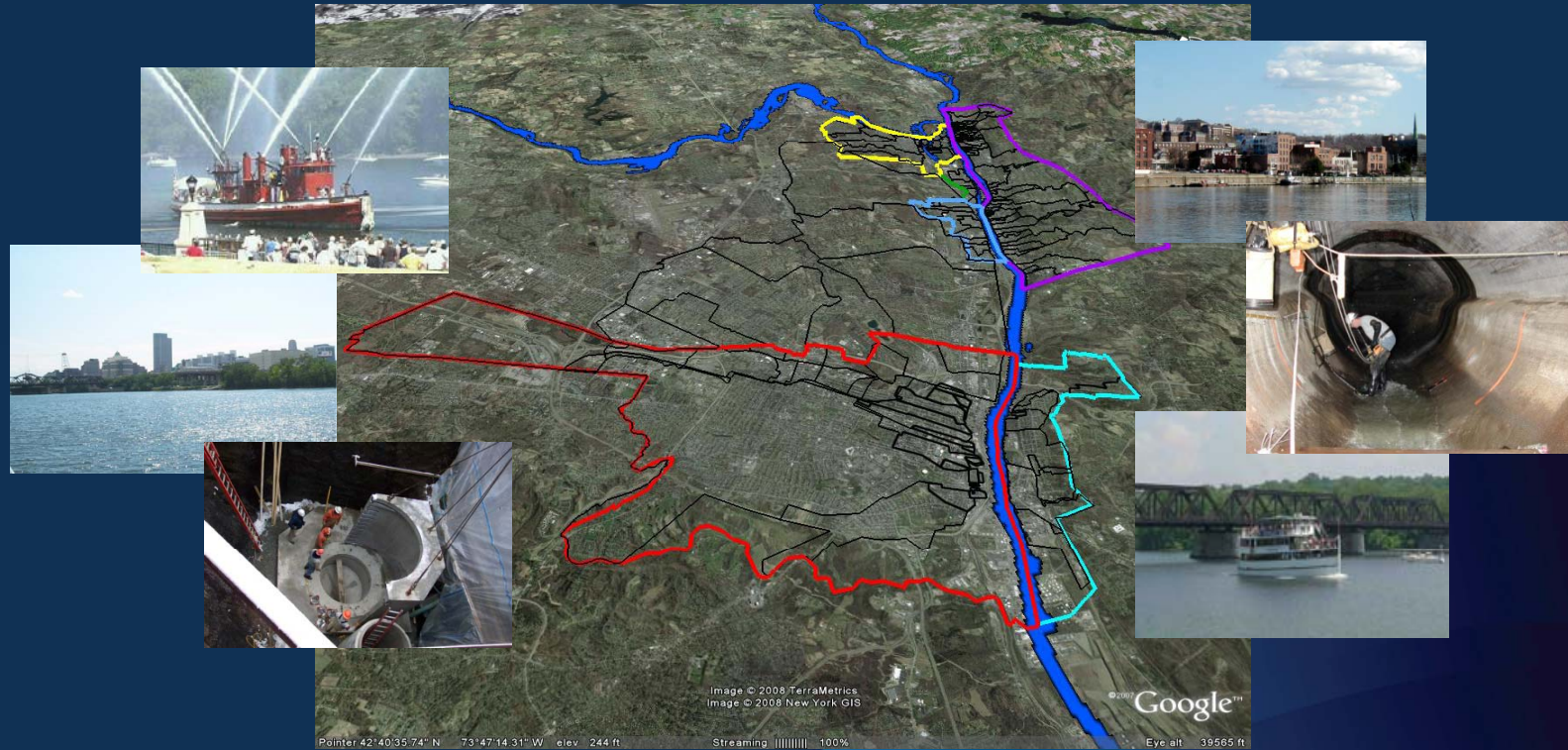


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Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 22, 2010



Albany

Cohoes

Rensselaer

Troy

Watervliet

Green Island

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# Community Advisory Committee Recap

- August 9, 2007
  - Albany Pool CSO LTCP Introduction and Organizational Structure
- March 13, 2008
  - Part B Scope of Work Update
    - CSS Mapping
    - Receiving Water Quality Assessment
    - CSS Monitoring and Sampling Plan
    - CSS Modeling Plan

## Community Advisory Committee - March 30, 2009

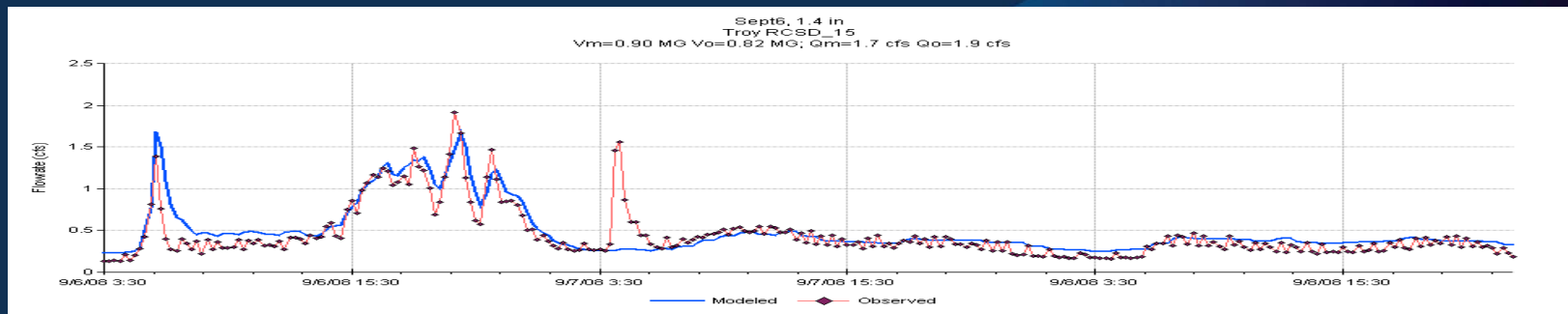
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    - Potential Downstream Beach sites in Compliance
- CSS Monitoring Results
  - 45 flow meters and 4 rain gauges
  - 25 Identified in DEC approved plan

# Community Advisory Committee – October 7, 2009

- CSS Model Overview
  - Four models developed
    - Albany North, Albany South, Rensselaer, Troy
  - Models Calibrated to 2008 Flow and Rainfall data
  - Models executed for Baseline Conditions
    - Five Year simulation (1985-1989)



# Community Advisory Committee – October 7, 2009

## Albany Pool Annual CSO

System	MG/year	Hours	Events	% Capture
Albany North	30	380	61	91
Albany South	775	640	58	63
Rensselaer	20	190	52	88
Troy	448	723	65	67
Total	1273			

