A Trenchless Approach to Help Meet a Strict Lowell Schedule

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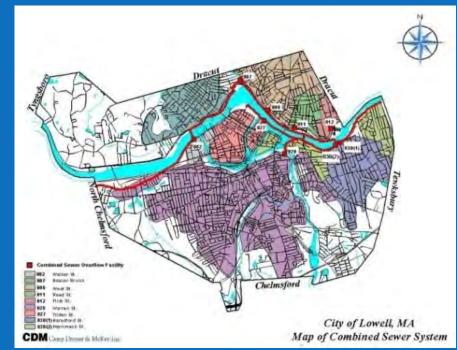


Overview

- Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility
- Long-Term CSO Control Planning
- Sewer system surcharging and street flooding
- History of Marginal Sewershed
- Development of the project
- Trenchless method selection
- Construction coordination
- Construction phase

Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility (LRWWU)

- Five member communities: Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell, Tewksbury, and Tyngsboro
- Lowell has a combined sewer system.
 Other communities have separate systems
- Nine CSO outfalls/diversion structures
- 11 Pump and metering stations
- 230 miles of sewers
- 48 employees



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- Confluence of Concord River and Merrimack River
- Once one of the largest industrial complexes
- Fourth largest city in Massachusetts (100,000)
- Former textile mills have been renovated
- Canals are still a centerpiece of the city

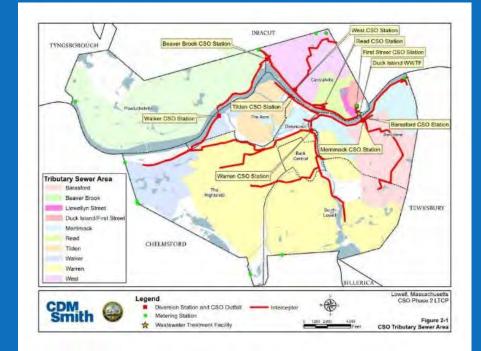




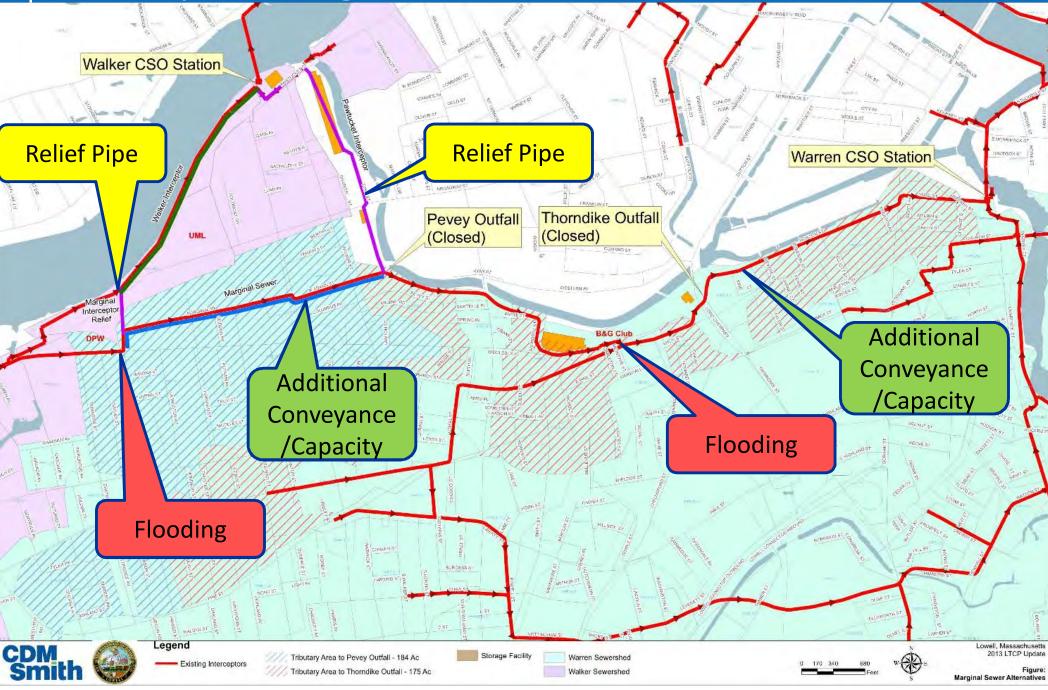
Long-Term CSO Control Planning

CSO Phase 2 LTCP (2013)

- Sewer system surcharging and repetitive street flooding in discrete locations
- Combined sewer system improvements (sewer separation and surcharge relief)
- Top priority project

