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Recognition (time series)  
+  
Weather Data**



**Real-Time Pattern  
Recognition (spatial series)  
+  
Weather and Historical  
System Data**





# COST SAVINGS

By implementing just real-time monitoring, the EPA estimates that the costs paid by communities from flooding and sewage overflows can be reduced dramatically.

**\$88.5B**

Total

## ELIMINATE SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS

by tracking and identifying undersized pipes and rainfall-derived I/I (inflow & infiltration), sediment & debris buildup, pipe breaks and leaks, offset joints

**\$7.5B – 50%**

of estimated O&M, annual

## MINIMIZE OPERATING COSTS

by reducing high electricity costs for pump & gate ops

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## MINIMIZE MAINTENANCE COSTS

by tracking and identifying equipment failure rates and sedimentation issues

**\$6B**

Fines, fixes, and litigation, annual

## MINIMIZE CSOs

by tracking and identifying rainfall-derived I/I and undersized facilities.

**\$270B**

Flood damages in 2017

## REDUCE FLOODING RISKS

by tracking and identifying rainfall-derived I/I and undersized facilities



**BUT WE STILL HAVE  
SOME LIMITATIONS:  
RTC REQUIRES DATA**

**BUT**

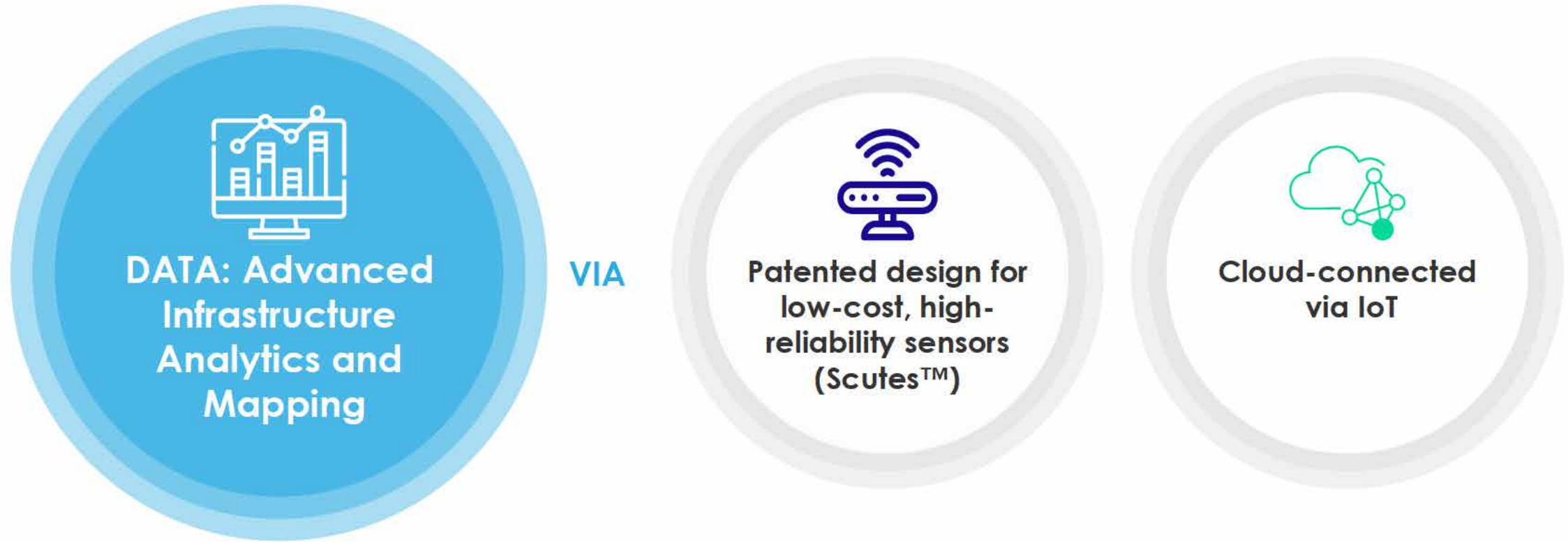
**DATA ARE  
EXPENSIVE**



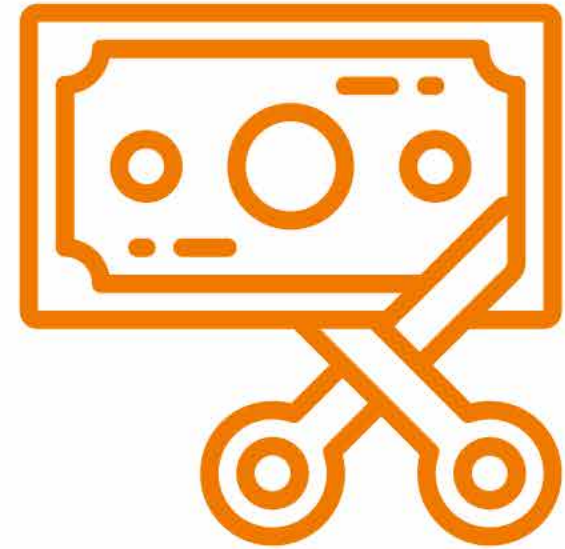
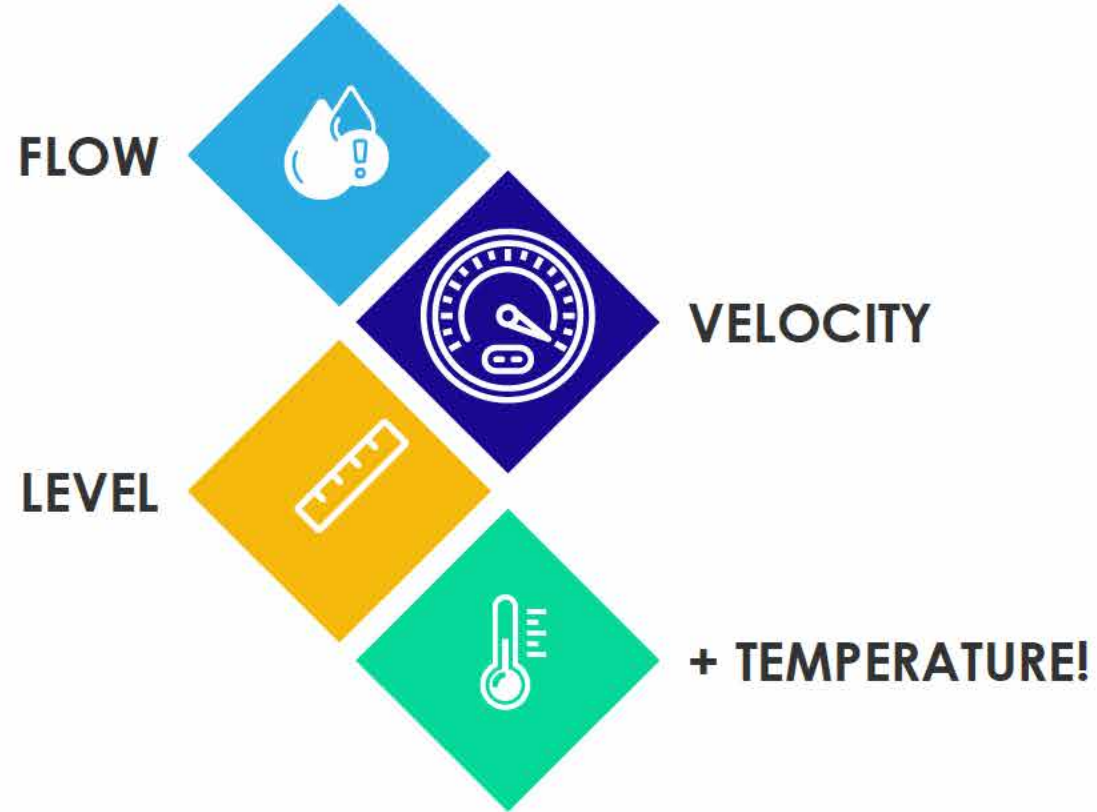
So I asked myself:  
how do we get AS  
MUCH DATA as  
possible from AS  
LARGE AN AREA as  
possible...  
underground?

