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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INTRODUCTION

Environmental Services is divided into four (4) Asset Classes: Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Solid Waste.

Per O.Reg 588/17, three (3) of these Asset Classes (Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater) are core assets and are defined as:

- Water relates to the raw water storage, production, treatment, finished water storage, supply or distribution of water;
- Wastewater relates to the collection, transmission, treatment or disposal of wastewater, which includes any wastewater asset that from time to time manages stormwater; and
- Stormwater relates to the collection, transmission, treatment, retention, infiltration, control or disposal of stormwater.

Table 1 below outlines which Asset Types are included under each Asset Class, and will be reported on in this AMP. In addition, it is important to note that the AMP only includes assets owned by the City, and does not include assets that are owned privately or by other organizations.

Table 1: Asset Type Breakdown

	Asset Class						
	Water	Wastewater	Stormwater				
	Water Treatment Plant	Wastewater Treatment Plant	Stormwater Pump Station and Chamber				
	Water Reservoirs and Pump or Booster Stations	Wastewater Pump Stations	Stormwater Ponds				
	Watermains	Gravity Mains	Gravity Mains				
Asset Type:	Water Services	Wastewater Services	Stormwater Services				
	Water Chambers	Water Chambers Forcemains Inle					
	Fire Hydrants	Maintenance Holes	Maintenance Holes				
	Valves (including automatic flushing units pressure reducing, sustaining and zone dividing valves)	Siphons	Oil and Grit Separators				
	Water Meters		Flood Gates & Levee				
	Elevated Storage Tanks		Outfalls				
			Ditches				

1.WATER ASSETS

1.1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Brantford owns and maintains several assets under the water asset class. The purpose of this section is to present specific information about the water asset class to answer the questions posed in **Section 2** of the **Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview Document**, and includes the following:

- Water Assets' Data Inventory and Condition Approach;
- Summary of Water Assets;
- Lifecycle Activities and Cost of Water Assets;
- Current Water Assets' Levels of Service;
- Current Water Assets' Performance; and
- Conclusion.

1.2. WATER ASSETS' DATA INVENTORY AND CONDITION APPROACH

Information related to the City's data collection methodologies as well as data confidence level definitions are defined in the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

The City of Brantford has three (3) different approaches to establishing the condition for water assets due to available resources, technologies, and budget restrictions:

- Condition assessments outsourced to consultants;
- Regular inspection programs conducted by City staff; and
- Estimated condition based on asset specific information.

A list of all condition assessments for all core assets can be found in **Table 6** in the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

The origin of the water asset data for inventory, replacement cost, and condition, as well as data confidence in each are provided in **Table 2** below.

Table 2: Water Assets' Inventory, Replacement Cost and Condition Origin and Data Confidence Level

	sets' Inventory, Replacement Cost and Condition Origin and Data Confidence Lev Inventory			Replacement Cost			Condition		
Asset Type	Inventory (incl. Quantity and Age) From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description	Replacement Cost From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description	Condition From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description
Water Treatment Plant (WTP)	2018 WTP Inventory and Condition Assessment - J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd	Medium	Formal condition assessment, but did not encompass all assets.	2021 Costing Technical Memorandum – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal estimate by Consultant.	2018 Water Treatment Plant Inventory and Condition Assessment - J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd	Medium	Formal condition assessment, but did not encompass all assets.
Water Pump (Booster) Stations	2016 Water Distribution Station Condition Assessment – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal inventory with few unknowns.	2021 Costing Technical Memorandum – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal estimate by Consultant.	2016 Water Distribution Station Condition Assessments – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal condition assessment with few unknowns.
Bulk Water Station	2016 Water Distribution Station Condition Assessments – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal inventory with few unknowns.	Environmental Services Unit Cost	Medium	Estimated based on internal pricing.	2016 Water Distribution Station Condition Assessments – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal condition assessment with few unknowns.
Reservoir & Elevated Storage Tanks	2016 Water Distribution Station Condition Assessments – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal inventory with few unknowns.	2021 Costing Technical Memorandum – GM Blue Plan	High	Formal estimate by Consultant.	2015 - 2020 inspections completed by Landmark Municipal Services	High	Formal condition assessment with few unknowns.
Fire Hydrants	GIS layer, wHydrant	Medium	GIS inventory complete with assumptions.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Fire Hydrant PM Program – Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection, Service Life	High	Preventative maintenance (PM) was completed on 92% of hydrants* in 2020.
Valves	GIS layer, wSystemValve	Medium	GIS inventory complete with assumptions.	Industry Equipment Costs	Low	Estimated based on manufacturer equipment prices.	Valve PM Program – Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection, Service Life	High	Preventative maintenance was completed on 67% of valves in 2020.
Watermain	GIS layer, wMain	Medium	GIS inventory complete with assumptions.	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Number of Breaks, Service Life, Minimum Size	Medium	Condition is estimated. No visual inspection is completed, which is industry standard.
Water Services	GIS Layer, wLateralLine	Medium	GIS inventory complete with assumptions.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Service Life, Minimum Size, Material	Medium	Condition is estimated. No visual inspection is completed, which is

									industry standard.
Chambers	GIS Layer, wStructure	Medium	GIS inventory complete with assumptions.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Service Life	Low	Data is based on service life.
Water Meters	CIS Infinity Data Query	Medium	CIS Infinity Data inventory complete with assumptions.	Environmental Services Unit Cost	High	Estimated based on actual unit price.	Service Life	Low	Data is based on service life.

*Hydrant program inspects 100% of City-owned and assumed hydrants but does not include hydrants that are currently unassumed (e.g. new developments).

Per **Table 2** above, Water assets' inventory and condition data are typically at a High or Medium confidence level with an overall average confidence level of Medium.

Inventory and condition data related to vertical infrastructure such as water treatment, pumping, and storage are typically at a High confidence level due to formal condition assessments and inventories having been completed by consultants.

Water assets' inventory and condition data related to linear infrastructure are typically at a High or Medium level. For High confidence level assets, an internal inspection program is typically completed on the assets (e.g. hydrants). For Medium confidence level assets, the inventories for these assets are mostly complete in GIS with some assumptions associated with the age or material of the asset, and the condition is estimated based on more than one criteria (e.g. watermain). The only assets at Low condition confidence levels are chambers and water meters, and that is because these assets are estimated solely on service life. Water meters are typically replaced on a 15 year cycle and only large diameter meters (>76mm) are inspected annually to ensure they are in good working order. The City is currently investigating the possibility of encompassing chamber inspections into the valve inspection program.

In addition, since watermain and water services are buried underground and are under pressure, it is not industry standard to complete CCTV inspections on these assets. While there are condition assessment technologies available to assess the condition of pressurized pipes (e.g. Smartball, PipeDiver etc.), they are costly inspections, and it is not industry standard to complete them on all watermain or water service assets. It is a future initiative to explore these technologies for assets that are considered high risk.

Improvements to the inventories and inspection programs will be ongoing as a result of the AIM project explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Overview document**.

1.2.1. SERVICE LIFE

Where condition assessments have not been completed, the condition has been estimated based on the estimated service life of the asset shown below in **Table 3**. The average overall estimated service life for assets can be found in **Table 5**.

Table 3: Water	Assets'	Estimated	Service	Life
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Asset	Estimated Service Life
Fire Hydrants	75 years
Valves	70 years
Watermain	Ductile Iron - 65 Years; Asbestos Cement – 75 years; Copper – 50 years; Unknown – 75 years; PCCP (Prestressed concrete cylinder pipe) – 90 years; Other (including Cast Iron, PVC (Polyvinyl chloride)) – 90 years
Water Services (from property line to watermain)	Copper – 50 years; PEX (cross-linked polyethylene) – 90 years
Chambers	100 years
Water Meters	15 years

1.2.2. CONDITION SCORING

For the purpose of this report and standardizing condition scores across all assets in the Asset Management Plan, the Condition Rating is defined by three (3) Condition Scores as defined in the table below. For assets with formal consultant condition assessments, the conditions have been modified to fit into this model.

Table 4: Condition Score Description

Condition Score	Condition Rating	Description
1 - 1.4	Good	Assets in the system or network are in working order, have no or minor deficiencies. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which are within the first 40% of their estimated service life.
1.5 - 2.4	Fair	Assets in the system or network show general signs of deterioration, some elements may have significant deficiencies, and asset will likely require repairs in the next 10 years. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which are within 41% - 80% of their estimated service life.
2.5 - 3	Poor	Asset is below standard showing signs of significant deterioration, is in danger of imminent failure, and will require repair or replacement within the next year. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which have exceeded 80% of their estimated service life.

1.3. SUMMARY OF WATER ASSETS

The summary of assets for the Water Asset Class can be found below. The summary of assets includes: Quantity, Replacement Cost, Average Age, and Average Condition Score for each asset type in accordance with O.Reg 588/17.

1.3.1. TOTAL SUMMARY OF ASSETS

A table summarizing all water assets is included in **Table 5** below. Detailed information about each asset is included in individual sections. The total replacement cost for all water assets is approximately \$697.0M and they are an average of 29 years old which is 49% of the overall average estimated service life of 58 years. The average condition scores are shown to one decimal place to illustrate how close the scores are to being on a cusp of another rating and were used to calculate the weighted overall average condition score for the asset group, but are shown rounded to the nearest whole number in subsequent sections. Although it is evident that overall water assets are in Good condition, they are approaching Fair condition with a weighted average condition score of 1.4.

Table 5: Total Summary of Water Assets

Asset	Quantity	Unit	Replaceme nt Cost	Average Age (years)	Average Estimated Service Life	% of Estimated Service Life Expended	Average Condition Score	Average Condition Description
Water A	Water Assets Total		\$697.0M	29	58	49%	1.4*	GOOD
Water Treatment Plant Site	12	faciliti es	\$187.0M	22	35	63%	1.4	GOOD
Pumping and Storage Facilities	7	struct	\$62.4M	33	31	106%	1	GOOD
Reservoirs							1.2	GOOD
Watermain	507.7	km	\$332.6M	44	84	52%	1.8	FAIR
Water Services	32,846	count	\$69.9M	37	51	73%	2.1	FAIR
Fire Hydrants	2,795	count	\$19.6M	35	75	47%	1.1	GOOD
Chambers	237	count	\$3.2M	28	100	28%	1.2	GOOD
Valves	8,673	count	\$14.8M	20	70	29%	1.1	GOOD
Water Meters	35,175	count	\$7.5M	9	15	60%	2.1	FAIR

*Denotes Weighted Average

1.3.2. WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) SITE

Facilities at the Water Treatment Plant Site treat water from the Grand River and distribute it through the watermain network to serviced properties.

It can be seen in **Figure 1** that the Water Treatment Plant Site contains twelve (12) sub-facilities with a total replacement cost of \$187M. Assets are typically in Good condition with a weighted average condition score of 1, however, the Original Lowlift Building and the Pretreatment Building were assessed to be in Fair Condition with a score of 2, and High Lift Pumps 5 & 6 are currently not operating and are considered to be in Poor condition with a score of 3.

The average age for the facilities is 22 years and was based on the construction year of the facility and is 69% of the average estimated service life of 35 years for all components, and the average age of all facility components is 14 years which is 40% of the average estimated service life.

It is important to note that the condition presented below was creating using a combination of information provided from the completed condition assessment and staff input. The weighted average was calculated assuming that the process equipment was weighted higher than the building envelope (where process equipment exists).



Figure 1: Water Treatment Plan Site Asset Summary

1.3.3. WATER STORAGE & PUMP STATION FACILITIES

Water storage facilities and pump stations maintain pressure in the watermain, and/or provide excess storage in case of a drinking water shortage.

Per **Figure 2** below, the City owns and maintains four (4) water pump stations, two (2) elevated storage tanks, and one (1) bulk water station. The Shellard Elevated Storage Tank was constructed in 2020 and has the highest replacement cost of all the elevated storage tanks. It is important to note that the King George Elevated Storage Tank will be removed in 5-10 years as it has exceeded its estimated service life of 50 years.

The pump stations with the highest replacement costs are Park Rd and Tollgate Pump Stations. The average age of the facilities is 36 years which is past the average estimated service life of 31 years, and the average age of reservoirs are 30 years. This results in an overall average age of 33 years which is past the average estimated service life of 31 years. All assets were indicated to be in Good condition with a score of 1 based on the most recent condition assessment information.

NO. OF	REPLACEMENT	AVERAGE FACILITY	AVERAGE RESERVOIR	AVERAGE ESTIMATED	AVERAGE FACILITY	AVERAGE RESERVOIR	AVERAGE CONDITION
STRUCTURES	COST	AGE (years)	AGE (years)	SERVICE LIFE		CONDITION	DESCRIPTION
7	\$62.4M	36	30	31	1	1	GOOD



Figure 2: Water Storage and Pump Station Facilities Asset Summary

1.3.4. WATERMAIN

Watermain is an underground, pressurized pipe that distributes water from the WTP to serviced properties. The City owns and maintains approximately 508 kms of watermain with a total replacement cost of \$332.6M.

It can be seen in **Figure 3** that City watermain is typically in Fair condition with an average condition score of 2. The City is currently working to replace aged watermain pipes, and PVC pipes are the most common material type used in the City. The average age of watermain in the City is 44 years old which is 52% of the average estimated service life for all pipe materials.

In addition to service life, the City also defines poor condition watermain as watermain that has exceeded 3 breaks along a section of pipe or that is undersized (<150mm).



Figure 3: Watermain Asset Summary

Note: Other materials refers to: Unknown, Prestressed Concrete Cylinder, Fibreglass Reinforced, Steel, Copper, Polypropylene, Transite, and Polyethylene.

1.3.5. WATER SERVICES

Water lateral services are pipes that connect the serviced properties to the watermain. In **Figure 4**, it is evident that there are approximately 33,000 water services in the City with a total replacement cost of \$69.9M. Due to the age of the infrastructure, water services are typically in Fair condition with a condition score of 2, and are an average of 37 years old. The average estimated service life for all materials 51 years and so while services are typically within their service lives, they are approaching end of life as 73% of their estimated service life is expended.

In addition, water services are owned by the City up until the property line when it becomes the property owner's responsibility. It can be seen that on the City side the majority of water services are copper material. As the City has replaced the City-owned portion of lead water services due to potential health and safety concerns, there are no lead services shown in **Figure 4**. However, the resident could still have a lead service on their side of the property line.



Figure 4: Water Services Asset Summary

Other materials refer to: Unknown, Polyethylene, HDPE, PVC.

1.3.6. FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants are connected to the watermain and are used by fire trucks to access water in the event of fire. It can be seen in **Figure 5** that there are approximalty 2,800 fire hydrants in the city with a total replacement cost of \$19.6M, and that fire hydrants are typically in Good condition with an average condition score of 1.

It is important to note that the condition score was based on the City's annual preventative maintenance program results which ensure the hydrant is in good working order. Where preventative maintenance was not completed (e.g. hydrants that are unassumed), the condition was based on age. Although most hydrants are in good working order, if they are beyond their service life, they should be replaced, and these replacements were encompassed in the Life Cycle Costing in **Section 1.4.4**. The data shows the oldest hydrants were installed in 1900, with a large number of hydrants installed in the 1970s and 2000s. It's important to note that these installation years contain assumptions of the installation date which explains the gaps and peaks in the data. Based on this data, the average age of a hydrant in Brantford is 35 years old which is 47% of the assumed 75 year estimated service life.



Figure 5: Fire Hydrants Asset Summary

1.3.7. CHAMBERS

Chambers are structures buried underground that contain valves which may require maintenance. Per **Figure 6** below, chambers are typically used as Air Release, Valve, and Drain chambers or a combination of the three.

There are 237 chambers in the City, and based on service life, chambers are typically in Good condition, with an average condition score of 1. The average age of chambers is 29 years which is 29% of the estimated service life of 100 years, and the total estimated replacement cost is \$3.2M.

Chambers do not yet have a condition assessment or inspection program, and this may be investigated in future as part of the valve maintenance program.



Figure 6: Chambers Asset Summary

Notes: Other chambers refers to Manhole or Service Chambers

1.3.8. VALVES

Valves are assets which can be opened and closed to allow or stop water in a pipe. It can be seen in **Figure 7** below that the most common valves found in the City are mainline and hydrant valves.

The City owns and maintains approximately 8,700 valves. Based on a combination of estimated service life and preventative maintenance inspection data, the valves are in Good condition with an average score score of 1. Valves are an average of 21 years old which is 30% of their estimated service life of 70 years, and are estimated to have a total replacement cost of \$14.8M. Similar to hydrants, although preventative maintenance inspections indicate many valves are in good working order, if they are beyond their service life, they should be replaced.

Although this data is not presented, it is important to note that the majority of valves in the City are minor valves, meaning they are less than or equal to 350mm in diameter.



Figure 7: Valves Asset Summary

Note: Other valves include: Automatic Flushers, Air Release, Bypass, Blow Off, Check, Drain, Isolation, etc

1.3.9. WATER METERS

Water meters are installed at properties that are connected to the municipal water network and are used to measure the amount of water used by the customer for billing and performance.

