

# City of Spokane Groundwater Supply Source Assessments

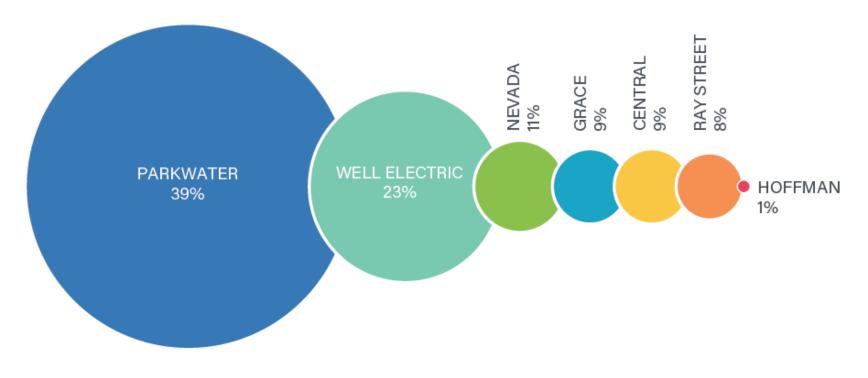
Water Station Infrastructure Evaluations Leading Capital Decisions



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### AVERAGE PERCENT OF WATER PRODUCED BY CITY WELL STATIONS



## 7 Well Stations Provide the City's Water Supply

# This Presentation: Detailed Infrastructure Assessments for Three Well Stations (2018–2019)



#### **HOFFMAN WELL STATION**

- Serves the North Hill System
- One well offline since 1993





#### **RAY STREET WELL STATION**

- Serves the Intermediate System
- Pumping interference during periods of regionally low groundwater levels

#### WELL ELECTRIC WELL STATION

- Production volume impacts when Spokane River flow/stage is high
- Utilizes power from Upriver Dam

- Well 1 in service providing 5,460 gpm
- Well 2 out of plumb and out of service due to concerns about structural integrity of the brick caisson (hairline cracks 2 to 15 feet long)
- Both wells impacted by lower river and aquifer levels during the high demand season
- Expected capacity of both wells 10,920 gpm

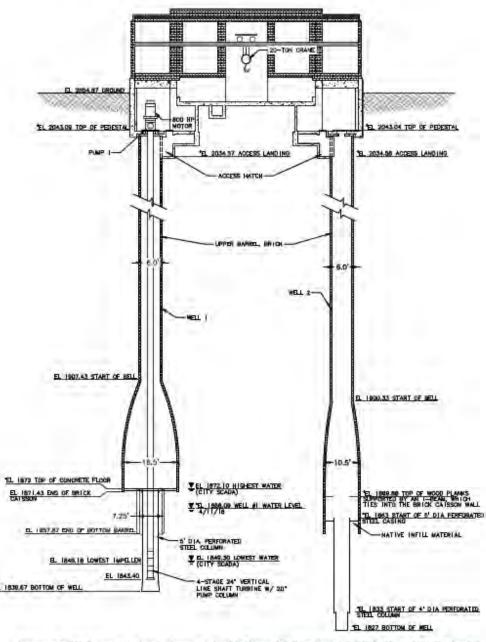
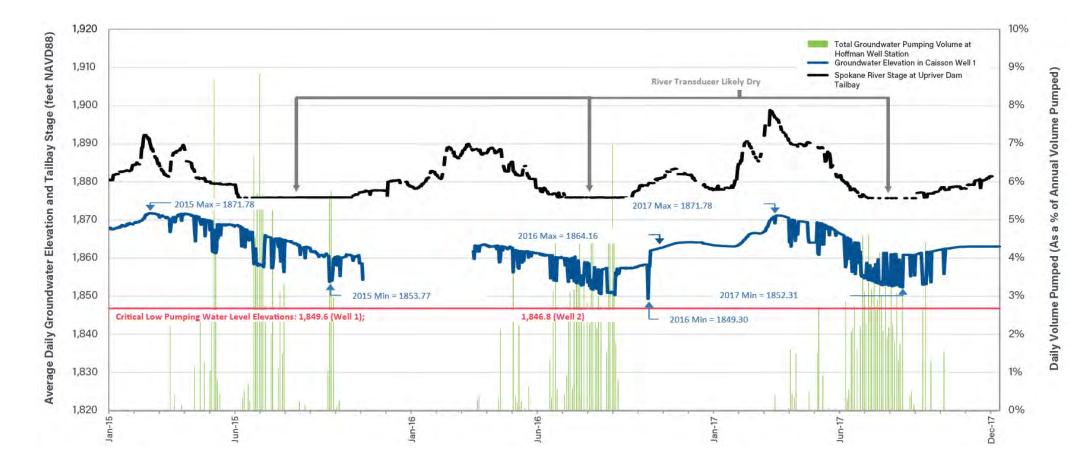


Figure 18. Well construction schematic for Hoffman Well Station Well 1 (left) and Well 2 (right) Courtesy of City of Spokane and Murraysmith, Inc.

- Well 1 is used primarily from May through September.
- During summer 2016, the groundwater level during pumping of Well 1 dropped to the critical level for pump operations in Well 1 and was only a few feet above the critical level in Well 2 (which was out of service).



#### **Two Alternatives Considered for Cracks in Well 2**

1) Implement Automated Crack-**Monitoring Program** Use displacement transducers and a data logger system to monitor crack movement over time.

#### 2) Line the Brick Caisson Wall

Repair and strengthen the inside surface of the brick caisson wall using a two-layer carbon fiber reinforced grid with a highperformance sprayable mortar to create a new structural layer.