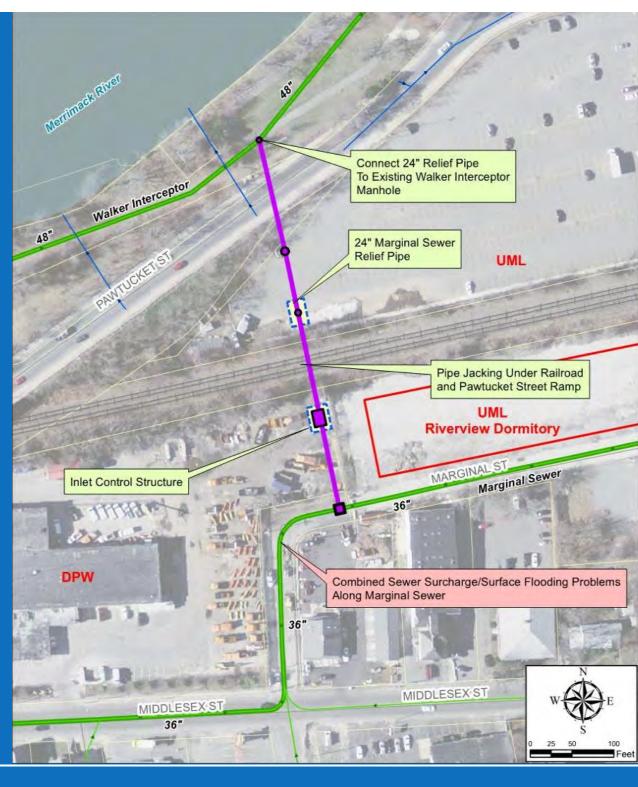


History of Marginal Sewershed



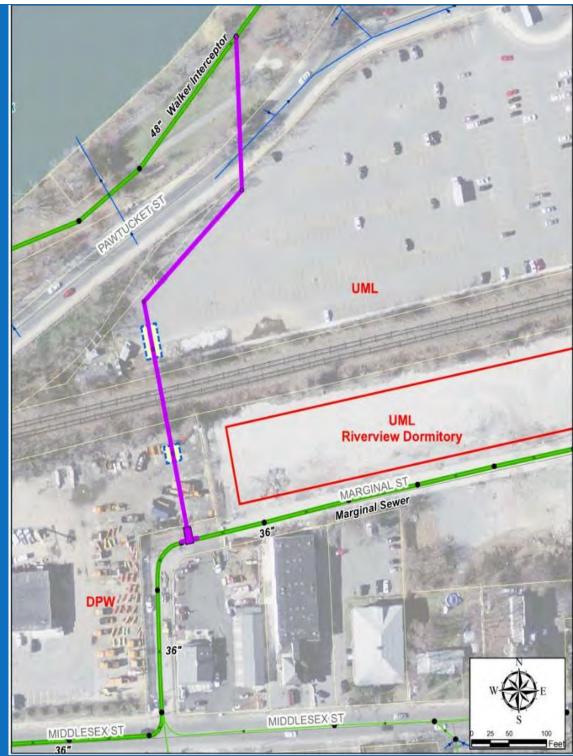
Development of the Project

- Control Level (1 year storm event)
- Basement Backups at UMass Lowell (UML) Riverview Campus Dormitory (Private)
- Surface flooding within and in front of Department of Public Works (DPW) Building
- Railroad Crossing



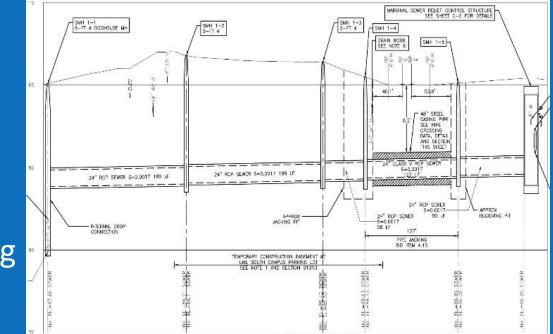
Development of Relief Pipe Alignment

- Route/Future
 Development
- Marginal Interceptor Relief Structure
- DPW yard
- Railroad crossing
- UML South parking lot
- Pawtucket Street
- Walker Interceptor



Field Investigation Results and Design Challenges

- Railroad crossing
- Open cut and trenchless lengths
- Previous uses of area
- Survey challenges during Winter 2015
- Silty sands based on boring program
- Groundwater



