

NASTT-NE's 2018 Regional Trenchless Conference

#### CONSTRUCTION OF 5,500 LF OF 30 & 48-INCH RELIEF SEWER USING TRENCHLESS AND CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

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#### Introduction



- Metropolitan District Commission
  - Regional Water and Sewer Authority Greater Hartford Connecticut
- US EPA Consent Decree SSO Elimination
- Goff Brook Sanitary Sewer Overflow ClosureProject
- Focus Today Construction Phase Challenges for Trenchless and Conventional Technologies

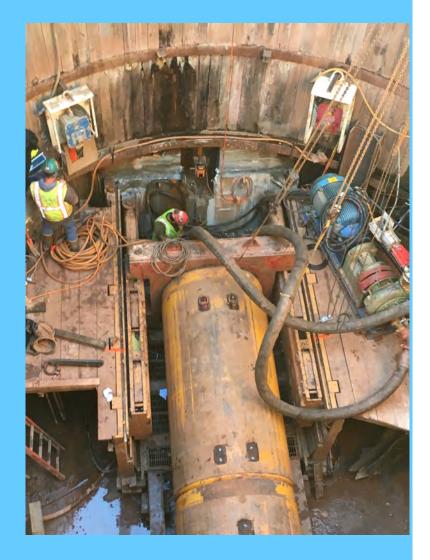
#### **Issue Identification**

- Goff Brook Trunk Sewer Flow Exceeds Capacity – Street Manhole Surcharging
- Rocky Hill Interceptor SSO to relieve surcharging to Goff Brook
- Additional Collection Capacity Necessary to Close SSO
- Detailed Alternatives Analysis



#### **Alternatives Identification**

- 3 Main Alternative Routes
- 13 Sub-alternative Alignments
- Various Soil Strata
  - Solid Rock
  - Clay
  - Mixed Soil Conditions
  - Interface Zones
  - Goff Brook/Wetland Crossings



#### **Trenchless Technology**

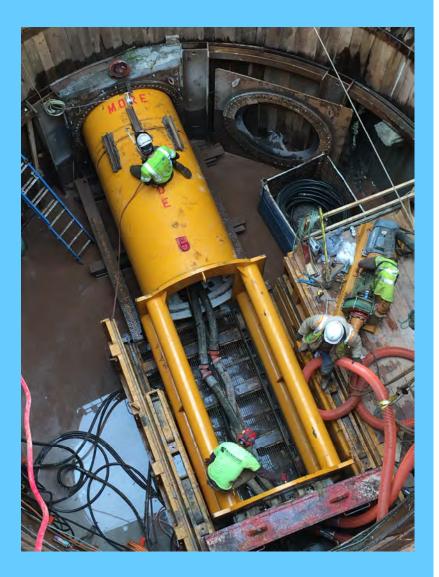
- Auger Boring
  - Least Expensive
  - Short Soft Ground Tunnel Applications
- Rockhead Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)
  - Can Mine Rock Groundwater
    Considerations
- Microtunnel Boring Machine (MTBM)
  - Remote Controlled
  - Lengths up to 2000 feet
  - High Groundwater Table Conditions
  - Varying Soil Strata
- Identification of Mixed Face Soil Conditions Critical





#### **Final Alternative Selected – Project Evolution**

- Alternative 3 Northern Route
  - Most Rock Influences Most
    Opportunities for Tunneling
  - Provided Highest Non-Cost Benefits
- Design Progression Bidding Phase
- In Construction Thru Winter
  - Multiple Phases at Same Time Open Cut & Tunneling
  - Both TBM and MTBM to be Used
  - Construction and Public Safety
    Paramount