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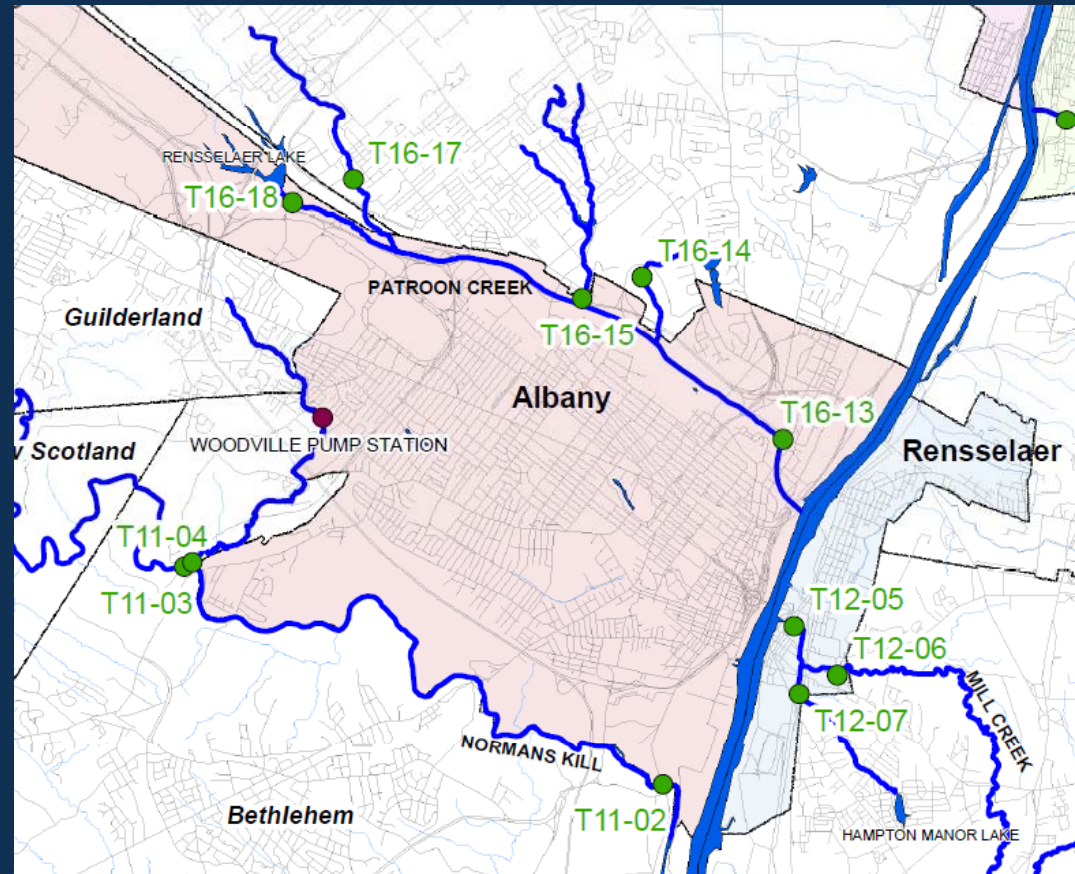
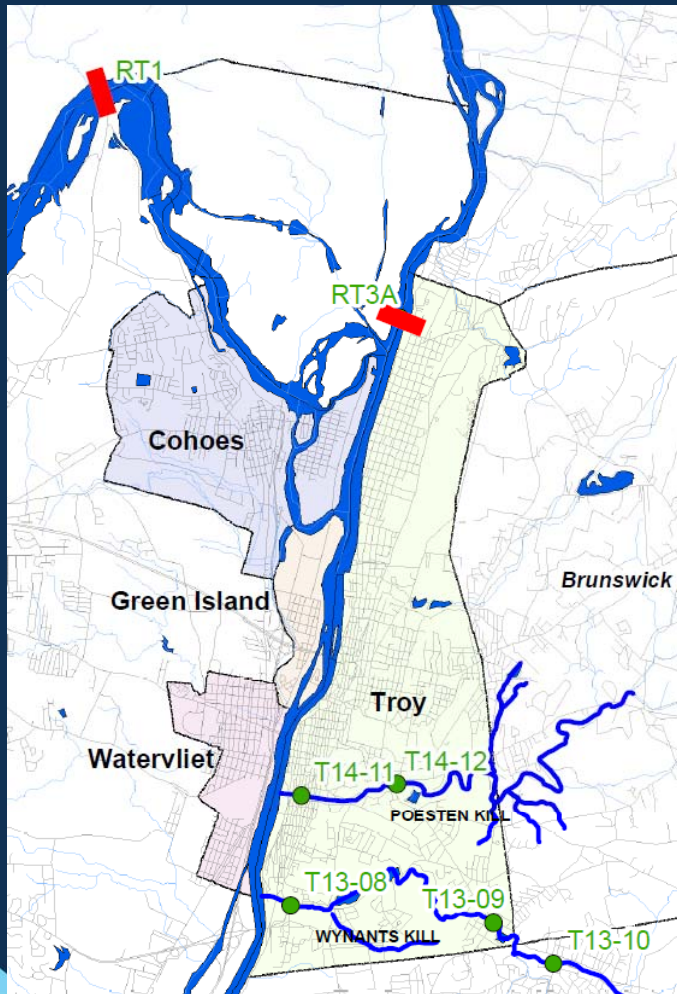
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# 2009 Tributary Water Quality Assessment

- 2009 Tributary Water Quality Sampling Locations
- Dry Weather Fecal Coliform Data Review
- Wet Weather Fecal Coliform Data Review

# Sampling Locations



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- Albany County
  - Normans Kill
    - Assess contributions from the Town of Bethlehem
  - Patroon Creek
    - Assess contributions from the Town of Colonie

# Sampling Locations

- Rensselaer County
  - Mill Creek
    - Assess contributions from the Town of East Greenbush
  - Wynants Kill
    - Assess contributions from the Town of North Greenbush
  - Poesten Kill
    - Assess Contributions from the Town of Brunswick

# Dry Weather Sampling

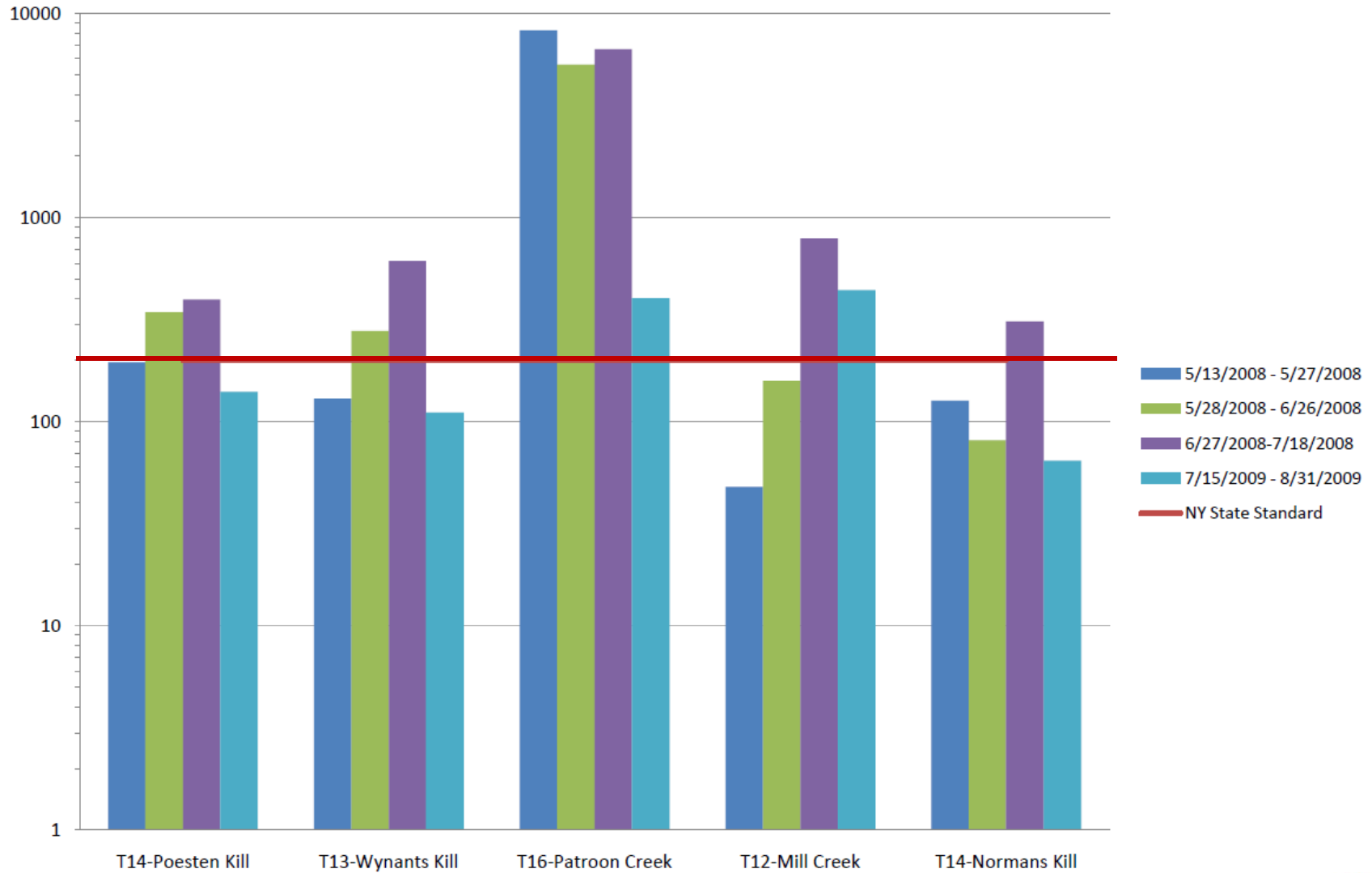
- 5 events preceded by 72 hours of dry weather
- 1 sample circuit of 22 locations per event
  - 2 river transects (6 locations)
  - 16 tributary locations
- Fecal Coliform, pH, Conductivity, Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, BOD, Ammonia Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus
  - \*Fecal Coliform samples at tributary locations only