Per **Figure 8** below, there are approximately 35,000 water meters in the City. The average age of a water meter is 9 years which is 60% of the 15 year estimated service life. Based on service life, water meters are typically in Fair condition with an average score of 2. The replacement costs were based on the most recent meter purchase and installation prices from Environmental Services and total \$7.5M. The majority of City water meters are residential meters, with a small percentage being commercial meters.

Currently water meters are manually read every two (2) months, but the City is investigating installing smart (wireless) meters to automatically read meters in future.

NO OF METERS	REPLACEMENT COST	AVERAGE AGE (years)	ESTIMATED SERVICE LIFE	AVERAGE CONDITION SCORE	AVERAGE CONDITION DESCRIPTION
35,175	\$7.5M	9	15	2	FAIR
		WATER ME	ETER COUNT BY U	SAGE TYPE	
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Figure 8: Water Meters Asset Summary

1.4. LIFECYCLE OF WATER ASSETS

The lifecycle of water assets is described under four (4) categories which are described in this section:

- Key Lifecycle Stages of Water Assets;
- Lifecycle Activities;
- Risks of Lifecycle Activities; and
- 10 Year Lifecycle Costs of Water Assets.

1.4.1. KEY LIFECYCLE STAGES OF WATER ASSETS

The lifecycle of an asset refers to the following stages: Planning, Creation/Acquisition, Operations and Maintenance, Renewal/Disposal which are defined in the Main Body of the report. For water assets specifically our general process is as follows:



Figure 9: Lifecycle Stages of Water Assets

- Planning –The water asset has been identified as a need through the Official Plan, Master Servicing Plan, or due to an identified poor condition of an existing asset during a watermain break, condition assessment, maintenance report, site inspection, or desktop analysis. The asset is designed using all applicable codes and standards. Typically this phase also involves planning on how to optimize the value of the assets which may include: replacing neighbouring corridor assets at the same time, improving operating and maintenance efficiencies, upsizing or rerouting for growth. The business process for state of good repair for linear water assets is shown in Figure 10.
- Creation / Acquisition / Replacement The cost and requirements for the new or replacement water asset are defined. The asset is purchased, constructed and/or installed. Extra care is taken at this stage to ensure the asset is constructed properly using all appropriate design standards and guidelines to avoid any premature repairs or replacements due to installation errors.
- Operation and Maintenance The water asset is operating and delivering services to customers. Maintenance (Lifecycle) Activities are completed on the asset at specific time intervals as shown in Table 6 to prevent premature failures of the asset. Additional monitoring and potential improvements are evaluated during this process.
- 4. **Renewal / Disposal** The water asset has reached the end of its useful life, is in poor condition, and/or is underperforming, and requires disposal. The disposal considers the effect on customers such as required detouring or service disruptions which are taken into account in the Planning stage thereby restarting the cycle. The City follows industry standards when disposing of these assets.



Figure 10: Water Linear Assets Business Process

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1.4.2. LIFECYCLE ACTIVITIES

A list of the planned Lifecycle Activities, annual cost, and frequency for each Water Asset Class can be found in **Table 6** below. These activities are currently being undertaken to maintain water assets and therefore maintain the current levels of service.

Asset Type	Lifecycle Activity	2021 Annual Cost*	Frequency	
Watermain	Flushing		Dead ends twice per year and biweekly in areas with low chlorine residual, and Ad Hoc after shutdown.	Wat
Water Valves	Exercise & Inspection		5 years	Wa
Water Service	Exercise shut off (>38mm)		Ad Hoc	Wa
Automatic Flushers (encompassed under Valves)	Inspection		Biweekly	Wa
Hydropto	Inspection	\$3,709,462.00	Annually	Wa
Hydrants	Painting		5 year rotation	Wa
	Inspection		>3" annually	Wa
Water Meters	Calibration / Testing		>3" annually	Wa
	Seasonal Removal / Install		Annually	Water
	Condition Assessment (2015)	\$96,100.00	Periodic	
Water Treatment Plant	Preventative Maintenance		Per Operating Procedures	
Bulk Water Station	Backflow Inspection	\$6 611 955 00	Annually	Wa
Bulk Water Station	Winter Check Inspection	- \$6,611,855.00	Seasonally	Wa
Pump Stations	Preventative Maintenance		Per Operating Procedures	
	Condition Assessment (2016)	\$45,480	Periodic	

*2021 Annual Cost is typically based on estimates presented in the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget under 2021 Budget Gross Expenditures.

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Lifecycle activities occur on each of our water assets to maintain the state of good repair. Vertical infrastructure activities are currently typically tracked through Avantis, and linear activities are typically tracked through web mapping applications that connect to the ArcGIS database or paper records. Work order tracking will be moved over to AIM during implementation which is explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**. Information related to Avantis, and ArcGIS Collector can be found in **Section 4.2** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

When these activities are integrated into AIM, the frequency and cost associated with these activities will be better represented. At this time, the costs associated with the O&M activities on these assets are estimated based on the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget and are not formally recorded, but future updates of the AMP should include actual costs, frequency, and time associated with these activities which will be recorded through AIM.

1.4.3. RISKS OF LIFECYCLE ACTIVITIES

The identified lifecycle activities in **Table 6** above are historical activities taken on by Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection. Some risks associated with these activities include:

- **Traffic Accidents** when performing maintenance in the vicinity of traffic vehicles, there is a risk of a traffic accident. This is mitigated by implementing a traffic control plan and wearing high visibility clothing during maintenance activities in the right of way;
- **Falling** Some activities require working from heights and there is a risk of falling. This risk is mitigated by having maintenance personnel trained on all equipment and having fall arrest training where required.
- **Operator Error** When operators are operating equipment, there is a risk of an operator related accident. This risk is mitigated by ensuring all operators have the required licenses and are trained on equipment.
- **Confined Space** There are always risks associated with confined space, technicians are trained and standard operating procedures are followed to complete the task safely.
- Equipment Failure Equipment failure can occur during maintenance activities and this is mitigated by ensuring preventative maintenance is completed at regular intervals to prevent this from occurring.
- Contamination When completing maintenance there is a possibility of contaminating drinking water. Contamination can occur as a result of soil containing heavy levels of petroleum or other natural contaminants. This risk is mitigated by following standard operating procedures to keep positive pressure

on the watermain. If a contamination does occur, additional standard operating procedures exist including super chlorination.

- Utility Impact When digging into soil to locate a buried asset, there is a possibility of hitting a buried utility line. This is mitigated by ensuring locates are completed prior to digging.
- Non-Accessible Easements There are a number of easements in the City which are considered non-accessible due to private obstructions (e.g. sheds) or natural terrain, and affect the City's ability to complete preventative maintenance. The City is currently working to secure contracts to have roadways built at each location to access these assets.

However, if these activities were not completed, the risks would include:

- **Service Disruptions** due to premature failures that could have been mitigated with preventative maintenance (e.g. valve failure from not exercising valves);
- Water Quality Issues due to lack of upkeep of assets (e.g. failing chlorine residuals due to no watermain flushing);
- **Fire Safety Issues** due to lack of upkeep of hydrants (e.g. hydrant or valve failing in an emergency because it hasn't been maintained, substandard size doesn't allow fire flow).
- **Increased Cost** due to reactive repairs which could have been prevented with preventative maintenance (e.g. reactive repairs are often 3x more expensive than planned repairs).

1.4.4. 10 YEAR LIFECYCLE COSTS OF WATER ASSETS

Figure 11 below outlines the 10 year lifecycle costs of water assets. As noted on the graph, typically when the condition of an asset is estimated based on service life there are spikes in the first year to account for the backlog.

It can be seen that the largest water asset requiring the most expenditure to alleviate the backlog is watermain. It is important to note that it is estimated that the King George Elevated Storage Tank is currently planned for removal with a replacement tank installed at a new location, but that is encompassed in the Growth projects identified in **Section 8.3** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

Based on the information presented in the figure below, the total annual average capital cost for the next 10 years to alleviate the backlog and maintain the state of good repair spent on water assets is \$15.3M, and the average annual O&M cost to maintain the state of good repair is \$32.5M. Therefore, this is the amount recommended that the City invest in water assets annually to maintain the state of good repair.

It is important to note that this figure and associated costing was developed separately from other corridor assets (i.e. watermain & services, wastewater gravity pipe, maintenance holes, & services, and roadway), in reality these assets would be considered in tandem when considering a corridor section in the City in order to obtain cost efficiencies during design and construction where possible.



Figure 11: 10-Year Lifecycle Cost Per Water Asset Type

Notes:

- 1. O&M Costs are estimated based on the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget and are inflated by 3% each year. These O&M Costs are associated with both Treatment and Distribution and are partially broken down in Table 6.
- 2. WTP Site and Pump Station replacement costs and years were taken from the respective condition assessments forecasts referred to in Table 2.
- 3. Watermain replacement was based on service life unless it was estimated to exceed number of breaks or be undersized, in which case it was estimated to be in 2022 to clear the backlog.
- 4. For all other assets where no formal forecast was available, the replacement year is based on the estimated remaining service life of each asset


Per Figure 12 below, the existing 10-year forecast from 2021 – 2030, further explained in Section 8.2.2 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document, indicates that the City is currently planning to spend an average of \$7.78M on water assets capital annually, and as noted above, the required 10-year average amount is \$15.4M for water assets, which indicates there is an annual 10-year funding gap of \$7.5M for water assets. It is evident in the figure below that the City never spends the required average amount in the existing 10-year forecast, but in 2023, the City is expected to spend close to the required average. As noted on the graph, the impacts resulting from these funding gaps will be monitored and reported as appropriate. However, as the forecast continues moving forward to the end of the 10-year forecast, less budget is expected to be expended on SOGR for water assets. This indicates that the City may benefit from moving some projects which are currently beyond the 10-year forecast into the end of the forecast. Since the budget is revised annually, and the Prioritization Matrix explained in Section 9 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document is currently in its implementation phase, it is anticipated that this forecast will continue to change as City priorities shift. It is important to note that currently the City does not have access to detailed data on O&M for water assets, but with the implementation of the AIM project explained in Section 7 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document, it is anticipated this information will be provided in the next iteration of the AMP.



Figure 12: Existing Capital Budget Forecast from 2021 – 2030 for Water Assets

1.5. CURRENT LEVELS OF SERVICE

1.5.1. O.REG 588/17 CUSTOMER LEVELS OF SERVICE

Per O.Reg 588/17 there are customer levels of service the City is required to report. These levels of service are described below:

1. Description, which may include maps, of the user groups or areas of the municipality that are connected to the municipal water system.

Approximately 94% of properties are connected to the municipal water system. A map of the connected properties can be found in **Figure 13.** Areas not connected to the municipal water system are typically rural areas and empty lots. It should be noted that the area serviced by the municipal water system in Tutela Heights, within the recently acquired County lands, currently remain serviced by the County system rather than the City system. This area is expected to transfer to the City system before 2026.

2. Description, which may include maps, of the user groups or areas of the municipality that have fire flow.

Based on the 2020 Master Servicing Plan (MSP), approximately 86% of properties have known fire flow available, however, there are some unknowns in this MSP data and so it is anticipated that a higher percentage of properties have fire flow than what is represented. Although it has been shown that where hydrants are connected, fire flow is available, during the MSP, there were junctions where fire flow deficiencies were identified and these junctions can be found in **Figure 14**.

It is important to note that the City also has an agreement with the County of Brant for the use of tankers for areas that are not serviced by hydrants. The City is currently applying for the superior water shuttle certification through Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS), and once that rating is obtained, non-hydrant services areas will be considered to be serviced the same as hydrant serviced areas.

3. Description of boil water advisories and service interruptions.

There have been no boil water advisories (BWAs) over the last two (2) years at the City of Brantford. The most recent BWA was in 2018 and was due to contamination from a construction project, and not due to infrastructure deficiencies. There were 18 watermain breaks in 2020 which resulted in service interruptions. The service disruptions took one (1) day or less to resolve.



Figure 13: Map of Areas connected to municipal water system



Figure 14: Map of existing fire flow deficiencies

1.5.2. O.REG 588/17 TECHNICAL LEVELS OF SERVICE

The technical levels of service that the City is required to report in this iteration of the AMP as dictated by O.Reg 588/17 can be found in **Table 7** below:

Service	Service attribute	Technical levels of service (technical metrics)	2019	2020
Water	Scope	Scope 1. Percentage of properties connected to the municipal water system.		93.7% of 32,717 properties
		 Percentage of properties where fire flow is available. 	N/A	86.4% of 32,717 properties
	Reliability	1. The number of connection-days per year where a boil water advisory notice is in place compared to the total number of properties connected to the municipal water system.	0 connection days of 30,444 connected properties	0 connection days of 30,661 connected properties
		2. The number of connection-days per year due to water main breaks compared to the total number of properties connected to the municipal water system.	3,638 connection days* of 30,444 connected properties	4,086 connection days* of 30,661 connected properties

Table 7: O.Reg 588/17 Water Technical Levels of Service

*Connection days is defined as "the number of properties connected to a municipal system that are affected by a service issue, multiplied by the number of days on which those properties are affected by the service issue".

1.5.3. MUNICIPALLY DEFINED CUSTOMER LEVELS OF SERVICE

The customer levels of service are defined in **Section 6.2** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview**. For water assets, the asset specific interpretation of these levels of service is defined below in **Table 8**. These customer levels of service were used to create and define our technical levels of service identified in **Table 9**, **Table 10**, and **Table 11**.

Customer Level of Service	Definition
Accessibility	Water assets should be accessible to all customers connected to the municipal water network without barriers in place.
Quality	Water assets should deliver their intended purpose at a certain quality, and assets should be sufficient capacity.
Cost Efficiency	Water assets should be operated efficiently with extra care to minimize costs.
Safety	Water assets should be both safe to use and promote community safety, and customers should feel safe using these services.
Environmental Sustainability	Water assets should be operating as environmentally as possible and also be promoting sustainable lifestyles.
Reliability	Water assets should be available to customers connected to the municipal water network when needed.
Responsiveness	Water assets should be fixed promptly when unavoidable service disruptions occur.

In addition, the following seven (7) qualitative metrics for water distribution and treatment are used in the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) and are used in addition to the above defined Levels of Service to measure KPIs:

- Ensure Adequate Capacity
- Have Satisfied and Informed Customers
- Meet Service Requirements with Economic Efficiency
- Protect Public Health and Safety
- Protect the Environment
- Provide a Safe and Productive Workplace
- Provide Reliable Service and Infrastructure

1.5.4. MUNICIPALLY DEFINED TECHNICAL LEVELS OF SERVICE

For our current defined levels of service, we collect KPIs for our Water Treatment and Water Distribution which support the above defined municipally defined customer levels of service.

The Levels of Service, KPIs, and targets (where available) are presented in **Table 9** and **Table 10** below are tracked based on information required for the NWWBI. This information is mandated through that initiative, but serves as an excellent tool for a first draft of water KPIs.

