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Optimized Wastewater System Operations using the PI System

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Water System

5 
Treatment Plants

 816 miles of
transmission main 

 **88** Member Partners
across **112** communities

 **3.8 MILLION**
PEOPLE SERVED

 **3** Water
Intakes 

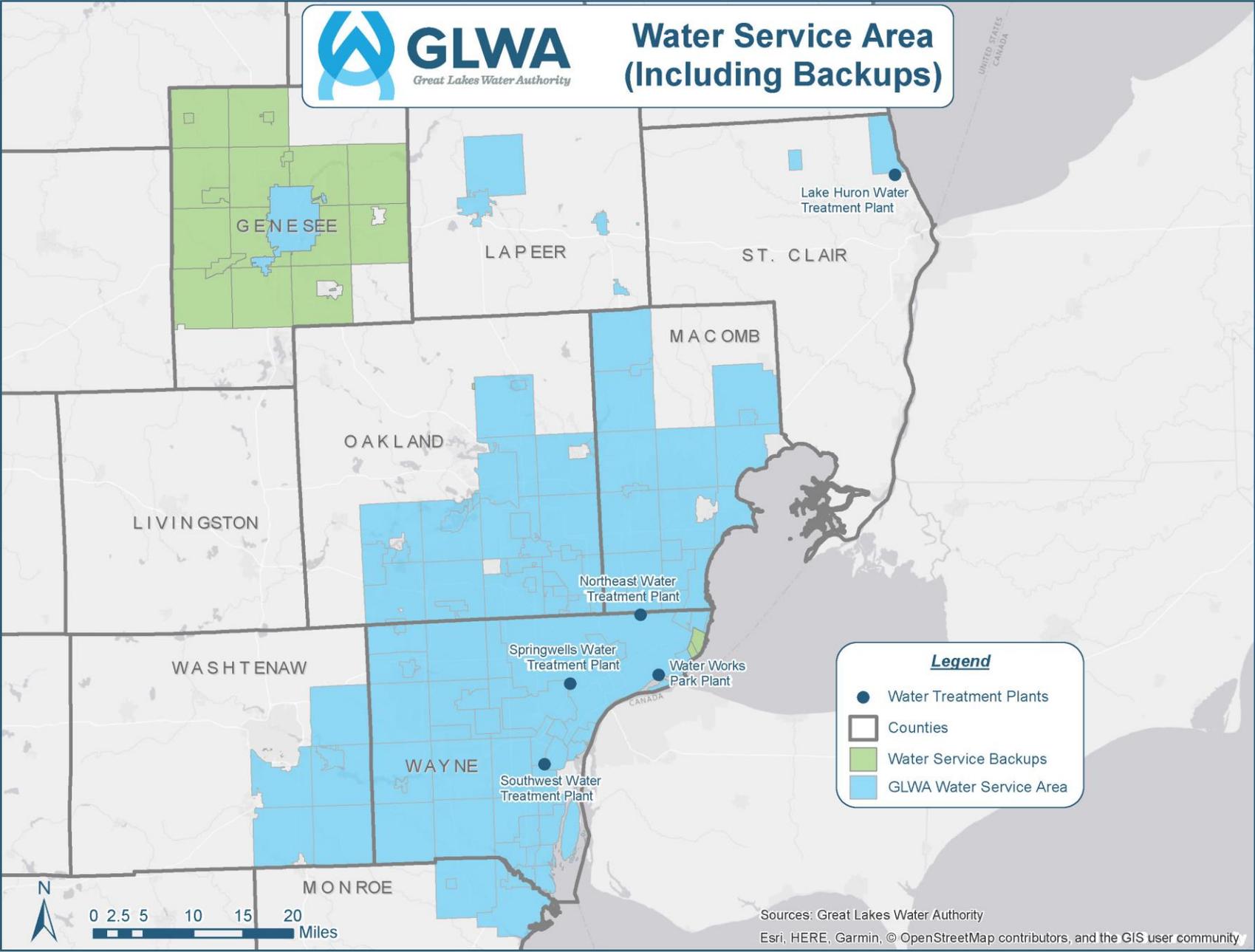
19 BOOSTER
PUMP STATIONS 

 Treatment capacity of **1,720**
million gallons per day

 **1,698 SQ. MILE**
service area



Water Service Area (Including Backups)