...and how  
do we  
make it  
actionable?

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**10X**  
COST REDUCTION





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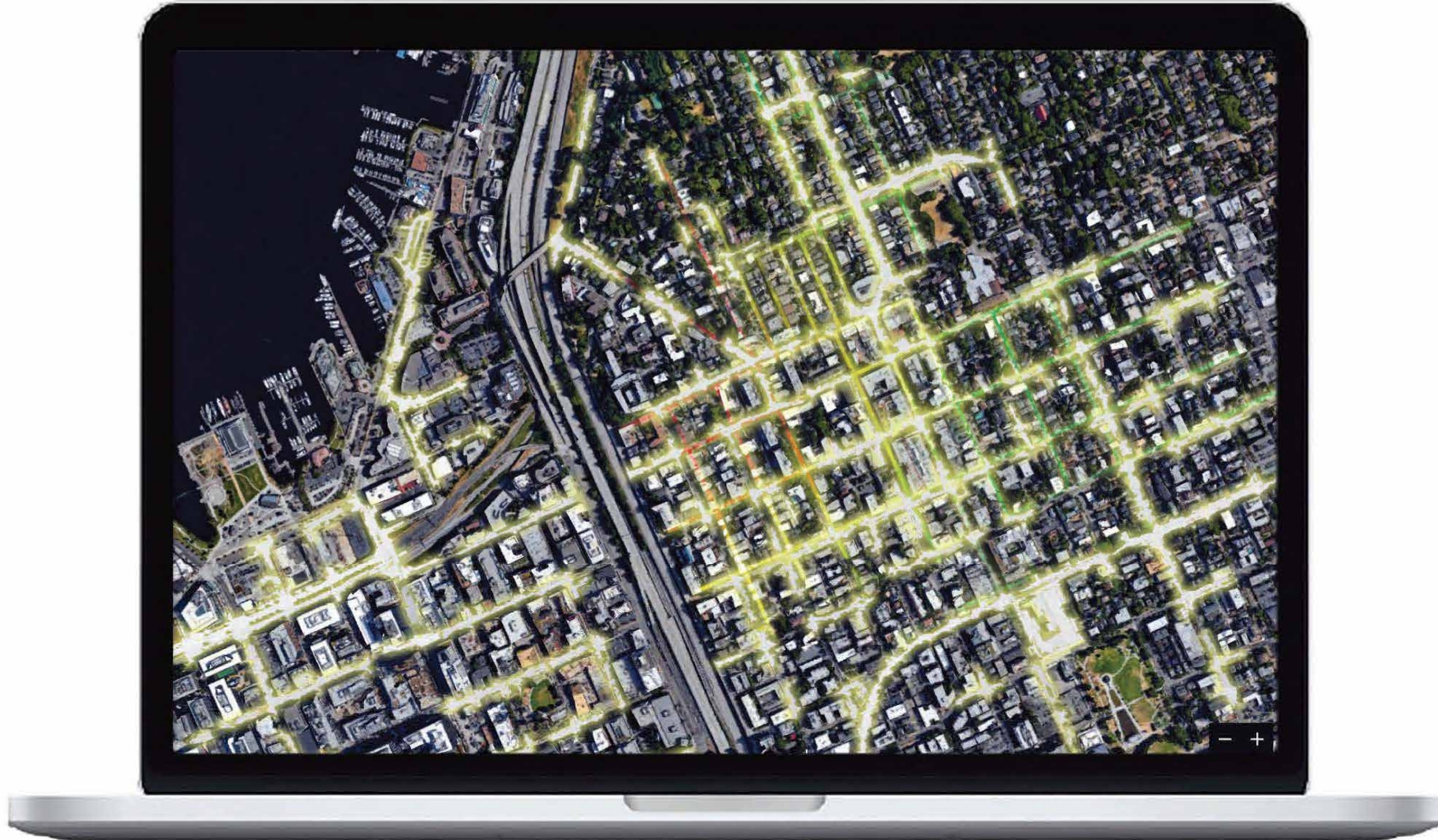
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# (MY PIPE DREAM)