Table 9: Water Distribution KPIs from NWWBI

Customer Level of Service	NWWBI metric	Technical LoS	2018 KPI	2019 KPI	Units								
Quality	Ensure Adequate Capacity	Hours of Water Storage Capacity at ADD	40.70	40.47	Hours								
	Have Satisfied and Informed	% Attainment of After Working Hours Non- Emergency Target	95%	100%	%								
	Customers	% Attainment of After Working Hours Emergency Target	100%	95%	%								
		% Attainment of During Working Hours Emergency Target	100%	100%	%								
		% Attainment of During Working Hours Non- Emergency Target	95%	95%	%								
		Water Pressure Complaints	0.69	0.50	#/1000 people served								
		Water Quality Complaints	0.47	N/A	#/1000 people served								
Cost Efficiency	Meet Service Requirement s with Economic Efficiency	Cost of Customer Billing	\$19.28	\$18.76	\$/Number of Service Connections								
		Average Unit Cost of Meters Replace	\$58.10	N/A	\$/meter								
		Cost of Fire Hydrant O&M	\$57.53	\$60.13	\$/hydrant								
		Cost of Main Break Repairs / Total O&M Cost	5.63%	3.73%	%								
		Cost of Performing Locates	\$206.39	\$461.64	\$/km								
		Cost of Water Quality Monitoring	\$2.49	\$2.30	\$/capita								
		Cost to provide Water - Capital	\$82.33	\$165.81	\$/population served								
										Cost to provide Water - Debt Servicing	\$23.94	\$23.51	\$/population served
									Cost to provide Water - Indirect Cost	\$22.40	\$22.79	\$/population served	
		Cost to provide Water - O&M Cost	\$251.25	\$127.69	\$/population served								
				Cost to provide Water - Water Customer Billing	\$6.48	\$6.26	\$/population served						
		FTEs (includes O&M, Program Support and Clerical, Supervisor/Management)	\$3.22	2.83	#/100km length								
			Indirect Costs (incl Administration Overheads, Conservation Area Charges, Property Taxes)	\$22.40	22.79	\$/population served							
		Inhouse Metering Field FTEs	0.03	0.03	#/1000 meters								

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Safety	Protect Public Health	Average Trihalomethanes (THMs)	0.04	0.03	mg/L
	and Safety	Average value for Turbidity	0.06	0.38	NTU
		Boil Water Advisory Days	0	0.00	#
		Connections Affected by Boil Water Advisory (BWA)	0	0.00	# / 1000 service connections
		Days with Total Coliform	13	7.00	Days
	Provide a Safe and	Cost of Overtime Hours	\$8,677.86	\$5,920.43	\$/O&M FTE
	Productive Workplace	Distribution of Workforce Age 20 - 30	10.53%	8.57%	%
		Distribution of Workforce Age 31 - 40	52.63%	51.43%	%
		Distribution of Workforce Age 41 - 50	13.16%	11.43%	%
		Distribution of Workforce Age 51 - 60	18.42%	22.86%	%
		Distribution of Workforce Age 61 - 70	5.26%	5.71%	%
		Field Accidents with Lost Time	0.04	0.00	#/1000 O&M Labour Hours
		Lost Hours due to Field Accidents	10.13	0.00	#/1000 O&M Labour Hours
		Sick Days Taken	13.9	10.10	# / O&M Employee
		Total Available O&M Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours	78.93%	76.57%	%
		Total Overtime Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours	6.32%	4.98%	%
		Unavailable O&M Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours (incl. Expended Banked Time, Long Term Leave, Other Training, Safety Training, Sick Time, Vacation)	21.09%	23.43%	%
Environmental Sustainability	Protect the Environment	Average Residential Daily Consumption	167.32	161.49	L/Cap/d
		Cost of Water Conservation Program	0.9	0.88	\$/capita
		Days of water restrictions	90	90	#
		Peaking Factor	1.36	1.44	MDD/ADD
		Percent Metered	100	100%	%
Reliability	Provide Reliable Service and	Capital Reinvestment / Replacement Value	2.49%	5.50%	%
	Infrastructure	Hydrants Inspected	100%	96.03%	%
		Hydrants Winterized	0	0.00%	%
		Inoperable or Leaking Hydrants (%)	0.29	0.32%	%
		Inoperable or Leaking Valves (%)	0.44	0.34%	%

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	Main Breaks	4.80	3.36	# / 100 km Length
	Main Length Replaced or Relined (%)	0.57%	0.51%	%
Responsiveness	Customer Days without Service	0.01	0	Days / Total # of Service Connections

Table 10: Water Treatment KPIs from NWWBI

Customer Level of Service	NWWBI Metric	Technical Level of Service	2018 KPI	2019 KPI	Units						
Quality	Ensure Adequate Capacity	Average Day Demand / Existing Water License Capacity	32.88%	33.07%	%						
Cost Efficiency	Meet Service Requirements with Economic	Chemical Cost	\$62.24	\$79.32	\$/ML Treated						
	Efficiency	Energy Consumed	843.94	925.28	kWh/ML Treated						
		FTEs relative to Volume Treated (incl Laboratory, O&M, Program Support / Clerical, Supervisor / Management, Technical / Engineering)	1.56	1.74	FTEs / 1000ML Treated						
		O&M Cost	\$664.25	\$622.48	\$/ML Treated						
		Capital Reinvestment Cost		\$94.40	\$/ML Treated						
Safety	Protect Public Health and Safety	Average Annual Treated Water Turbidity	0.06	0.04	Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)						
		Days in Turbidity Ranges for Raw Water < 1 NTU	0	0.00%	%						
		Days in Turbidity Ranges for 1 < Raw Water < 5 NTU	21.64%	39.45%	%						
		Days in Turbidity Ranges for 5 < Raw Water < 15 NTU	50.68%	47.40%	%						
		Days in Turbidity Ranges for 15 < Raw Water < 50 NTU	23.56%	10.68%	%						
		Days in Turbidity Ranges for Raw Water > 50 NTU	4.11%	2.47%	%						
		Days over Group Nitrate Target of 10 mg/L for Treated Water	0	0	#						
									Days over Group Turbidity Target for Treated Water	0	0
		Raw Water Dissolved Carbon	4	4.25	mg/L						
		Raw Water Total Organic Carbon	4	5.00	mg/L						
		Total Coliform Occurrences in Treated Water	0	0	#						
		Treated Water Dissolved Carbon		2.75	mg/L						
		Treated Water Total Organic Carbon	3	2.75	mg/L						
	Provide a Safe and Productive	Cost of Overtime Hours	\$2,753.18	\$3,745.23	\$ / O&M FTE						
	Workplace	Field Accidents with Lost Time	0	0	# / 1000 O&M						

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					Labour Hours
		Lost Hours due to Field Accidents	0	0	# / 1000 O&M Labour Hours
		Sick Days Taken	7.3	13.5	# / O&M Employees
		Total Overtime Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours	2.22%	3.11%	%
		Unavailable O&M Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours (incl. Expended Banked Time, Other Training, Safety Training, Sick Time, Vacation)	19.03%	23.66%	%
Environmental Sustainability	Protect the Environment	GHG Emissions from Energy Consumed	68.40	75.21	kg CO2e / ML Treated
		Percent Backwash Waste Treated	100%	88.61%	%
		Water Wasted During Treatment Process	9.65%	12.39%	%
Reliability	Provide Reliable Service and	Capital Investment / Replacement Value	0.35	0.60%	%
	Infrastructure	Unit Filter Run Volume	300	300	m3/m2
Responsiveness		Unplanned Hours where plant could not operate at Rated Capacity	0	0	#

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In addition, the City is also working to include additional levels of service to evaluate organization specific KPIs at an internal level. These KPIs have been provided in **Table 11**. The AIM project will also assist us with identifying and adding additional KPIs in future iterations because a system will be available to formally track this data.

Customer Level of Service	Technical LoS	2019 KPI	2020 KPI	Target	Units
Quality	Length of newly installed watermain	7.88	2.1	N/A	km
	Number of abandoned watermain segments	22	25	N/A	Count
Cost Efficiency			9	N/A	Count
Safety	Number of lead pipe grant applications received	101	83	N/A	Count
	Number of successful lead pipe grant application	83	71	N/A	Count
	# of property owner lead services	N/A	2,490	0	Count
Reliability	% of Municipally Owned Hydrants where Preventative Maintenance was Completed*	N/A	92%	100%	%
	# of hydrants with identified deficiencies during inspection	N/A	51	N/A	Count
	% of Municipally Owned Valves where Preventative Maintenance was Completed	N/A	25%	18% +/- 5%	%
	# of Valves with identified deficiencies	N/A	79	N/A	Count

Table 11: Newly Defined Level of Service KPIs

Responsiven ess	Average # of hours to resolve watermain service disruption	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average hours
	Average # of hours to resolve water service, service disruption	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average hours

*Hydrant program inspects 100% of City-owned and assumed hydrants but does not include hydrants that are currently unassumed (e.g. new developments).

1.6. CURRENT ASSET PERFORMANCE

The current asset performance for water assets has been separated into two (2) categories for this section of the report:

- Energy Performance; and
- Operating Performance

1.6.1. WATER FACILITY CURRENT ENERGY PERFORMANCE

The City of Brantford has a Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP) which emphasizes energy efficiency within the City. The goals of the CEMP are to reduce energy use, energy intensity, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in City Facilities. In addition, through the City's Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Lens Tool explained in **Section 10** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**, the City will be working to improve our facilities' energy efficiency and reduce the associated carbon footprint. Under this plan, annual energy management data is reported, but has a reporting delay of two (2) years. The most recent report is the 2019 Corporate Energy Management Report which is where the current energy performance of each water facility in **Table 12** below was obtained.

Facility	Address	Electricity (kWh)*	Natural Gas (m3)*	GHG Emissions (kg)*	Annual Flow (Mega Litres)	Energy Intensity (ekWh/Mega Litre)*
TOTAL	-	10,668,251	228,589	757,271	-	-
Water Treatment Plant	324 Grand River Ave	8,242,647	200,613	630,462	12,077	859
Albion St Booster Station	180 Albion St	59,590	N/A	1,816	75.5	789
Tollgate Rd Booster Station	106 Tollgate Rd	747,268	N/A	22,772	2,469	303
Park Rd Pump	310 Campbell	620,264	5,582	29,455	2,471	275

Table 12: Current Energy Performance of Water Facilities

Station	St					
Northwest Pump Station	5 Kraemer's Way	998,482	22,394	72,766	2,093	591

*Based on information provided in the 2019 Corporate Energy Management Report

1.6.2. WATER FACILITY CURRENT OPERATING PERFORMANCE

To assess the current operating performance, the City participates in the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) with other municipalities. The City reports specific data metrics for the purposes of comparing Brantford to other municipalities as well as compares reported KPIs from each year. It is important to note that a confidentiality agreement exists with other municipalities, and so although Brantford does compare our performance against other municipalities, that comparison cannot be included in this report. These KPIs are reported in the Current Levels of Service in **Section 1.5**. When comparing Brantford's 2018 to the 2019 NWWBI KPI numbers, it can be seen that many numbers remained consistent. However, there was a significantly different cost increase from 2018 to 2019 to perform locates and the cost of overtime hours decreased for distribution and increased for treatment.

In addition, the City received a perfect score in 2020 on the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)'s Brantford Drinking Water System Annual Inspection. The unannounced on-site inspection of the Water Treatment Plant, reservoirs, and elevated strorage tank occurs every three (3) years, and includes a throrough inspection of the system including records review, documents, maintenance activities, staff training, and data.

1.7. DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the City of Brantford operates and maintains several water assets. These assets are typically in Good condition, but are approaching Fair condition, with a total estimated replacement cost of approximately \$697M.

The inventory and condition data confidence for vertical assets related to treatment and storage are typically at a High level due to formal condition assessments having been completed. The linear water asset inventory and condition data confidence is typically Medium. Assets that can be visually inspected are typically at a high level for both inventory and condition, where assets that are not able to be visually inspected are typically at a medium level due to inventory assumptions in the database and estimated condition based on available information, which is industry standard (e.g. watermain, water services, < 76mm water meters). These inventory assumptions are continuously being improved as new data is added into the database. In addition, new condition assessment methodologies are being investigated for critical assets. It has been noted that a chambers inspection could be added to the valve inspection program, and this will be investigated as a future initiative. As stated, some of these inspection improvements are ongoing and also will improve as a result of the AIM project explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview** document.

Furthermore, the lifecycle stages for water assets includes: Planning, Creation, O&M, and Disposal. During the Planning stage, the City identifies the need for the asset; during the Creation stage, the asset is purchased and installed or constructed; during the O&M stage, the asset is operating and lifecycle activities (i.e. maintenance) occur on each of our water assets to maintain the state of good repair; and the Disposal stage is when the asset has reached the end of its useful life or is underperforming and requires disposal.

Lifecycle activities are currently typically tracked through Avantis CMMS for vertical assets or a mobile web application through ArcGIS for linear assets which provides limited data to ensure compliance only. For more information on key database applications and work order management, please refer to **Section 4.2** and **Section 7**, respectively, in the **AMP Overview** document. At this time, the costs associated with these activities are partially broken down as a lump sum and are estimated based on the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget, which is created based on the total O&M expenditures from previous years. When these activities are integrated into AIM, the frequency and costs associated with specific activities will be better represented. Therefore, future updates of the AMP will include specific costs for these activities as

well as the time associated with these activities in order to properly allocate budget and identify operational inefficiencies.

It is estimated based on the average annual cost in the 10 Year Life Cycle Costing that the City should be spending an average \$15.3M annually for capital water assets and will be spending an average of \$32.5M on O&M for water assets, however, the City is currently proposing to spend an average of \$7.8M annually on capital for water assets' state of good repair.

Additionally, Current Levels of Service have been identified for water assets. These levels of service are either tracked based on reported information required for the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) or are newly identified levels of service metrics for future iterations of the AMP. The NWWBI information is mandated through this initiative, but serves as a tool for a first draft of the water asset KPIs. Brantford is also working to include these and additional metrics in AIM which will assist us with tracking these and future KPIs for future iterations.

Finally, asset performance is separated into operating and energy performance. For operating performance the City compares NWWBI data with surrounding municipalities as well as against previous years' data. In addition, the City received a perfect score in the 2020 MECP Drinking Water Annual Inspection.

For energy performance, annual energy data associated with facilities in the City's Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP) has been reported. The City used a total of 10,668,251 kWh for water treatment and pumping, and emitted 757,271 kg of gas emissions for these facilities. The City is continuously looking for ways to improve the energy efficiency of all facilities. Through the Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Lens Tool explained in **Section 10** of the **AMP Overview** document, the City will be setting targets to improve facilities' energy efficiency and reduce the associated carbon footprint.

2.WASTEWATER ASSETS

2.1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Brantford owns and maintains several assets under the wastewater asset class. The purpose of this section is to present specific information about the Wastewater Asset class so that we can answer the questions posed in **Section 2** of the **Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview Document**, and includes the following:

- Wastewater Assets' Data Inventory and Condition Approach;
- Summary of Wastewater Assets;
- Lifecycle Activities and Cost of Wastewater Assets;
- Current Wastewater Assets' Levels of Service;
- Current Wastewater Asset Performance; and
- Conclusion.

2.2. WASTEWATER ASSETS' DATA INVENTORY AND CONDITION APPROACH

The City of Brantford has different approaches to establishing the condition for each wastewater asset due to available resources, technologies, and budget restrictions.

There are three (3) approaches we use to assess the condition of our wastewater assets:

- Outsourced condition assessments to consultants;
- Regular inspection programs conducted by City employees; and
- Estimated condition based on asset specific information.

A list of all condition assessments for all core assets can be found in **Table 6** in the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

The origin of the wastewater asset data for inventory, replacement cost, condition as well as data confidence are provided in **Table 13** below.

Table 13: Wastewater Assets' Inventory, Replacement Cost, and Condition Origin and Confidence Levels

	r Assets' Inventory, Replacement Cost In	ventory		Replacement Cost			Condition		
Asset Type	Inventory (incl. Quantity and Age) From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description	Replacement Cost From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description	Condition From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description
Wastewater Treatment Plant	2017 Condition Assessment and Strategic Plan completed by CIMA	Medium	GIS inventory complete with some field assumptions.	2021 Costing Technical Memorandum by GM Blue Plan	High	Formal estimate by Consultant.	2017 Condition Assessment and Strategic Plan completed by CIMA	Medium	Formal Condition Assessment, but did not include all components.
Wastewater Pump Stations	2015 Pump Station Condition Assessment completed by GM Blue Plan	High	Formal inventory with few unknowns.	2021 Costing Technical Memorandum by GM Blue Plan	High	Formal estimate by Consultant.	2015 Pump Station Condition Assessment completed by GM Blue Plan	Medium	Formal condition assessment with few unknowns, but possibly outdated.
Forcemains	GIS layer - ssPressurizedMain	High	Complete GIS layer.	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Service Life	Low	Inventory is complete, but while service life can be a predictor of condition, it does not always indicate the true condition.
Gravity Main	GIS layer - ssGravityMain	High	Formal inventory with few unknowns.	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	CCTV Inspection program, Material Service Life	Medium	Formal inspection program, but not yet encompassing all assets.
Wastewater Services	GIS layer - ssLateralLine	Low	GIS inventory not complete with all assets.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Service Life	Low	Inventory is not complete, and while service life can be a predictor of condition, it does not always indicate the true condition.
Maintenance Holes	GIS layer - ssManhole	Medium	GIS inventory complete with some field assumptions.	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Maintenance Hole Condition Assessment program, Service Life	Medium	Formal condition assessment, but annual program not yet encompassing all assets (approx. 10% assessed).

Siphons	GIS layer - ssGravityMain	Medium	GIS inventory complete with some field assumptions.	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	2019 Gilkison Siphon Condition Assessment, Material Service Life	Medium	Condition Assessment completed on three barrels, but not on all siphons. Inventory is complete, but while service life can be a predictor of condition, it does not always indicate the true condition.
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Per **Table 13** above, excluding wastewater services, wastewater assets' inventory and condition data are typically at a High or Medium confidence level with an overall average confidence level of Medium.

Inventory and condition data related to vertical infrastructure such as wastewater treatment and pumping, are typically at a High confidence level due to formal condition assessments and inventories having been completed by consultants.

Wastewater assets' inventory and condition data related to linear infrastructure are typically at a Medium level. The inventories for these assets are mostly complete in GIS with some assumptions associated with the age or material of the asset, and the condition is estimated based on more than one (1) criteria (e.g. siphons).

The only asset at a Low inventory and condition confidence level is wastewater services, and that is because the inventory for these assets is incomplete and the condition is based solely on the service life which contains unknowns due to the incomplete inventory. The City is working to add in the missing wastewater services data using As-Built drawings.

Improvements to the inventories and inspection programs will be ongoing as a result of the AIM project explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview document**.

