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Subject: Central Relief Drain CSO In-line Storage, Green Infrastructure, and Distributed Storage

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A total of 21 CSOs discharge into the Central Relief Drain (CRD). Of these, only 9 CSOs discharge during the typical year, and most of the others have very small average annual overflow volumes (AAOV). The CRD is a very deep pipe, and including the CRD into the 13<sup>th</sup> and Rowan Storage Basin project made the new interceptor sewer and the storage basin deeper than would otherwise be required, thereby increasing the overall project cost. Monitoring equipment is currently being installed on the CRD CSOs to verify the behavior of this system, as the overflows are heavily hydraulically interconnected with one another.

During model recalibration MSD decided to investigate alternative approaches to handling the CRD CSOs. MSD determined that CSO200 could be most cost effectively controlled by diverting the overflow to the Sneads Branch system, which is currently controlled through in-line storage. For the remaining CRD CSOs a localized approach that addressed only the CRD CSOs is more cost-effective than keeping them included in the 13<sup>th</sup> and Rowan Storage Basin project.

MSD will use a highly interactive adaptive management approach to controlling CSOs in the CRD. The first round of projects will include expanding the use of in-line storage, either through fixed weirs, bending weirs or active real time control (RTC) elements. Given the interconnectivity of the CRD system, MSD must ensure that new in-line storage in one location does not activate or negatively impact another CSO. In-line storage projects will start as early as 2013, with implementation of projects on individual CSOs expected to be completed over the time frame of 2015 through 2018. These in-line storage projects will be designed to achieve an AAOV frequency of eight overflows in a typical rainfall year.

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If the combination of in-line storage and green infrastructure cannot be demonstrated to meet at least eight overflows per year in the typical year, a "right-sized" suite of gray infrastructure projects will be implemented. This storage may be one or two centralized underground tanks or a system of off-line pipes connected to the system to provide distributed storage where needed. If off-line storage is required, an updated level of control analysis will be performed to ensure that the right-sized storage facilities are sized in accordance with the benefit/cost approach used in the 2009 IOAP. If off-line storage facilities are required, they will be complete and in-service not later than December 31, 2020, which was the original approved date for control of these CSOs.

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Sincerely,

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# ATTACHMENT A

## **New Project**

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# ATTACHMENT B



## CSO Project Fact Sheet 2012 IOAP Project Modification



Project Name: Central Relief Drain CSO In-line Storage, Green Infrastructure & Distributed Storag

Project Type: Diversion, Inline Storage and Green Infrastructure

Rec Stream: Ohio River

Project Description: Weir raises on existing CSO structures to reduce overflows to 8 per typical year. CSO 200 is diverted to the east

into the Sneads Branch Relief. Additional Green Infrastructure is accounted for in cost to reduce runoff to offset

potential flooding concerns at viaducts. Bending weirs may also be used in lieu of traditional static weirs.

Design Assumption: Assumes weir raises will be acceptable. Additional evaluating of potential flooding at weir raise level will need

to be evaluated based on the configuration of each CSO structure. Green Infrastructure or bending weirs may

be used to mitigate potential increase of flooding risks.

Capital Cost: \$2,184,000

Capital Benefit/Cost: 543.96

Present Worth Benefit Cost: 581.21

cso	CSO Name	Existing May 2012		Baseline May 2012 <sup>2</sup>	
		Avg. Annual Overflow Volume	Avg. Annual Frequency	Avg. Annual Overflow Volume	Avg. Annual Frequency
CSO178	CRD 9th & YORK "B"	18.58	48	18.58	48
CSO181	CRD 2nd & BROADWAY NO 2	15.70	61	15.70	61
CSO193	CRD S 6th & KENTUCKY	0.02	4	0.02	4

<sup>1.</sup> Existing May 2012 conditions reflect existing system operating conditions as of that date.

<sup>2.</sup> Baseline May 2012 assumes all SSDP projects are complete and critical combined sewer facilities (e.g. Morris Forman WQTC Southwestern Pump Station, Starkey Pump Station) are operating at optimal, sustainable levels.