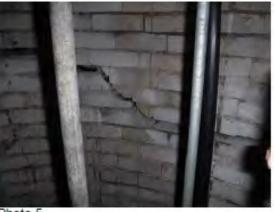


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Photo 6







Photo 9



Photo 10

#### A Third Alternative for Well 2: Install and Seal a Casing Liner Extension

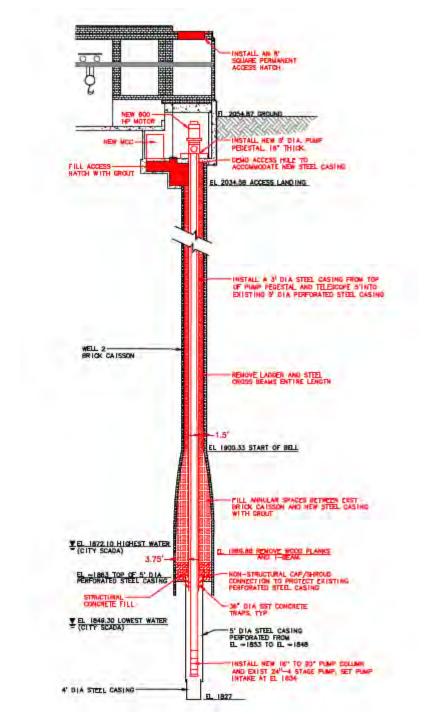
- 1) Install a 3-foot diameter, solid steel casing liner that is telescoped inside the 5-foot diameter perforated steel casing and extends 180 feet upwards to the pump pedestal.
- 2) Fill the annular space between the liner and the caisson wall with grout seal material above the perforated steel casing.

This required 3D laser scanning mapping of Well 2 to select the diameter of the liner.

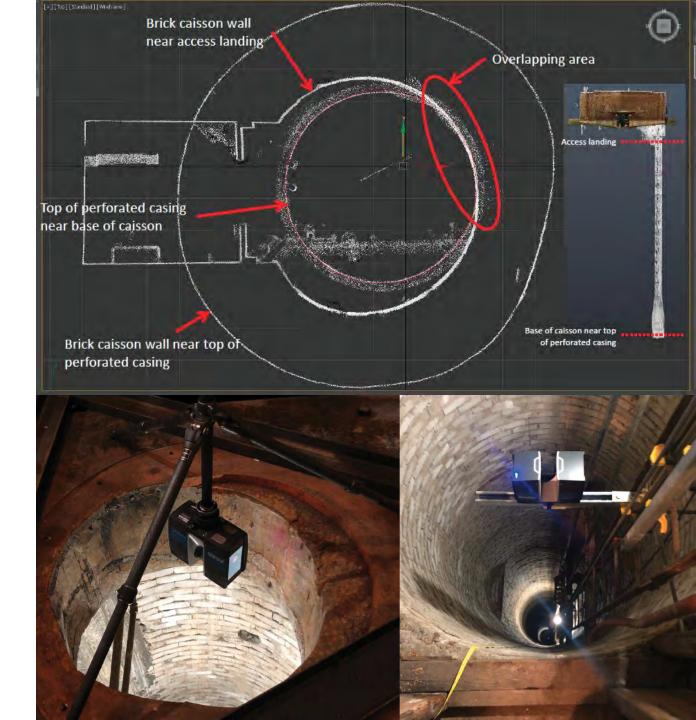
 Purpose: Understand the alignment between the upper 6' diameter brick caisson wall and the lower 5' diameter perforated casing.

Increase in maximum achievable production capability would be 7.86 mgd

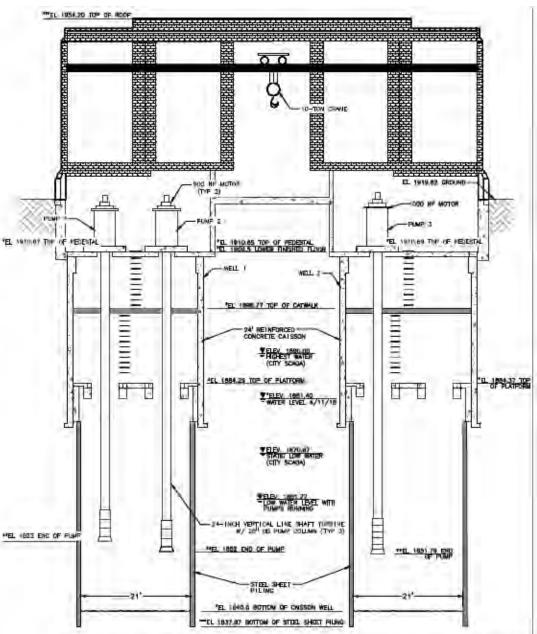
- Current: 7.86 mgd
- Future: 15.72 mgd



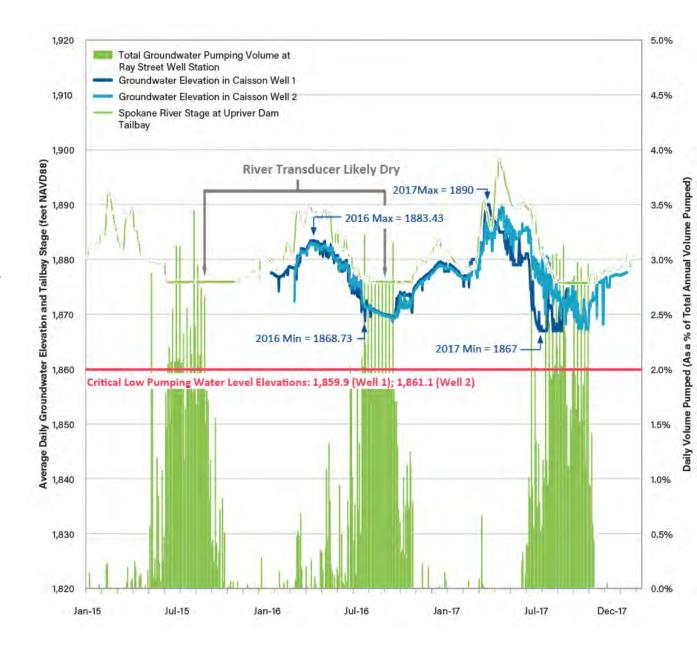
Selecting the diameter of the liner required understanding of the alignment between the upper 6' diameter brick caisson wall and the lower 5' diameter perforated casing.



