## **Stormwater Utility**

City of Columbia Public Works Department



## The Problems

#### Failing infrastructure

- Rusted out metal pipe
- Severe erosion threatening streets and utilities

#### Flooding Streets and Homes

#### Water quality

• Water quality issues concern citizens regardless of regulations

#### Regulations

 More and more stringent control of stormwater quality is required by state and federal regulations

## Failing Infrastructure

- 200+ miles of storm drainage pipes
- 10 miles storm drainage boxes
  - Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) has 40 year life span
  - Majority of pipe is CMP installed in 1960's.
- 10,000+ curb inlets, junction boxes, catch basins
  - Brick construction is failing
  - Those around failing pipes are also failing
- Many drainage structures are more than 80 years old past their service lives AND undersized

20 major storm system failures since Oct 1, 2012

- Repairs need to happen this year
- Utility funds a single crew for repairs AND maintenance





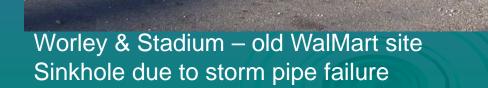
1960's vintage stormwater systems are beginning to fail

# Sinkhole from corrugated metal pipe failure in July 2010



**Person for scale** 

Sinkhole was 15 feet deep and next to a building. Business Loop E – Big O Tire EMERGENCY repair = big \$\$



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Failed pipe from WalMart site downstream!





Jenni Lane Sinkhole due to failing storm pipe – still in service

## Out of sight out of mind





Chateau Road – still in service Photo taken May 2013



Boyd Lane still in service

#### **Rollins Road just east of Stadium**



#### Note water running out through holes in bottom of pipe.

Still in service

#### **Downstream end of Quail Drive**



Water pouring through holes rusted in bottom of pipe

Erosion extends far upstream under pipe.

Still in service



Bray Avenue still in service



Middlebush Still in service





Worley Street at Health Department Failing inlet box – still in service

## Garth Avenue near Sexton Road



Steel, which holds concrete together is badly rusted.

Still in service

Photo taken 10 years ago.

## Inside Top of Rectangular "Pipe" near Broadway and Providence

Steel bars, which hold the concrete together, are rusting

Still in service





#### E Walnut at Ann Street

Bottom gone, cracked walls, brick columns holding up roof under E Walnut Replaced in 2011

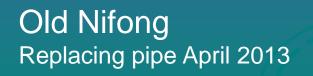


#### 5<sup>th</sup> & Locust Utility conduits through storm Box still in service





Old Nifong Failed pipe causing flooding





## Solution to Failing Infrastructure

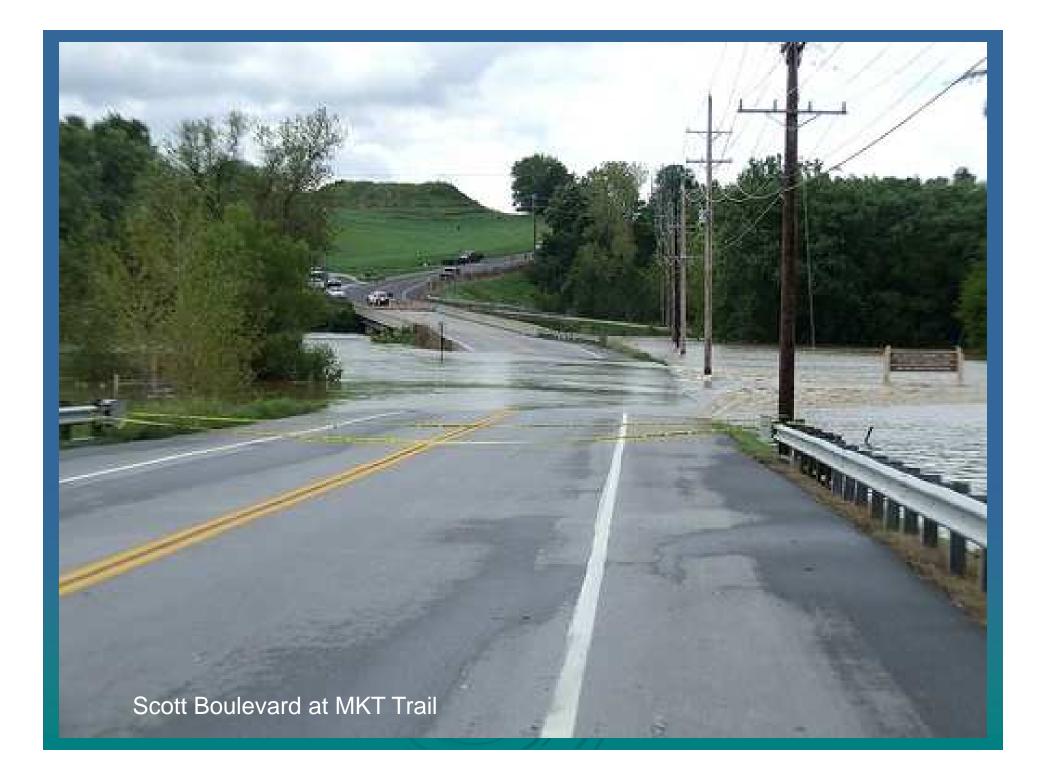
 Provide funding to replace failing pipes and inlets before they become an emergency.

