



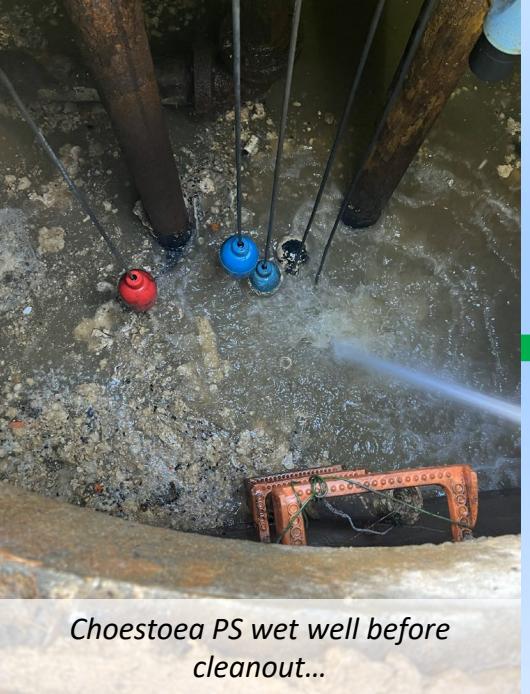
Annual Members' Meeting

January 5, 2026

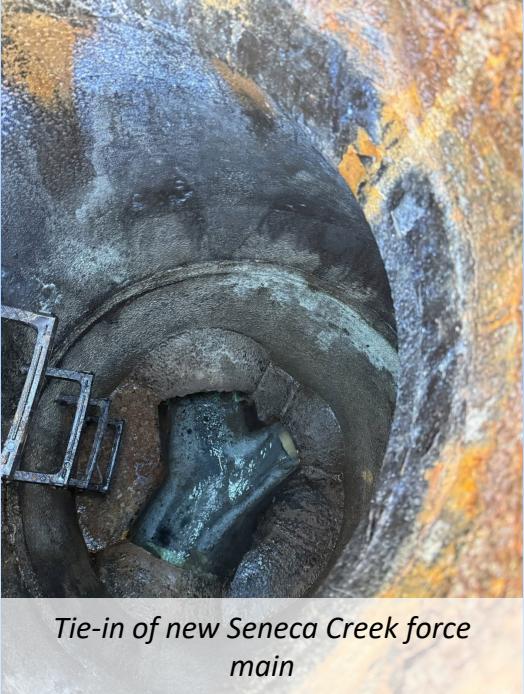
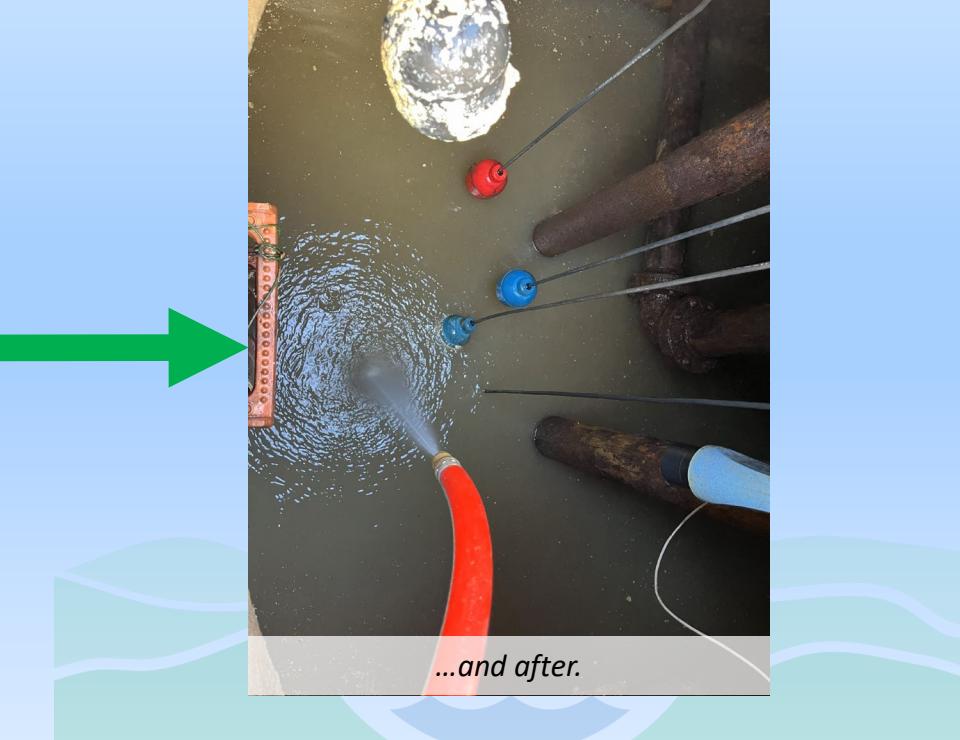
Chris Eleazer, Executive Director



OJRSA



Choestoea PS wet well before cleanout...



Tie-in of new Seneca Creek force main



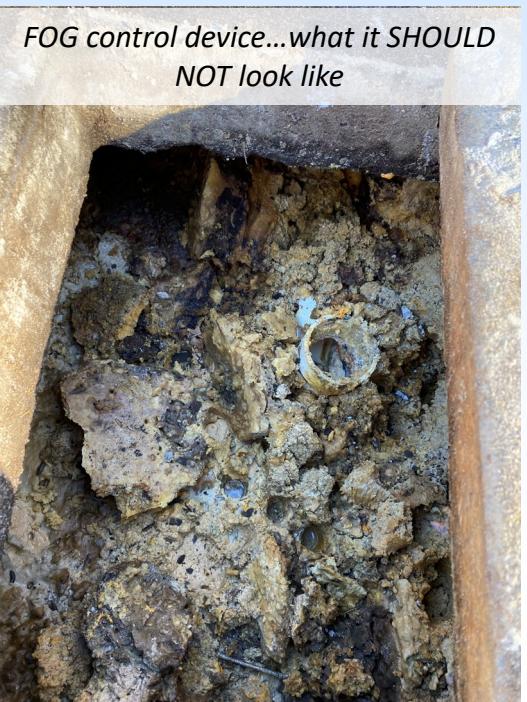
Chlorine gas disinfection system



Peracetic acid disinfection system



Staff collecting sample from clarifier



OJRSA Compliance

SAFETY

- Staff worked a total of 28,483 total hours (regular and overtime):
 - Lost-time accidents – 0
 - OSHA violations – 0