2.2.1. SERVICE LIFE

Where condition assessments have not been completed, the condition has been estimated based on the estimated service life of the asset presented in **Table 14** below. The average overall estimated service life for assets can be found in **Table 16**.

Asset	Estimated Service Life				
Gravity Main, Siphons	ABS (Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene) – 90 years, Concrete – 100 years, Clay – 70 years, Cast Iron – 90 years, PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) – 90 years, Asbestos Cement – 70 years, FRP (Fibreglass Reinforced Pipe) – 90 years, Ductile Iron – 65 years, HDPE (High Density Poly Ethylene) 90 years, Unknown – 50 years, Steel – 90 years, Polyethylene – 90 years				
Maintenance Holes	100 years				
Forcemains	PVC – 90 years, Asbestos Cement – 70 years, Polyethylene – 90 years				
Wastewater Services	ABS – 90 years, Concrete – 100 years, Clay – 70 years, Cast Iron – 90 years, PVC – 90 years, Asbestos Cement – 70 years, Fibreglass Reinforced Pipe – 90 years, Ductile Iron – 65 years, HDPE 90 years, Unknown – 50 years				

2.2.2. CONDITION SCORING

For the purpose of this report and standardizing condition scores across all assets in the Asset Management Plan, the Condition Rating is defined by three (3) Condition Scores as defined in **Table 15** below. For assets with formal consultant condition assessments, the conditions have been modified to fit into this model.

Condition Score	Condition Rating	Description
1 – 1.4	Good	Assets in the system or network are in working order, have no or minor deficiencies. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which are within the first 40% of their estimated service life.
1.5 – 2.4	Fair	Asset in the system or network show general signs of deterioration, some elements may have significant deficiencies, and asset will likely require repairs in the next 10 years. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which are within 41% - 80% of their estimated service life.
2.5 - 3	Poor	Asset is below standard showing signs of significant deterioration, are in danger of imminent failure, and will require repair or replacement within the next year. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which have exceeded 80% of their estimated service life.

 Table 15: Condition Score Description

2.3. SUMMARY OF WASTEWATER ASSETS

The summary of assets for the Wastewater Asset Class can be found below. The summary of assets includes: Quantity, Replacement Cost, Average Age, and Average Condition Score for each asset type in accordance with O.Reg 588/17.

2.3.1. TOTAL SUMMARY OF ASSETS

A table summarizing all wastewater assets is included in **Table 16** below. Detailed information about each asset is included in individual sections. The total replacement cost for wastewater assets is approximately \$643M with an average age of 36 years which is 51% of the total average overall estimated service life for the asset class. The average condition scores are shown to one decimal place to illustrate how close the scores are to being on a cusp of another rating and were used to calculate the weighted overall average condition score for the asset group, but are shown rounded to the nearest whole number in subsequent sections. Although it is evident that overall wastewater assets are in Good condition, they are approaching Fair condition with a weighted average condition score of 1.4.

Asset	Quantity	Unit	Replacement Cost	Average Age (years)	Average Estimated Service Life	Percentage of Estimated Service Life	Average Condition Score	Average Condition Description
Wastewater Total		\$643.1M	36	70	51%	1.4*	51%	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Site	20	struct ures	\$277.0M	39	31	135%	1.6	FAIR
Pump Stations	9	buildi ngs	\$37.0M	29	39	79%	1.4	GOOD
Forcemains	4	km	\$2.4M	18	87	21%	1.1	GOOD
Gravity	432	km	\$279.8M	42	84	50%	1.1	GOOD

 Table 16: Total Summary of Wastewater Assets

Mains								
Wastewater Services	10,187	count	\$16.3M	36	68	53%	1.7	FAIR
Maintenance Holes	6,146	count	\$27.7M	43	100	43%	1.2	GOOD
Siphons	2.8	km	\$2.9M	37	82	45%	1.3	GOOD

*Denotes Weighted Average

2.3.2. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) SITE

The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Site is a number of facilities which contribute to the treatment of sewage collected from properties connected to the municipal wastewater network. The Brantford WWTP is a conventional activated sludge plant (primary and secondary treatment).

Per **Figure 15** below, the WWTP is made up of 20 facilities with a total replacement cost for the entire site being \$277M. The average facility age is 41 years, and the average process equipment age is 37 years, which is an overall site average of 39 years, and is past the estimated service life of 31 years. The condition data below is based on available condition assessment information and a weighted average condition score of 2 or Fair was calculated with a higher weight towards process equipment. The distribution of overall weighted condition data for each facility is below.



Figure 15: Wastewater Treatment Plant Asset Summary

2.3.3. WASTEWATER PUMP STATIONS

Wastewater Pump Stations are responsible for collecting wastewater at a low point from a catchment area and pumping it to a higher point in the gravity system to be outlet at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Site for treatment.

Per **Figure 16** below, there are nine (9) Wastewater Pump Stations which are typically in Good condition with an average condition score of 1. The average age of a pump station facility is 31 years, and the average age of the internal equipment is 33 years which equals an overall facility average of 29 years which is 74% of the estimated service life of 39 years. The total replacement cost for all pump stations is \$37.0M. The cost and conditions for each pump station are broken down below.

At the time of writing this report, there are upgrades being completed on the Fifth Ave P.S. and so it is assumed to now be in Good condition.



Figure 16: Wastewater Pump Station Asset Summary

2.3.4. FORCEMAIN

A forcemain is a pressurized main containing wastewater which is pressurized by a pump typically from a pump station.

It can be seen in **Figure 17** below that City of Brantford has a total of 3.7km of forcemain in the City which are in overall Good condition with an average condition score of 1, and an average age of 18 years which is 20% of the average estimated service life of 87 years. The only forcemain considered to be in Fair condition based on service life is the Woodlawn Ave forcemain. The total replacement cost for all seven (7) forcemain locations is \$2.4M.

It is important to note that two (2) of the pump stations (Empey P.S. and Somerset P.S.) do not have forcemain and pump directly into gravity main, and the Fifth Ave P.S. forcemain was recently replaced with two (2) twinned 300mm diameter forcemains. Additionally, there is currently not a City swabbing program because most pump stations do not have a swab launch, and this will be reviewed in future.



Figure 17: Forcemain Asset Summary

2.3.5. WASTEWATER GRAVITY (SEWER) MAIN

Wastewater gravity main is buried underground and carries wastewater from wastewater services to pump stations and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City completes CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) inspections on this asset which involves sending a robot with a camera to inspect the inside of the pipe to determine any defects or rehabilitation needs.

Per **Figure 18** below, the City has a total of 432.1km of wastewater gravity main which are in overall Good condition with an average condition score of 1. The total replacement cost for gravity main in the City is \$279.8M and the average age of pipe is 42 years which is 50% of the average estimated service life of 84 years. The most common wastewater gravity main is PVC followed by Asbestos Cement (PVC).



Figure 18: Wastewater Gravity Main Asset Summary

2.3.6. WASTEWATER SERVICES

A wastewater lateral service is a pipe that connects serviced properties to the wastewater gravity main. Per **Figure 19** below, it can be seen that there are approximately 10,200 known services in the City which have a total replacement cost of \$16.3M. The average age of known services is 36 years which is 53% of the overall average estimated service life of 68 years. Based on estimated service life, the average condition is Fair with an average condition score of 2. Per the figure below, it is evident that most material types are unknown, and so, as a result, the condition assumptions are also at a low confidence level. It is important to note that services are owned by the City up until the property line when it becomes the property owner's responsibility, and the information below exclusively includes information related to the City owned service. In addition, it is important to note that the wastewater services layer inventory is incomplete and should be closer to the 30,000 services estimated for water services. Although there is some confidence in the known data in GIS, the City is in the process of adding missing services using As-Built information. Therefore it is expected that the data quantities will change as the data confidence increases.



Figure 19: Wastewater Services Asset Summary

2.3.7. WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE HOLES

A wastewater maintenance hole (sometimes referred to as a manhole) is an underground structure which is an access point for the wastewater main so that it can be maintained or flushed. The City owns approximately 6,150 maintenance holes with a total replacement cost of \$27.7M. Maintenance holes are an average age of 43 years which is 43% of the 100-year estimated service life. There is an annual condition assessment program where a portion of maintenance holes are inspected every year, but the City has not yet completed an inspection of all maintenance holes. In addition, some maintenance holes have been visually assessed internally for maintenance purposes. Therefore, based on a combination of data obtained from the condition assessment program, internal inspections, and service life, maintenance holes have an average condition rating of Good with an average condition score of 1.

It can be seen in **Figure 20** below that the majority of maintenace holes have been installed in the last 80 years with installation dates occurring earlier than 1900. Although maintenance holes that are past the service life may be identified as good, if they are well past their service life, they should be planned for replacement.



Figure 20: Wastewater Maintenance Hole Asset Summary

2.3.8. SIPHONS

A siphon is a pipe connected to the rest of the wastewater gravity system that carries wastewater flows under rivers or canals. The City has five (5) crossing points under the Grand River which are considered siphons.

Per **Figure 21** below, there is a total length of 2.8km of siphon pipe length, with a total replacement cost of \$2.9M. The average age of a City siphon is 37 years, which is 45% of the average estimated service life of 82 years. The average condition based on a combination of available condition data and service life is Good with an average condition score of 1. The most common material used by length of pipe is polyethylene, however there are also cast iron, ductile iron, and concrete siphons as seen below.



Figure 21: Siphon Asset Summary

2.4. LIFECYCLE OF WASTEWATER ASSETS

The lifecycle of Wastewater assets consists of four (4) categories which are described in this section:

- Key Lifecycle Stages of Wastewater Assets;
- Lifecycle Activities;
- Risks of Lifecycle Activities; and
- 10 Year Lifecycle Costs of Wastewater Assets.

2.4.1. KEY LIFECYCLE STAGES OF WASTEWATER ASSETS

The lifecycle of an asset refers to the following stages: Planning, Creation/Acquisition, Operations and Maintenance, Renewal/Disposal which are further defined in the Asset Management Plan Overview Document. For Wastewater assets specifically our general process is as follows:



Figure 22: Lifecycle Stages of Wastewater Assets

- Planning The wastewater asset has been identified as a need through the Official Plan, Master Servicing Plan, or due to an identified poor condition of an existing asset during a CCTV inspection, maintenance report, site inspection, customer complaint, or desktop analysis. The asset is designed using all applicable codes and standards. Typically this phase also involves planning on how to optimize the value of the assets which may include: replacing neighbouring corridor assets at the same time, improving operating and maintenance efficiencies, upsizing or rerouting for growth. The business process for state of good repair for linear wastewater assets is shown in Figure 23.
- Creation / Acquisition / Replacement The cost and requirements for the new or replacement wastewater asset are defined. The asset is purchased, constructed and/or installed. Extra care is taken at this stage to ensure the asset is constructed properly using all appropriate design standards and guidelines to avoid any premature repairs or replacements due to installation errors.
- 3. **Operation and Maintenance** The wastewater asset is operating and delivering services to customers. Maintenance (Lifecycle) Activities are completed on the asset at specific time intervals as indicated in **Section 2.4.2** below to prevent premature failures of the asset. Additional monitoring and potential improvements are evaluated during this process.
- 4. Renewal / Disposal The wastewater asset has reached the end of its useful life, is in poor condition, and/or is underperforming, and requires disposal. The disposal considers the effect on customers such as required detouring or service disruptions which are taken into account in the Planning stage thereby restarting the cycle. The City follows industry standard when disposing of these assets.



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Figure 23: Wastewater Linear Assets Business Process

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2.4.2. LIFECYCLE ACTIVITIES

A list of the planned Lifecycle Activities, annual cost, and frequency for each Wastewater Asset Class can be found in **Table 17** below. These activities are currently being undertaken to maintain our Wastewater assets and therefore maintain the current levels of service.

Table 17: Lifecycle Activites for Wastewater Assets

Asset Type	Lifecycle Activity	2021 Annual Cost*	Frequency	Completed by
Pump Station	Preventative	\$5,159,799	Based on SOP	Wastewater Operations
WWTP	Maintenance Activities		intervals	Wastewater Operations
Forcemain	Repair		As needed	Contracted Service - Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	Condition Assessment	\$50,000	As Needed	Contracted Service - Asset Management
Gravity Main	Spot Repairs	\$1,097,947	As needed	Contracted Service - Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	Lining		As needed	Contracted Service – Design & Construction
	Cleaning		1 every 5 years	Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	Grouting		As needed	Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	CCTV Inspection		1 every 10 years	Contracted Service - Asset Management
	Reaming		As needed	Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	Root Cutting		As needed	Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
Wastewater Services	Lining		As needed	Contracted Service - Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	Top Hat Installation		As needed	Contracted Service - Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	CCTV Inspection		As needed	Contracted Service - Asset Management
Maintenance Holes	Inspection		Visual inspection as entered	Water Distribution and Watewater Collection
	Seal		As needed	Contracted Service - Water Distribution and Watewater Collection

				Collection
	Condition Assessment (2020)	\$43,897	As needed	Contracted Service - Asset Management
	Flow Monitoring	\$18,000 per location	As needed	Contracted Service - Asset Management
Siphons	CCTV Inspection and Cleaning	\$3.91 per meter	As needed	Contracted Service - Asset Management
	Critical Siphons Inspection and Cleaning	Included in \$1,097,947 cost above	Every 2 Weeks	Water Distribution and Watewater Collection

*2021 Annual Cost is typically based on estimates presented in the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget under 2021 Budget Gross Expenditures.
Lifecycle activities occur on each of our wastewater assets to maintain the state of good repair (SOGR). Activities related to vertical assets (i.e. facilities) are currently tracked through Avantis. The information tracked includes: preventative maintenance, process failures, process upgrades, building failures, and building upgrades. Linear activities are typically tracked through web mapping applications that connect to the ArcGIS database or paper records. Work order tracking will be moved over to AIM during implementation which is explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**. Information related to Avantis, and ArcGIS Collector can be found in **Section 4.2** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

When these activities are integrated into AIM, the frequency and cost associated with these activities will be better represented. At this time, the costs associated with the O&M activities on these assets are estimated based on 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget and are not formally recorded, but future updates of the AMP should include actual costs, frequency, and time associated with these activities which will be recorded through AIM.

2.4.3. RISKS OF LIFECYCLE ACTIVITIES

The identified lifecycle activities in **Table 17** above are historical activities taken on by Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection. However, some risks with these activities include:

- **Traffic Accidents** when performing maintenance in the vicinity of traffic vehicles, there is a risk of a traffic accident. This is mitigated by implementing a traffic control plan and wearing high visibility clothing during maintenance activities in the right of way;
- **Falling** Some activities require working from heights and there is a risk of falling. This risk is mitigated by having maintenance personnel trained on all equipment and having fall arrest training where required.
- **Operator Error** When operators are operating equipment, there is a risk of an operator related accident. This risk is mitigated by ensuring all operators have the required licenses and are trained on equipment.
- **Confined Space** There are always risks associated with confined space, technicians are trained and standard operating procedures are followed to complete the task safely.
- Equipment Failure Equipment failure can occur during maintenance activities and this is mitigated by ensuring preventative maintenance is completed at regular intervals to prevent this from occurring.
- **Contamination** When completing maintenance there is a possibility of contaminating nearby water sources. This risk is mitigated by following standard operating procedures.

- Utility Impact When digging into soil to locate a buried asset, there is a possibility of hitting a buried utility line. This is mitigated by ensuring locates are completed prior to digging.
- Non-Accessible Easements There are a number of easements in the City which are considered non-accessible due to private obstructions (e.g. sheds) or natural terrain, and affect the City's ability to complete preventative maintenance. The City is currently working to secure contracts to have roadways built at each location to access these assets.

However, if these activities were not completed, the risks would include:

- **Service Disruptions** due to premature failures that could have been mitigated with preventative maintenance (e.g. valve failure from not exercising valves);
- Environmental Risk: due to sewer inflow and infiltration, surcharge and overflow, combined sewers or maintenance holes bypassing untreated wastewater to environment; and
- **Increased Cost** due to reactive repairs which could have been prevented with preventative maintenance (e.g. reactive repairs are often 3x more expensive than planned repairs).

2.4.4. 10 YEAR LIFECYCLE COSTS OF WASTEWATER ASSETS

Figure 24 below outlines the 10 year lifecycle costs of wastewater assets. Typically when the condition of an asset is estimated based on service life there are spikes in the first year to account for the backlog of assets that have exceeded their service lives.

It can be seen that the largest assets requiring the most budget expenditure to alleviate the backlog are the WWTP and the gravity main. There is also a significant backlog associated with pump stations.

Based on the information presented in the figure below, the average cost for the next 10 years to be spent on wastewater asset's capital to maintain the state of good repair is \$11.7M, and it is estimated that \$32.5M should be spent annually on O&M. Therefore, this is the amount recommended that the City invest in wastewater assets annually to maintain the state of good repair.

It is important to note that this figure and associated costing was developed separately from other corridor assets (i.e. watermain & services, wastewater gravity pipe, maintenance holes, services, and roadway), in reality these assets would be considered in tandem when considering a corridor section in the City in order to obtain cost efficiencies during design and construction where possible.