# Bacteria Standards

- NYS Standard for Class A, B and C Waters for Fecal Coliform
  - Geometric Mean of 5 samples  $< 200$  cfu/100ml

# Dry Weather Results - Bacteria

## 2008 & 2009 Dry Weather Comparison of Data



# Dry Weather Results - Bacteria

Tributary	Sampling Location	ID #	Geometric Mean	Direction of Flow	Upstream Community
Normans Kill	Krum Kill, NYS Route 85	T11-04	379	↓	*Border
	NYS Route 85	T11-03	206		Bethlehem
	<b>River Rd. (2008)</b>	<b>T11-02</b>	64		*Border
Mill Creek	South St.	T12-07	202	↓	East Greenbush
	High St.	T12-06	368		East Greenbush
	<b>Washington Ave. (2008)</b>	<b>T12-05</b>	444		Rensselaer
Wynants Kill	Brookside Ave.	T13-10	60	↓	North Greenbush
	Winter St.	T13-09	117		North Greenbush
	<b>Burden Ave. (2008)</b>	<b>T13-08</b>	111		Troy
Poesten Kill	Pawling Ave.	T14-12	129	↓	Brunswick
	<b>2nd St. (2008)</b>	<b>T14-11</b>	140		Troy
Patroon Creek	Fuller Rd.	T16-18	997	↓	Albany
	Palma Park	T16-17	95		Colonie
	Sand Creek	T16-15	307		Colonie
	Corporate Park Blvd.	T16-14	150		Colonie
	<b>Tivoli St. (2008)</b>	<b>T16-13</b>	402		Albany



# Dry Weather Bacteria Summary

- Wynants Kill and Poesten Kill sampling locations are in compliance
  - Flows from North Greenbush and Brunswick are in compliance
- Krum Kill and upstream Normans Kill exceed WQS for fecal coliform
  - Flows from Bethlehem marginally exceed WQS for fecal coliform
- Normans Kill at the Hudson River is in compliance
- Mill Creek sampling locations exceed the fecal coliform compliance limit
  - Flows from East Greenbush exceed WQS for fecal coliform

# Dry Weather Bacteria Summary, Continued

- Patroon Creek sampling locations exceed WQS for Fecal Coliform
  - Fuller Road sampling location significantly exceeds WQS for fecal coliform
  - Sampling locations within the Town of Colonie near Palma Park and Corporate Woods Blvd meet WQS for fecal coliform
  - Sand Creek sampling location exceeds WQS for fecal coliform
  - Rensselaer Lake samples meet WQS for fecal coliform for all samples
  - Patroon Creek at Hudson River exceeds WQS for fecal coliform but show significant improvement since 2008 sampling

# Wet Weather Sampling

- 3 events preceded by 72 hours dry weather
- Community-wide storm event
- Sampling Duration of 48 hours
- 10 sample circuits of 22 locations per event
  - 2 river transects (6 locations)
  - 16 tributary locations
- Same parameters as dry weather

# Wet Weather Results - Bacteria

Tributary	Sampling Location	ID #	Wet Event No.			Dry Weather	Direction of Flow	Upstream Community
			1	2	3			
Normans Kill	Krum Kill, NYS Route 85	T11-04	10249	955	7649	379	↓	*Border
	NYS Route 85	T11-03	1503	169	870	206		Bethlehem
	<b>River Rd. (2008)</b>	<b>T11-02</b>	1554	249	844	64		*Border
Mill Creek	South St.	T12-07	1157	333	1641	202	↓	East Greenbush
	High St.	T12-06	2105	717	2422	368		East Greenbush
	<b>Washington Ave. (2008)</b>	<b>T12-05</b>	2983	976	2006	444		Rensselaer
Wynants Kill	Brookside Ave.	T13-10	680	232	755	60	↓	North Greenbush
	Winter St.	T13-09	654	333	862	117		North Greenbush
	<b>Burden Ave. (2008)</b>	<b>T13-08</b>	1008	214	975	111		Troy
Poesten Kill	Pawling Ave.	T14-12	363	179	786	129	↓	Brunswick
	<b>2nd St. (2008)</b>	<b>T14-11</b>	495	265	892	140		Troy
Patroon Creek	Fuller Rd.	T16-18	3205	2699	872	997	↓	Albany
	Palma Park	T16-17	5019	639	3150	95		Colonie
	Sand Creek	T16-15	2237	1179	2656	307		Colonie
	Corporate Park Blvd.	T16-14	1004	350	3129	150		Colonie
	<b>Tivoli St. (2008)</b>	<b>T16-13</b>	4166	682	4276	402		Albany
Cumulative Precipitation @ Albany Airport (IN)			1.12	0.34	1.19			

# Wet Weather Summary - Bacteria

- Larger storms generally result in greater fecal counts
- All tributary sampling locations generally exceed the fecal coliform compliance limit
- All inflows from neighboring communities exceed WQS for fecal coliform
- Sample locations within the Normans Kill show similar results along its length
- Fecal counts in the Krum Kill are significantly greater than downstream Normans Kill values

# Wet Weather Bacteria Summary, Continued

- Geometric mean counts for Wynants Kill and Poesten Kill show consistent values from upstream to downstream
- The sampling locations contributing to and within Patroon Creek show consistently high counts
- Patroon Creek at Hudson River shows significant improvement from 2008
- Geometric mean counts for Mill Creek show a slight increase from upstream to downstream.

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# Receiving Water Quality Model Discussion

- Water Quality Model Findings
- Regulatory Update
- CSO Control Alternatives Strategy
- Floatables Control Facilities
- Questions and Comments



## Parameters of Concern (NYS ECL 703)

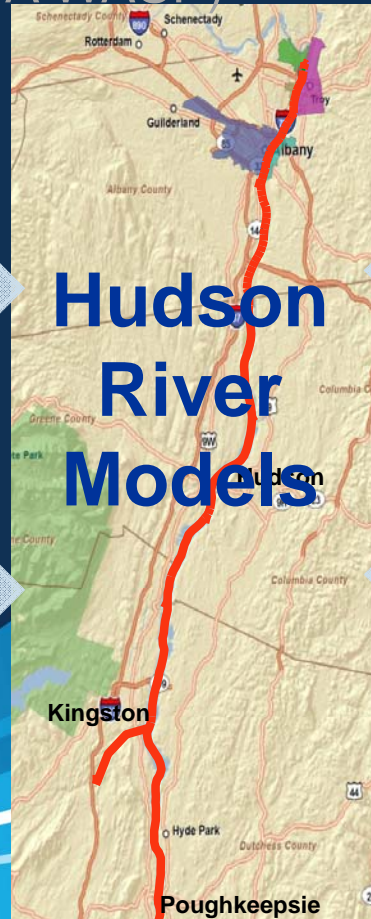
- Dissolved Oxygen
  - Minimum daily average not less than 5 mg/l
  - Never less than 4 mg/l
- Fecal Coliform Bacteria
  - Monthly geometric mean for fecal less than 200 / 100 ml
  - Standards must be met during all periods when disinfection required for SPDES-permitted discharges
- Floatables
  - No residue attributable to sewage... nor visible oil film nor globules of grease

# Evaluation Tools

- Sewer Models (EPA SWMM)
- River Models
  - Bacteria and hydraulics (EPA SWMM)
  - Dissolved oxygen (EPA WASP)