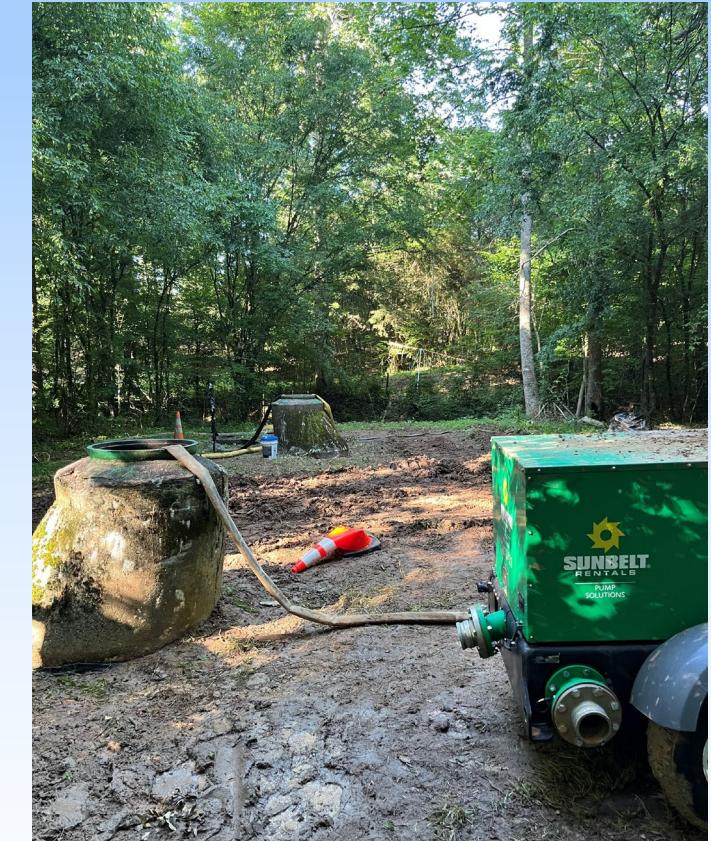
OJRSA Compliance

CONVEYANCE SYSTEM

2021 CONSENT ORDER still in effect

Sanitary Sewer Overflows

- 10 known spills totaling approximately 198,410 gallons
- 2 Significant Spill (189,650 gallons)
- 7 reportable to SCDES (by R.61-9 and NPDES Permit requirements)
- 1 weather-related
- 3 on Speeds Creek PS force main (18 since 2016)



Rehabilitation to gravity sewer to address I/I

OJRSA Compliance

WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

- Received updated NPDES Permit to Discharge
 - Additional monitoring requirements for Aluminum and Low Level Mercury, including the development of minimization plans for both
 - Additional inspections of dental facilities for mercury
 - Includes peracetic acid disinfection (from chlorine gas/sodium bisulfate), which requires a period toxicity monitoring in Coneross Creek
- DHEC/SCDES inspection March 2024 – **SATISFACTORY with no deficiencies noted (12 page inspection check sheet)**

OJRSA CONEROSS CREEK WWTP
(3BV8-M848-TN3)
Violation List

No Violations Found

*Comment from last SCDHEC/SCDES inspection report,
April 2024*

OJRSA Compliance

WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY



OJRSA Compliance

PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

Industrial Users

- DHEC/SCDES) Pretreatment Performance Audit in March 2024 – **SATISFACTORY with no deficiencies noted (34 page inspection check sheet)**
- 19 Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit facilities monitoring a total of 330 pollutant parameters (through November)
 - 99.85% compliance rate (does not include late DMR reporting)
 - 14 facilities in full compliance
 - 0 Significant Non-Compliance(s) (SNC) and 6 minor violations issued to 5 industries [*there were multiple violations at 1 site*]
 - 0 Consent Orders issued to permitted users

The review indicates that the permit requirements evaluated during the inspection were being met, resulting in a rating of **Satisfactory**. Therefore, no response is necessary.

Comment from SCDHEC inspection report, April 2024

OJRSA Compliance

PRETREATMENT PROGRAM (continued)

Nonsignificant Permitted Sources

1 Nonsignificant Source Discharge Permittee (Oconee Detention Center)

- Continuing corrective action on Consent Order issued in 2022, should be closed January 2026

Special pretreatment facilities

- Inspected 174 Special Pretreatment Devices (FOG traps/interceptors, oil/water interceptors, new installations, etc.)
- Found 9 violations that required corrective actions (all have been corrected)
- 3 required formal enforcement action (NOV, Consent Order, etc.)

The review indicates that the permit requirements evaluated during the inspection were being met, resulting in a rating of **Satisfactory**. Therefore, no response is necessary.

Comment from SCDHEC inspection report, April 2024

OJRSA Compliance

LABORATORY

- No SCDES inspection during 2025
- Have outsourced many functions to independent lab

STORMWATER

- No SCDES inspection during 2025
- Continued maintaining site to comply with *2022 NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities*
- No permit violations, all samples obtained and self inspections were performed as required in Permit and SWPPP. Corrective actions were taken as necessary.

SCDES Enforcement Update

Consent Order (issued 2021 but still active)

Causes of Order

1. SSOs in 2019-2020
 - Two non-Act of God, vandalism, or third party caused (61,500 gal); *Violation of SC Code § 48-1-90(A)(1) and SC Code §48-1-95(D)(1)*
 - Four Acts of God caused (736,000 gal)
2. Unsatisfactory Collection System Inspection – Flat Rock Pump Station overflows, structural issues, and trash in wet well
3. Failure to enforce Sewer Use Regulation – I/I removal and fats, oils, and grease (FOG) in particular

Required to

1. Perform capacity, management, operation, and maintenance (CMOM) assessment
2. Reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I)
3. Update and enforce Sewer Use Regulation on upstream systems and users

Fined \$7,000 by SCDHEC (predecessor to SCDES)

SCDES Enforcement Update

Consent Order (issued 2021 but still active)

Significant progress made on requirements in 2025

- CMOM/Consent Order Project Phase IIA: 90% completion of rehabilitating approximately 20,685 linear feet of gravity sewer and 700 vertical feet of manholes to address defects identified during FY 2023 inspection. **Project funded by SCIPP Grant**.
- CMOM/Consent Order Project Phase IIB: Initiated manhole resiliency plan and **HMGP grant application** to address manholes installed below 100-year flood elevation.
- CMOM/Consent Order Project Phase III: Engineer completed evaluation of 9,676 linear feet of large diameter gravity sewer and provided report. (O&M funded)
- CMOM/Consent Order Project Phase IV: Engineer completed assessment of over 68,000 linear feet (12.9 miles) of gravity sewer and associated manholes within the Martin Creek Pump Station Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer. (O&M funded)
- 95+% completion of Seneca Creek PS force main replacement (developer funded)
- Updates to GIS and system mapping
- Received and reviewed corrective actions taken by Member Cities to address inflow/infiltration and other issues that impacts OJRSA system
- Performed rate/cost of service assessment as part of Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee program