- Two 24' caisson wells approximately 80' deep
- Steel casing is 21' in diameter and is constructed of 52 sheet piles forming a circular base under the concrete caissons
- Every fourth sheet pile is perforated with 1'x6" slots to serve as intakes to the well
- Well 1 has two 900-hp vertical line shaft turbine pumps
- Well 2 has one 500-hp vertical line shaft turbine pump
- Combined nameplate pumping rate is 18,700 gpm



- Water level sounders were too shallow to record minimum water levels in each caisson.
- Older City records indicate water levels likely have dropped to within 2 to 4 feet of the critical level for pump operations.
- Two components to the preferred concept for facility upgrades/ modifications:
  - 1. Modify the pumping systems in both caisson wells
  - 2. Install a new wellfield in the southeast corner of the property



# Two components to the preferred concept for facility upgrades/modifications:

- 1. Modify the pumping systems in both caisson wells
- 2. Install a new wellfield in the southeast corner of this large property
  - Five traditional 24" diameter vertical wells screened in depth interval 75-100 feet

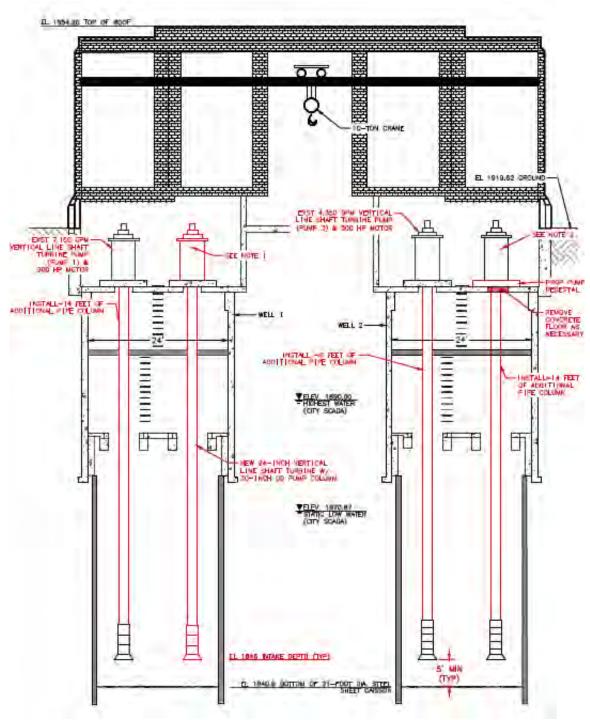
Increase in maximum achievable production capability is ~35 mgd

- Current: 23.3 mgd
- Future: ~58 mgd



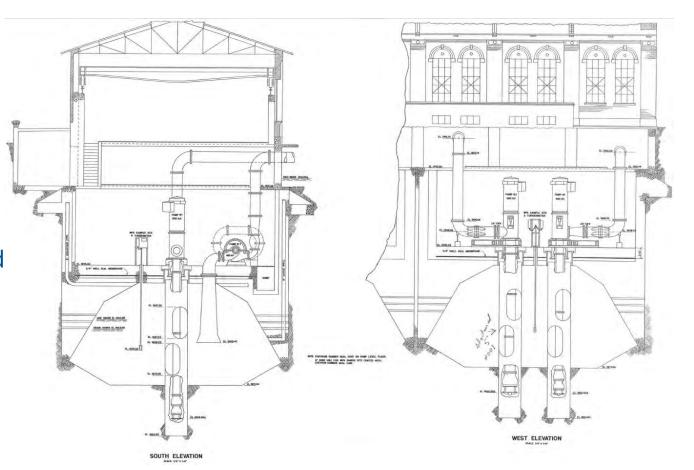
#### Modifications to the existing caisson wells consist of modifications to their pumps (line-shaft vertical turbines):

- 1. For the three existing pumps, lower the intakes by 14 feet for two of the pumps and by 6 feet for the third pump.
- 2. Redistribute the pumping capacity in each caisson well
  - a. Move one of the 900-hp pumps from Well 1 to Well 2
  - b. Add a 500-hp pump in Well 1
  - c. Result: Both wells have a 500-hp pump and a 900-hp pump.

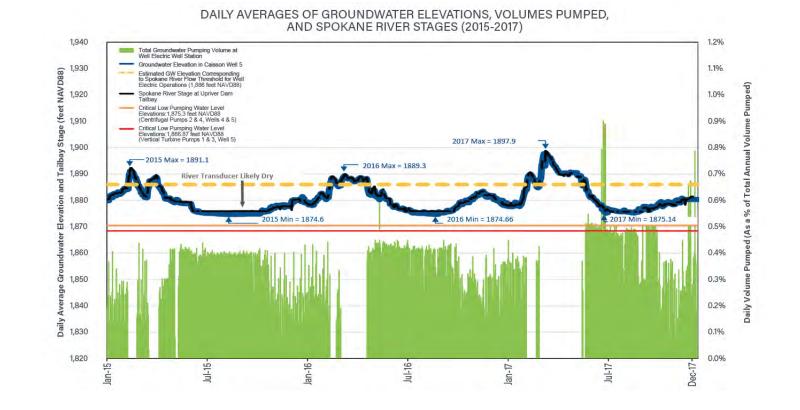


# • Two 24' caisson wells 40' and 45' deep, constructed (hand dug) in the early 1920s

- Wells 4 and 5
- Older wells 1, 2, 3 have been offline for many decades
- Bell-shaped caissons up to 45' diameter
- Perforated steel casings installed, probably in the 1990s (records are scant)
  - Well 5 perforations are 6' L and 20-30" W
- Well 4 has a single 900-hp centrifugal pump consisting of two single-stage double suction pumps that are coupled
- Well 5 has three pumps (one centrifugal and two line-shaft vertical turbines)
- Combined nameplate pumping rate is 39,300 gpm (56.6 mgd)



- Groundwater levels in caisson mimic river stage below Upriver Dam
- Pumping (green) stops when river stage rises above 15,000 cfs during spring freshet
- Corresponds to groundwater elevation and river stage of approx. 1,886 feet (NAVD 88)
- During 2015 and 2016, the summer-season low water levels were 0.7 feet below the critical low water level for operation of the centrifugal pumps in Wells 4 and 5

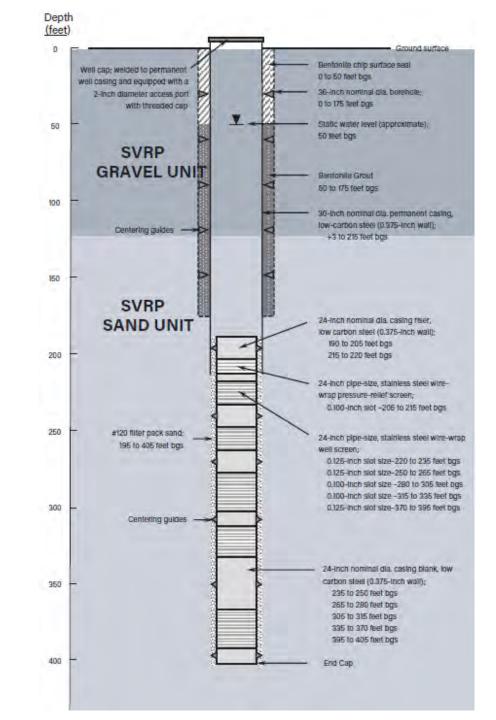


# Layered Aquifer System

An exploratory borehole revealed that the typical SVRP gravel-dominated sediments are present in only the upper portion of the SVRP beneath the Well Electric property.