Wastewater System

W
R
R
F



The largest single-site wastewater treatment facility in the United States



195 miles of trunk sewers & interceptors



19 Member Partners
across **79** communities



2.8 MILLION
PEOPLE SERVED

8 
CSOs

3 
Interceptors

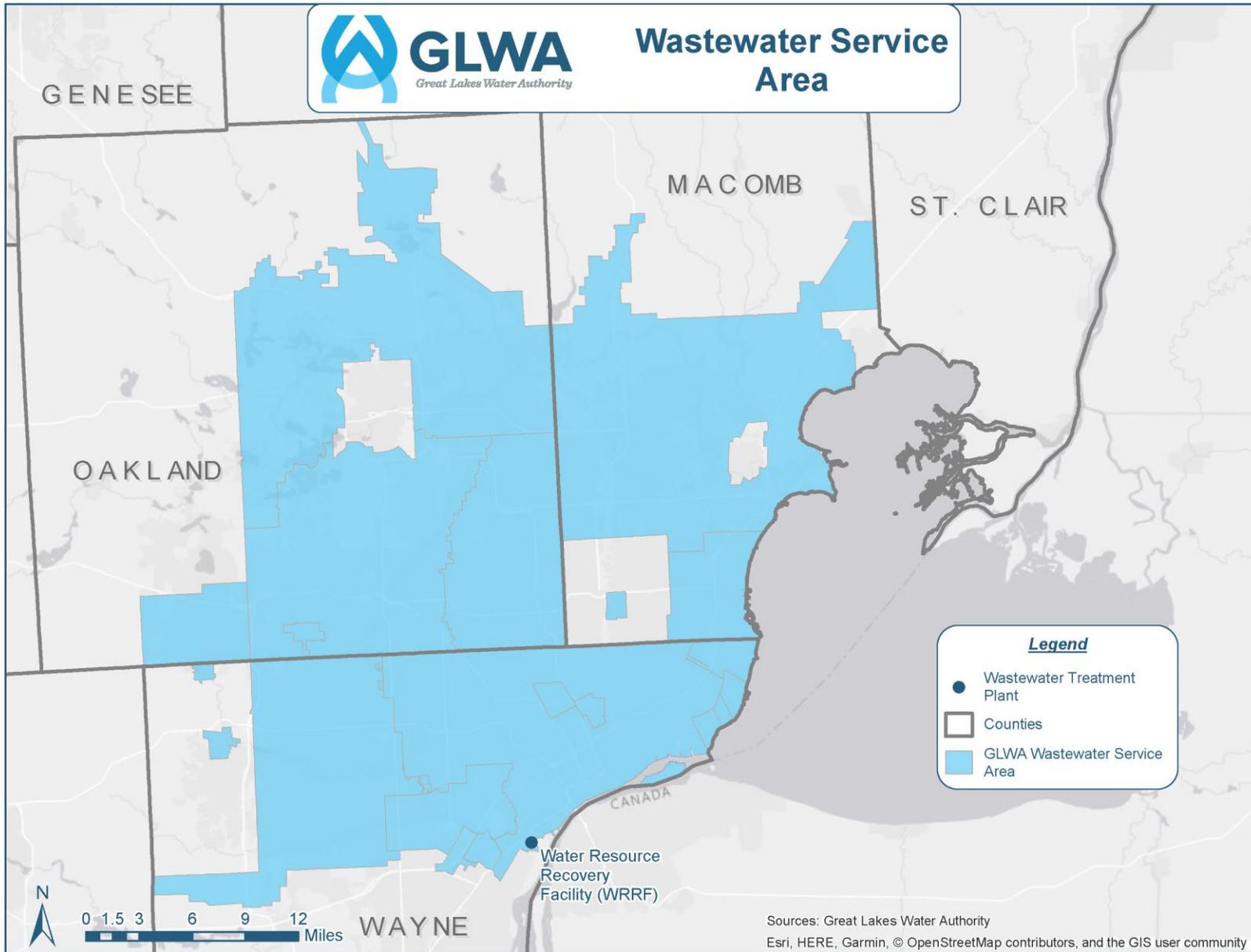
9 PUMP
STATIONS



Treatment capacity of **1,700**
million gallons per day



944 SQ. MILE
service area



GLWA Systems Control Center



Challenge

- Permit Compliance
- Optimization of the Sewer Collection System to minimize the environmental impacts
- Regional Operations Coordination
- 55+ facilities and 500+ remote facilities
 - 24/7 real-time data
- Need for better understanding of the data