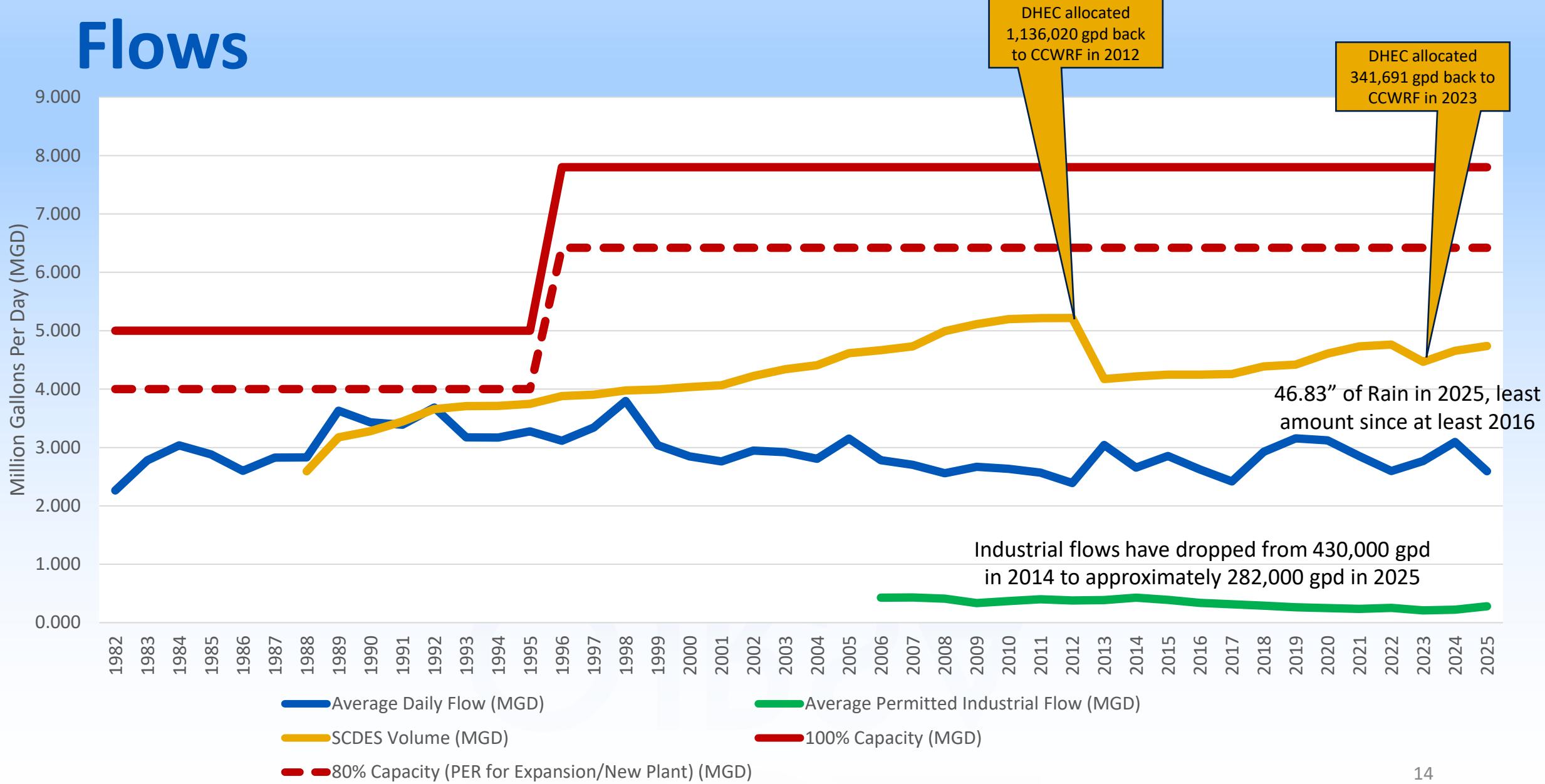
SCDES Enforcement Update

Consent Order (issued 2021 but still active)

Anticipated projects for 2026

- Perform engineering design – possibly to include permitting – and easement phase of Speeds Creek PS force main in-kind replacement (O&M funded)
- Complete work order and asset management system implementation (O&M funded)
- Finalize Comprehensive Sewer Management Plan update (O&M funded)
- Evaluate Perkins PS and Coneross PS facilities to determine feasibility of rehabilitation or replacement. May also include resiliency study to address flooding issues. (O&M funded)
- Monitor, assist, and report actions to cities regarding addressing deficiencies in their system as part of their Corrective Action Plans. Task to be performed by OJRSA staff, consulting engineers, and attorneys.
- Continue reconstitution/reorganization/consolidation process
- Continue field data collection for hydraulic model