Figure 24: 10-Year Lifecycle Cost Per Wastewater Asset Type

Notes:

1. O&M Costs are estimated based on the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget and are inflated by 3% each year. These O&M Costs are associated with both Treatment and Distribution and are partially broken down in Table 17.

2. WWTP Site and Pump Station replacement costs and years were taken from the respective condition assessments, which were updated by staff, and referred to in **Table 13**.

3. Gravity Sewer, Siphon, and Maintenance Hole replacement was based on service life unless it was estimated to be in poor condition based on the condition assessment, in which case it was estimated to be in 2022 to clear the backlog.

4. For all other assets where no formal forecast was available, the replacement year is based on the estimated remaining service life of each asset



Per Figure 25 below, the existing 10-year forecast from 2021 – 2030, further explained in Section 8.2.2 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document, indicates that the City is currently planning to spend an average of \$10.1M on wastewater assets capital annually, and as noted above, the required 10-year average amount is \$11.7M for wastewater assets, therefore there is currently an average annual 10-year funding gap of \$1.6M for wastewater assets. As noted on the graph, the impacts resulting from these funding gaps will be monitored and reported as appropriate. It is evident that the City is intending to expend over the required 10-year average amount from 2021 - 2023 in the existing 10-year forecast, however, as the forecast continues moving forward to 2029, gradually less budget is expected to be expended on SOGR for wastewater assets, until 2030 when the City is approaching the required amount. This indicates that the current forecast may be disproportionately allocated to the beginning and end of the forecast, and that the City may benefit from moving some projects into the middle of the forecast. Since the budget is revised annually, and the Prioritization Matrix explained in Section 9 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document is currently in its implementation phase, it is anticipated that this forecast will continue to change as City priorities shift. It is important to note that currently the City does not have access to detailed data on O&M for wastewater assets, but with the implementation of the AIM project explained in Section 7 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document, it is anticipated this information will be provided in the next iteration of the AIMP.



Figure 25: Existing Capital Budget Forecast from 2021 – 2030 for Wastewater Assets

2.5. CURRENT LEVELS OF SERVICE

2.5.1. O.REG 588/17 CUSTOMER LEVELS OF SERVICE

O.Reg 588/17 has customer levels of service that must be reported in this plan, and are explained below.

1. Description, which may include maps, of the user groups or areas of the municipality that are connected to the municipal wastewater system.

Approximately 93% of properties are connected to the municipal wastewater system. A map of the connected properties can be found in **Figure 26**. Areas not connected to the municipal wastewater system are typically rural areas recently acquired during the boundary expansion which are connected to a septic system, or are empty lots. It can also be seen in **Figure 26** that there are areas which are likely serviced but are currently unknown in GIS, and this is due to the wastewater services having a low inventory confidence level as noted in **Section 1.3.5**. The likely serviced properties were properties that were connected to the water system and were known not to be septic properties.

2. Description of how combined sewers in the municipal wastewater system are designed with overflow structures in place which allow overflow during storm events to prevent backups into homes.

The City of Brantford does not contain any combined sewers and so overflow structures necessary for combined sewers during storm events are not required.

Although there are no combined sewers in the City, there are areas where potential overflows from stormwater into wastewater may occur, which the City is actively locating and repairing/replacing where found.

3. Description of the frequency and volume of overflows in combined sewers in the municipal wastewater system that occur in habitable areas or beaches.

The City of Brantford does not contain any combined sewers and so the frequency and volume of overflows necessary for combined sewers during storm events are not required.

4. Description of how stormwater can get into sanitary sewers in the municipal wastewater system, causing sewage to overflow into streets or backup into homes.

Inflow and infiltration from stormwater into wastewater pipes is an issue in most wastewater networks. When stormwater enters a wastewater pipe, it can cause the wastewater system to exceed its design capacity because the network and treatment plant were not designed to handle the additional, large flows often caused by storm events. Although wastewater systems in Brantford are not directly connected to the storm system (i.e. no combined sewers), stormwater can infiltrate into the wastewater system in the following ways:

Infiltration

- Holes, cracks & defective joints in the gravity main pipes especially at low points in the system (e.g. at pump stations) can allow groundwater infiltration;
- Leaky maintenance hole covers can allow rainwater into wastewater maintenance holes.

Inflow

- Illegal sump pump, downspout, and drain connections directly pumped into wastewater main instead of storm.
- **5.** Description of how sanitary sewers in the municipal wastewater system are designed to be resilient to avoid events described above.

If enough stormwater gets into the wastewater network, the design capacity of the network (including pipe size, pump station capacity, plant capacity) can be overloaded, and/or silt from stormwater runoff can clog piping, both of these can cause backups through the wastewater gravity main into the wastewater service or causing overflows into streets through the connected maintenance holes.

The City avoids the above scenario by:

- Ensuring Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) is considered during the design stage for any new wastewater infrastructure;
- Installing level monitors at strategic locations in the City to warn of surcharges in the network and responding appropriately if the monitors show dangerously high levels;
- Implementing an annual flow monitoring program in wastewater catchment areas to see if the City needs to increase design capacity in certain areas;
- Monitoring I&I by installing rain gauges throughout the City to compare our wastewater flows during wet weather conditions;
- A future implementation is to incorporate new maintenance hole covers to prevent infiltration from leaky maintenance hole lids.

6. Description of the effluent that is discharged from sewage treatment plants in the municipal wastewater system.

Municipal wastewater treatment facilities in Ontario are required to be in compliance with effluent (outflow of treated water to natural water body) limits issued by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The MECP issues Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) to wastewater treatment facilities in the province. The ECA outlines a number of items but most notably are the effluent limits. In the case of the Brantford WWTP, the City has limits for carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (cBOD5), Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Total Phosphorus (TP). These limits have been maintained at the same level by the Ministry for many years and are achieved with modern technologies and operator skillsets. As a result, the Brantford WWTP has been in compliance for many years, and is also well below the current effluent limits. This data is summarized in the Annual Wastewater Report that is submitted to MECP. Based on some upcoming projects in the 10 year capital forecast, an amendment to the ECA may be required which could lower the effluent limits.



Figure 26: Areas connected to the municipal wastewater system

2.5.2. O.REG 588/17 TECHNICAL LEVELS OF SERVICE

The technical levels of service as dictated by O.Reg 588/17 can be found in **Table 18** below.

Service	Service attribute	Technical levels of service (technical metrics)	2019	2020
	Scope	Percentage of properties connected to the municipal wastewater system.	93.4% of 32,363 properties	93.0% of 32,717 properties
Wastewater		1. The number of events per year where combined sewer flow in the municipal wastewater system exceeds system capacity compared to the total number of properties connected to the municipal wastewater system.	N/A	N/A
	Reliability	2. The number of connection-days per year due to wastewater backups compared to the total number of properties connected to the municipal wastewater system.	0	0
		3. The number of effluent violations per year due to wastewater discharge compared to the total number of properties connected to the municipal wastewater system.	0	0

Table 18: O.Reg 588/17 Wastewater Technical Levels of Service

2.5.3. MUNICIPALLY DEFINED CUSTOMER LEVELS OF SERVICE

The customer levels of service are defined in **Section 6.2** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview**. For wastewater assets, the asset specific interpretation of these levels of service is defined below in **Table 19**. These customer levels of service were used to create and define our technical levels of service identified in **Table 20**, **Table 21**, and **Table 22**.

Customer Level of Service	Definition
Accessibility	Wastewater assets should be accessible to all customers connected to the municipal water network without barriers in place.
Quality	Wastewater assets should deliver their intended purpose at a certain quality, and assets should have sufficient capacity.
Cost Efficiency	Wastewater assets should be operated efficiently with extra care to minimize costs.
Safety	Wastewater assets should be both safe to use and promote community safety, and customers should feel safe using these services.
Environmental Sustainability	Wastewater assets should be operating as environmentally as possible, effluents should be in compliance, and also be promoting sustainable lifestyles.
Reliability	Wastewater assets should be available when customers need them, and care should be put in to avoid wastewater backups.
Responsiveness	Wastewater assets should be fixed quickly when service disruptions occur.

In addition, the following seven (7) qualitative metrics for wastewater distribution and treatment are used in the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) and are used in addition to the above defined Levels of Service to measure KPIs:

- Ensure Adequate Capacity
- Have Satisfied and Informed Customers
- Meet Service Requirements with Economic Efficiency
- Protect Public Health and Safety
- Protect the Environment
- Provide a Safe and Productive Workplace
- Provide Reliable Service and Infrastructure

2.5.4. MUNICIPALLY DEFINED TECHNICAL LEVELS OF SERVICE

For our current defined levels of service, we collect separate KPIs for our wastewater collection and treatment which support the above defined municipally defined customer levels of service in **Table 19.**

Many of the Levels of Service, KPIs, and targets (where available) in **Table 20** and **Table 21** below are tracked based on information required for the NWWBI. This information is mandated through that initiative, but serves as an excellent tool for a first draft of wastewater KPIs.

Table 20: Wastewater Collection Level of Service KPIs

Customer Level of Service	NWWBI Metric	Technical Level of Service	2018 KPI	2019 KPI	Units
Quality	Ensure Adequate Capacity	# of connections with sanitary flooding caused by service connection blockage	4.55	25.00	#/1000 connections
		# of connections with sanitary flooding by mainline issue	0.03	N/A	#/1000 connections
	Have Satisfied and Informed Customers	# of wastewater related customer complaints	5.61	3.44	#/1000 people served
Cost Efficiency	Meet Service Requirements with Economic	Annual O&M cost as a percentage of replacement value	0.69	0.92	%
	Efficiency	Cost of cleaning hydraulically	\$2,451.70	\$3,042.60	\$/km length
		FTEs	2.75	2.15	#/100 km length
		O&M Cost + Capital Reinvestment	\$16.76	\$29.70	'000 \$/km length
		Pipe and Pump O&M Cost	\$6.00	\$6.35	ʻ000 \$/km length
		Pump Station Energy Consumption	967.85	939.55	kWh/pump station hp
		Pump Station O&M Cost	\$124.78	\$119.35	\$/pump station hp
		Sewer charge for typical residential connection	\$410	\$480	\$ 210 m ³ of water/year
		Total cost to provide wastewater services	\$166.57	\$205.80	\$/population served
Environmental Sustainability	Protect the Environment	Total # of reported overflows	0	0.00	#/100km
Safety	Provide a Safe and Productive Workplace	% of Workforce age 61 – 70 years	2.94%	3.13%	%
	Womplace	% of Workforce age 51 – 60 years	11.76%	18.75%	%
		% of Workforce age 41 – 50 years	11.76%	12.50%	%
		% of Workforce age 31 – 40 years	64.71%	59.38%	%
		% of Workforce age 20 – 30 years	8.82%	6.25%	%
		Field accidents with lost time	0	0	#/1000 O&M Hours
		Lost hours due to field accidents	0	0	#/1000 O&M Hours
		Sick days taken	15.2	11.2	#/O&M employee
		Total Overtime Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours	6.04%	3.83%	%
		Unavailable O&M Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours	21.26	24.09	%
Reliability	Provide Reliable Service and Infrastructure	Capital Reinvestment/ Replacement Value	1.23	3.38	%
		Forcemain sewer repairs	0	0	#/100km

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Gravity sewer repairs	8.66	16.62	#/100km
Number of mainline sewer blockages by debris	0	0	#/100km
Number of mainline sewer blockages by grease	0	0.23	#/100km
Number of mainline sewer blockages by roots	0	0.23	#/100km
Number of mainline sewer blockages by structure	0.23	0.46	#/100km
Number of mainline sewer blockages by unknown cause	0	0.23	#/100km
Percent of length CCTV inspected	9.27	14.35	%
Percent of manholes inspected	74.07	52.85	%
Percent of manholes repaired and replaced for I&I	0.51	0.8	%
Pump station failures	0	0	#/pump station

 Table 21: Wastewater Treatment Level of Service KPIs

Customer Level of Service	NWWBI Metric	Technical Level of Service	2018 KPI	2019 KPI	Units
Quality	Ensure Adequate Capacity	Peak wet weather flow / Average dry weather flow	3.08	0.85	%
		% of design AAF capacity utilized	42.52	41.68	%
	Have Satisfied and Informed Customers	Odour complaints	0	0	#/1000 people served
Cost Efficiency	Meet Service	Chemical Costs	\$37.63	\$42.02	\$/ML Treated
	Requirements with Economic Efficiency	Energy consumed relative to volume treated	1,246.65	1,163.23	kWh/ML Treated
		Energy costs relative to volume treated	\$70.61	\$67.12	\$/ML Treated
		FTEs relative to volume treated	0.98	1.01	FTEs/1000 ML treated
		O&M Cost + Capital Reinvestment	\$561.16	\$901.67	\$/ML Treated
		O&M Cost relative to Volume treated	\$411.11	\$440.95	\$/ML Treated
Environmental	Bypasses		0	0	#
Sustainability	Protect the Environment	GHG emissions related to energy consumed in operation of treatment plant	201.12	201.66	Kg CO2 eq / ML Treated
		Non-compliances		0	#
		Percent of days in compliance	100	100	%
		Solids disposal or reuse	100	100	%
		Surcharges reported to regulator	0	0	#
Safety	Provide a Safe and	Cost of overtime hours	\$5,917.08	\$4,778.80	\$/O&M FTE

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	Productive Workplace	Field accidents with lost time	0	0	#/1000 O&M Hours
		Lost hours due to field accidents	0	0	#/1000 O&M Hours
		Sick days taken	12.10	7.4	#/O&M employee
		Total overtime hours/ Total paid O&M hours	6.22	3.75	%
		Unavailable O&M hours / Total paid O&M hours	17.16	17.10	%
Reliability	Provide Reliable Service and	Capital Reinvestment/ Replacement Value	1.42	2.19	%
Responsiveness	Infrastructure	Reactive maintenance hours (unscheduled/total maintenance hours)	0	0	
		Total maintenance hours	0.46	0.71	Hours /ML

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In addition, the City is also working to include additional levels of service to evaluate organization specific KPIs at an internal level. These KPIs have been provided in **Table 22**, and a portion of these were presented to Council during the 2020 Annual Summary. Where available, 2019 KPI data or targets have been added. The AIM project described in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document** will also assist the City with identifying and adding additional KPIs in future iterations because a system will be available to formally track this data.

Customer Level of Service	Technical Level of Service	2019 KPI	2020 KPI	Target	Units
Quality	Length of newly installed wastewater gravity sewer	5.8	1.1	N/A	km
	Number of abandoned wastewater gravity sewer segments	6	11	N/A	Count
	Number of sewer lateral pipe replacement grant program applications	51	66	N/A	Count
	Number of successful sewer lateral pipe replacement applications	50	37	N/A	Count
	Length of wastewater gravity sewer lining	0.25	2.72	N/A	km
Cost Efficiency	Biosolids Disposal Costs per ML Treated	\$34.81	\$45.93	N/A	\$/ML treated
	Maintenance Costs per Maintenance Related Hours	\$78.33	\$71.34	N/A	\$/hour
	Breakdown Maintenance as % of Total Maintenance Hours	9.8%	6.5%	N/A	%
Environmental Sustainability	Hydro Consumption (kWh) per ML Treated	639.43	622.96	N/A	kWh/ML Treated
	Number of Spill Response Incidents	27	31	N/A	Count
Safety	% of Time Raw Sewage Quality Has Exceeded By-law Limits	2.7%	8.1%	N/A	%
Reliability	Number of odour Complaints Received	10	5	N/A	Count
	Number of inspections for wastewater service issue	184	152	N/A	Count
	Number of service calls due to roots in City wastewater service	9	15	N/A	Count
	Number of service calls due to grease in City wastewater service	4	2	N/A	Count
	Number of service calls due to storm flooding in City wastewater service	0	1	N/A	Count
	Number of service calls due to structural issues in City wastewater service	9	12	N/A	Count
	Number of service calls due to calcite in City wastewater service	2	2	N/A	Count
Responsiveness	Average hours to respond to wastewater service	N/A	N/A	0.5	Hours

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disruption				
Average hours to resolve wastewater service disruption	N/A	N/A	2	Hours

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2.6. CURRENT ASSET PERFOMANCE

The current asset performance for Wastewater assets has been separated into two (2) categories for this section of the report:

- Energy Performance; and
- Operating Performance

2.6.1. WASTEWATER FACILITY CURRENT ENERGY PERFORMANCE

The City of Brantford has a Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP) which emphasizes energy efficiency within the City. The goals of the CEMP are to reduce energy use, energy intensity, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in our Facilities. In addition, through the City's Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Lens Tool explained in **Section 10** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**, the City has been working to improve our facilities' energy efficiency and reduce the associated carbon footprint. Over the last several years, there has been a steady decline in hydro usage at the WWTP. Due to falling under the usage threshold (1 MWh), the hydro billing structure was changed (from Class A to Class B) which resulted in an overall increase in hydro costs.