Solution

- PI Integrator for Esri ArcGIS
 - Spatial visualization
 - Integration of real-time data with GIS
 - Accessibility through desktop and mobile devices
 - Optimization of water and wastewater operations
- PI Vision Dashboards
 - Created PI Vision Dashboards with aggregated data from different system
- PI DataLink
 - Utilized PI Datalink to create Hydraulic Viewer for better visualization

Types of Data

Sewer Levels

River Levels

Rain Gages

Sewer Meters

Sewer Pump
Stations

CSO Basin

WRRF

Water Quality
Monitors

Backwater
Gate Proximity
Switches

Inclinometers

Inflatable
Dams

Valve Remotes

Multiple Systems

DCS

Rockwell

Schneider

Telog

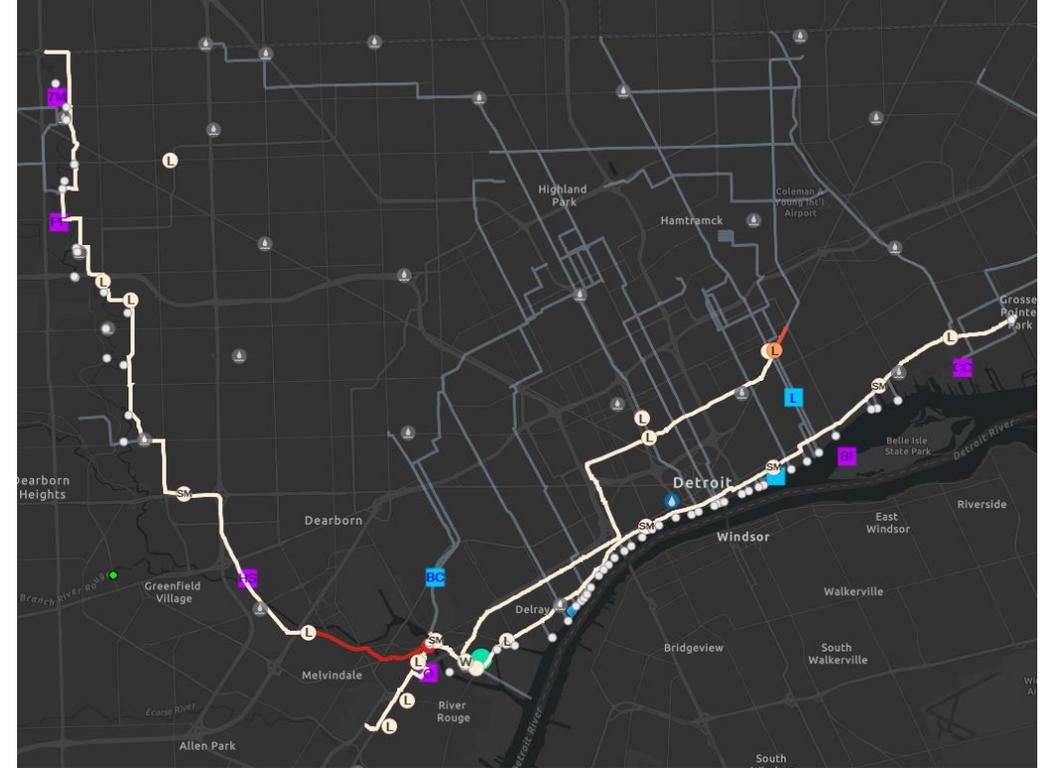
ADS
Flowmeter

Ayekka

AMR/Oracle

Sewer Services: Wet Weather Map

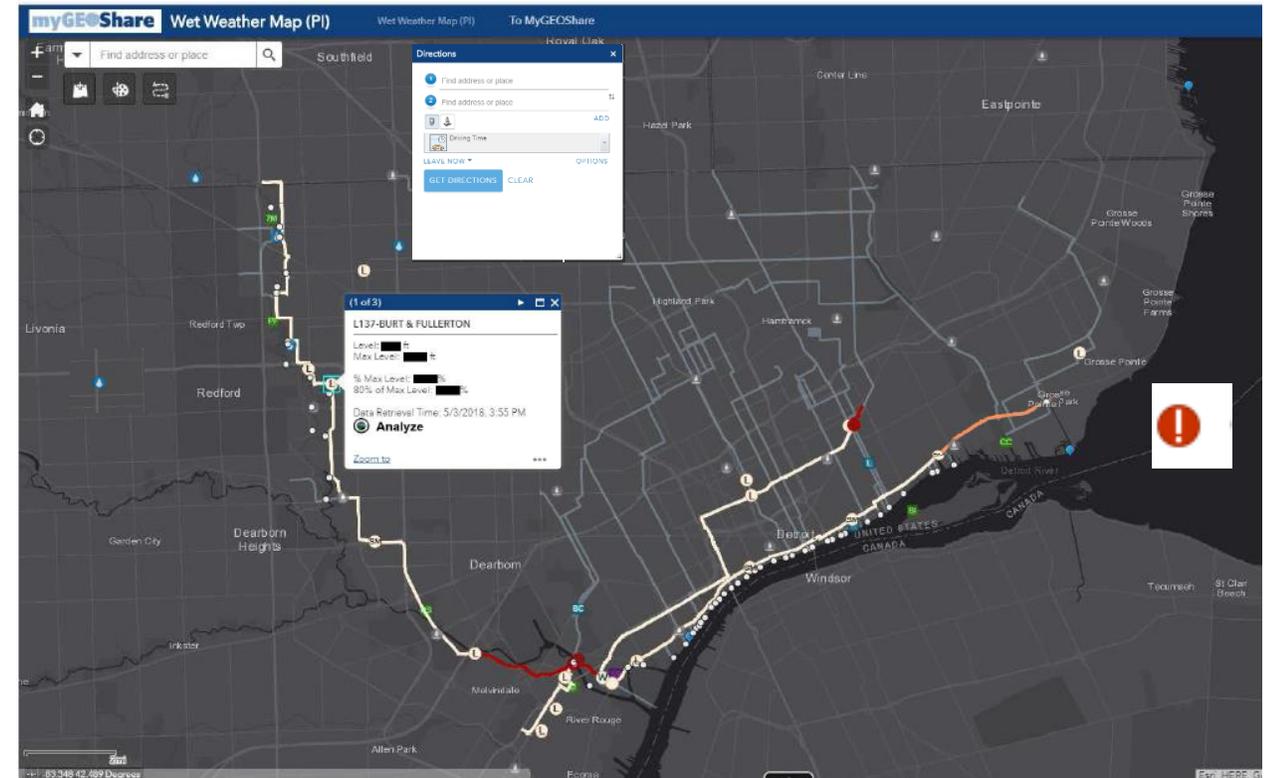
- Wet Weather Map Project Team
 - GLWA Systems Control and IT Softwares: PI Integrator for Esri ArcGIS
 - Displays real-time data of remote sites along three major interceptors