Flows



Residential Fees and Usage

Average OJRSA Portion Sewer Fee Per Month

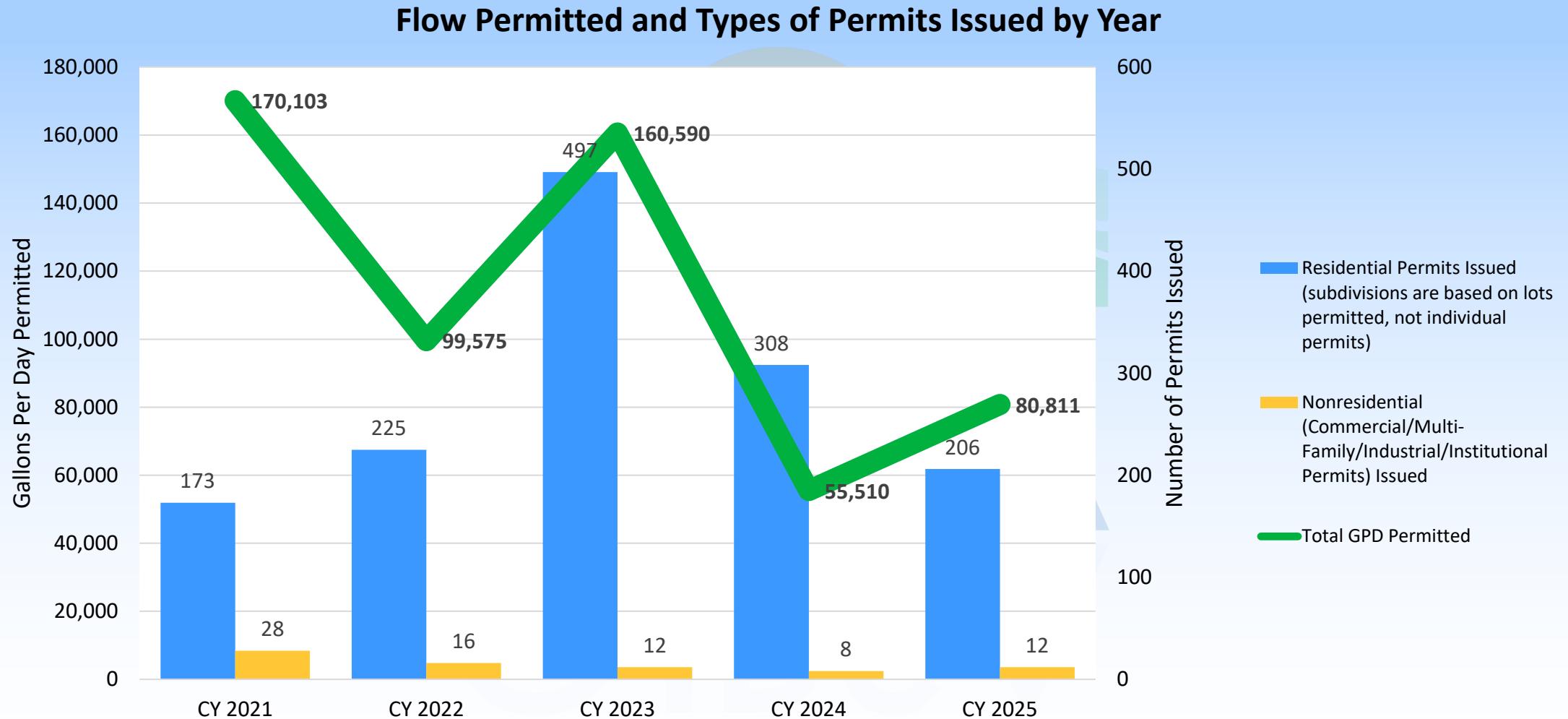
DOES NOT INCLUDE CITY FEES



Average Sewer Usage Per Month



Growth



Growth

REQUESTS FOR SEWER AVAILABILITY TO SPECIFIC PARCELS DURING 2025

NOTE: Some
may be to the same parcel

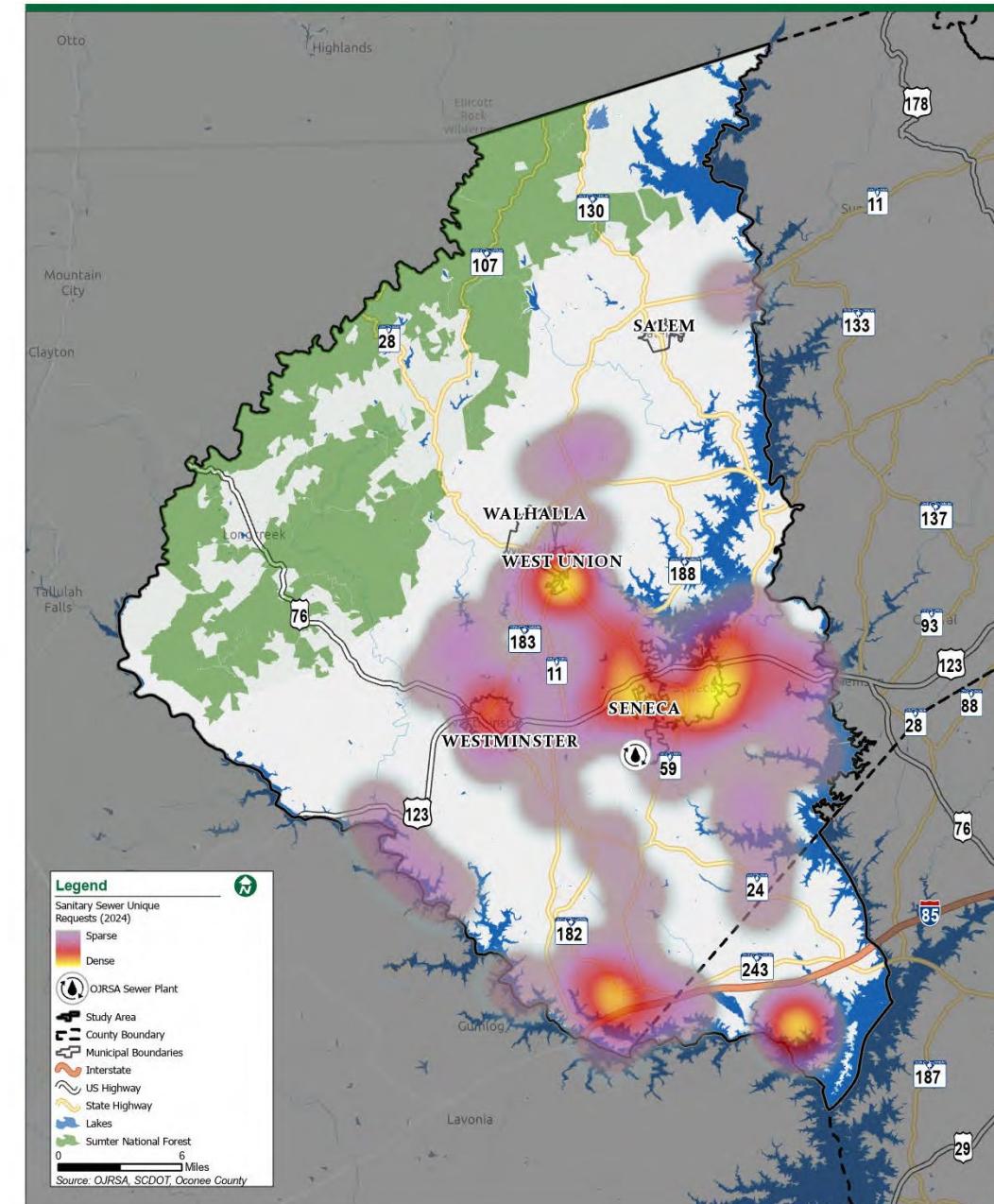
- 160 inquiries answered by OJRSA staff
- Inquiries covered 4,804 total acres
- Requests per general area of sewer provider
 - Seneca – 86
 - Fair Play / I-85 Corridor – 26
 - Walhalla – 20
 - Westminster – 14
 - Anderson County – 3
 - West Union – 2
 - Not In Defined Public Service Area or Unknown – 9
(e.g., Tokeena Crossroads, Salem, The Pier, etc.)



Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

Sanitary Sewer Unique Requests (2024)

January 2025



Growth

IMPACT FEES

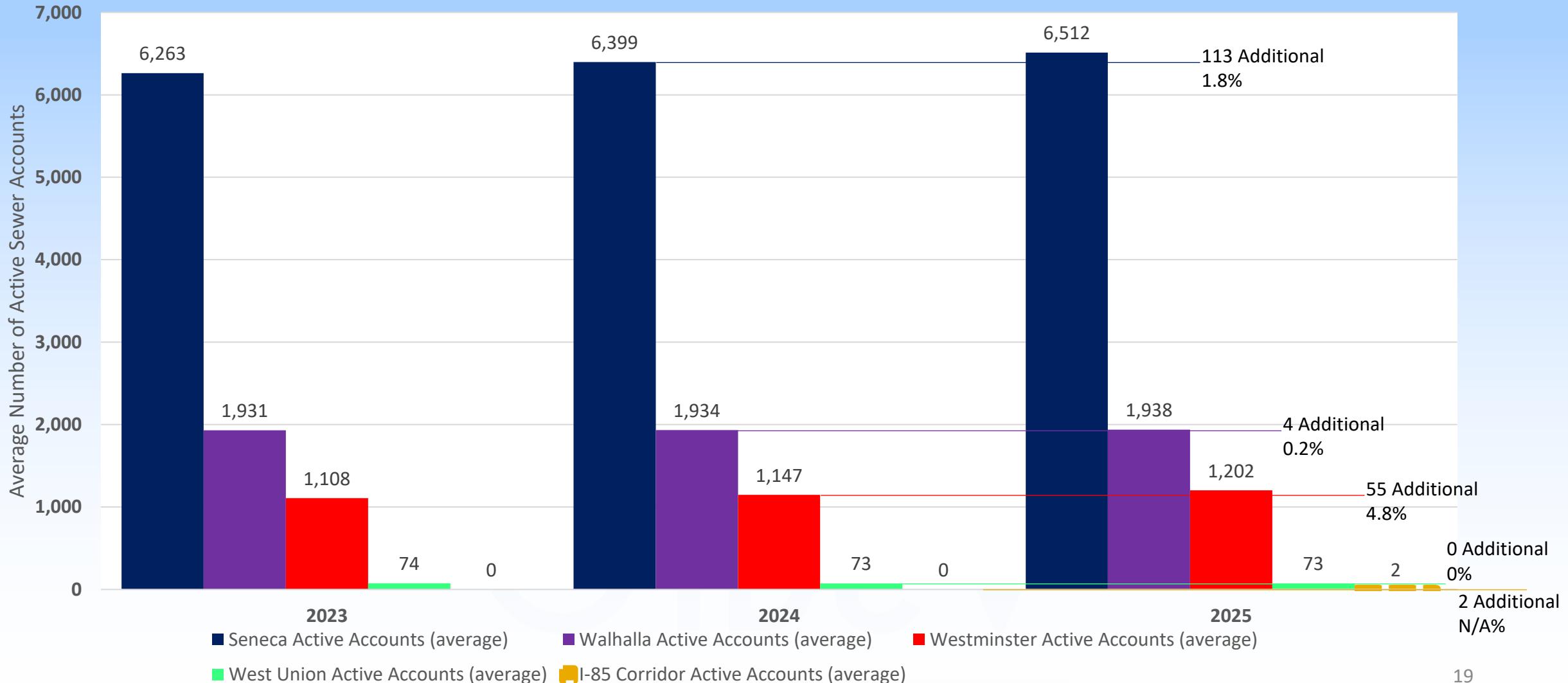
- OJRSA Board approved changes for the way impact fees were determined – now based on wastewater hydraulic loading
- Study performed in April 2025 by engineer recommended \$25.73 per gallon
- Ultimate decision that policymakers must ask is ... who do we want to pay for growth ...
 - Those causing the growth (builders/developers/new homeowners)
 - The “ancestral user” that may have paid impact fees already and now pays monthly user fees
 - A combination of each (and what should that percentage be?)

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Project Name:		
Project Address:	Parcel ID Number:	
Property Owner:	Mailing Address:	
Phone:	Email:	
INSTRUCTIONS: ENTER NUMBERS IN APPROPRIATE CELLS BELOW. If the project includes more than one of the same type facility, then combine the numbers and include notes in the appropriate area below the table on page 2. Example: There are two non-24 hour restaurants within the development, one with 50 seats and the other with 30 seats. In the appropriate cell in the table, state there are 80 seats, then make a note that the 80 seats are for two restaurants, one with 50 seats and the other with 30.		
Types of Establishments Per OJRSA Impact Fee Policy		
	Hydraulic Loading (GPD)	Number of Units
A. Airport: Per Employee Per Passenger	8 4	
B. Apartments, Condominiums, and Similar Multi-Family Developments: (As defined in the Sewer Use Regulation) Four-to-Six (4-to-6) Bedroom (Per Unit) Three (3) Bedrooms (Per Unit) Two (2) Bedrooms (Per Unit) One (1) Bedroom (Per Unit)	300 300 225 150	
C. Assembly Halls: (Per Seat)	4	
D. Barber Shop: Per Employee Per Chair	8 75	
E. Bars, Taverns: Per Employee Per Seat, Excluding Restaurant	8 30	
F. Beauty Shop/Pet Grooming Shop: Per Employee Per Chair	8 94	
G. Boarding House, Dormitory: (per resident)	38	
H. Bowling Alley: Per Employee Per Lane, No Restaurant, Bar, or Lounge	8 94	
I. Camps: Resort, Luxury (Per Person) Summer (Per Person) Day, with Central Bathhouse (Per Person) Travel Trailer (Per Site)	75 38 26 131	
J. Car Wash: (Per Car Washed)	56	
K. Churches: Per Seat Fellowship Hall with Commercial Kitchen Per Seat	2 5	
L. Clinics, Doctor's Office: Per Employee Per Patient	11 4	
M. Country Club, Fitness Center, Spa: (Per Member)	38	
N. Dentist Office		

