Modify WW Plant Operations	New employee added in 2018
Update WW Rates	Updated and continually reviewed
Complete General Sewer Plan Update	Completed in 2017 and updated in 2019
Design WW Plant Updates	Completed in 2020
Construct WW Plant Updates	Began in 2022, est. completion in 2025



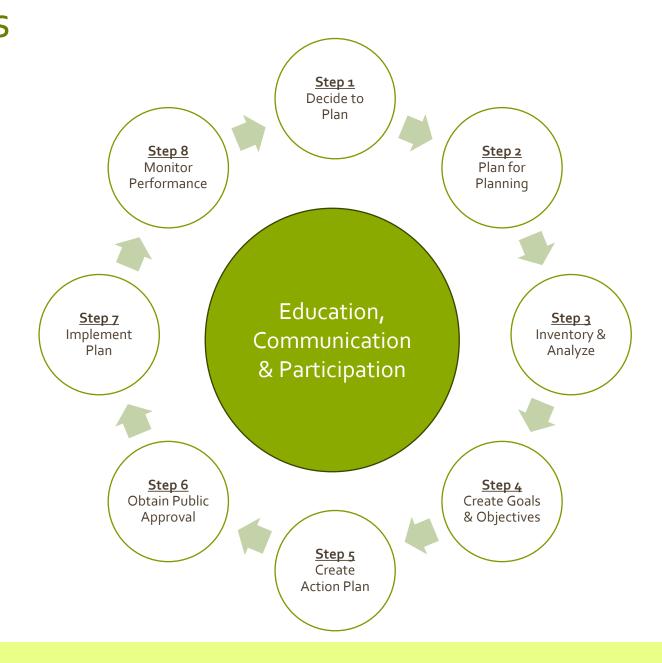
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#### **Code Revision Process**

- City has gone through steps 1-3
- Committee is starting over at step 4
- Following slides talk about goals
- Currently creating the action plan







#### Council Strategic Plan **Goal-Housing**

Analyze and Develop Tools:

- Zoning/minimum density requirements
- **Reduce SDCs**
- Workforce Housing
- Community Land Trust & Other Tools
- Purchase Property?



# Additional Council Strategic Plan Goals and Vision/Mission

#### **Financial Health**

 System Development Charge and Utility Rate Restructuring

Utilities (Maintenance of Current & New Growth)

# Strategic Land Use Planning and Development

 Develop Infrastructure Investment Areas **Vision:** "...natural beauty...high quality infrastructure...location on the Columbia River...recreation along the waterfront."

**Mission**: "...improved infrastructure, stewardship..."



#### **Current State**

- Sewer system isn't to City limits
- HEALing SCARS program initiated, not established
- Burden too great for small user base
- Avoiding issue continues to kick the can down the road



#### **Ultimate Goals**

- Sewer to city limits
- Share the burden across more users
- Address issues proactively
- Other feedback from committee