Albany  
North

Albany  
South



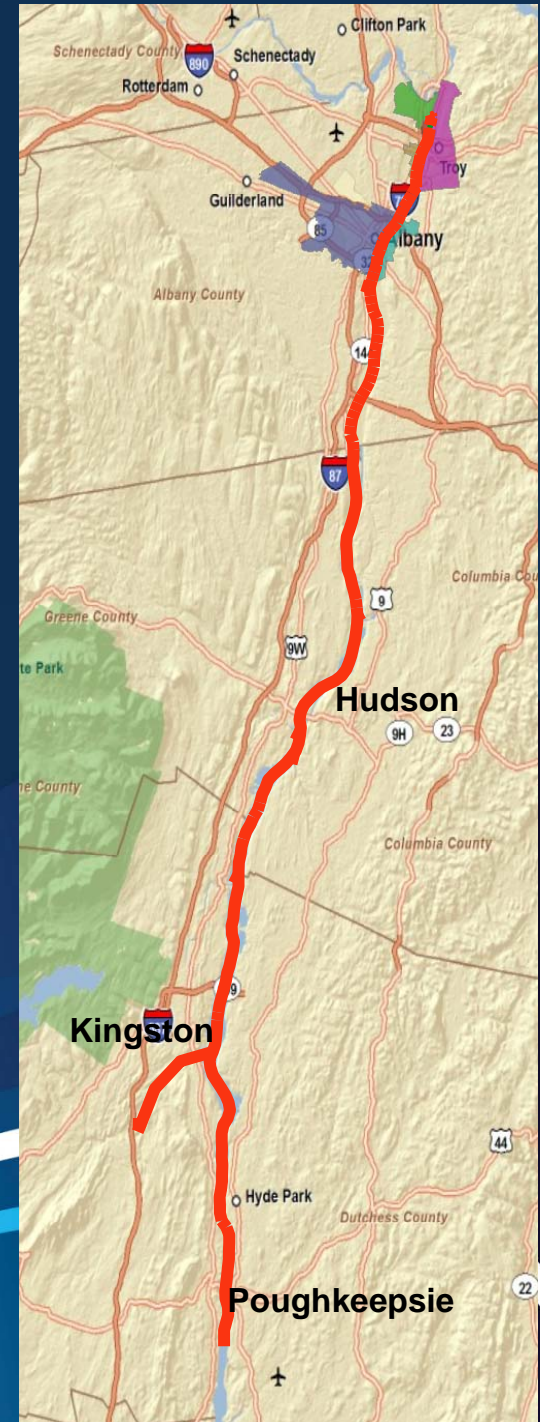
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Rensselaer



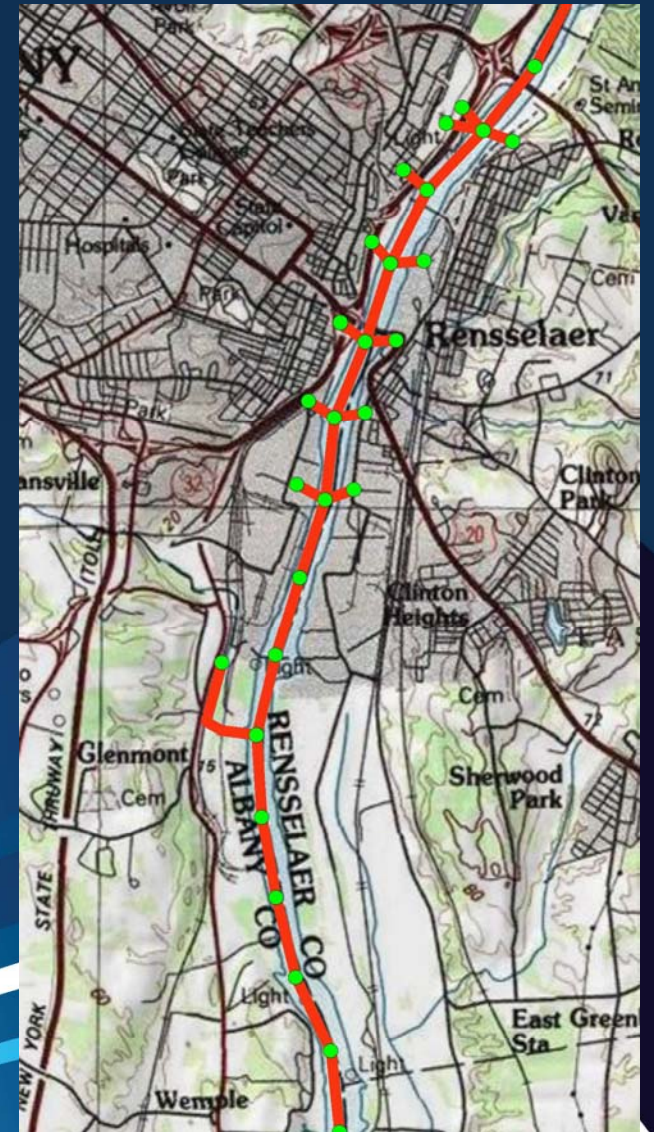
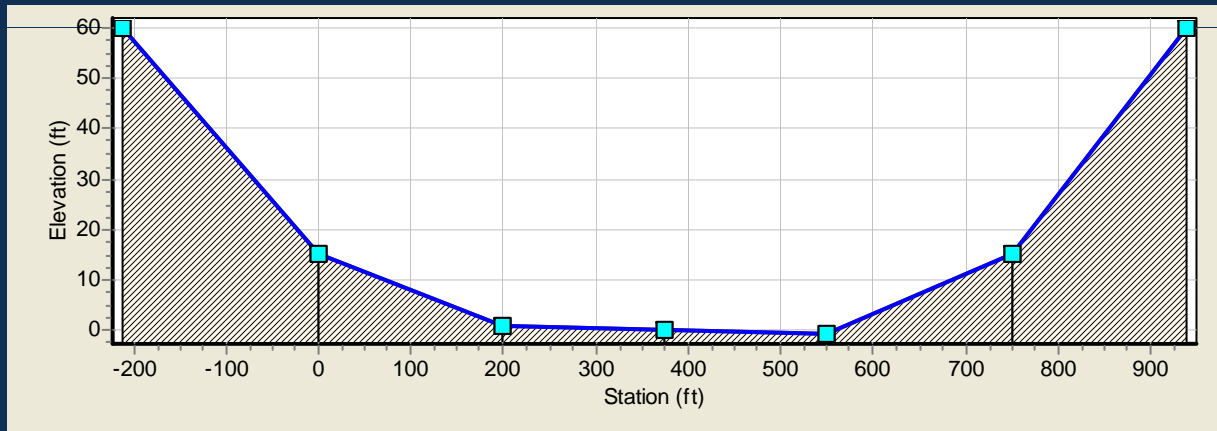
# Water Quality Model Development

- Limits
- Segmentation
- Physical characterization
- Inflow points
- Bacteria source concentrations
- BOD and DO source concentrations