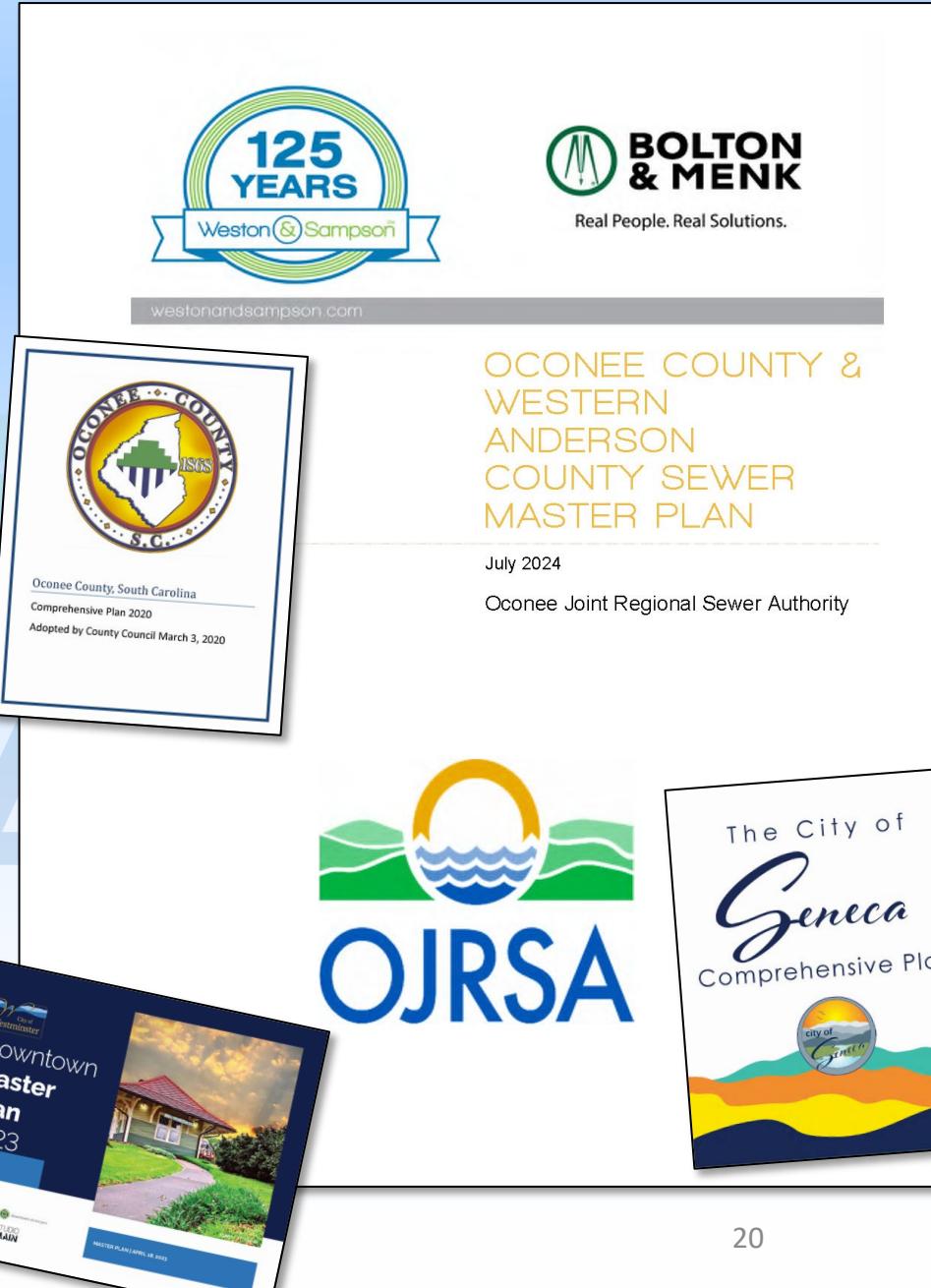
Developer now completes a form for development types, which is used to calculate fees

Growth: Inside and Outside City Limits



20-Year Sewer Master Plan

- Multi-year wastewater plan completed in mid-2024
- Considered
 - Population growth
 - Current and projected land use
 - Condition of current infrastructure
 - Pipeline expansion for new growth
 - Discharge permit parameters and receiving waterbodies
 - Additional treatment plant(s)



The right side of the slide contains several logos and documents related to the sewer master plan:

- Weston & Sampson:** A circular logo for Weston & Sampson's 125th anniversary, featuring the text "125 YEARS" and "Weston & Sampson" with a green and blue color scheme. Below it is the website "westonandsampson.com".
- BOLTON & MENK:** A logo for Bolton & Menk with the tagline "Real People. Real Solutions." Below the logo is the text "OCONEE COUNTY & WESTERN ANDERSON COUNTY SEWER MASTER PLAN".
- Oconee County, South Carolina Comprehensive Plan 2020:** A document cover for the 2020 comprehensive plan, showing the Oconee County seal and the text "Oconee County, South Carolina Comprehensive Plan 2020 Adopted by County Council March 3, 2020".
- OJRSA:** The logo for the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, featuring a stylized sun and water graphic above the acronym "OJRSA".
- The City of Geneca Comprehensive Plan:** A document cover for the City of Geneca's comprehensive plan, showing the Geneca city seal and the text "The City of Geneca Comprehensive Plan".
- City of Westminster Downtown Master Plan 2023:** A document cover for the Westminster Downtown Master Plan, showing a photograph of a building and the text "City of Westminster Downtown Master Plan 2023".

20-Year Sewer Master Plan

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY 20-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & REHABILITATION PLAN

Includes projects identified in **Oconee County & Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan** Scenario 4 as recommended by Weston & Sampson/Bolton & Menk (2024) and known/anticipated O&M and rehabilitation projects. All costs in July 2024 Dollars.

December 2024

July 2024 Dollars. Does not include costs for cities/county to rehab or replace existing system due to age or extend pipes and pumps for growth. 21