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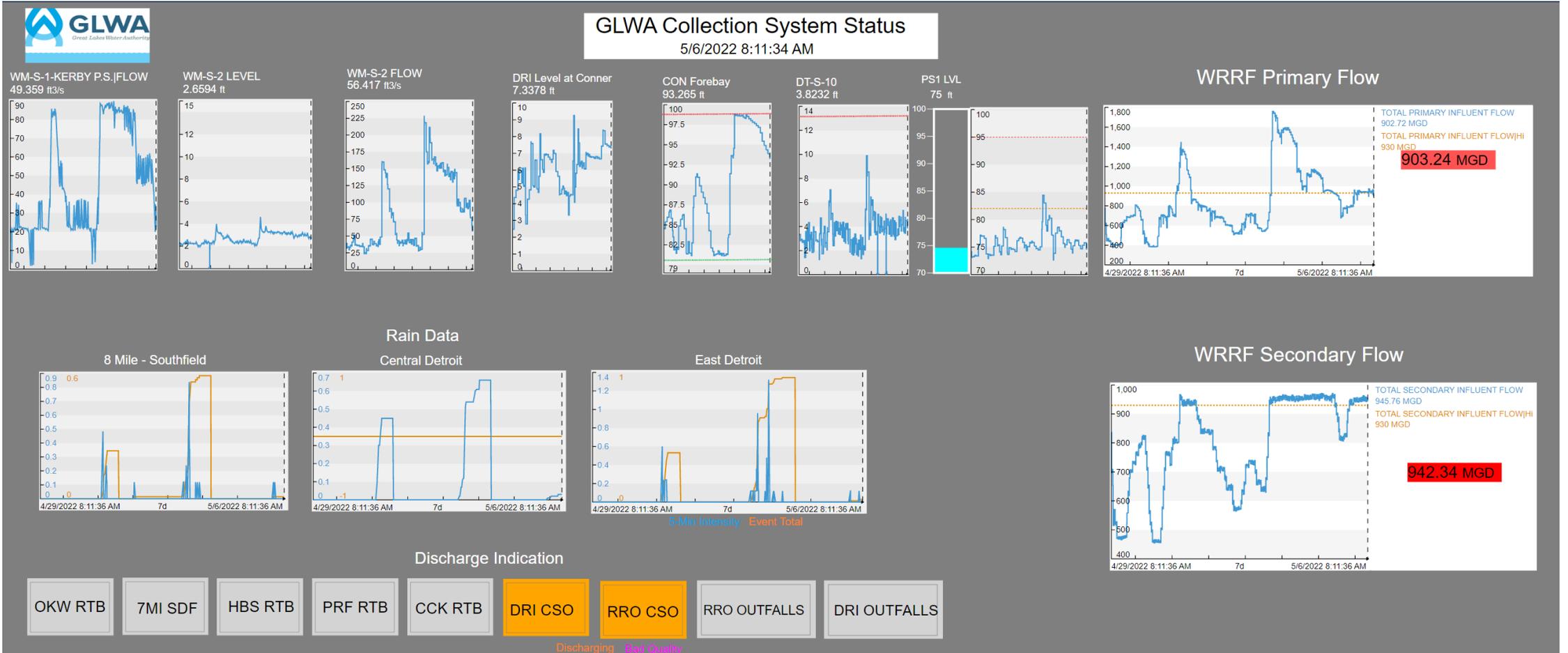
Sewer Services: Wet Weather Map

- Features:
 - Pop-up box with attribute information
 - Interceptor segments' capacity