A thick sequence of sand with little to no gravel was identified and was found to be at least 275 feet thick at the drilling site.

The areal extent of this deep sand unit currently is unknown (both within and beyond the Well Electric property).



# Upward Gradient from Deep Sand Unit to Shallow Gravel Unit

A monitoring well was constructed in the deep borehole and has been monitoring water levels in the deep sand unit (green line on this hydrograph) since mid-2018.

The water levels in the deep sand unit are higher than in the shallow gravels (the orange line, which presents measurements in Well Electric Caisson Well 1).

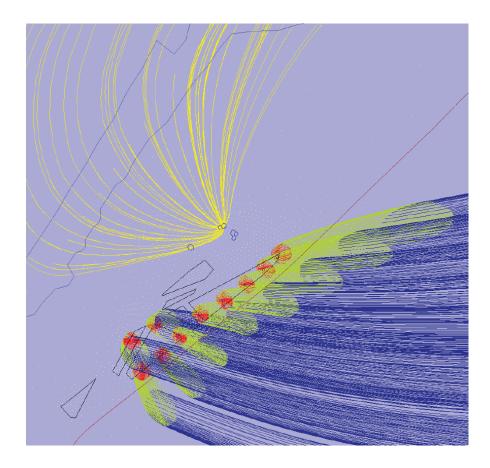
This means there is an upward vertical gradient from the deep sand unit into the shallow gravel unit,. Subsequent monitoring has shown this to be the prevailing condition (not infrequent or intermittent).

This raises the possibility that deep production wells may be a viable means of producing water without influence from the river when river flows and stages are high during the spring freshet season.



Figure 35. Monitoring at the newly constructed, deep monitoring well and at a nearby, shallow observation well (Well 1) during summer 2018 illustrate that (1) groundwater levels in both units fluctuate in response to changes in Spokane River stage and (2) an upward hydraulic gradient exists from the deep sand unit to the shallow gravel unit in this general area. Courtesy of GSI Water Solutions, Inc.

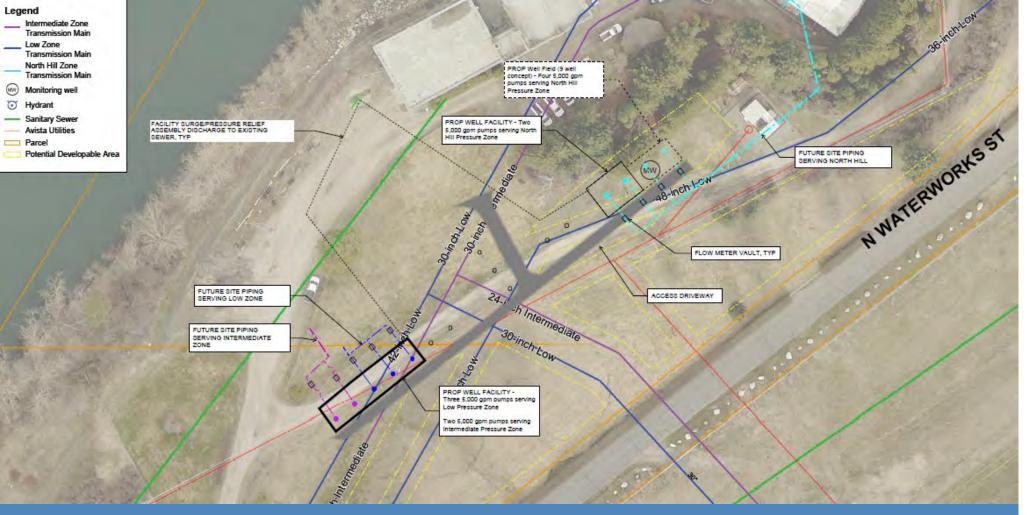
# Potential Groundwater Capture by Shallow Caissons vs. Deep Production Wells



Groundwater modeling of a hypothetical pumping concept for caisson wells (shallow gravel unit) and deep production wells (deep sand unit)

Yellow lines show that the capture area for shallow caisson wells passes beneath/through the river.

Red/green/blue lines show that the capture area for deep production wells does not pass beneath the river in this area.



# Concept Plan for Layout of a Wellfield Consisting of Deep Wells

#### **Next Steps:**

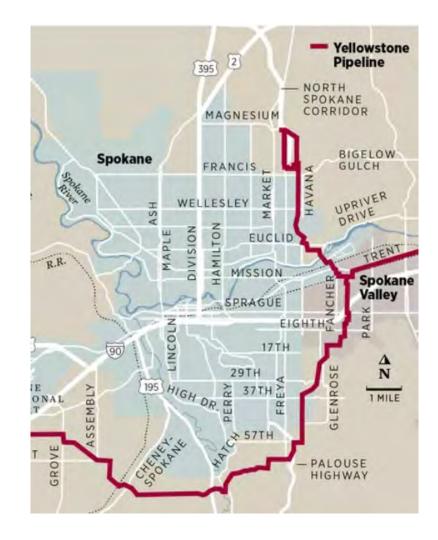
- Further exploratory drilling onsite and across the river to the north, to understand the areal extent and thickness of the deep sand unit beneath the Well Electric property
- Conduct a multi-day aquifer test in a test well constructed in the deep sand unit
- Use the test results to confirm whether a vertical wellfield makes sense to install and to design the layout and operating plan for a vertical wellfield