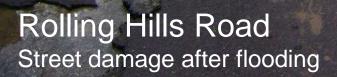
## Flooding Streets and Homes and Water Quality

Increased impervious surfaces increases stormwater runoff

- Older structures are not sized per today's standards and cause street and house flooding
- Street flooding damages the roadway and creates hazardous situations
- Increased runoff causes increased erosion
  - Property owners are losing their yards
  - Infrastructure is being undermined

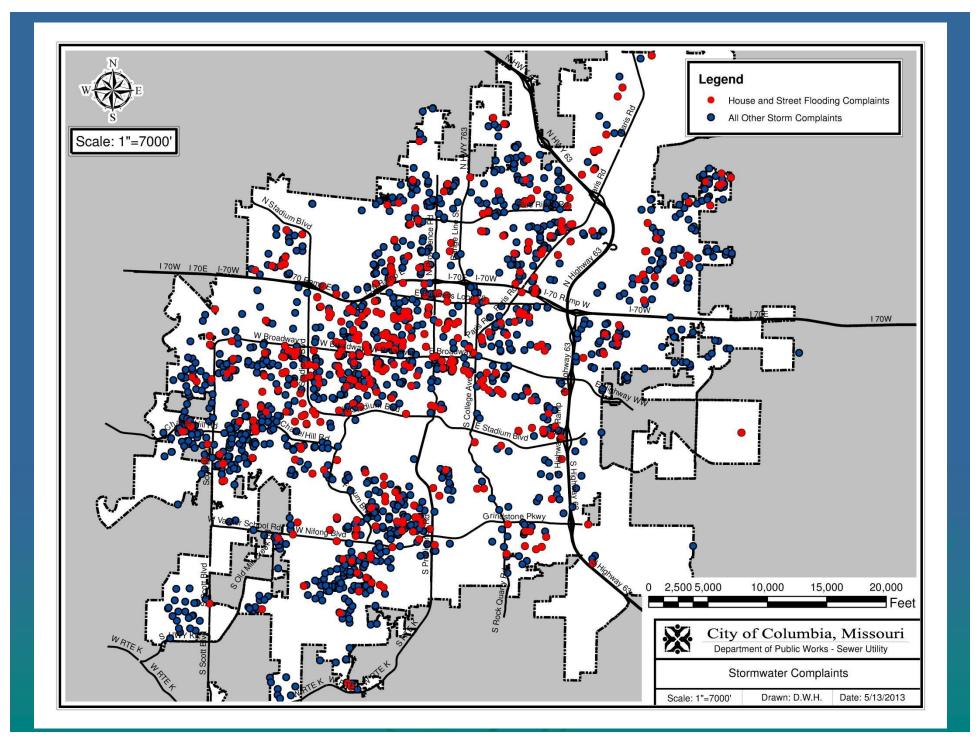
Poor water quality causes fish kills and lower property values





University Park Subdivision

Erosion is undermining our existing infrastructure and costing big \$\$\$.



#### 60+ CIP Projects Completed Since 1993

Garth & Sexton Mill Creek Phase I & II Walnut-Bicknell- Aldeah Richmond-Kentucky **Brandon Road** N. Parklawn Ct **Doris Drive** Concordia Westridge Hardin-Mikel Donnelly I &II Alton I & II **Detention Basins** 

Parkade Heights Rutledge Wehmeyer Defoe Worley Again Brown Station Road Lynn & Oak Hamlet Harvard Paris & Ann Rollins & Rothwell

### **Completed Water Quality Projects**

- Fire Stations 7, 8, 9
  - Bioretention / Raingardens
  - Porous asphalt at FS 7
- Health Department on Worley
  - Infiltration trench
  - Depressed island raingardens
- Leroy Anderson Salt Storage Facility
  - Bioretention
- Forum Blvd to Old Plank Road; Vandiver Drive, Providence Road, Mexico Gravel Road
  - Water quality cells
- Other CIP Storm Drainage projects
  - Infiltration trenches
  - Bioretention