## **Trenchless Technology in Operation**

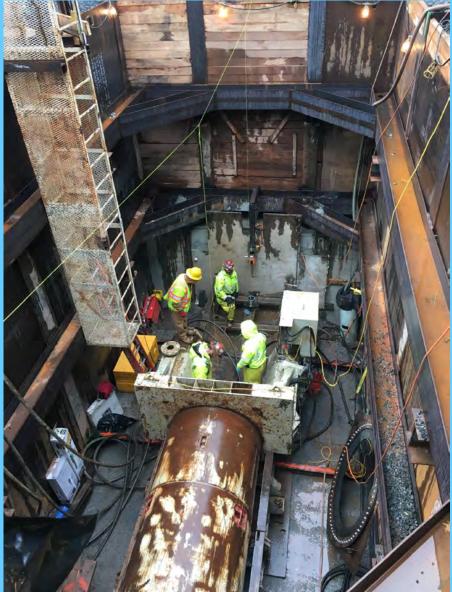






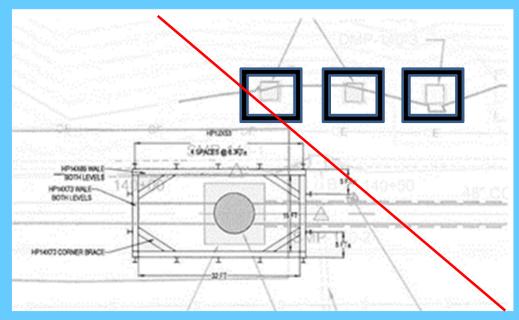
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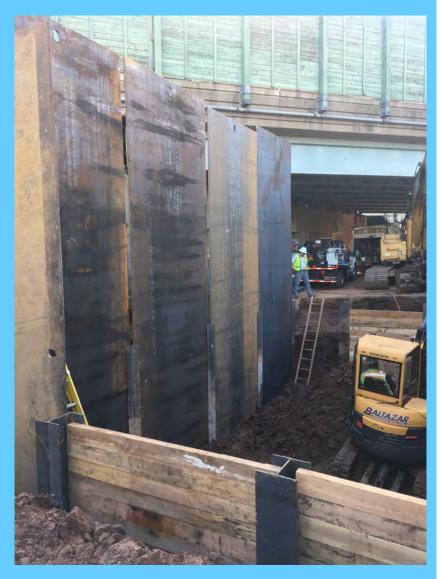
- Dewatering and Groundwater Affects
- SOE Design Impacts Hydrostatic Pressures
- Tunneling Constructability Line and Grade
- Adjacent Bridge Structure Shallow Foundations.
- Construction Sequencing of SOE
- Contractor Selected Means and Methods



## **Soft Ground Tunneling Challenges (cont)**

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## **Constructability Issues Due to SOE Selection**





## **Goff Brook Open Cut Stream Crossing**

- Flat Pipe Slope to Allow Fall to Plant
   Tunneling not Feasible
- MDC No Siphon
- Stream Flow Isolation
- Temporary Flume Construction (Double Barrel)
- Stream Bed Exposed Rock Drilling and Hammer Removal
- Permit Condition Construct in Low Flow Months.
- Numerous Overtoppings due to Seasonal Rain Events



## **Mid-Construction Change to Tunneling**

- Open Cut Crossing of Silas Deane (CDOT Hwy)
- Highway is 5 Lanes-Primary N/S Arterial
- Reason-Mix Face Conditions
- Risk Register Documentation
  High Risk
- CDOT Permit Condition
  - Night Work
- Open Tunneling Specification
  - No Specified Equipment
- Following NTP MTBM Onsite and Proven

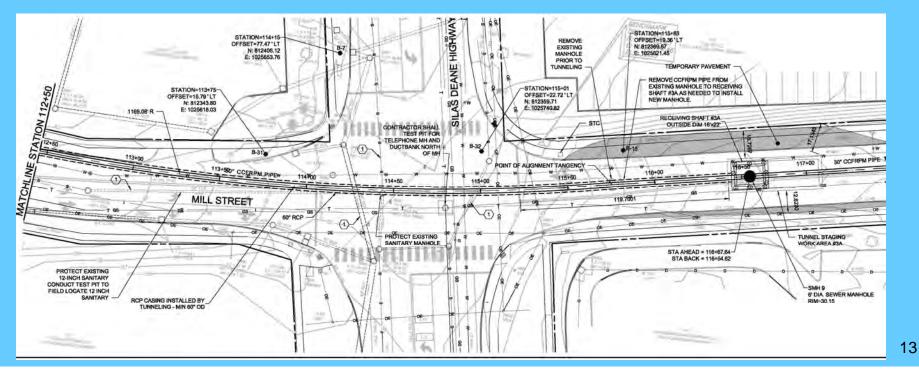


View from Mill St along sewer alignment crossing Silas Deane Hwy

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## **Mid-Construction Change to Tunneling (cont)**

- Curved Tunnel Alignment to Remain in ROW
- Designed to Intercept Downstream Manhole Recently Installed
- Minimal Traffic Disruptions Westbound Mill Closed
- Risk Register Adjusted Low to Medium
- Tunneling Modifications Negotiated Relatively Minor Cost Increase
- Allows Work thru Winter Season





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