## Vulnerability Assessment for Yellowstone Pipeline

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# **Yellowstone Petroleum Pipeline**





## **Proximity to Wells**

Well Electric 23% of Water Production

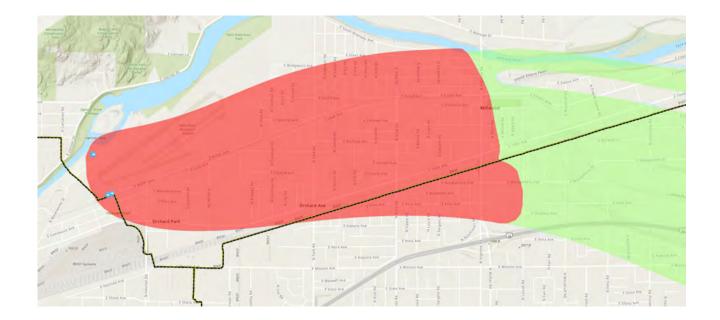
Parkwater 43% of Water Production





## Establish Baseline Operating Conditions

- Reestablish capture zones under seasonally varying conditions
- Update water demands to account for future growth





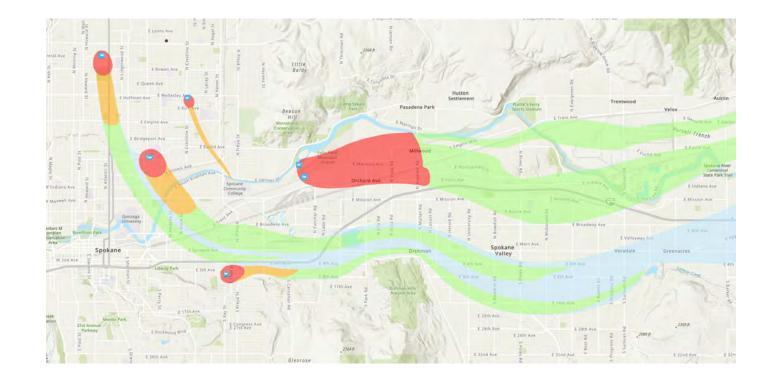
# **Petroleum Release Scenarios**

- Identify locations of potential release
  - Small-Scale Release
    - E.g., releases at pipe delivery/booster stations
  - Large-Scale Release
    - Pipeline ruptures
    - Pipeline damage due to natural disaster
- Compare locations to reestablished Capture Zones
  - Run scenarios to understand impact on wells for different release scenarios



## **Emergency Operations**

- Alternate Well Scenarios
  - New well head capture zones for alternate pumping scenarios
- Distribution system modeling
  - Evaluate feasibility and limitation in the water transmission system





# **Contamination Risks**

• Evaluate the relative differences in contamination risks of the different petroleum products that are thought to be conveyed in the pipeline (considering aquifer specific and chemical-specific behavioral indicators).



# **Subsurface Monitoring Plan**

- Develop concept plan for construction and operation of monitoring system
- Detect releases near vulnerable locations for City's well stations



# **Emergency Response Plan**

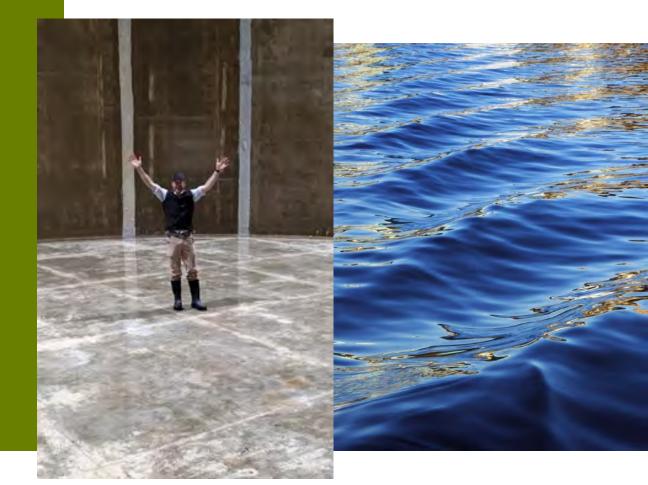
- Document findings of study to incorporate into the City's Emergency Response Plan
- Operating procedures for release detection
- Operating procedure for alternate pumping operations during and after an emergency release event





Spokane Aquifer Joint Board Aggregate Quarry Risk Analysis

Spokane River Forum, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## Outline

- Problem
- Open Pits
- Funding Source
- Analysis & Next Steps



## Problem

- Exposed sole-source aquifer
- Land Uses adjacent
- Potential contamination
- Current and future wellhead capture zones intersect
- Jurisdictional ???
- Post-mining reclamation plans

| Quarry                   | Exposed<br>Acres | Distance to<br>Railroad | Intersecting<br>Well Capture<br>Zones |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lawrence B Stone<br>Lake | 5.96             | 235 feet                | 2                                     |
| CPM - Havana             | 9.67 & 7.02      | 260 feet                | 1                                     |
| Broadway/Sprague         | 59.5             | 200 feet                | 6                                     |
| CPM - Sullivan           | 67.1             | 275 feet                | 16                                    |



Lake"

ish stocking



## Broadway & Sprague

Visible from I-90 Very Deep Reports of fish stocking



### CPM - Havana



### CPM - Sullivan

Active operations with floating dredge

## Funding

- SAJB applied for a Washington State Department of Health – Source Water Protection Grant
- Was awarded \$30,000 to complete the analysis
- Should be completed in May/June



## Analysis

#### Deliverables

- GIS layers of historical and active quarries over the SVRP, land use, hazardous material storage, municipal well capture zones, etc.
- Inventory permitted mines and reclamation status
- Highlight potential risks to drinking water sources
- Potential strategies to increase source water protection

#### **Next Steps**

 SAJB will engage & convene meetings with interested parties to develop collaborative approaches to protecting the water in these open pits.