- Harvard
  - Bulb out raingardens
- Providence South Bikeway
  - Work with Parks & Rec to install 18 raingardens
- Parkside Mulch Site
  - Level spreader
- Rollins & Rothwell
  - Bioretention
- Forum Nature Area
  - Level Spreader
- Grissum Building
  - Bioretention
  - Underground detention

### **Current Solutions**

Floodplain management

Tree preservation

Stream buffers

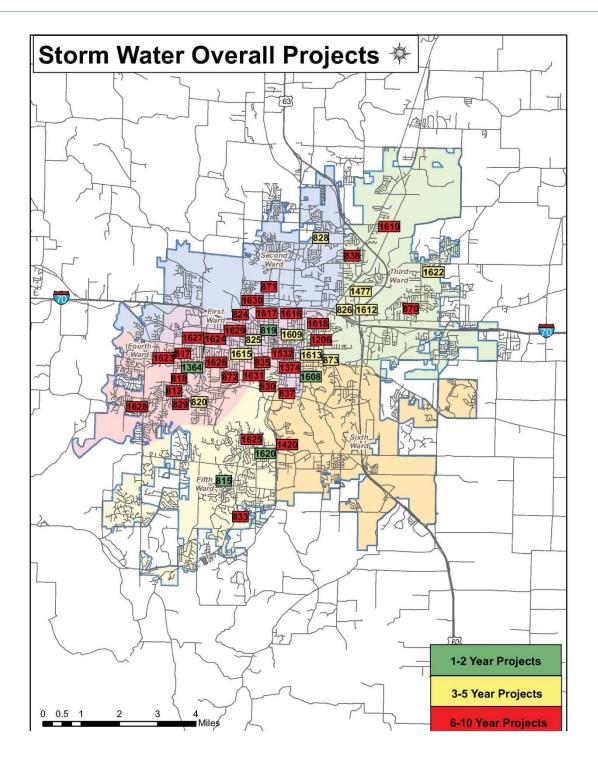
Regulation for development

Education

#### **MORE SOLUTIONS – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- Calvert Drive Water Quality
  Vandiver & Sylvan
- Forum Nature Area
- > Mill Creek Phase 3 & Detention > Rockhill Road Retrofit
- > Downtown Tree Planters
- Flat Branch Basin Inventory & Modeling
- Flood Plain Mapping
- Sexton & McBaine
- ➢ Hitt & Elm
- > 5<sup>th</sup> & Elm to 6<sup>th</sup>
- ➢ 6<sup>th</sup> & Hickman

- > 7<sup>TH</sup> & Locust to 8<sup>TH</sup> & Cherry
- Rollins at Rock Creek
- Capri Estates
- > Martinshire Drive
- > Greenwood Stewart Phase II
- Royal Lytham Fallwood
- Lakeshire Estates Lake Modification
- > Oak Forest Detention Retrofit
- Bray Longwell
- > Wilson Ross



## **Stormwater Goals**

#### We want:

safe infrastructure to support community activity

flood control and safe passable roads

clean water to benefit the life of our community

all aspects of stormwater managed in a cost efficient way

## Solutions

\$3 million annually in additional funding would:

Construct Proposed Project List

Address failing infrastructure

Incorporate water quality improvements

## Columbia Utility Increases 1993 to 2012

> Electric + 46%
> Sewer + 78%
> Water + 87%
> Solid Waste + 87%
> Storm Water Utility +0%