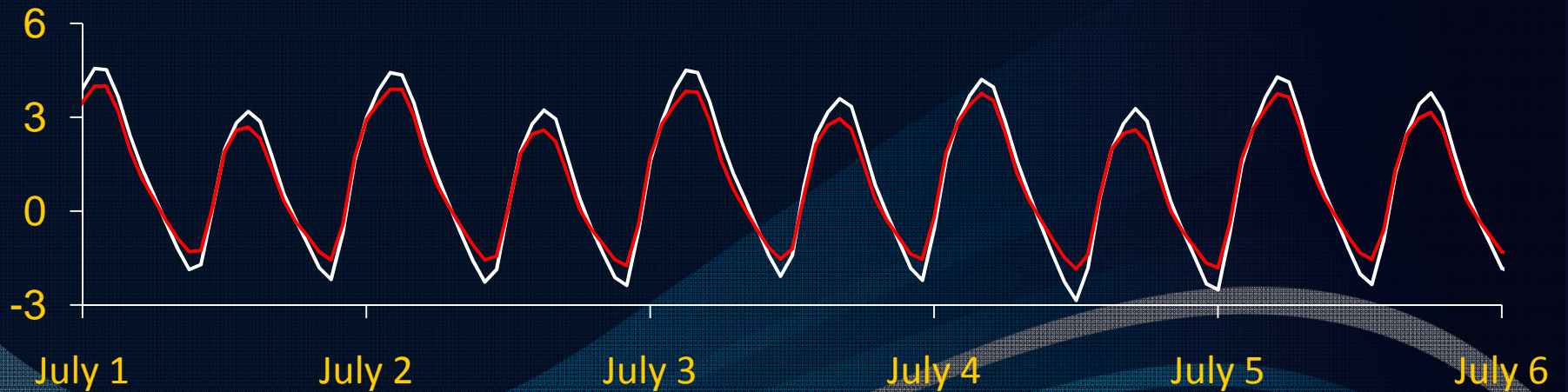
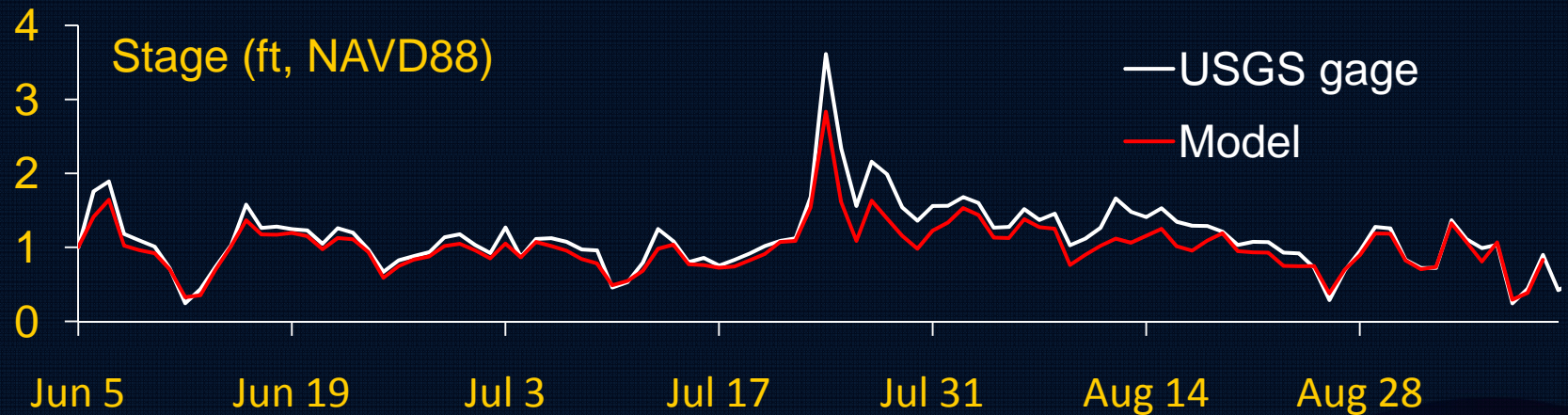


# Hudson River Models

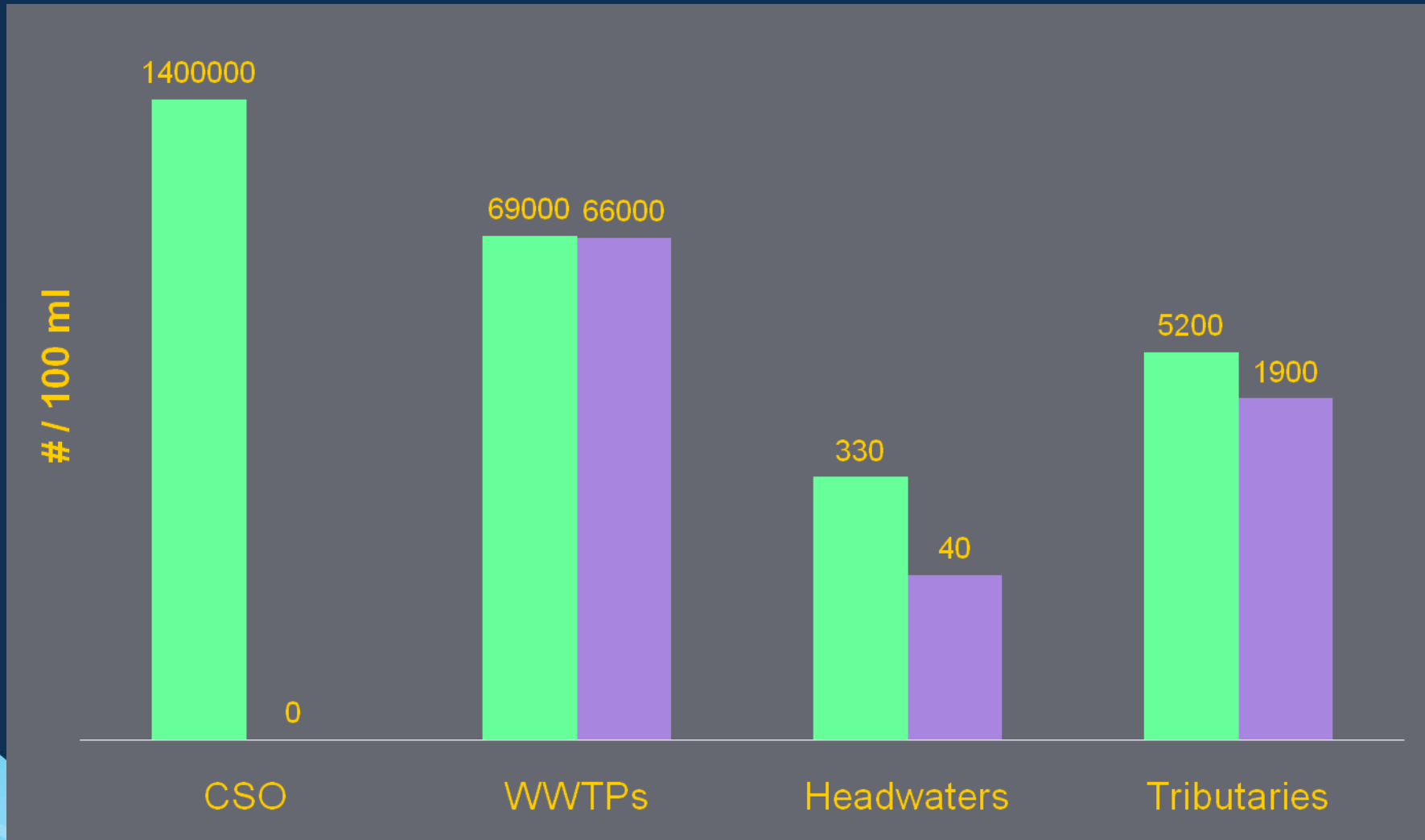
- Mohawk confluence to Poughkeepsie
- Half-mile segments