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## **Spokane River Forum**

#### Creating a resilient water strategy in the context of an uncertain future

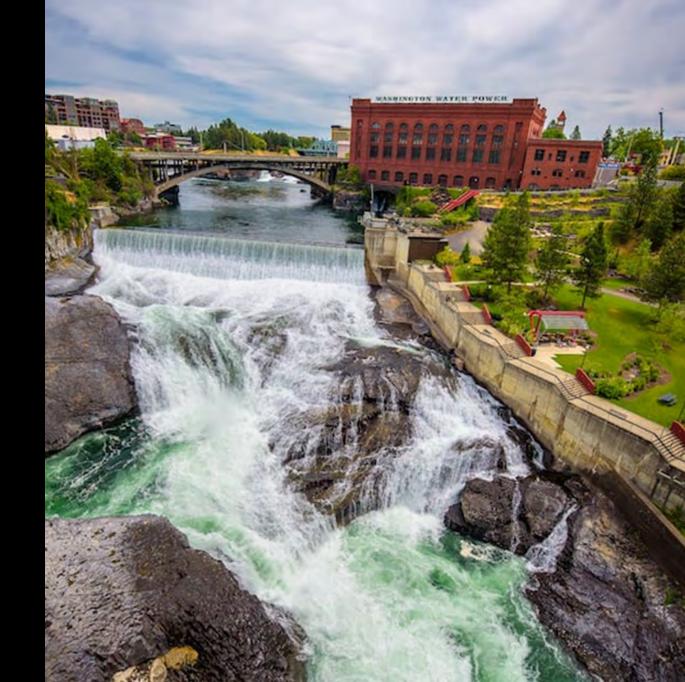
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## Water Strategy

Project Context
 Project Goals
 Project Approach
 Project Outcomes
 Strategy Outline



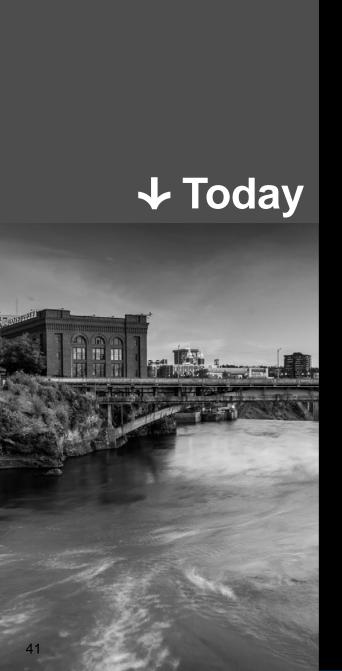


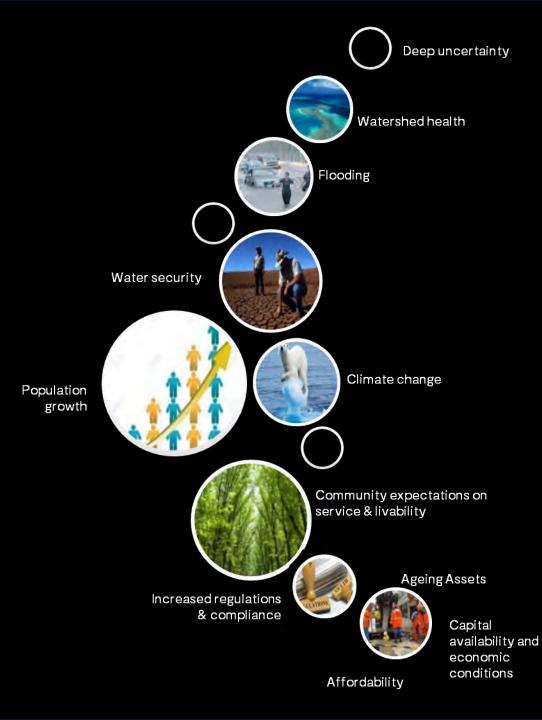
## **Project Context**

#### Broader Context informing the Strategy Development

#### Our water choices define where we live









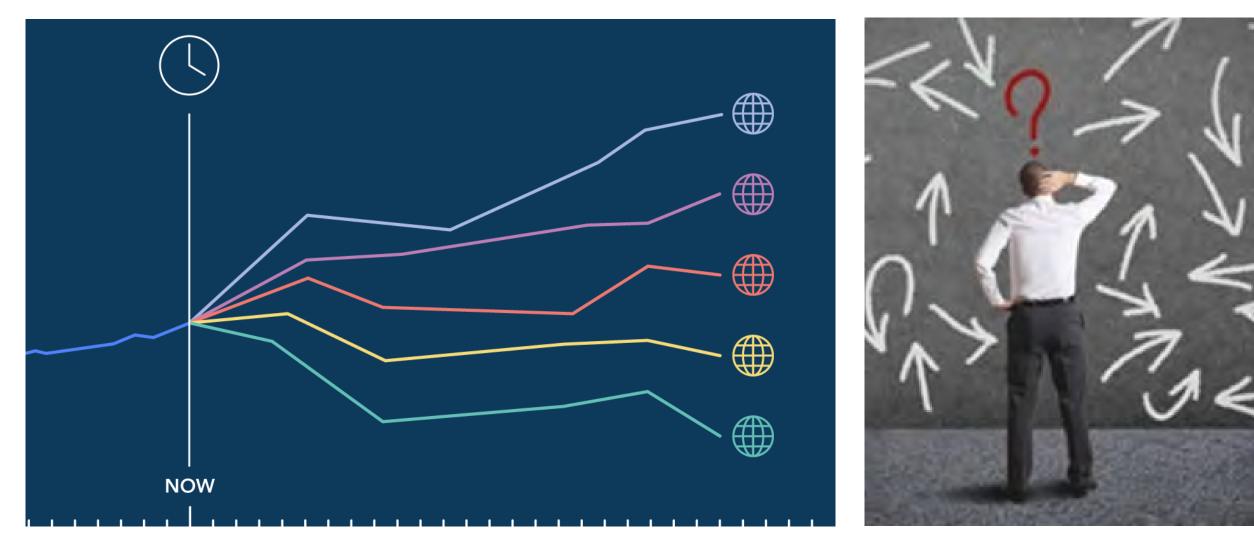
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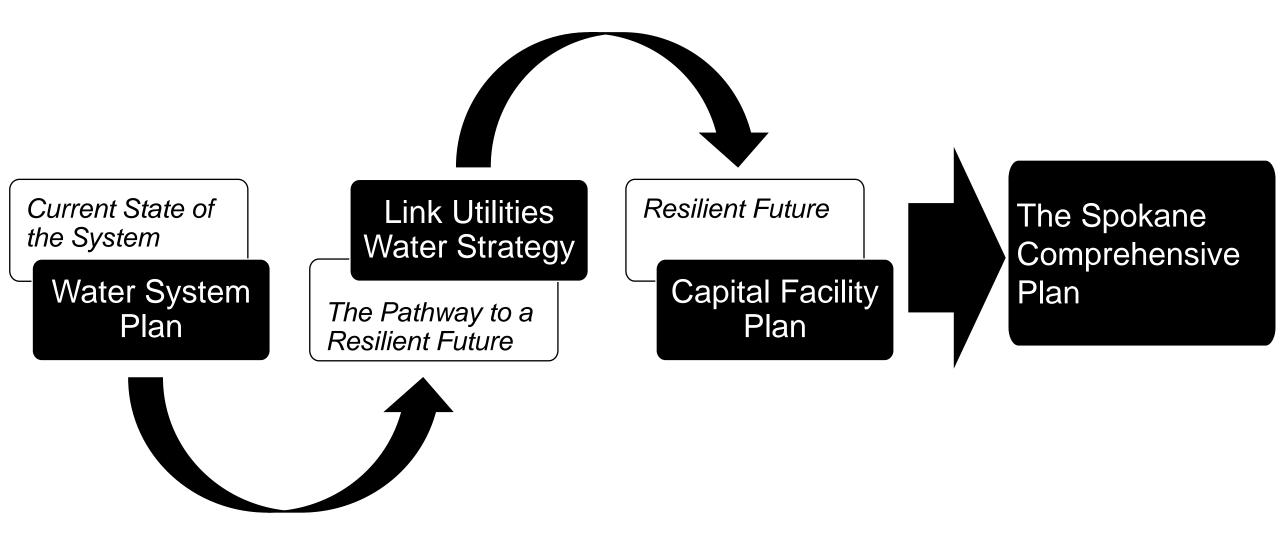
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## **Planning with Deep Uncertainty**