Under this plan, annual energy management data is reported, but has a reporting delay of two (2) years. The most recent report is the 2019 Corporate Energy Management Report which is where the current energy performance of each water facility in **Table 23** below was obtained.

Table 23: Current Energy Performance of Wastewater Facilities

Facility	Address	Electricity (kWh)*	Natural Gas (m3)*	GHG Emissions (kg)*	Annual Flow (Mega Litres)	Energy Intensity (ekWh/Mega Litre)*
Total	-	7,622,291	225,645	658,886	-	-
Wastewater Treatment Plant	385 Mohawk Rd	6,769,106	225,645	632,886	12,446	737
Empey P.S.	50 Empey St	282,405	N/A	8,606	6,537	43.2
Woodlawn P.S.	85 Woodlawn Rd	49,935	N/A	1,522	303	165
Somerset P.S.	87 Somerset Rd	107,096	N/A	3,264	420	255.0
Greenwich P.S.	220 Greenwich St	212,783	N/A	6,484	1,919	111
Fifth Ave P.S.	25 Fifth Ave	72,492	N/A	2,209	1,591	45.6
St Andrews P.S.	119 St Andrews Dr	29,165	N/A	889	91.5	318.7
Northridge P.S.	8-14 Lawren S Harris	45,126	N/A	1,375	81.6	553.2
Johnson P.S.	4 Hansford Dr	33,405	N/A	1,018	107.2	311.6
Alexander P.S.	24 Alexander Dr	20,778	N/A	633	118	176.1

*Based on information provided in the 2019 Corporate Energy Management Report

2.6.2. WASTEWATER TREATMENT CURRENT OPERATING PERFORMANCE

To assess the current operating performance, the City participates in the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) with other municipalities. The City reports specific data metrics for the purposes of comparing Brantford to other municipalities as well as compares reported KPIs from each year. It is important to note that a confidentiality agreement exists with other municipalities, and so although Brantford does compare our performance against other municipalities, that comparison cannot be reported in this report. These KPIs are reported in the Current Levels of Service in **Section 2.5**. It can be seen that many KPIs have not changed substantially between 2018 and 2019, however, there were significantly more service connection blockages, significantly more CCTV was completed, and significantly less maintenance holes were inspected from 2018 to 2019.

In addition, the City also measures wastewater performance based on the effluent discharged from the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). In 2014, the Grand River Water Management Plan was finalized with a number of activities that municipalities along the river pledged to achieve. A major activity for the City related to wastewater treatment was the formation of the Grand River Watershed-wide Wastewater Optimization Program (GRWWOP). A key item of the GRWWOP was the development of voluntary effluent targets for Total Phosphorous (TP) and Total Ammonia Nitrogen (TAN). The voluntary targets are considerably lower than current ECA (Environmental Compliance Approval) limits, but are achievable by optimizing the WWTP. If all WWTPs part of the GWWOP achieved the voluntary targets, the quality of water in the Grand River would be drastically improved. Since mid-2016, the City began meeting the voluntary targets the majority of the time while also continuing to successfully achieve the ECA effluent limits.

In 2020, operations staff from the Brantford WWTP achieved the voluntary targets in all 12 months. Data from all WWTPs discharging into the Grand River is summarized in the WWOP Annual Report completed by the GRCA annually in October. The City will continue to strive to achieve the voluntary targets and maintain compliance in the future. In November 2020, the City was recognized by the WWOP for their efforts in 2019.

2.7. DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the City of Brantford operates and maintains several wastewater assets. These assets are typically in Good condition, but are approaching Fair condition, with a total estimated replacement cost of approximately \$643M.

The inventory and condition data confidence for vertical assets related to treatment and pumping are typically at a High level due to formal condition assessments having been completed. The linear wastewater asset inventory and condition data confidence is typically Medium. Assets that can be visually inspected are typically at a High data confidence level for both inventory and condition, but many assessment programs have not encompassed all assets at this time (e.g. gravity main, maintenance holes). Assets that have not been visually inspected are typically at a medium level due to inventory assumptions in the database and estimated condition based on available information. These inventory assumptions are continuously being improved as new data is added into the database (e.g. wastewater services). In addition, new condition assessment methodologies are being investigated for critical assets. As stated, some of these inspection improvements are ongoing and also will improve as a result of the AIM project explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview** document.

Furthermore, the lifecycle stages for wastewater assets are Planning, Creation, O&M, and Disposal. During the Planning stage, the City identifies the need for the asset; during the Creation stage, the asset is purchased and installed or constructed; during the O&M stage, the asset is operating and lifecycle activities (i.e. maintenance) occur on each of our wastewater assets to maintain the state of good repair; and the Disposal stage is when the asset has reached the end of its useful life or is underperforming and requires disposal.

Lifecycle activities are currently typically tracked through Avantis CMMS for vertical assets or a mobile web application through ArcGIS for linear assets which provides limited data to ensure compliance only. For more information on key database applications and work order management, please refer to **Section 4.2** and **Section 7**, respectively, in the **AMP Overview** document. At this time, the costs associated with these activities are partially broken down as a lump sum and are estimated based on the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget, which is created based on the total O&M expenditures from previous years. When these activities are integrated into AIM, the frequency and costs associated with specific activities will be better represented. Therefore, future updates of the AMP will include specific costs for these activities as well as the time associated with these activities in order to properly allocate budget and identify operational inefficiencies. It is estimated based on the average annual cost in the 10 Year Life Cycle Costing that the City should be spending an average \$6.7M

annually for capital wastewater assets and will be spending an average of \$32.5M on O&M for wastewater assets, however, the City is currently proposing to spend an average of \$10.1M annually on capital for wastewater assets' state of good repair.

Additionally, Current Levels of Service have been identified for wastewater assets. These levels of service are either tracked based on reported information required for the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) or are newly identified levels of service metrics for future iterations of the AMP. The NWWBI information is mandated through this initiative, but serves as a tool for a first draft of the wastewater asset KPIs. Brantford is also working to include these and additional metrics in AIM which will assist us with tracking these KPIs for future iterations.

Finally, asset performance is separated into operating and energy performance. For operating performance the City compares NWWBI data with surrounding municipalities as well as against previous years' data. In addition, in 2020, the City achieved the voluntary effluent targets in all 12 months at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as summarized in the Grand River Watershed-wide Wastewater Optimization Program (GWWOP) Annual Report, which is a testament to the City's dedication to both wastewater treatment and environmental sustainability.

For energy performance, annual energy data associated with facilities in the City's Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP) has been reported. The City used a total of 7,622,291 kWh for wastewater treatment and pumping, and emitted 658,886 kg of gas emissions for these facilities. The City continuously looks for ways to improve the energy efficiency of all facilities. The electricity usage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been declining over the past several years due to upgrades at the plant, which has unfortunately led to increased electricity costs due to the billing structure. Through the Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Lens Tool explained in **Section 10** of the **AMP Overview** document, the City will be setting targets to improve facilities' energy efficiency and reduce the associated carbon footprint.

3.STORMWATER ASSETS

3.1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Brantford owns and maintains several assets under the stormwater asset class. The purpose of this section is to present specific information about the stormwater asset class so that we can answer the questions posed in **Section 2** of the **Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview Document**, and includes the following:

- Municipality Approach to Assessing Stormwater Asset Condition;
- Stormwater Assets' Data Inventory and Collection
- Summary of Stormwater Assets;
- Lifecycle Activities and Cost of Stormwater Assets;
- Current Stormwater Assets' Levels of Service;
- Current Stormwater Asset Performance; and
- Discussion & Conclusions.

3.2. STORMWATER ASSETS' DATA INVENTORY AND CONDITION APPROACH

Information related to the City's data collection methodologies as well as data confidence level definitions are defined in the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

The City of Brantford has three (3) different approaches to establishing the condition for stormwater assets due to available resources, technologies, and budget restrictions and includes:

- Outsourced condition assessments to consultants;
- Internal Inspection Programs, and
- Estimated condition based on asset specific information.

A list of all condition assessments for all core assets can be found in **Table 6** in the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

The origin of the water asset data for inventory, replacement cost, condition as well as data confidence are provided in **Table 24** below.

Table 24: Stormwater Assets' Inventory, Replacement Cost, and Condition Origin and Confidence Levels

	Inventory			nd Confidence Levels Rep	lacement Cost	t		Condition	
Asset Type	Inventory (incl. Quantity and Age) From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description	Replacement Cost From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description	Condition From	Data Confidence Level	Data Confidence Description
Gravity Main	GIS layer, swGravityMain	Medium	GIS inventory complete with some assumptions.	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B, Assumed similar to Wastewater	Low	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing, but assumed similar to wastewater cost.	CCTV Inspection Structural Score, Size, Material Service Life	Medium	Formal condition assessment, but annual program not yet encompassing all assets.
Maintenance Holes	GIS layer, swManhole	Medium	GIS inventory complete with some assumptions.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Medium	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Manhole Condition Assessment program, Service Life	Medium	Formal condition assessment, but annual program has only encompassed 10% of assets.
Flood Gates	GIS layer, swSluiceGate	High	GIS inventory and condition assessment complete.	2020 Flood Gates Condition Assessment completed by AECOM	Medium	Estimate by Consultant, but draft form and some costs were extrapolated.	2021 Flood Gates Condition Assessment completed by AECOM	High	Formal condition assessment complete.
Stormwater Pump Station & Chamber	GIS layer, swNetworkStru cture	Medium	GIS inventory complete, but no inventory of facility components (e.g. pumps).	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B, Assumed similar to Wastewater	Low	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing, but assumed similar to wastewater cost.	Service Life	Low	Service life can be a predictor of condition, but does not always indicate the true condition.
Inlets	GIS layer, swInlet	Low	GIS inventory not complete.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Low	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Service Life	Low	Service life can be a predictor of condition, but does not always indicate the true condition.
Stormwater Pond	GIS layer, swDetention	Medium	GIS inventory complete with some assumptions.	Based on industry standard unit cots	Low	Estimated based on approximate volume.	Condition Assessment Completed by Amec Foster Wheeler, Internal Inspection Program, Service Life	Medium	Formal condition assessment and inspection program, but not yet encompassing all assets.
Stormwater Services	GIS layer,swLateral Line	Low	GIS inventory not complete.	Asset Management 2020 Unit Costs	Low	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing.	Material Service Life	Low	Incomplete data set. Service life can be a predictor of condition, but does not always indicate the true condition.
Oil and Grit Separators	GIS layer, swManhole	High	GIS inventory complete with some assumptions.	Environmental Services Unit Cost	Low	Estimated based on high level estimate.	Service Life, 2020 Inspection Reports	Medium	Based on service life. Preventative maintenance inspections occur on all assets to ensure they're cleaned and in working order.

Outfalls	GIS layer, swDischargePo int	Low	GIS inventory not complete	2019 Master Servicing Plan Appendix B, and Industry standard unit costs	Low	Estimated based on internal Class D pricing, but assumed similar to wastewater cost	2017 Open Drains Condition Assessment completed by GM Blue Plan	Low	Formal condition assessment, but data set is incomplete with many unknowns.
Ditches	GIS layer, swOpenDrain	Low	GIS inventory not complete	Environmental Services Unit Cost	Low	Estimated based on high level estimate.	2017 Open Drains Condition Assessment completed by GM Blue Plan	Low	Formal condition assessment, but data set is incomplete with many unknowns.

Per **Table 24** above, stormwater assets' inventory and condition data are typically at a Medium confidence level.

Flood Gates are at a High confidence level for both condition and inventory due to condition assessments and internal inspection programs. It is important to note that at the time of writing this report, the Flood Gates condition assessment was in draft form and subject to change, and so some replacement costs were estimated. Oil and grit separators have a High inventory confidence level, but a Medium condition level, because although they are cleaned out regularly, that does not always reflect the true condition.

Many assets are at a Medium level because the condition assessment programs have not yet encompassed all assets. The assets expected to increase to a high level after the condition program is completed include: gravity main, maintenance holes, and stormwater ponds.

Currently, the stormwater pump station has not had a condition assessment completed on it, and while it is a smaller sized pump station, this should be investigated in future. In addition, the City will be considering a formal inventory and condition assessment program for inlets as currently the inventory is not complete. While a condition assessment program was completed that included outfalls and ditches, it is estimated there are still unknowns in this data set which must be addressed.

Finally, the City will continue to add stormwater services to the inventory based on As-Built drawings.

Improvements to the inventories and inspection programs will be ongoing as a result of the AIM project explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Overview document**.

3.2.1. SERVICE LIFE

Where condition assessments have not been completed, the condition has been estimated based on the estimated service life of the asset shown below in **Table 25**. The average overall estimated service life for assets can be found in **Table 27**.

Table 25: Wastewater Assets' Estimated Service Life

Asset	Estimated Service Life
Gravity Main	ABS (Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene) – 90 years, Concrete – 100 years, Clay – 70 years, Cast Iron – 90 years, PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) – 90 years, Asbestos Cement – 70 years, Fibreglass Reinforced Pipe – 90 years, Ductile Iron – 65 years, HDPE (High Density Poly Ethylene) 90 years, Unknown – 50 years, Steel – 90 years, Polyethylene – 90 years
Maintenance Holes, Inlets, Chambers	100 years
Stormwater Pump Station	49 years
Stormwater Pond	55 years
Stormwater Services	 ABS – 90 years, Concrete – 100 years, Clay – 70 years, Cast Iron – 90 years, PVC – 90 years, Asbestos Cement – 70 years, Fibreglass Reinforced Pipe – 90 years, Ductile Iron – 65 years, HDPE 90 years, Unknown – 50 years
Oil and Grit Separator	20 years

3.2.2. CONDITION SCORING

For the purpose of this report and standardizing condition scores across all assets in the Asset Management Plan, the Condition Rating is defined by three (3) Condition Scores as defined in **Table 26** below. For assets with formal consultant condition assessments, the conditions have been modified to fit into this model.

Table 26:	Condition	Score	Descrip	otion

Condition Score	Condition Rating	Description			
1 – 1.4	Good	Assets in the system or network are in working order, have no or minor deficiencies. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which are within the first 40% of their estimated service life.			
1.5 – 2.4	Fair	Asset in the system or network show general signs of deterioration, some elements may have significant deficiencies. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which are within 41% - 80% of their estimated service life.			
2.5 - 3	Poor	Asset is below standard showing signs of significant deterioration, is in danger of imminent failure, and requires significant repair or replacement. Where condition data is not available, this category applies to assets which have exceeded 80% of their estimated service life.			

3.3. SUMMARY OF STORMWATER ASSETS

The summary of assets for the stormwater asset class can be found below. The summary of assets includes: Quantity, Replacement Cost, Average Age, and Average Condition Score for each asset type in accordance with O.Reg 588/17.

3.3.1. TOTAL SUMMARY OF ASSETS

A table summarizing all stormwater assets is included in **Table 27** below. Detailed information about each asset is included in individual sections. It can be seen that the total replacement cost for stormwater assets is approximately \$4801M and assets have an average age of 28 years which is 40% of their average estimated service life. The average condition scores are shown to one decimal place to illustrate how close the scores are to being on a cusp of another rating and were used to calculate the weighted overall average condition score for the asset group, but are shown rounded to the nearest whole number in subsequent sections. In addition, overall stormwater assets are in Fair condition, but that they are on the cusp of Fair and Good condition with a weighted average score of 1.5.

Asset	Quantity	Unit	Replacem ent Cost	Average Age (years)	Average Estimated Service Life	Percentage of Estimated Service Life	Average Condition Score	Average Condition Description
Stomwater Assets Total			\$480.7M	28	71	40%	1.5*	FAIR
Storm Pump Station	1	count	\$2.21M	28	75	37%	2.0	FAIR
Storm Chambers	1	count	\$13.5K				1.0	GOOD
Stormwater Ponds	23	count	\$16.1M	22	55	40%	2.0	FAIR
Gravity Mains	413.6	km	\$361.7M	43	97	44%	1.0	GOOD

 Table 27: Total Summary of Stormwater Assets

Inlets	12,290	count	\$30.8M	39	100	39%	1.4	GOOD
Maintenance Holes	6,222	count	\$28.0M	40	100	40%	1.5	FAIR
Storm Services	5,010	count	\$13.1M	15	72	21%	1.2	GOOD
Oil and Grit Separators	25	count	\$1.9M	14	20	70%	1.6	FAIR
Flood Gates	39	count	\$1,878,717	37	28	132%	1.9	FAIR
Outfalls	290	count	\$556,696	53	90	59%	1.1	GOOD
Ditches	121.3	km	\$24,300,00 0	-	-	-	1.1	GOOD
Municipal Drain	318	m	\$63,600	-	-	-	-	-

*Denotes Weighted Average

3.3.2. STORMWATER STRUCTURES

It can be seen in **Figure 27** below that there are two (2) stormwater structures in Brantford which are the Parking Garage Pump Station and the Trench Chamber. These structures are responsible for collecting stormwater at a lowpoint from a catchment area and pumping it to a higher point in the gravity system to be outlet at an appropriate outfall.