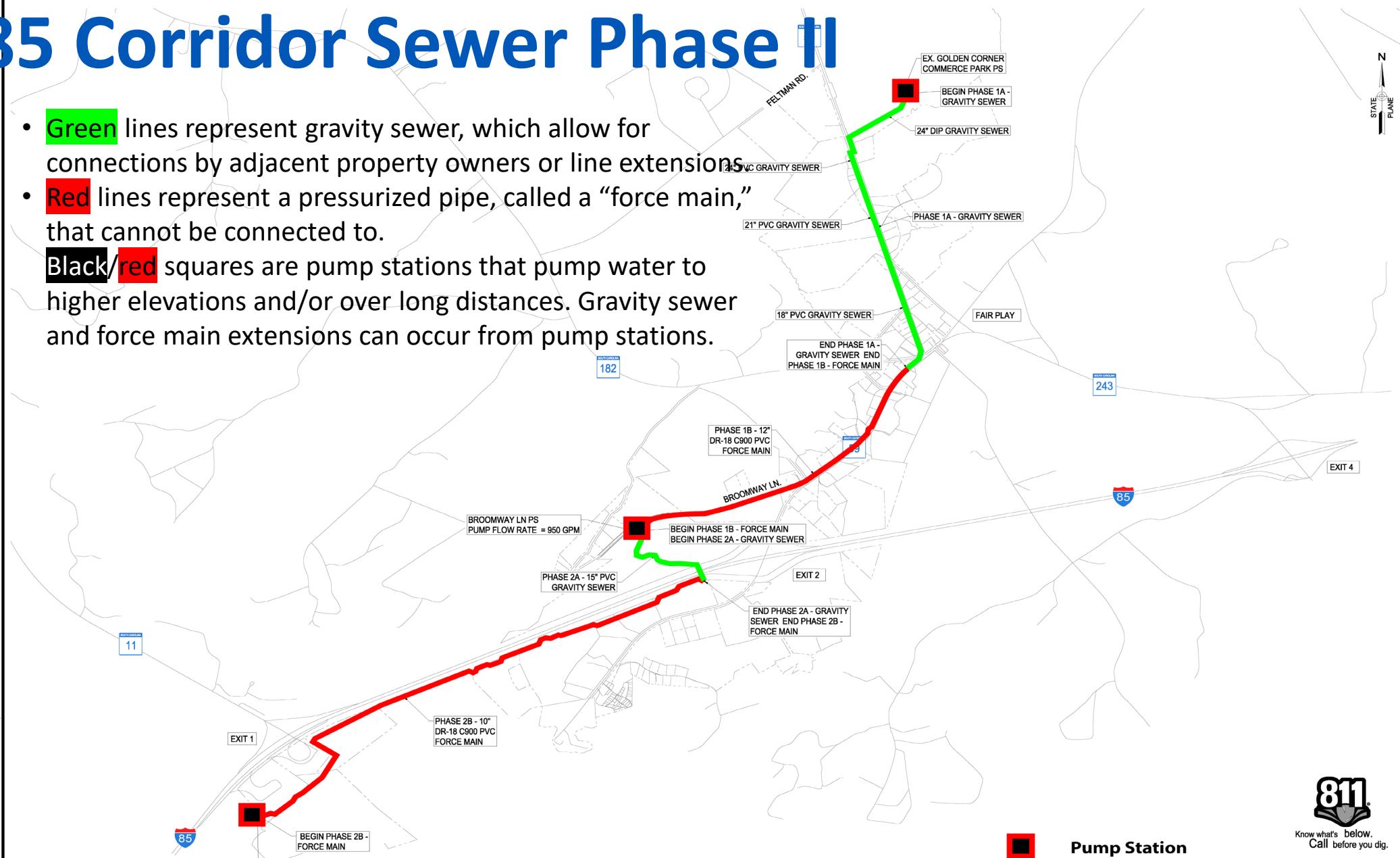
TOTALS \$ 303,723.848

I-85 Corridor Sewer Phase II

- **Green** lines represent gravity sewer, which allow for connections by adjacent property owners or line extensions
- **Red** lines represent a pressurized pipe, called a “force main, that cannot be connected to.

Black/red squares are pump stations that pump water to higher elevations and/or over long distances. Gravity sewer and force main extensions can occur from pump stations.

THE ENGINEER ADHERES AND ANY INFRINGEMENT WILL SUBJECT TO LEGAL ACTION
TO THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT
IS MADE IN FRENCH AND THE CONTRACTUAL LANGUAGE IS FRENCH. THE
CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF PARIS.
IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE, THE PARTIES AGREE TO REFER IT TO
ARBITRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARBITRATION RULES OF THE
COURT OF APPEAL OF PARIS.



Pump Station Gravity Sewer Force Main

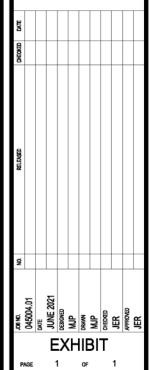
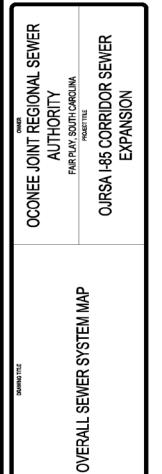


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Call before you dig.

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SCALE: 1" = 800'

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE 1990s



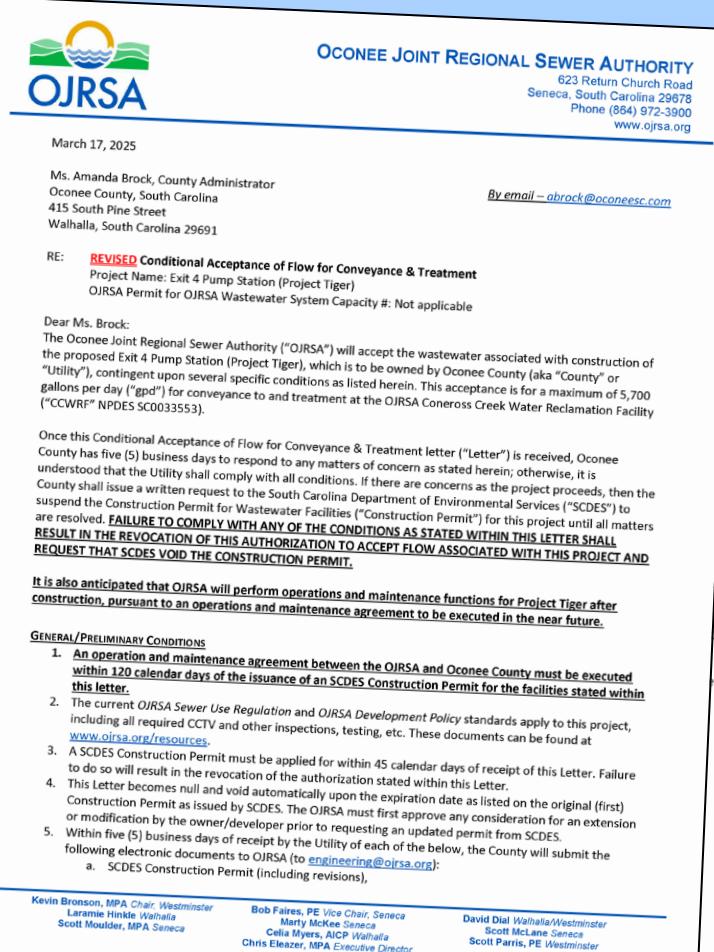
I-85 Corridor Sewer Phase III

I-85 corridor sewer now needs more flow

- Current daily average 7,872 gallons
- Need ≥314,000 gallons per day in the areas of I-85 exits 1 and 2 plus 591,000 gpd at GCCP Pump Station to address hydrogen sulfide issues

Need agreement with county for operations & maintenance or reconstitution/consolidation efforts to address

OJRSA provided Conditional Acceptance of Flow letter for I-85 Phase III sewer project to serve near Exit 4