## **Three Interconnected Plans**



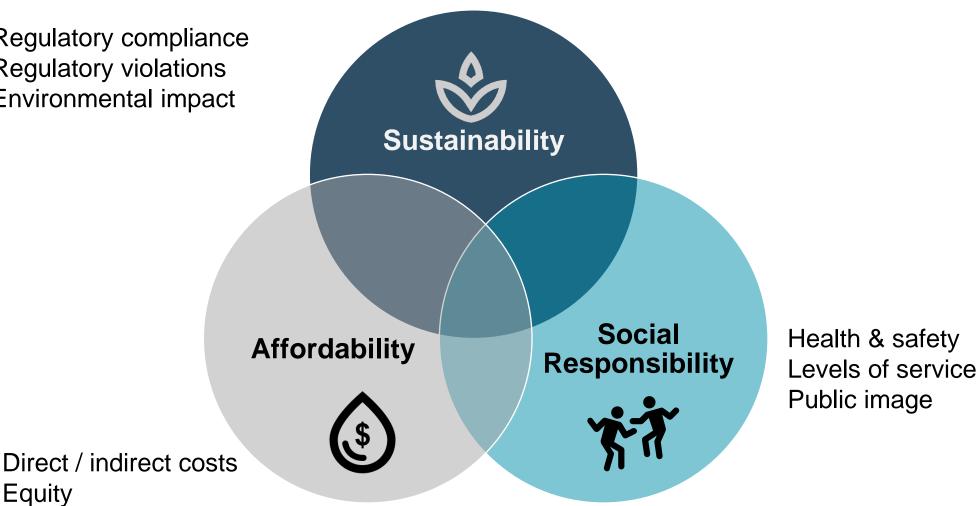


## **Project Goals**

→ City of Spokane's Long-Term Goals

## **City of Spokane's Goals**

Regulatory compliance **Regulatory violations** Environmental impact



Equity



## **Project Approach**

→ Four Core Stages

## **Project Approach**

Background Information

- City goals
- Identify challenges and opportunities
- Identify risks and impacts
- Define customer service commitments



- Identify projects
- Evaluate and prioritize projects
- Layout projects over time horizons

- DevelopInvestment Strategies
- Define scenarios
- Develop capital investment strategies