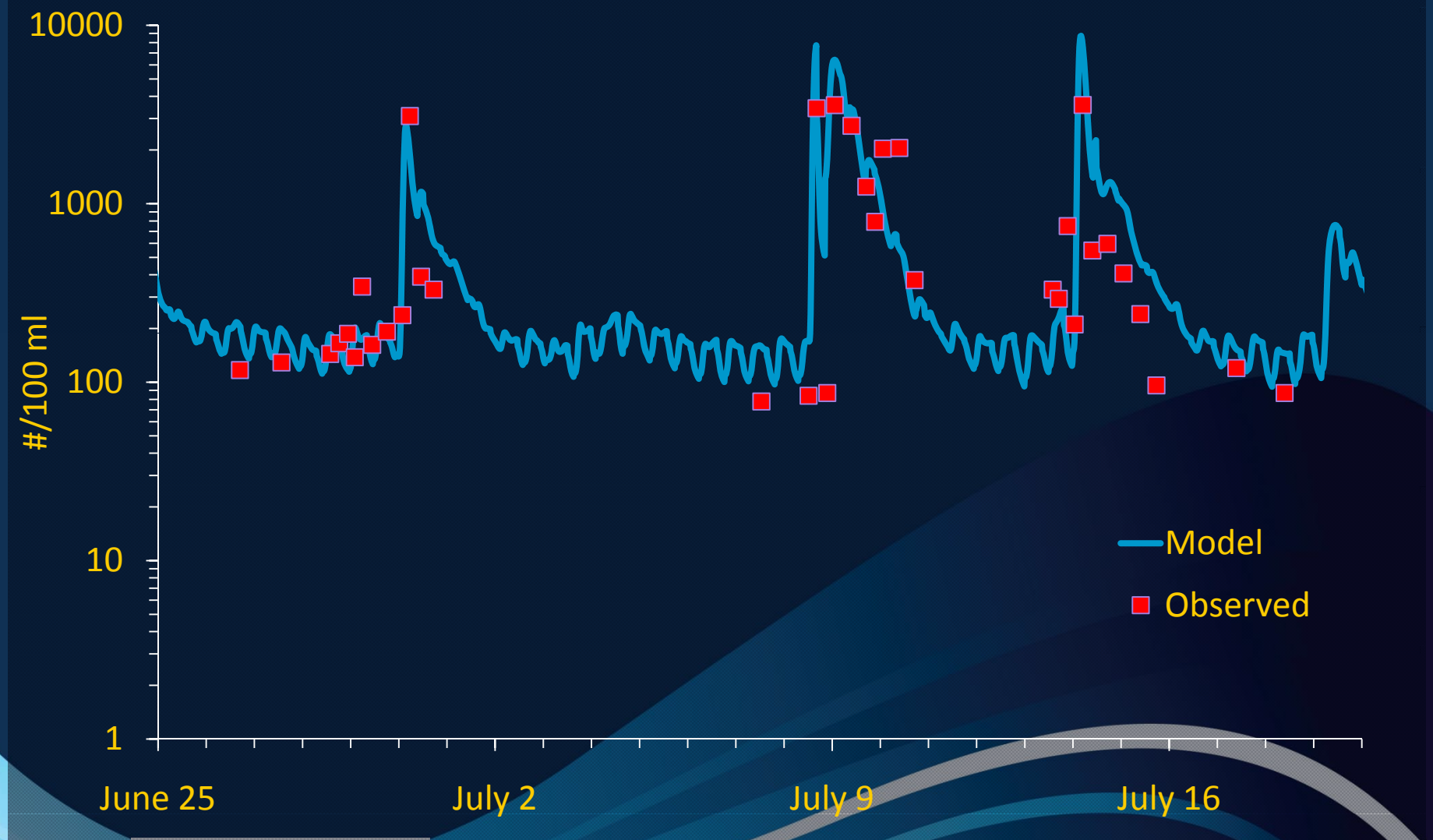
# 2008 Albany Stage Calibration



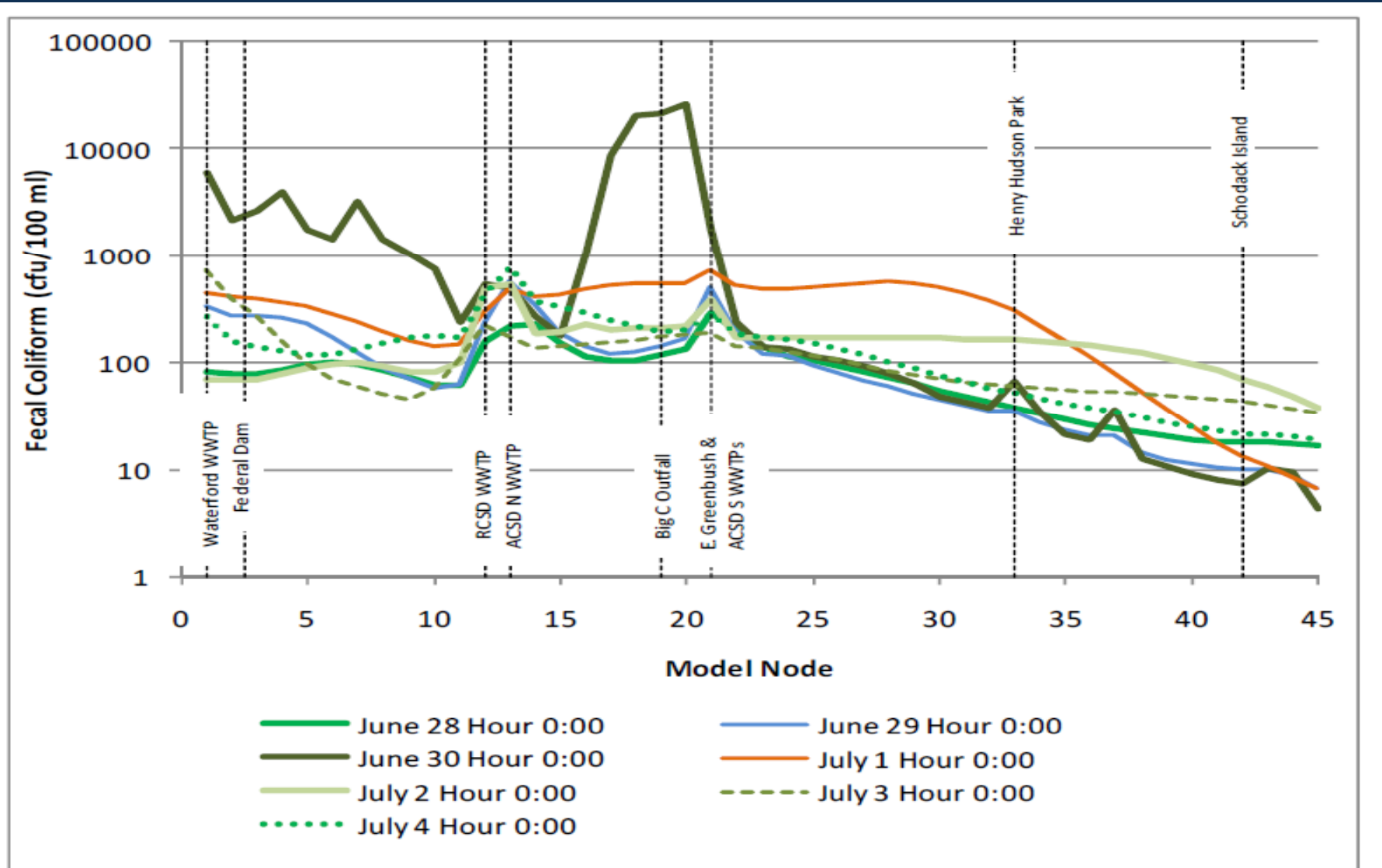
# Wet and Dry Weather Baseline Bacteria Concentration Inputs



# RT9 Validation – Port of Albany



# River Profile – Fecal Bacteria





# Bacteria Modeling Results

Scenario	WWTP Disinfection	Headwaters	Tributaries	CSO	Exceedances (months/30 months)
Baseline	No	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline	30
1	Yes	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline	2
2	Yes	Improved	Improved	Baseline	0
2A	Yes	Improved	Baseline; Patroon Creek improved to 2009 levels	Baseline	0
3	Yes	Baseline	Baseline	85% Capture	2
4	No	Baseline	Baseline	85% Capture	30

Baseline refers to 2008 calibrated conditions

## DO Model Baseline Conclusions

- Model closely replicates Hudson River DO levels in Albany Pool vicinity
- Albany Pool CSO contributions to DO depletion minimal compared to loads from WWTPs, headwaters and tributaries
- Low DO at Henry Hudson Park and Schodack Island not associated with CSO
- CSO has negligible impact on river DO

## Bacteria Model Observations

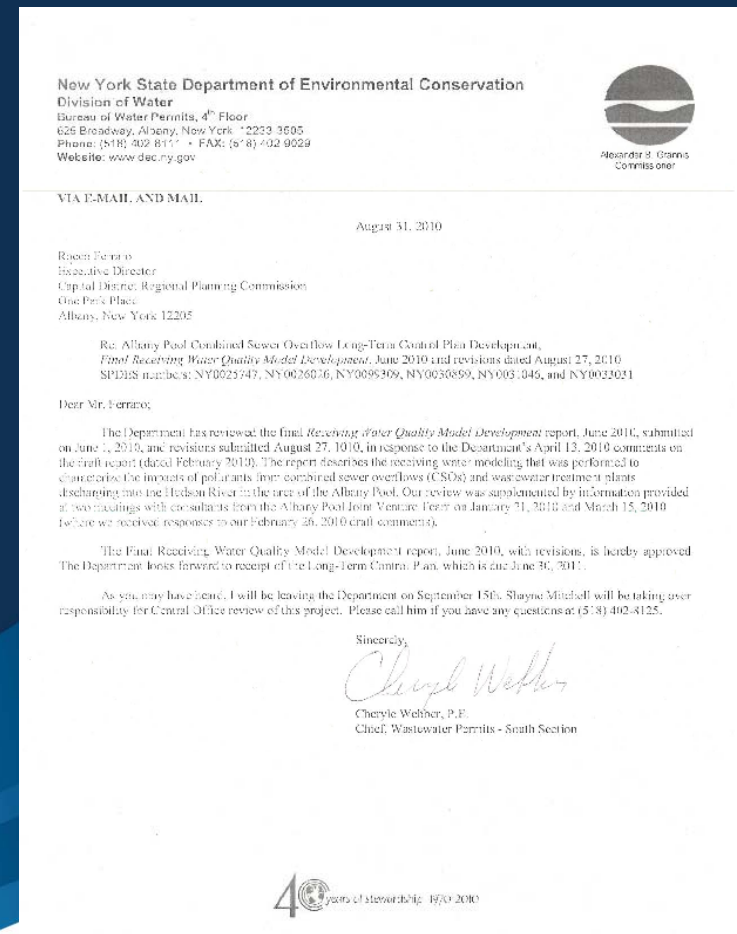
- Hudson River has large assimilative capacity shown by the steady decline in frequency of bacteria exceedances as flow passes downstream
- Seasonal disinfection of WWTPs significantly reduces frequency of bacteria exceedances at all river transects
- Bacteria contributed by headwaters and tributaries greatly influences frequency of bacteria exceedances in the river