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CSOs

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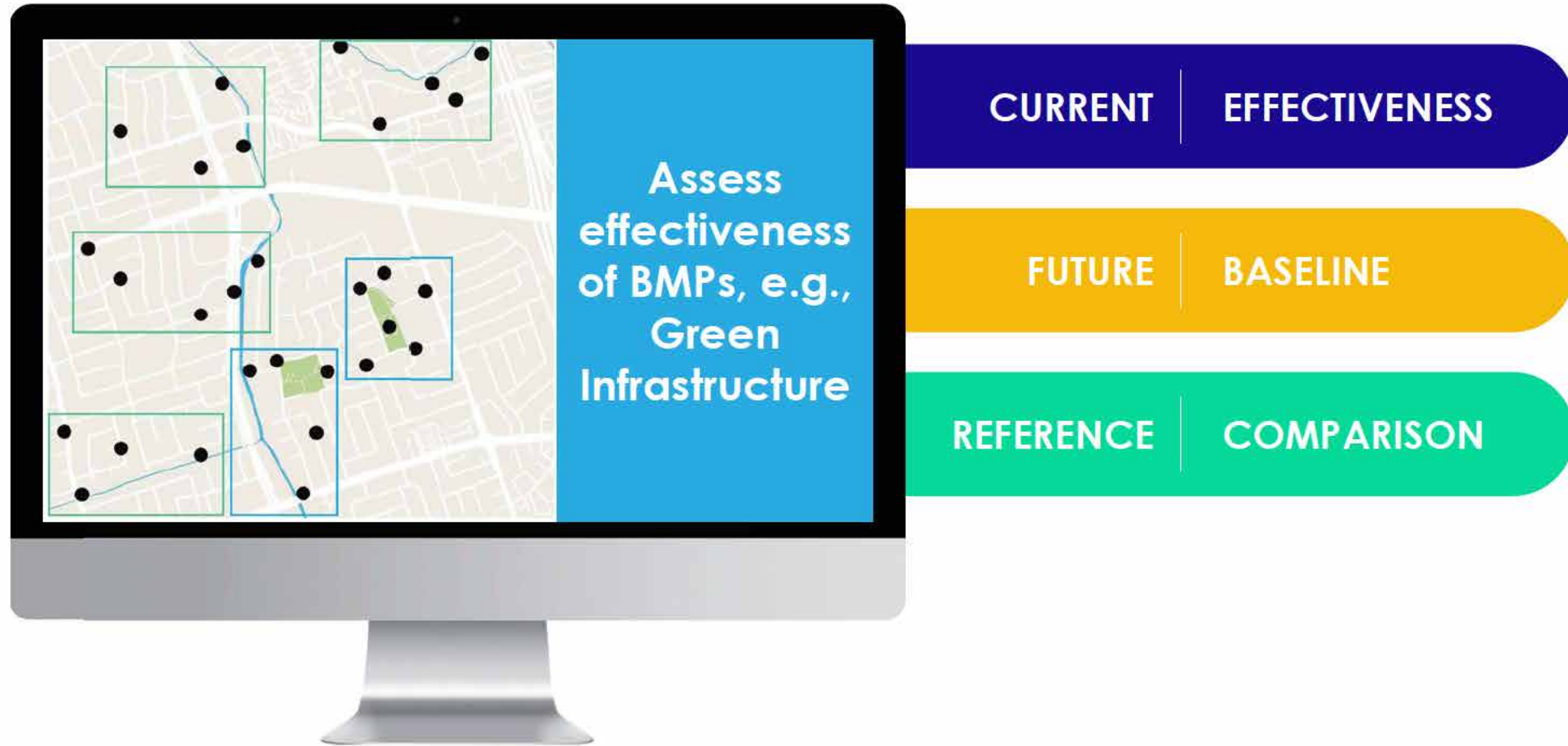
FLOODING & COASTAL  
MANAGEMENT