 - Outfall sites discharging
 - Raining
 - Forecasted precipitation
 - Driving directions
 - Mobile app

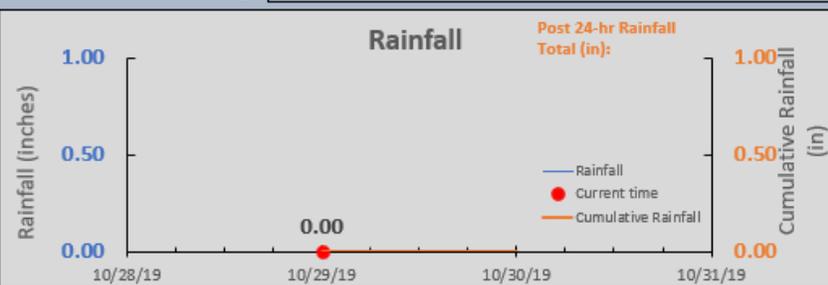
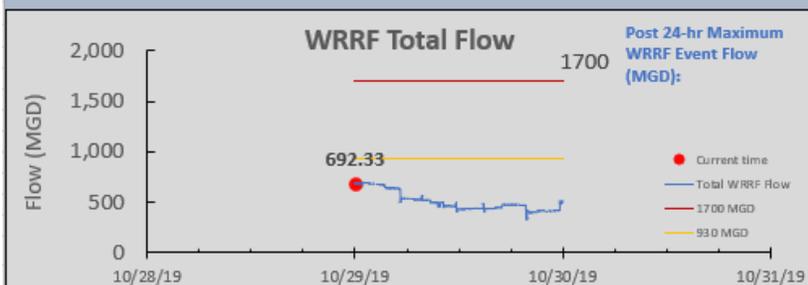
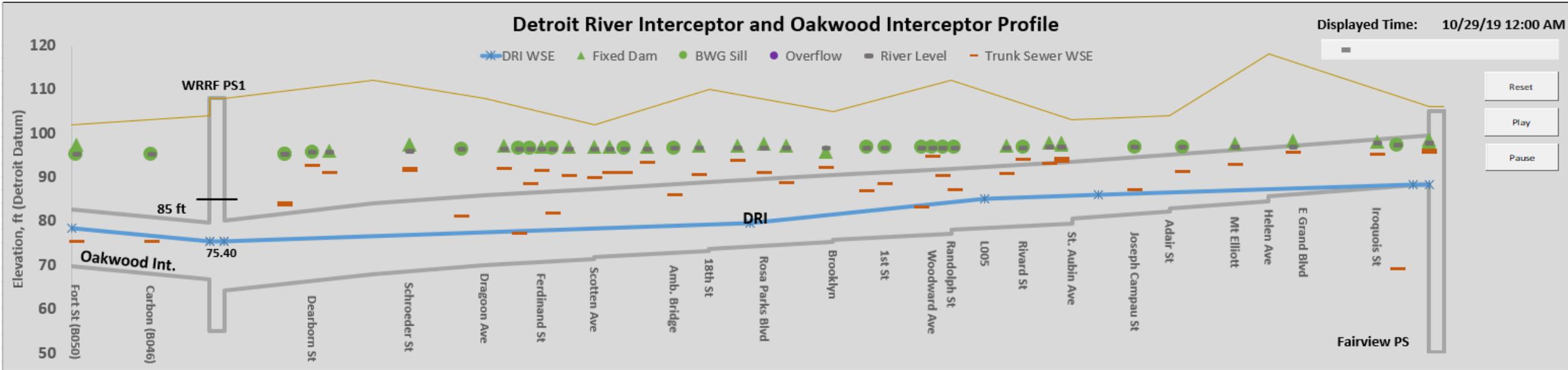