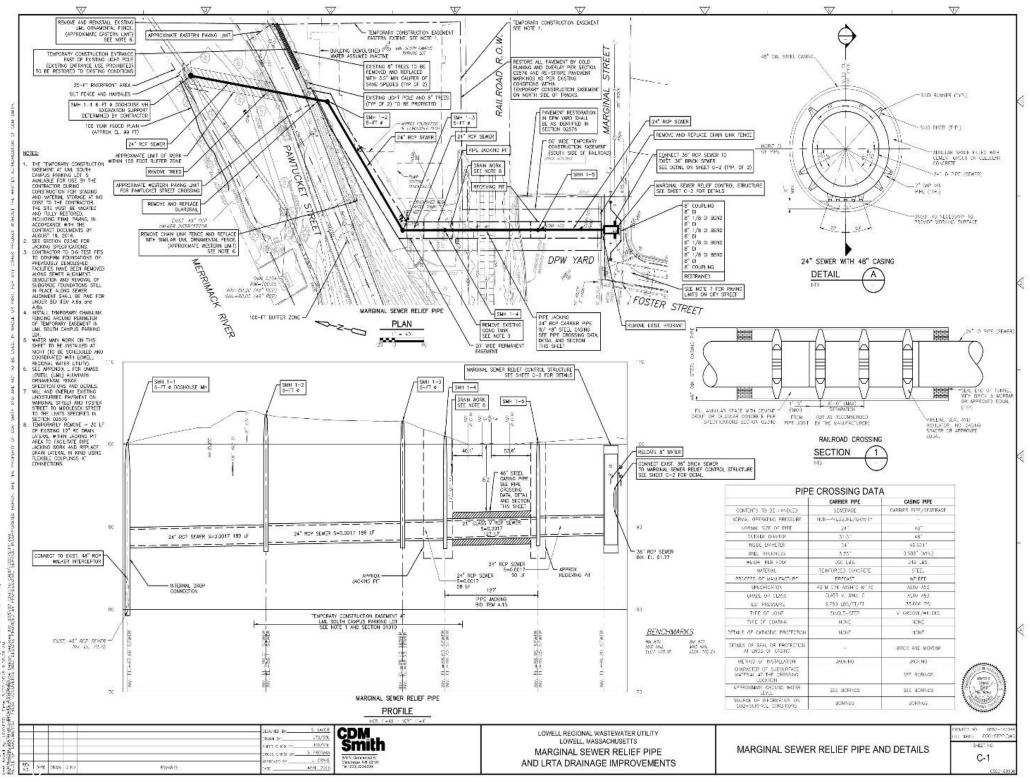
Trenchless Alternative Discussion

Sewer design

- Casing size (Steel 48-inches)
- Material of carrier pipe (RC 24-inches)
- Trenchless approaches considered
 - Tunnel Boring Machine
 - Pipe Ramming
 - Hydraulic pipe jacking with shield
- Soil concerns
- Cost, noise, and tight schedule
- Vibration Monitoring
- Hydraulic pipe jacking selected

Construction Constraints

Property Owner	Schedule
UMass Lowell – South Parking Lot Temporary Easement/Construction Work Area	All final pavement and full surface restoration by August 19th! Students to move in the following week!
Riverview Dormitory	Student housing for summer programs
Railroad (Pan Am Railways/MBTA)	24/7 Jacking Operation (Railroad Flagmen) delay due to tie replacements
DPW Yard	 All final pavement and full surface restoration by August 19th! Construction extension September 5th before yard needed for DPW winter prep (Labor Day Weekend)
Pawtucket Street/Foster Street	Temporary street shutdowns
Lowell Humane Society	Notification of jacking operation



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Installation





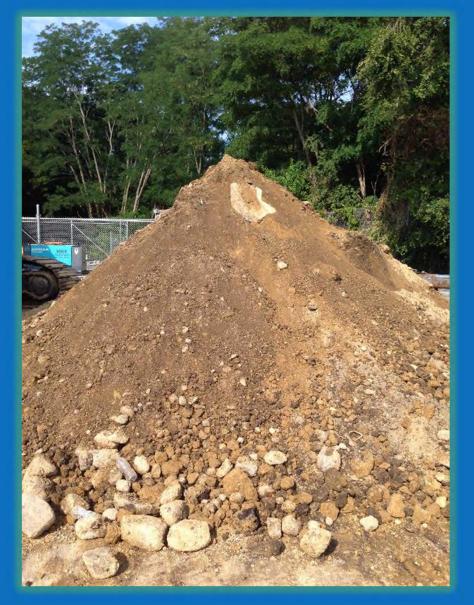










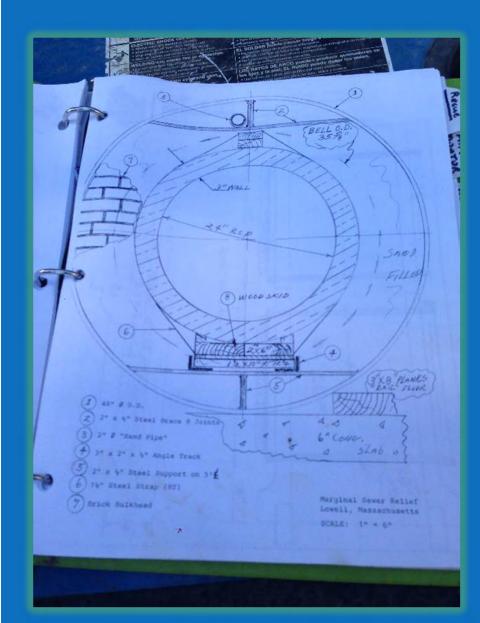


















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