The total replacement cost for these structures is approximately \$2.2M. The average age of the facilities is 28 years which is 37% of the average estimated service life of the structures. The structures are an average of Fair condition with an average condition score of 2 based on their service lives. The City is currently investigating completing a formal condition assessment of these structures.



Figure 27: Storm Structures Asset Summary

3.3.3. STORMWATER POND

A stormwater pond is a man-made infrastructure pond which is built to collect rainfall and surface runoff in developed areas where natural permeation is difficult, and also allows sediments and pollutants to settle out of the stormwater before the water is released back into the watershed.

Per **Figure 28** below, there are 23 stormwater ponds in Brantford with a total replacement cost of \$16.1M. The average age of a stormwater pond is 22 years which is 40% of the estimated service life based on the provincial average of 55 years (Infrastructure Canada, 2021). However, stormwater pond maintenance extends the service life of the asset as the condition of the asset is typically determined based on the sediment level of the pond. The condition of the stormwater ponds is based on a combination of the internal preventative maintenance inspection and formal condition assessment where available.

It can be seen the most common stormwater pond type in the city is a wet pond followed by a dry pond although both a hybrid and an infiltration pond also exist.



Figure 28: Stormwater Pond Asset Summary

3.3.4. STORMWATER GRAVITY (SEWER) MAIN

Stormwater gravity main is buried underground and carries stormwater from stormwater services and inlets to stormwater ponds, pump stations, or to the appropriate outfall. The City completes CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) inspections on this asset which involves sending a robot with a camera to inspect the inside of the pipe and determine any defects or rehabilitation needs. Per **Figure 29** below, there is approximately 414km of stormwater gravity main in the city with a total replacement cost of approximately \$362M. The average age of a stormwater gravity main is 43 years which is 44% of the overall average estimated service life of 97 years. The condition of stormwater pipe is typically Good with an average condition score of 1.



Figure 29: Stormwater Gravity Main Asset Summary

The other category includes materials including: Wood, Asbestos Cement, Clay, Fibreglass Reinforced, Steel, Ductile Iron, HDPE, Polyethylene, and Unknown. However, although there are many different materials used for gravity main, the most common material is Concrete (including reinforced and PCCP).

3.3.5. INLETS

Inlets are a receptacle to collect stormwater and settle out debris that may clog the stormwater system before entering the gravity main. Per **Figure 30** below, there are approximately 12,300 inlets in the City with a total replacement cost of \$35.7M. It is important to note that the inlets inventory total below includes rear yard catchbasins which may be privately owned, however, this ownership information is not up to date in the GIS database.

The average age of inlets is 39 years which is 39% of the estimated service life of 100 years. The condition for catchbasins is typically based on the service life, and is Good with an average condition score of 1.

It is important to note that the majority of inlets in the City are catchbasins, with a small number of Standard inlets which are considered to be a segment of pipe. The City is currently investigating improving the preventative maintenance activities for these structures.



Figure 30: Inlet Asset Summary

3.3.6. STORMWATER MAINTENANCE HOLES

A stormwater maintenance hole (or manhole) is an underground structure which is an access point for the stormwater main so that it can be maintained or flushed. It can be seen in **Figure 31** below that there are approximately 6,200 stormwater maintenance holes in the City with a total replacement cost of \$28M. The average age of a stormwater maintenance hole is 40 years, which is 40% of the estimated service life of 100 years.

The condition score is based on available condition data from the annual Manhole Condition Assessment program where possible, but at the time of writing only 11% of maintenance holes have inspection data from this program. Therefore the majority of the condition scoring data is based on the service life, and shows a typical Good condition with an average condition score of 1. This data is evident by the colour distribution on the graph showing the majority of poor (3) condition manholes occurring before 1940, and fair occurring between 1940 and 1980.



Figure 31: Stormwater Maintenance Holes Asset Summary

3.3.7. STORMWATER SERVICES

A stormwater service is a pipe that connects to the stormwater gravity main and collects the stormwater from a property. Per **Figure 32** below there are approximately 5,000 stormwater services in the city with a total replacement cost of \$13.3M. The data confidence on the inventory is low and so it is anticipated this number will increase as the inventory improves. The average age of the known services is 15 years which is 21% of the 72 year average estimated service life. The condition is based on the service life of the material and so the condition is typically Good with an average condition score of 1.

In addition, based on the information below the majority of stormwater services are PVC, however, it is estimated that there are a portion of asbestos cement (AC) stormwater services which are not yet included in the inventory.



Figure 32: Stormwater Services Asset Summary
3.3.8. OIL & GRIT SEPARATORS

An oil & grit separator (sometimes referred to as a stormceptor[®]) is a maintenance hole fitted with a device which captures oil and sediment runoff from parking lots and roads so that these pollutants do not damage the network or the watershed.

Per **Figure 33** below the City owns and maintains 25 oil & grit separators with a total replacement cost of \$1.9M. Oil & grit separators are an average age of 14 years which is 70% of the estimated service life with the first devices being installed in 2000. The condition score is based on the estimated service life and so the condition score is typically Fair with an average condition score of 2. However, oil and grit separators are inspected twice a year and cleaned out as needed to ensure they are clean and in working order, and so it is anticipated that many are in Good condition.





3.3.9. FLOOD GATES & LEVEE

Flood gates are used to allow the stormwater network to outlet into the Grand River, but are also able to be closed so that if the Grand River rises above the flood gate level, the river will not overload the stormwater network and cause flooding. The 16.9km levee is an embankment built to prevent the overflow of the river, and the flood gates are located along the levee.

Per **Figure 34** below, there are 39 flood gates in Brantford with a total replacement cost of approximately \$1.7M. The flood gates are an average age of 38 years which are past the average estimated service life of 28 years. Based on the draft condition assessment information, the condition is typically Fair with an average condition score of 2. At the time of writing this report, the flood gates condition assessment is in draft final form and so this information is subject to change, and replacement costs may change.

Per the figure below, it can be seen that the most common type of flood gate is a sluice gate. It is anticipated that as repairs occur, these gates will be fitted with WaStop[®] check valves which stops backflow in drains. In addition, there is one (1) additional flood gate not included below which has been decommissioned. In addition, the Wilkes Dam headgates, which are used for controlling water entry into the Holmedale Canal, can act as a flood gate, but this asset has not been included in this iteration of the AMP.



Figure 34: Flood Gates Asset Summary

3.3.10. OUTFALLS

Outfalls are points in the City where stormwater outlets to the watershed. Per **Figure 35** below, there are 290 outfalls with a total replacement cost of \$557K. It is important to note that the inventory is at a Low confidence level and so it is anticipated this number will increase as the inventory improves. The average age of the known outfalls is 53 years which is 59% of the estimated service life of 90 years, and they are typically in Good condition with an average condition score of 1.

It can be seen that the most common outfall is a concrete outfall, which refers to a headwall which is a structure designed to reduce erosion. The next common type of outfall is a discharge pipe which is a section of pipe that outlets stormwater. While a condition assessment was completed which included outfalls, the City is not highly confident in the inventory of the data.



Figure 35: Outfalls Asset Summary

3.3.11. DITCHES

Ditches are sections of earth cut out to direct overland flow. Per **Figure 36** below, the total length of ditches in the City is 121.3km. The City also owns one (1) municipal drain with a total length of 318.2m. The total replacement cost for ditches is \$24.3M, and for the municipal drain is \$63,600. The cost estimates are a very high level cost estimate assuming \$200 per metre of ditch or drain. Based on available condition data, the average condition of ditches is Good with a score of 1. The condition of the municipal drain is currently unknown. Although a condition assessment was completed on ditches, the City is not highly confident in the inventory data for this asset. Currently, the age of City ditches is unknown.

It can also be seen below that the most common type of ditch is a vee shape although circular, rectangular, and trapezoidal shaped ditches also exist in the City.



Figure 36: Ditches Asset Summary

3.4. LIFECYCLE OF STORMWATER ASSETS

The lifecycle of Stormwater assets consists of four (4) categories which are described in this section:

- Key Lifecycle Stages of Stormwater Assets;
- Lifecycle Activities;
- Risks of Lifecycle Activities; and
- 10 Year Lifecycle Costs of Stormwater Assets.

3.4.1. KEY LIFECYCLE STAGES OF STORMWATER ASSETS

The lifecycle of an asset refers to the following stages: Planning, Creation/Acquisition, Operations and Maintenance, Renewal/Disposal which are defined in the Asset Management Plan Overview Document. For Stormwater assets specifically our general process is as follows:



Figure 37: Lifecycle Stages of Stormwater Assets

- Planning –The stormwater asset has been identified as a need through the Official Plan, Master Servicing Plan, or due to an identified poor condition of an existing asset during a CCTV inspection, LiDAR project, maintenance report, site inspection, customer complaint, or desktop analysis. The asset is designed using all applicable codes and standards. Typically this phase also involves planning on how to optimize the value of the assets which may include: replacing neighbouring corridor assets at the same time, improving operating and maintenance efficiencies, upsizing or rerouting for growth. The business process for state of good repair for linear wastewater assets is shown in Figure 38.
- Creation / Acquisition
 — The cost and requirements for the new or replacement stormwater asset are defined. The asset is purchased, constructed and/or installed. Extra care is taken at this stage to ensure the asset is constructed properly using all appropriate design standards and guidelines to avoid any premature repairs or replacements due to installation errors.
- Operation and Maintenance The stormwater asset is operating and delivering services to customers. Maintenance (Lifecycle) Activities are completed on the asset at specific time intervals as indicated in Table 28 to prevent premature failures of the assets. Additional monitoring and potential improvements are evaluated during this process.
- 4. Renewal / Disposal The stormwater asset has reached the end of its useful life, is in poor condition, and/or is underperforming, and requires disposal. The disposal considers the effect on customers such as required detouring or service disruptions which are taken into account in the Planning stage thereby restarting the cycle. The City follows industry standard when disposing of these assets





*Selection of Technologies Workflow Chart available - contact Capital Planning

Figure 38: Stormwater Linear Asset Business Process

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3.4.2. LIFECYCLE ACTIVITIES

A list of the planned Lifecycle Activities, annual cost, and frequency for each stormwater asset class can be found in **Table 28** below. These activities are currently being undertaken to maintain our stormwater assets and therefore maintain the current levels of service

 Table 28: Lifecycle Activities for Stormwater Assets

Asset Type	Lifecycle Activity	Annual Cost*	Frequency	Completed by
Stormwater Sewer	CCTV Inspection	\$3.91/m	1 every 10 years	Contractor
	Flow Monitoring	\$18,000 per location		Asset Management
	Grouting		As needed	WD WWC Operators, Contractor
	Cleaning		1 every 10 years	WD WWC Operators, Contractor
Pump Station	Preventative Maintenance		Per Standard Operating Procedures	Wastewater Operations
Stormwater Service	Cleaning		As needed	WD WWC Operators, Contractor
	CCTV Inspection		As needed	WD WWC Operators, Contractor
Inlet	Catchbasin Cleaning		1 every 5 years	WD WWC Operators, Contractor
	Catchbasin Internal Inspection	\$414,400	When cleaned	WD WWC Operators, Contractor
	Critical (Hot Spot) Catchbasins Cleaning		Before weather event	Operational Services
Manholes	Inspection and Cleaning		As needed	Operational Services
	Condition Assessment		Annual Program	Contractor, Infrastructure Planning Technologist
Oil and Grit	Inspection		Twice per year	WD WWC Operators
Separator	Cleaning		As needed	WD WWC Operators
Flood Gate	Status Inspections		Monthly	Operational Services
	Exercise Valves		2x per year	Operational Services
	Formal Condition Assessment	\$98,880	One time	Infrastructure Planning Technologist, Operational Services
Stormwater Ponds	Inspections	Included in \$414,400 cost above	Visual quarterly	Asset Management
	Cleaning		As needed	WD WWC Operators
	Grass Cutting		5 times per year	WD WWC Operators
	Debris Removal		As needed	Operational Services
	Condition Assessments	\$6,500 per pond As needed		Contractor, Asset Management
Ditches	General Maintenance	\$4,600.00 – 8 hour day	Ad Hoc	Operational Services
	Condition Assessment	\$70,378	As needed	Contractor, Asset

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	(2017)			Management
	Cleaning & Debris Removal		As needed	Operational Services
Outfalls	Cleaning & Debris Removal	\$335,379	2x per year	Operational Services
	Creek Maintenance Tree removal		Every 3 months	Operational Services
	Condition Assessment (2017)	Included in ditches Condition Assessment cost	As needed	Contractor, Asset Management

*2021 Annual Cost is typically based on estimates presented in the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget under 2021 Budget Gross Expenditures.

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Lifecycle activities occur on each of the stormwater assets to maintain the state of good repair (SOGR). Vertical infrastructure activities are currently typically tracked through Avantis, and linear activities are typically tracked through web mapping applications that connect to the ArcGIS database or paper records. Work order tracking will be moved over to AIM during implementation which is explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**. Information related to Avantis, and ArcGIS Collector can be found in **Section 4.2** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**.

When these activities are integrated into AIM, the frequency and cost associated with these activities will be better represented. At this time, the costs associated with the O&M activities on these assets are estimated based on the NWWBI submissions, but are not formally recorded. Future updates of the AMP should include actual costs, frequency, and time associated with these activities which will be recorded through AIM.

3.4.3. RISKS OF LIFECYCLE ACTIVITIES

The identified lifecycle activities in **Table 28** above are historical activities taken on by Operational Services, Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection. Some risks with these activities include:

- **Traffic Accidents** when performing maintenance in the vicinity of traffic vehicles, there is a risk of a traffic accident. This is mitigated by implementing a traffic control plan and wearing high visibility clothing during maintenance activities in the right of way;
- **Falling** Some activities require working from heights and there is a risk of falling. This risk is mitigated by having maintenance personnel trained on all equipment and having fall arrest training where required.
- **Operator Error** When operators are operating equipment, there is a risk of an operator related accident. This risk is mitigated by ensuring all operators have the required licenses and are trained on equipment.
- **Confined Space** There are always risks associated with confined space, technicians are trained on how to complete this task safely.
- Equipment Failure Equipment failure can occur during maintenance activities and this is mitigated by completing regular preventative maintenance to avoid sudden failure, or setting up pumps and monitoring levels (i.e. flood gates).
- **Major Storm Events** Ground conditions during storm events may make completing certain maintenance activities difficult on storm assets. This is mitigated by completing maintenance before the storm event occurs by monitoring weather patterns.

However, if these activities were not completed, the risks would include:

- Service Disruptions or backups due to premature failures that could have been mitigated with preventative maintenance (e.g. debris in stormwater sewer causing backups);
- **Increased Cost** due to reactive repairs which could have been prevented with preventative maintenance (e.g. reactive repairs are often 3x more expensive than planned repairs);
- Environmental Risk due to contaminants entering river (e.g. oil and grit separator failure); and
- **Property Damage** due to flooding (e.g. flood gate or stormwater pond failure).

3.4.4. 10 YEAR LIFECYCLE COSTS OF STORMWATER ASSETS

Figure 39 below outlines the 10 year lifecycle costs of stormwater assets. As noted on the graph, typically when the condition of an asset is estimated based on service life there are spikes in the first year to account for the backlog. Since this spike exists, it can be concluded that there are many assets in the City that have exceeded their service lives especially stormwater gravity pipe assets. It can be seen that the asset groups with the most backlog is gravity main followed by storm ponds.

It is anticipated that after the LiDAR study identified in **Section 3.6.2** is complete, operational deficiencies within the current stormwater network will be identified, and the required capital and/or O&M to maintain the state of good repair may increase.

Based on the information presented below, the average cost for the next 10 years required to be spent on Stormwater assets' capital projects to maintain the state of good repair is \$4.4M, and the estimated annual O&M cost is \$0.9M. Therefore, this is the amount recommended that the City invest in stormwater assets annually to maintain the state of good repair.

It is important to note that this figure and associated costing was developed separately from other corridor assets (i.e. watermain & services, wastewater gravity pipe, maintenance holes, services, and roadway), in reality these assets would be considered in tandem when considering a corridor section in the City in order to obtain cost efficiencies during design and construction where possible.