➤ Gas + 134%

#### **Current Stormwater Utility Funding**

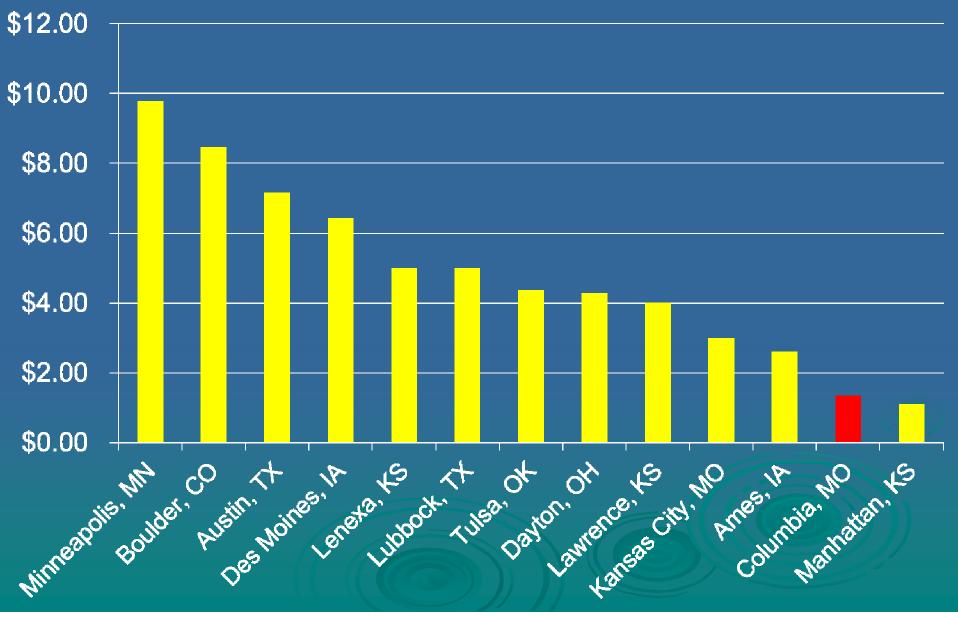
#### **Annual Income**

Utility Fees (monthly)	\$1,000,000
Development Charges	
(one time fee)	\$200,000
Total Current Funding	\$1,200,000

#### **Monthly Utility Fee**

Residential Rate	\$0.65 to \$1.30 depending on main floor square footage
Commercial Rate	\$0.04 per 100 square feet impervious area
	or \$4.00 (whichever greater)

#### Stormwater Utility Monthly Residential Rate



# How do we fund more stormwater solutions?

#### Rate increase

- Phased in over 5 years, transition from tiers to impervious surface calculation
- Transition from \$1.35/month to \$8.60/month to generate additional \$3 million/yr

#### Sales tax increase

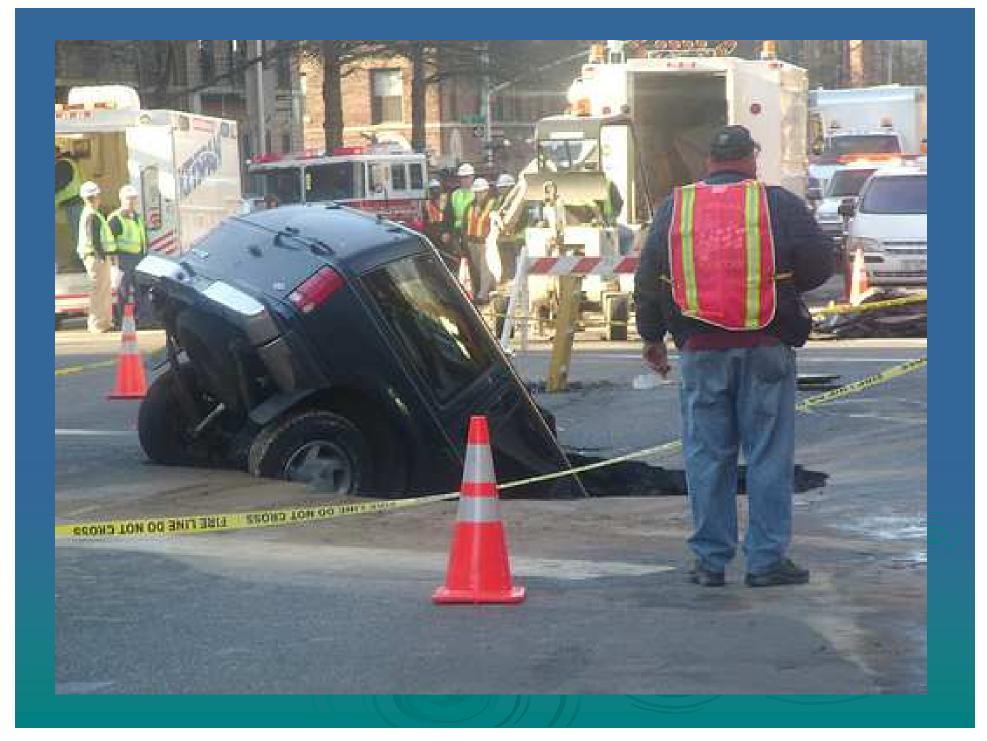
- 1/8 cent will raise approximately \$3 million /yr
- Property tax increase
  - \$0.18 per \$100 assessed value will raise approximatley \$3 million / yr
  - Some combination of the above

### Is safe infrastructure worth it?

Safe and passable roadways during a storm.

Basements and homes free from flowing water.

Efficient use of taxpayer \$\$ by preventing emergency repairs.



# QUESTIONS?