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE  
ASSESSMENT





# NETWORKED APPROACH TO REAL-TIME MONITORING: BMPs

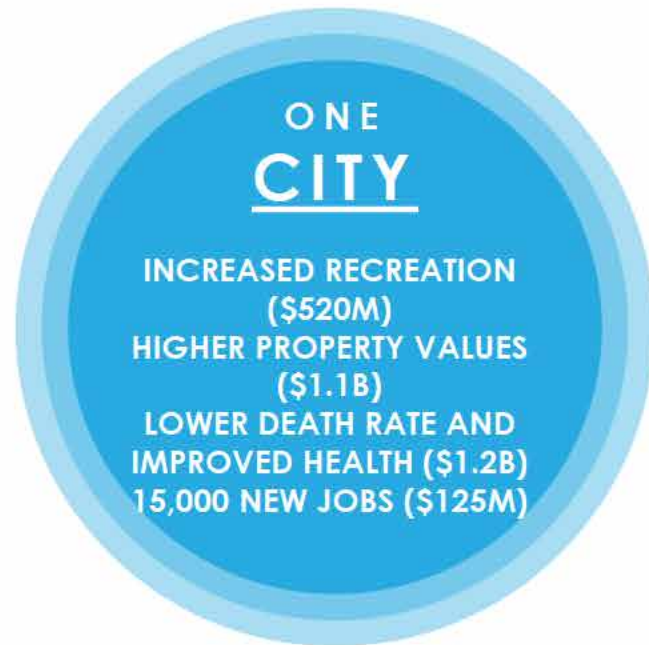




# USE CASE: GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

**Current Situation:** Many green infrastructure (GI) projects are **disconnected and small in scale**, making their impacts on the larger system difficult and costly to evaluate. Using a networked approach to real-time monitoring, you can evaluate the **cumulative impacts** GI projects are having on your urban watershed.

For GI projects, we suggest that you **employ a paired-watershed monitoring approach** using test and reference sub-watersheds. Insights gathered while monitoring GI with a StormSensor network can be used to evaluate changes in **infiltration, bulk flow, and thermal pollution** within your watershed.



## THE VALUE OF NETWORKED MONITORING:

- Know the “who, what, and where” in real-time: **spatially track and quantify volume reductions** across project and reference sites.
- Quantify your savings: comparisons on a long-term basis allow you to **evaluate project effectiveness over time** which can aid in cost-effective maintenance, and long-term planning, and **project funding**.
- Move Forward: comparisons between project types help **determine operational efficiencies** under varying conditions so you can empirically determine the best fit for a given land use.
- Get Smarter: keeping an eye on parameters **upstream and downstream** of GI projects help **evaluate local effects** of projects. Further comparisons to values at outfalls **help evaluate the spatial extent of project benefits** within the test region.





# KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Continuous, networked monitoring means you do not have to reinvent the wheel every time you want to monitor something new.

Once your monitoring network is in place, you can use the data and insights generated for much more than monitoring green infrastructure. Quantify storm flows to local waters as you work to comply with TMDLs. Track potential illicit discharges throughout your system.

Use Data to Improve the aesthetics of your community and the health of your human and aquatic ecosystems.





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\$1.4 trillion required for sewer and wastewater infrastructure upgrades

\$400/year in average sewer/wastewater fees per household per year in 2015

\$48 billion required to address combined sewer overflows

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\$14.1 billion drop in property values along the east coast between 2005 and 2017 due to flooding and sea level rise

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\$3.6 trillion through 2100 if there are no actions taken to protect coastal infrastructure and property from rising seas.

The cost could be reduced to \$820 billion under the same scenario if those measures are implemented.