Figure 39: 10-Year Lifecycle Cost Per Stormwater Asset Type

Notes:

- 1. O&M Costs are from the numbers reported in the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget and assumed to be projected 3% per year to account for inflation. These O&M Costs are associated with both Treatment and Distribution and are partially broken down in Table 28.
- Assets with formal condition assessments which contained forecasting (i.e. flood gates) were included based on the estimated replacement/repair year, and referred to in Table 24. 2.
- 3. Gravity main replacement was based on service life unless it was estimated to have a poor WRC structural score or be undersized, in which case it was estimated to be in 2022 to clear the backlog.
- If a condition assessment was completed without a forecast (e.g. maintenance holes, stormwater ponds), if condition was poor, works occurred in 2022, if condition was fair, works occurred in 2026. 4.
- 5. For all other assets where no formal forecast was available, the replacement year is based on the estimated remaining service life of each asset



Per Figure 40 below, the existing 10-year forecast from 2021 – 2030, further explained in Section 8.2.2 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document, indicates that the City is currently planning to spend an average of \$2.4M on stormwater assets capital annually, and as noted above, the required 10-year average amount is \$4.4M for stormwater assets, therefore there is currently an average annual 10-year funding gap of \$2.0M for stormwater assets. As noted on the graph, the impacts resulting from these funding gaps will be monitored and reported as appropriate. It is evident that the City is intending to expend over the required 10-year average amount in 2022 in the existing 10-year forecast, however, as the forecast continues moving forward to 2029, gradually less budget is expected to be expended on SOGR for stormwater assets, until 2030 when the City meets the required amount. This indicates that the current forecast may be disproportionately allocated to the beginning and end of the forecast, and that the City may benefit from moving some projects into the middle of the forecast. Since the budget is revised annually, and the Prioritization Matrix explained in Section 9 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document is currently in its implementation phase, it is anticipated that this forecast will continue to change as City priorities shift. It is important to note that currently the City does not have access to detailed data on O&M for stormwater assets, but with the implementation of the AIM project explained in Section 7 of the Asset Management Plan Overview Document, it is anticipated this information will be provided in the next iteration of the AMP.



Figure 40: Existing Capital Budget Forecast from 2021 – 2030 for Stormwater Assets

OG	R: 4	.41	M	
0GI	R:: 2	.41	M	
20	30			

3.5. CURRENT LEVELS OF SERVICE

3.5.1. O.REG 588/17 CUSTOMER LEVELS OF SERVICE

1. Description, which may include maps, of the user groups or areas of the municipality that are protected from flooding, including the extent of the protection provided by the municipal stormwater management system

The City of Brantford is bisected by the Grand River, and as a result, there is a floodplain along the length of the river. The floodplain included in **Figure 41** is provided by the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), and shows the approximate limits of the floodplain. A 16.9km levee exists along the river, which is owned by GRCA. The levee includes 39 flood gates along its length, which are operated and maintained by the City of Brantford. The GRCA and City of Brantford have a maintenance agreement for how maintenance activities occur on these assets. The levee and flood gates protect surrounding properties in the floodplain during a flood event. These flood gates are typically open in non-emergencies to outlet stormwater to the Grand River, but they are closed in flood emergencies where the river exceeds the height of the gates so that the flood waters do not enter and overwhelm the municipal system causing flooding.

On February 21st, 2018, City of Brantford was in a state of emergency due to an ice jam event. An ice jam is when ice accumulates in a section of a river thereby blocking the flow and causing flooding. An ice jam occurs in Brantford at the river reach in the Lower Grand River almost every winter due to the natural bends in the river, and typically does not cause emergency events. However, the magnitude of the 2018 event was caused by the release of an additional large ice jam from upstream of the Parkhill Dam in Cambridge. Due to warm temperatures and rainfall, the ice jam in Cambridge released, and a surge of water, ice, and debris made its way downstream to Brantford. Brantford's ice jam remained intact, and so the surge resulted in an additional accumulation of ice and debris and caused flooding over top of portions of the levee system through the central portion of the City until the ice jam released on February 22nd, 2018. During this event, Operational Services closed the flood gates along the river so that water did not enter the stormwater management system. This event required the evacuation of residents, caused damage to private properties and public infrastructure, and required emergency service operations from multiple agencies. In April 2019, GRCA retained KGS Group to complete a study to investigate the ice jam and explore high level mitigation strategies for future ice iam events.

At the time of writing this report, GRCA, in partnership with the City of Brantford, retained Ecosystem Recovery Incorporated to develop an additional ice jam mitigation feasibility study to further develop concepts and costs for mitigation solutions. When this study is completed, Brantford will be able to provide

additional solutions to protect properties from flooding in the case of another major ice jam event.

In addition, based on **Figure 42** it can be seen that the municipal network is rated for two (2) and five (5) year storms depending on the area of the City. It is a City initiative to upgrade the areas rated for two (2) year storms to five (5) year storms. In addition, ditches which collect overland flow throughout the City are rated for 100 year storms and further increase protection in these areas.



Figure 41: Flood Protection Map



Figure 42: Existing Stormwater Network Level of Service

3.5.2. O.REG 588/17 TECHNICAL LEVELS OF SERVICE

The technical levels of service as dictated by O.Reg 588/17 can be found in **Table 29** below.

Table 29: O.Reg 588/17 Stormwater	Technical Levels of Service
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Service	Service attribute	Technical levels of service (technical metrics)	2019	2020
Stormwater	George	 Percentage of properties in municipality resilient to a 100-year storm. 	N/A	55.4%
Storniwater	Scope	2. Percentage of the municipal stormwater management system resilient to a 5-year storm.	N/A	52.3%

3.5.3. MUNICIPALLY DEFINED CUSTOMER LEVELS OF SERVICE

The customer levels of service are defined in **Section 6.2** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview**. For stormwater assets, the asset specific interpretation of these levels of service is defined below in **Table 19**. These customer levels of service were used to create and define our technical levels of service identified in **Table 31**.
 Table 30: Municipally Defined Customer Levels of Service

Customer Level of Service	Definition		
Accessibility	Stormwater assets should be accessible to all customers connected to the municipal water network without barriers in place.		
Quality	Stormwater assets should deliver their intended purpose, protect residents from flooding, and assets should be sufficient capacity.		
Cost Efficiency	Stormwater assets should be operated efficiently with extra care to minimize costs.		
Safety	Stormwater assets should protect residents from flooding and promote community safety, and customers should feel safe using these services.		
Environmental Sustainability	Stormwater assets should be operating as environmentally as possible and also be promoting sustainable lifestyles.		
Reliability	Stormwater assets should be available when customers need them.		
Responsiveness	Stormwater assets should be fixed quickly when service disruptions occur.		

3.5.4. MUNICIPALLY DEFINED TECHNICAL LEVELS OF SERVICE

For our current defined levels of service, we collect KPIs for stormwater collection which supports the above defined municipally defined customer levels of service.

The Levels of Service, KPIs and targets (where available) in **Table 31** below are tracked based on information required for the NWWBI. This information is mandated through that initiative, but serves as an excellent tool for a first draft of water KPIs.

Table 31: Stormwater Collection NWWBI KPIs

Customer Level of Service	NWWBI Metric	Technical Level of Service	2018 KPI	2019 KPI	Units
		Calls Regarding Flooding due to Public System Issues	20	22	#
	Ensure Adequate	Ditch Length Cleaned	2.44%	2.44%	%
	Capacity	Ditches Inspected	100	100	%
		Length of Root Cutting in sewers	N/A	0.53	km
		Calls Regarding Flooding due to Public System Issues relative to People Served	0.2	0.21	#/1000 people
		Cost of Storm Education Program	\$97.79	\$96.05	\$/1000 people
Quality		Percent Attainment of Target Emergency Response Time after Working Hours	100%	100%	%
	Have Satisfied and Informed Customers	Percent Attainment of Target Emergency Response Time during Working Hours	100%	100%	%
		Percent Attainment of Target Non-Emergency Response Time after Working Hours	95%	95%	%
		Percent Attainment of Target Non-Emergency Response Time during Working Hours	95%	95%	%
		Stormwater Related Customer Complaints	0.24	0.23	#/1000 people
		Cost to Remove Sediment from Ponds per Volume of Sediment Removed	\$164.58	\$164.58	\$/m3
		Linear O&M Cost	\$0.65	\$0.74	'000 \$/km of sewer and ditches
		Pond Facility O&M Cost	8.74	\$17.94	'000 \$/pond
Cost	Meet Service Requirement s with	Stormwater O&M Cost Relative to Catchment Area	\$7.43	\$11.13	'000 \$/km2 of catchment area
Efficiency	Economic Efficiency	Stormwater O&M Cost Relative to System Length	\$1.27	\$1.88	'000 \$/km of sewer and ditches
		Unit Cost of Catchbasin Cleaning	\$60.56	\$64.50	\$/basin
		Unit Cost of Catchbasin Inspections	\$10.56	\$7.68	\$/basin
		Unit Cost of Oil and Grit Separator Cleaning	N/A	\$6,371.6 1	\$/separator
	Protect Public Health	Mass of Sand and Salt Used	28.16	27.81	tonnes/km of roadway length
Safety	and Safety	Volume of Brine Used	0.29	0.79	m3/km roadway length
	Provide a Safe and	Field Accidents with Lost Time	0	0	#/1000 O&M Hours

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	Productive Workplace	Lost Hours due to Field Accidents	0	0	#/1000 O&M Hours
		Sick Days Taken	13.1	14.4	#/employee
		Total Available O&M Hours/Total Paid O&M Hours	79.22%	74.5%	%
		Total Overtime Hours/Total Paid O&M Hours	8.27%	8.49%	%
		Unavailable O&M Hours / Total Paid O&M Hours	20.82	25.65	%
		Area of Permeable Pavement	2000	2000	m2
		Catchbasin Sumps Cleaned	16.13	20.55	%
Environmenta	Protect the	Cost of Stormwater Monitoring Program	\$437.01	\$306.02	\$/km2 of catchment area
Sustainability	Sustainability Environment	Maintenance Visits per Oil and Grit Separator	1	0.59	#/separator
		Maintenance Visits per Outlet to Receiving Waters	N/A	2.23	#/outlet
		Maintenance Visits per Stormwater Pond	0.74	2.69	/pond
		Capital Reinvestment/Replaceme nt Value	0.01	0.05	%
		Emergency Pump Station Repairs	0	0	#/pump station
		Emergency Sewer Repairs	0	3.14	#/100 km of stormwater sewer length
	Provide	FTEs	2.18	2.37	#/100km sewer and ditches
Reliability	Reliable	Maintenance visits to Dikes	0.01	0.01	#/km
		Net Change in Capital Reserves / Replacement Value	0.09	0.11	%
		Non-Emergency Sewer Repairs	10.03	7.49	#/100km of stormwater sewer length
		O&M Budget and Regional Fees relative to Catchment Area	\$9,707,7 0	\$9,754.6 5	\$/km2

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In addition, the City is also working to include additional levels of service to evaluate organization specific KPIs at an internal level. These KPIs have been provided in **Table 32**. Where available, 2019 KPI data or Targets have been added. The AIM project will also assist with identifying and adding additional KPIs in future iterations because a system will be available to formally track this data.

Table 32:	Newly	Defined	Level	of	Service	KPIs
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Customer Level of Service	Technical Level of Service	2019 KPI	2020 KPI	Units
	% of stormwater system resilient to 2-year storm	N/A	47.7%	%
	Number of basement flooding prevention grant funding applications	N/A	3	Count
	Number of storm events	12	10	Count
	Largest return year storm event	1.9	1.8	Return year
Quality	Number of overland flood complaints	N/A	0	Count
Quality	Length of newly installed stormwater gravity main	6.91	0.796	km
	Number of abandoned stormwater gravity main segments	19	16	Count
	No of basement flooding complaints	N/A	1	Count
	Number of Right of Way Flooding complaints	N/A	2	Count
	Number of stormwater pond complaints	N/A	2	Count
Cost Effectiveness	Number of hours spent preparing for storm weather events	N/A	N/A	Hours
	Cost spent preparing for storm weather events	N/A	N/A	\$
Environmental	Number of waterwise gardening participants	N/A	320	Count
Sustainability	Number of rain barrels sold	N/A	200	Count
Responsiveness	Length of time to respond to flooding service request	N/A	N/A	Hours

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3.6. CURRENT ASSET PERFOMANCE

The current asset performance for Stormwater assets has been separated into two (2) categories for this section of the report:

- Energy Performance; and
- Operating Performance

3.6.1. STORMWATER FACILITY CURRENT ENERGY PERFORMANCE

The City of Brantford has a Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP) which emphasizes energy efficiency within the City. The goals of the CEMP are to reduce energy use, energy intensity, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in our Facilities. In addition, through the City's Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Lens Tool explained in **Section 10** of the **Asset Management Plan Overview Document**, the City has been working to improve our facilities' energy efficiency and reduce the associated carbon footprint.

Under this plan, annual energy management data is reported, but has a reporting delay of two (2) years. The most recent report is the 2019 Corporate Energy Management Report which is where the current energy performance of each water facility in **Table 33** below was obtained.

Facility	Address	Electricity (kWh)*	Natural Gas (m3)*	GHG Emissions (kg)*	Annual Flow (Mega Litres)	Energy Intensity (ekWh/Mega Litre)*
Stormwater P.S.	59 Icomm Dr	311,019	N/A	9,478	2269	137.1

Table 33: Current Energy Performance of Stormwater Facilities

*Based on information provided in the 2019 Corporate Energy Management Report

3.6.2. STORMWATER TREATMENT CURRENT OPERATING PERFORMANCE

To assess the current operating performance, the City participates in the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) with other municipalities. The City reports specific data metrics for the purposes of comparing Brantford to other municipalities as well as compares our reported KPIs from each year. It is important to note that a confidentiality agreement exists with other municipalities, and so although Brantford does compare our performance against other municipalities, that comparison cannot be reported in this report These KPIs are reported in the Current Levels of

Service in **Section 3.5**. When comparing our KPIs from 2018 to 2019, many of our results have not changed substantially. However, there was a significant amount more O&M expenditure for stormwater ponds because the City is working to improve the maintenance of these assets.

In addition, the City is currently completing a Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data project, which is an airborne technology that uses a pulsed laser light emitted towards the Earth's surface, and then reflects back to the sensor. This project is part of City's infrastructure planning process, and will be used to analyze the City's stormwater management data and capacity as well as related areas as noted in City's infrastructure master plan. It is anticipated that after this study, deficiencies within our current stormwater network will be identified, which will evaluate the current performance.

3.7. DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the City of Brantford operates and maintains several stormwater assets. These assets are typically in Fair condition with a total estimated replacement cost of approximately \$481M.

The inventory and condition data confidence for stormwater assets are typically at a Medium level due to incomplete ArcGIS inventory information. Assets that can be visually inspected are typically at a higher level for both inventory and condition, but many assessment programs have not encompassed all assets at this time (e.g. gravity main, maintenance holes). Low data confidence assets for inventory and condition will be investigated and improved as new data is added into the database (e.g. inlets, stormwater services, outfalls, ditches). In addition, new condition assessment methodologies are continuously being investigated for critical assets. As stated, some of these inventory and inspection improvements are ongoing and also will improve as a result of the AIM project explained in **Section 7** of the **Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview** document.

Furthermore, the lifecycle stages for stormwater assets includes: Planning, Creation, O&M, and Disposal. During the Planning stage, the City identifies the need for the asset; during the Creation stage, the asset is purchased and installed or constructed; during the O&M stage, the asset is operating and lifecycle activities (i.e. maintenance) occur on each of our stormwater assets to maintain the state of good repair; and the Disposal stage is when the asset has reached the end of its useful life or is underperforming and requires disposal.

Lifecycle activities are currently typically tracked through Avantis for vertical assets or a mobile web application through ArcGIS for linear assets which provides limited data. For more information on key database applications and work order management, please refer to **Section 4.2** and **Section 7**, respectively, in the **AMP Overview** document. At this time, the costs associated with these activities are partially broken down as a lump sum and are estimated based on the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget, which is created based on the total O&M expenditures from previous years. When these activities are integrated into AIM, the frequency and costs associated with specific activities will be better represented. Therefore, future updates of the AMP will include specific costs for these activities as well as the time associated with these activities in order to properly allocate budget and identify operational inefficiencies.

It is estimated based on the average annual cost in the 10 Year Life Cycle Costing that the City should be spending an average \$4.4M annually in capital costs on stormwater assets and will be spending an average of \$0.9M on O&M for stormwater assets, however, the City is currently proposing to spend an average of \$2.4M annually on

capital for stormwater assets' state of good repair. It is anticipated that the capital costs will increase as a result of the 2021 LiDAR inspection described in **Section 3.6.2**.

Additionally, Current Levels of Service have been identified for stormwater assets. These levels of service are either tracked based on reported information required for the National Water and Wastewater Benchmarking Initiative (NWWBI) or are newly identified levels of service metrics for future iterations of the AMP. The NWWBI information is mandated through this initiative, but serves as a tool for a first draft of the stormwater asset KPIs. Brantford is also working to include these and additional metrics in AIM which will assist us with tracking these KPIs for future iterations.

Finally, asset performance is separated into operating and energy performance. For operating performance the City compares NWWBI data with surrounding municipalities as well as against previous years' data. For energy performance, annual energy data associated with facilities in the City's Corporate Energy Management Plan (CEMP) has been reported. The City used a total of 311,019 kWh for stormwater pumping, and emitted 9,478 kg of gas emissions for this facility. The City continuously looks for ways to improve the energy efficiency of all facilities. Through the Climate Change Action Plan and Climate Lens Tool explained in **Section 10** of the **AMP Overview** document, the City will be setting targets to improve facilities' energy efficiency and reduce the associated carbon footprint.