# RWQ Modeling Conclusions

- CSO does not preclude water quality standards attainment
- Bacteria standards will be met upon implementation of WWTP seasonal disinfection and improvements to headwaters and Patroon Creek
- Improvements to Hudson River continuous bacteria loads provide more effective bacteria-based water quality improvements than improvements to intermittent, wet weather-based CSO discharges
- Consider demonstrative approach for evaluating CSO controls
- CSO alternatives analysis will focus on:
  - Best management practices (BMPs)
  - System optimization
  - WWTP disinfection
  - Floatables control

# Regulatory Update

- WQ Model Development Report approved August 31, 2010 after extensive review and comment
- Shayne Mitchell replaced Cheryle Webber as NYSDEC Central Office reviewer on September 15, 2010
- LTCP submission deadline extended to June 30, 2011



## CSO LTCP Goals

- Maintain current Class C river uses
  - Fishing and fish habitat
  - Recreational boating
  - Other primary and secondary contact activities
- Accommodate swimming and bathing at future beach sites during May 1 to October 30 recreational season
- Support riverfront economic development



# Recommended CSO Control Strategy

- Tiered approach to CSO control recommendations
  - Tier 1 – Projects completed to-date and those that must be completed to achieve SPDES permit and Consent Order requirements
  - Tier 2 – BMPs and other improvements that communities and sewer districts plan to implement to control CSOs

# Tier 1 Projects

- Albany
  - Resolve Woodville PS CSO/SSO issues
  - Completed sewer separation & storage projects
  - Planned sewer separation & storage projects
- Albany County Sewer District
  - Disinfection facilities and bar screen upgrades at ACSD North and South WWTPs
  - Patroon Creek Interceptor repair



## Tier 1 Projects (continued)

- Troy
  - DWO Consent Order projects
  - CSO 013 sewershed separation
- Rensselaer
  - DWO Consent Order projects
- Rensselaer County Sewer District
  - Disinfection facilities at RCSD WWTP
  - Upgrades to interceptor system & WWTP to convey and treat peak wet weather capacity in permit
  - DWO Consent Order projects

## Potential Tier 2 Projects

- All communities
  - Floatables Control Facility (FCF) at CSOs to be determined
- Cohoes, Green Island, Watervliet , Troy & Rensselaer
  - System optimization
- Albany
  - Bouck Street tide gate



## Potential Tier 2 Projects (continued)

- Albany County Sewer District
  - Regulator improvements in all communities
  - Wet weather capacity improvements and upgrades to solids handling pumps at ACSD North and South WWTPs
  - Primary effluent diversion gate repairs
- Rensselaer County Sewer District
  - Solids handling upgrades at WWTP
  - Upgrades to collection system & WWTP to convey and treat peak wet weather capacity in permit

# Floatables Control Facilities (FCFs)

- Criteria considered in evaluation process:
  - Recreational area proximity
  - Overflow volume
  - Overflow frequency



# Recreation Areas

- Waterfront improvement projects
- Planned developments
- Parks
- Boat launches
- Marinas
- Fishing piers

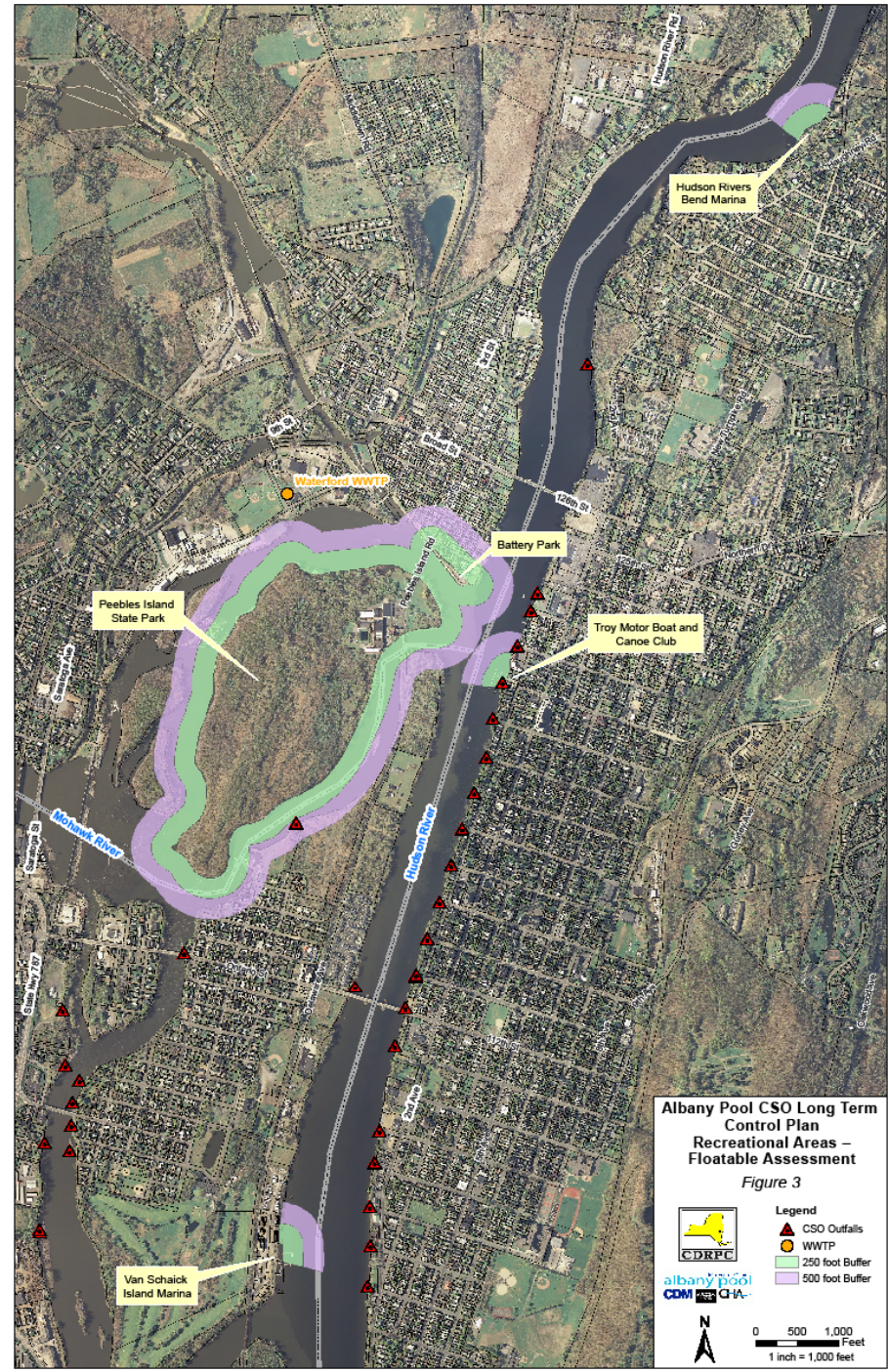


## Relation of CSOs to Recreation Areas

- Shaded buffers provided at 250 foot and 500 foot radii from each recreation area
- No tidal conditions above dam; only CSOs upstream of recreation areas highlighted
- Considering tidal conditions downstream of the dam, buffers extended up- and downstream of each recreation area
- 11 CSOs identified within 250' and 20 within 500'