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Regional Operations

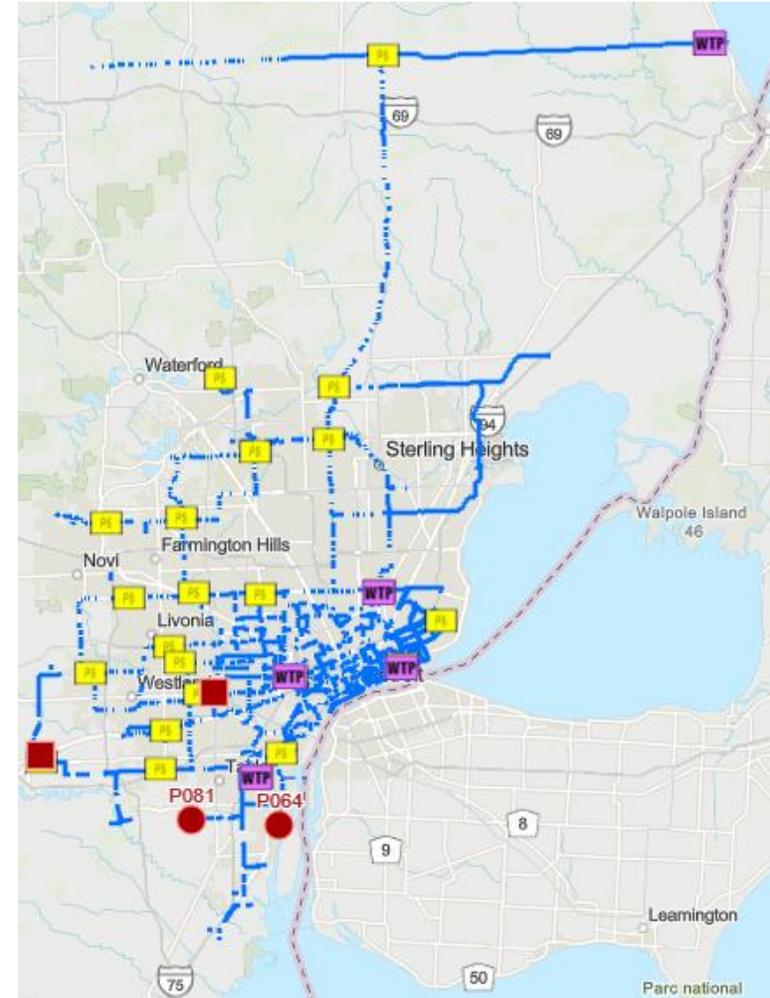


Sewer Hydraulic Viewer



Water Services: Fresh Water Map

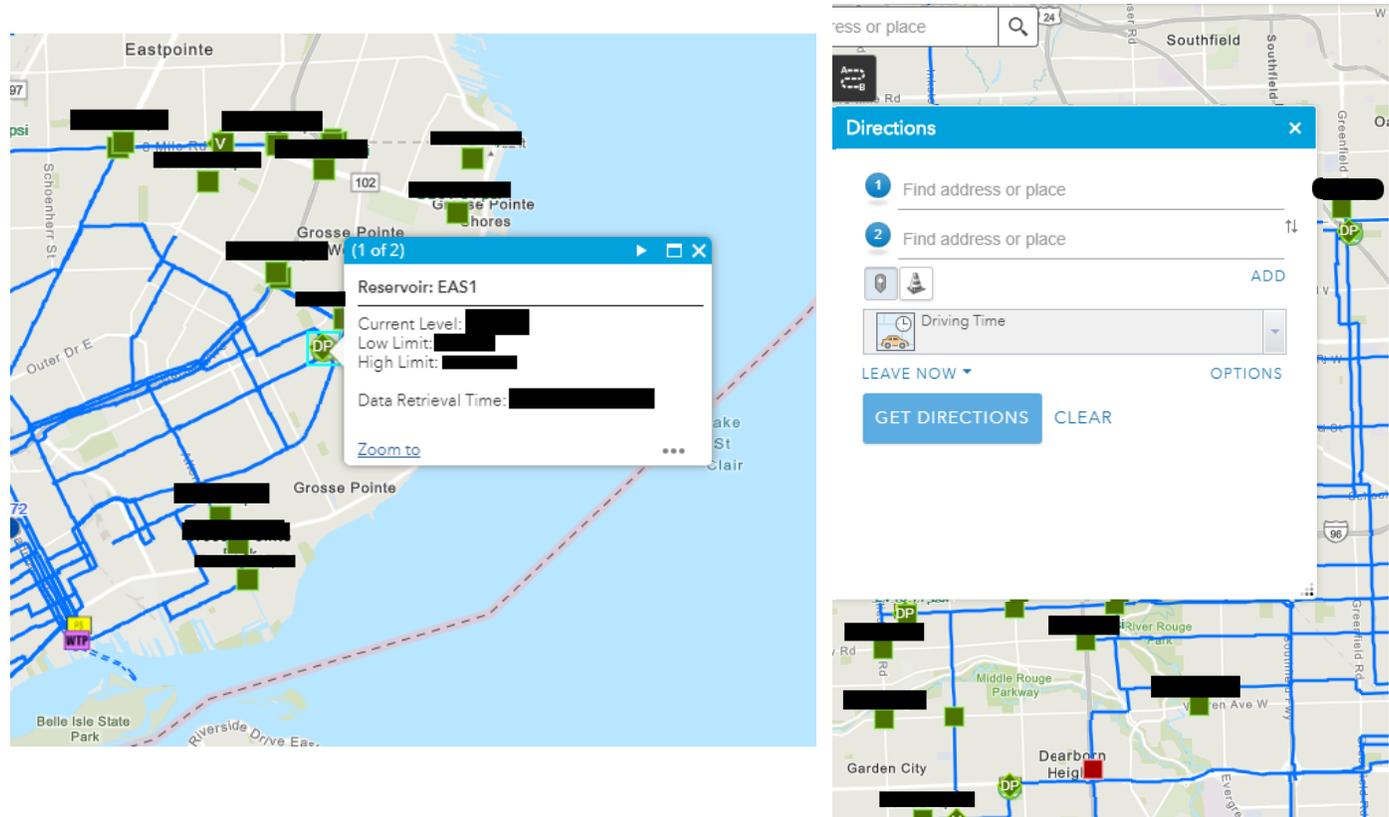
Displays Facility and Remote Sites Data along the transmission lines on a GIS Map



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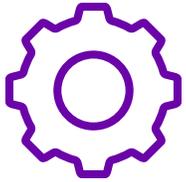
Water Services: Fresh Water Map

- Features:
 - Facilities and Remote Site Data:
 - Pressure
 - Reservoir Levels
 - Alarms
 - Driving Directions



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World-class upstream operations



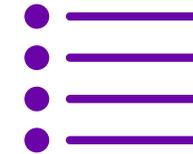
Challenge

- Better spatial visualization of day-to-day operations of the Water and Sewer Systems.



Solution

- Deployed the latest AVEVA PI System technology including PI Integrator for Esri ArcGIS, PI Vision and PI Datalink to create GIS Based real-time dashboards



Benefits

- Improved communication and user engagement among inter-departments. Enables GLWA to host other community's data.
- Response Time has improved for Regulatory Reporting.
- Since becoming live, users have increased by 25% to date.

Thank You

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