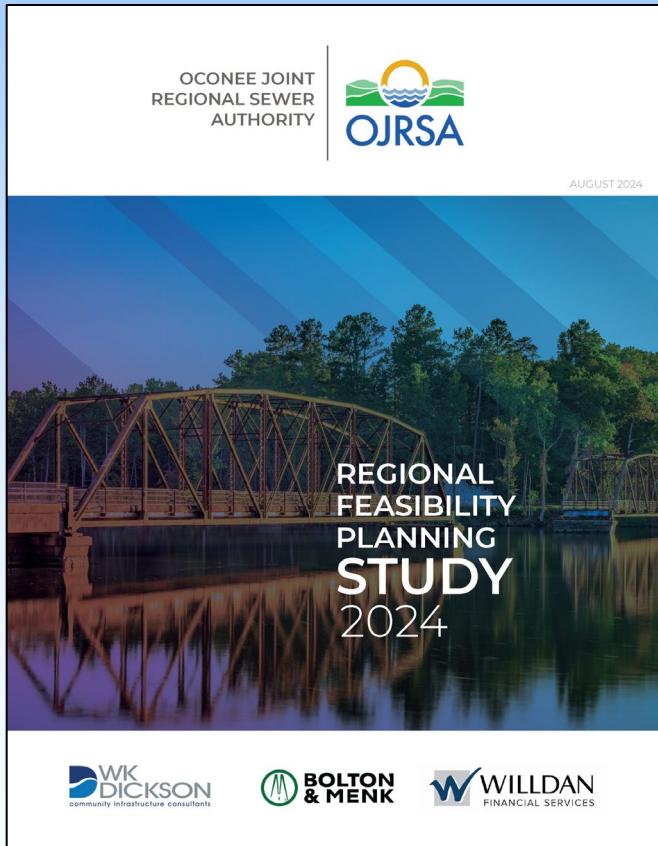


Joint Regional Sewer Authority
for Flow for Conveyance & Treatment
Exit 4 Pump Station (Project Tiger)
with the Construction Permit, and
completion based on the issue date of the SCDES
ions per minute ("gpm") pump station,
approximately 2,000 linear feet of 10-inch
oles. The total design flow for the development
ed by Oconee County and operated and
o this project in accordance with the OJRSA
commitments for capacity in the CCWRF and its
ed by OJRSA and the County, which are
ember 19, 2024 as indicated on the Cover
rence, which may include the following
OJRSA requirements for testing of all
lfiltration, and exfiltration.

of the following documents must be
OJRSA Development Policy:
applicable

information as stated in SECTION 2.10.3 GIS
any questions.

Regional Sewer Provider(s)?



2024 comprehensive feasibility study to determine if regionalizing sewer conveyance, and treatment in Oconee County will streamline service delivery and enhance the success of the community and its quality of life

Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority
623 Return Church Road
Seneca, South Carolina 29678
Phone (864) 972-3900
www.ojsra.org

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY
Ad-Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee
June 16, 2025

The Ad-Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners/Committee Members that were present:

- Joel Jones (Citizen - formerly worked for ReWa) - Committee Chair
- Chip Bentley (Appalachian Council of Gov'ts.)
- Amanda Brock (Oconee County)
- Chris Eleazer (Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority)
- Scott McLane (City of Seneca)
- Celia Myers (City of Walhalla)
- Scott Parris (City of Westminster)
- Sue Schneider (Citizen - formerly worked for Spartanburg Water)
- Rivers Stilwell (Attorney, Maynard Nexsen) - *via Microsoft Teams*
- Scott Willett (Anderson Regional Joint Water System)

Committee Members that were not present:

- None (all were in attendance)

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager

Others present were:

- Lawrence Flynn (Pope Flynn - OJRSA Attorney) - *via Microsoft Teams*
- Michael Traynham (Maynard Nexsen - OJRSA Attorney) - *via Microsoft Teams*
- Angie Mettlen, (Vice President, W.K. Dickson/Ardura)
- Katherine Arnidon (Environmental Planner, Bolton & Menk)
- Tony Adams, Oconee Co. Citizen
- Norm Cannada, *The Journal*

A. Call to Order – Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He thanked everyone for accommodating the schedule change and added that this may be the last committee meeting.

B. Public Comment – None.

Mr. Eleazer took a moment to state that Mr. Rivers Stilwell, Mr. Lawrence Flynn, and Mr. Michael Traynham are attending the meeting online. Mr. Traynham introduced himself stating he is with Maynard Nexsen and is the outside environmental counsel for the OJRSA.

C. Approval of Minutes:
• Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting of May 8, 2025
Ms. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willett, to approve the May 8, 2025 Ad Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Regional Sewer Provider(s)?

EXHIBIT A - Board Meeting 07/15/2025

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REGIONAL SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY

OJRSA Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee
OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations

June 16, 2025

The OJRSA Regional Feasibility Planning Study ("Planning Study"), completed in August 2024 and adopted in September 2024, recommended establishing the Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee ("Ad Hoc Committee"). The purpose of this committee was to review, discuss and evaluate the Planning Study's primary recommendations for a new governance structure for Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("Authority") and to provide independent recommendations for implementing this restructuring.

The Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of OJRSA ("Board"), in November 2024. The initial Ad Hoc Committee was staffed with 10 members, and one *ex officio* member as follows:

- Chip Bentley, *Ex Officio* Member
- Amanda Brock, Oconee County
- Chris Eleazer, OJRSA
- Joel Jones, Utility Expert (Environmental/Utility Compliance)
- Scott McLane, Seneca
- Celia Myers, Watauga
- Scott Parris, Westminster
- Graham Rich, Utility Expert (Economic Development), *resigned*
- Sue Schneider, Utility Expert (Management)
- River Stillwell, Utility Legal Expert
- Scott Willett, Utility Expert (Finance)

The Planning Study suggested a six month timeline for the Ad Hoc Committee to review prior work and complete initial evaluations for recommendations that would be presented to the Board and Oconee County, as an entity recommended for addition to the Authority under the Planning Study.

OJRSA Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee Recommendations

Committee summary recommendations:

1. All collection systems should be consolidated into one combined system – owned, operated, and maintained by the reconstituted Authority.
2. Authority should be reconstituted with a five-member Board of Commissioners.
3. Governance documents of the reconstituted Authority will be drafted and supersede all existing Authority documents and contracts.
4. Establish a working group or smaller ad hoc committee to oversee and guide the initial implementation.
5. Communications Plan for the reorganization be developed, which should be used by all entities.

OJRSA Requests for Satellite Systems

PARTICIPATION

- Reconstitution Committee

CONTINUATION

- Actively seeking inflow and infiltration (I&I) sources and take appropriate corrective actions included in Corrective Action Plans
- Develop and update a Capital Improvement Plan that includes rehabilitation of system
- Budgeting for current and repairs
- Refraining from pushing debris into OJRSA lines when cleaning pipes. Remove it using baskets, vac truck, or other such methods.

COMPLETION

- Submit biannual updates to OJRSA (due each April 30 and October 31 until Consent Order closed)



Grease build up on an OJRSA line that was "jetted" from a Member City line into the OJRSA trunk sewer

Schedule a Tour!



The Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility provides an essential service that powers our community's economic engines and improves our quality of life!

Contact us

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Questions, Comments, and Closing