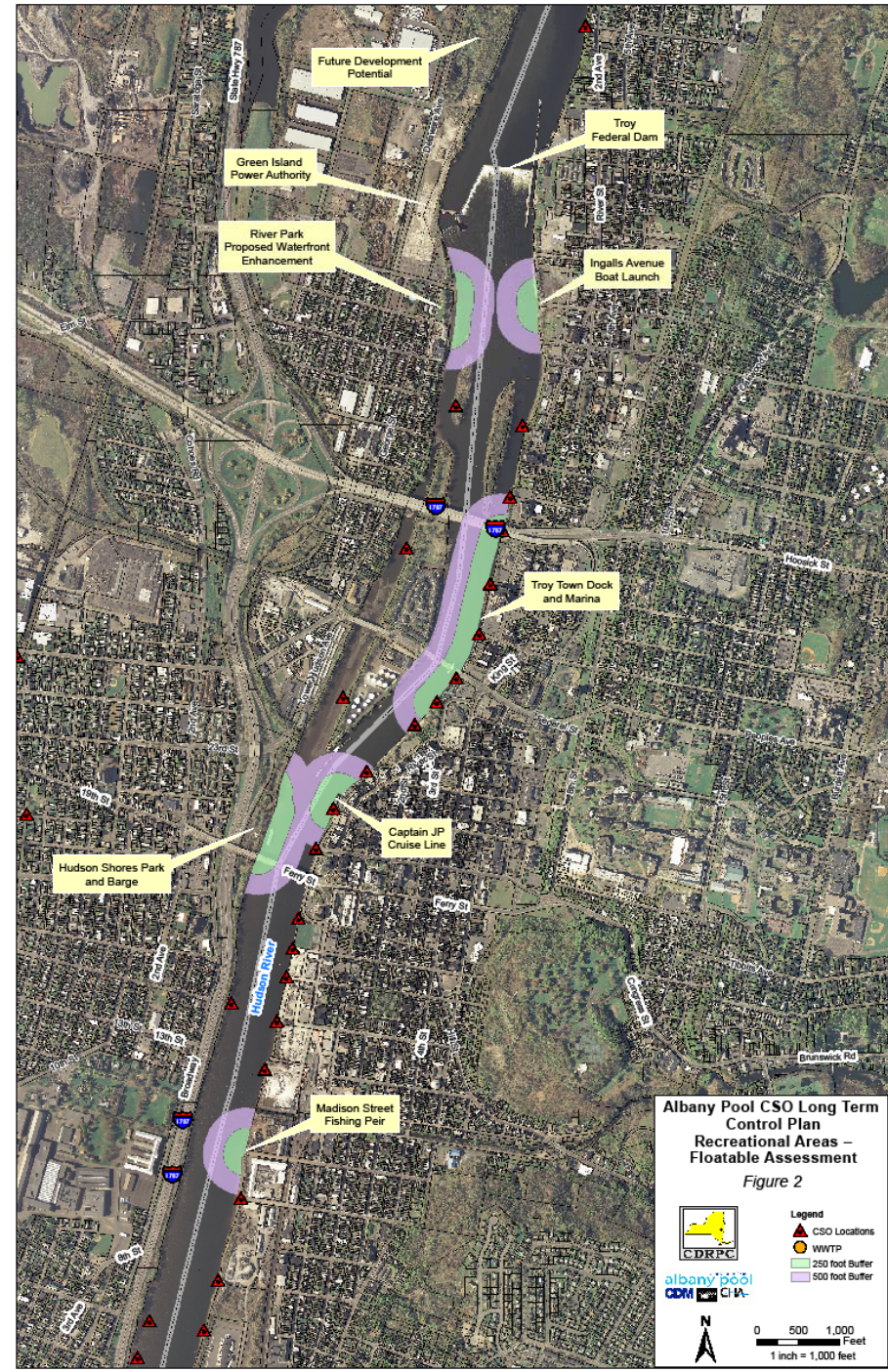
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  - CSO 005
- Troy
  - CSO 004
  - CSO 005



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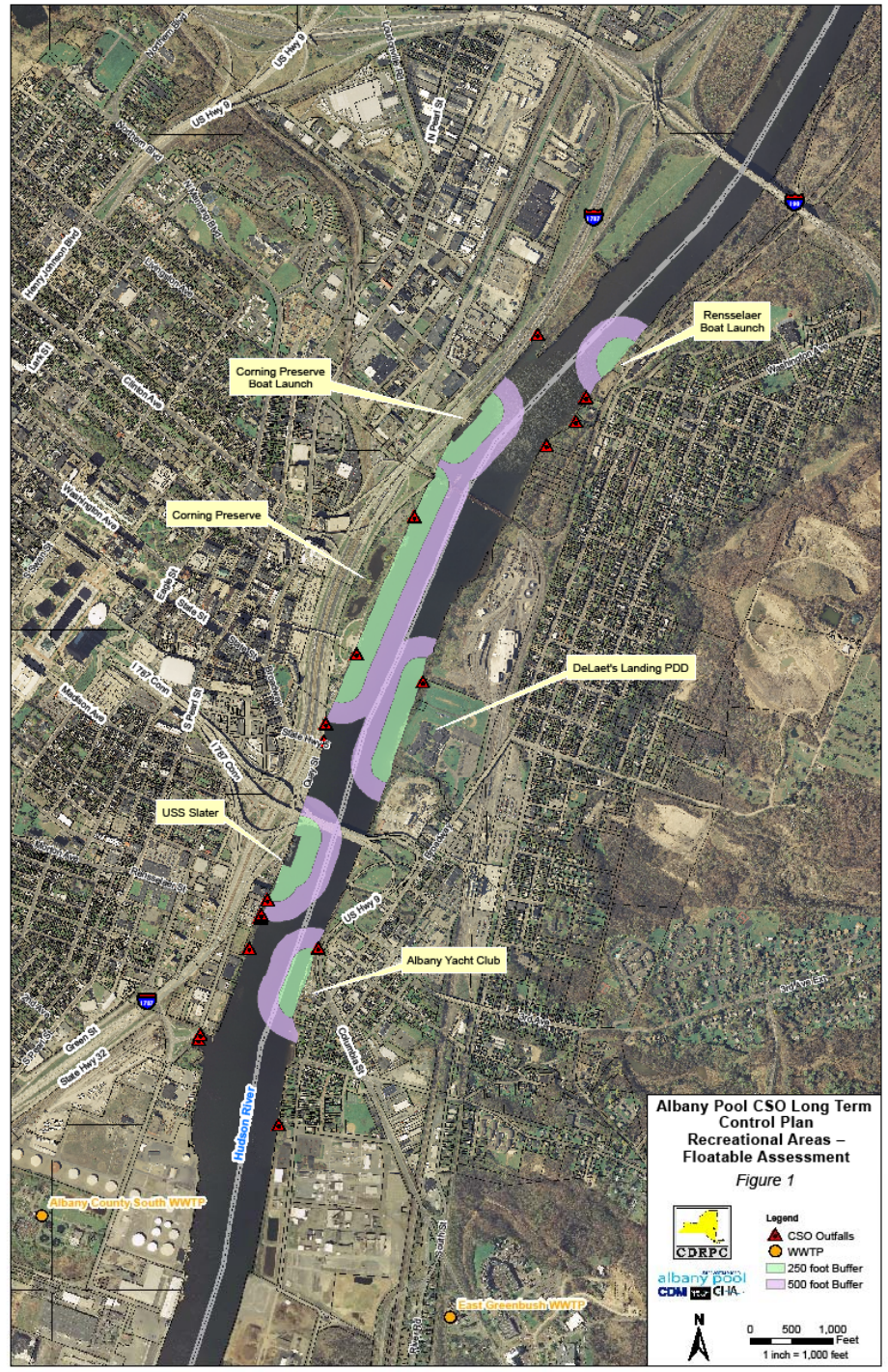
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  - CSO 028
  - CSO 029
  - CSO 030
  - CSO 031





# Potential FCF Sites

- Albany
  - CSO 016
  - CSO 017
  - CSO 018
  - CSO 022
  - CSO 029
  - CSO 031
- Rensselaer
  - CSO 003
  - CSO 006



## Next Steps

- Present/discuss baseline affordability analysis and wet weather treatment capacity evaluation results
- Identify potential projects to be included in each tier
- Estimate costs for each project, develop totals for each tier
- Perform financial analysis and develop project schedule
- Discuss costs and schedules internally; agree upon LTCP recommendations
- Run CSS model to evaluate improvements
- Present recommended plan to NYSDEC and the CAC

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