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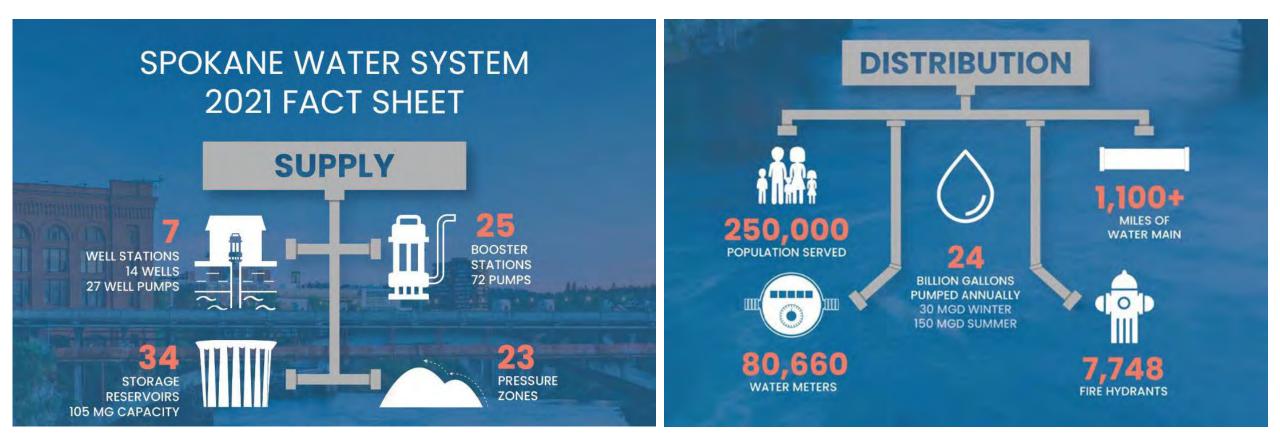
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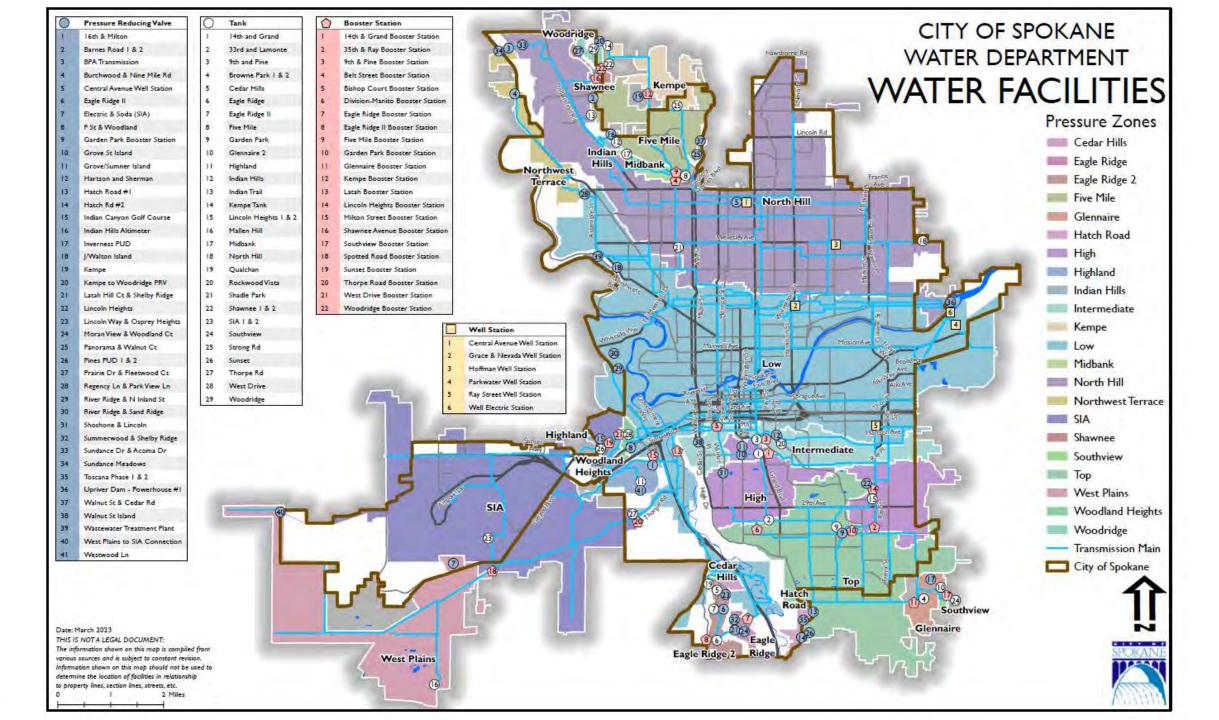
Strategy

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Stakeholder engagement (incl. interviews and internal and external advisory committees)

## **Understanding the System**





## Key issues and challenges



Operations & Maintenance



Public Engagement And Communication



Water Supply and Availability



City People, Policy, Process & Planning



Climate Change & River Flows



Water Affordability and Equity



Development & Population Growth



**Environmental Health** 



Water Quality



Public Safety & Fire Protection



**Outdoor Water Use** 

Link Strategy for Water I © 2023 GHD



Economic Development



## **Project Outcomes**

→ Planning for the Future

## **Desired Outcomes**

- Understanding and endorsement of the process and framework behind the Strategy development
- Deeper understanding of water system and its issues
- Deeper understanding of the cost to deliver water
- Understanding and endorsement of Link Strategy for Water



### Link Strategy for Water Plan Outline

Telling the Story of....

- How the aquifer/river basin system functions
- How Spokane's water infrastructure functions
- What are the water system challenges and needs

To build the case for the....

Strategy for the Future



#### Link Strategy For Water

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→ The Power of Commitment



#### **Aquifer/River Basin System**

- -Value of the aquifer/river (natural) system to the community
- -Description of aquifer and river systems
  - History and management
  - How the system works
  - Human impacts to system
  - Climate change impacts to system



## Spokane's Water System

- History of infrastructure development in City
  - Changing demographics
  - Changing demand
- How system works today
  - Infrastructure
  - Risk



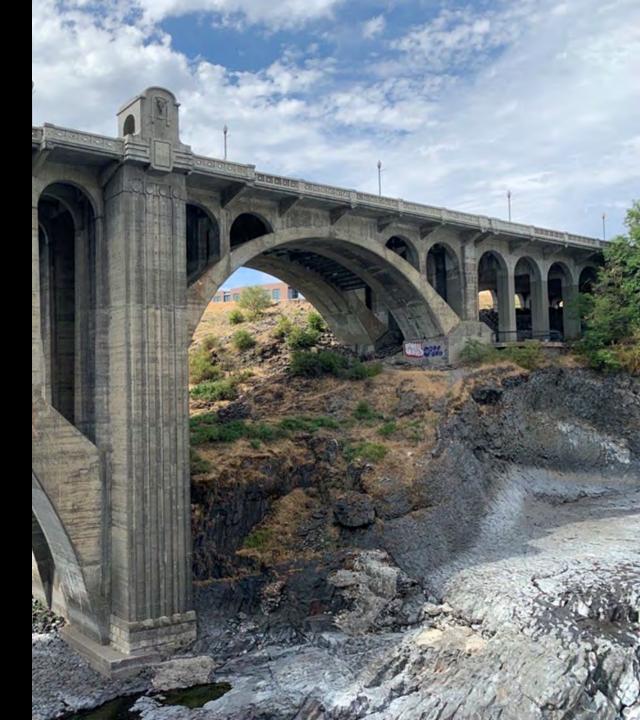
## Spokane's Water System Needs

- -Community expectations
- -Current asset condition/risk
- -System needs
- -Interties and development
- -System costs and actions



## **Planning for the Future**

- -Goals and objectives for the system/plan (Sustainability, Social Responsibility, Affordability)
- -Planning for uncertainty
  - Population/development
  - Climate
  - Regulation
  - Water quality
  - Water rights
  - Funding



## Planning for the Future

- -Planning for the Future
  - Solutions to meet system management needs
  - Options for the Future
  - Preferred approach
  - Capital and operational costs
- -Recommendations for the future implementation



#### Learn More

#### Visit City's Website:

- Public Meetings
- Reports
- <u>https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/link-</u>
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