

# Welcome!

## We will begin shortly...

Virtual Meeting Schedule	
6:00 – 6:10	Welcome
6:10 – 6:45	Presentation
6:45 – 7:00	Presentation Q & A (General)
7:00 – 7:45	Zoom Breakout Rooms
7:45 – 8:00	Come Back Together/Wrap-Up





# Willow Creek Watershed Study Public Information Meeting No. 3

MSA Professional Services with  
City of Madison Engineering Division  
September 29, 2022

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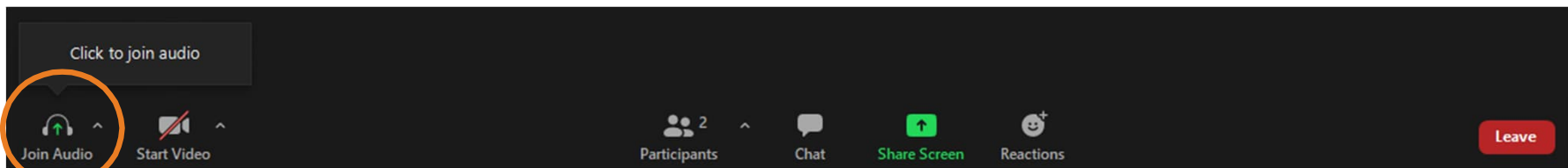
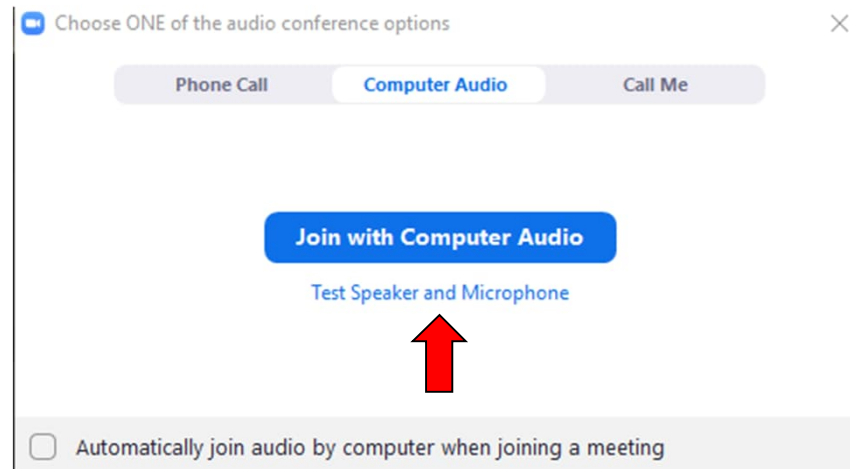
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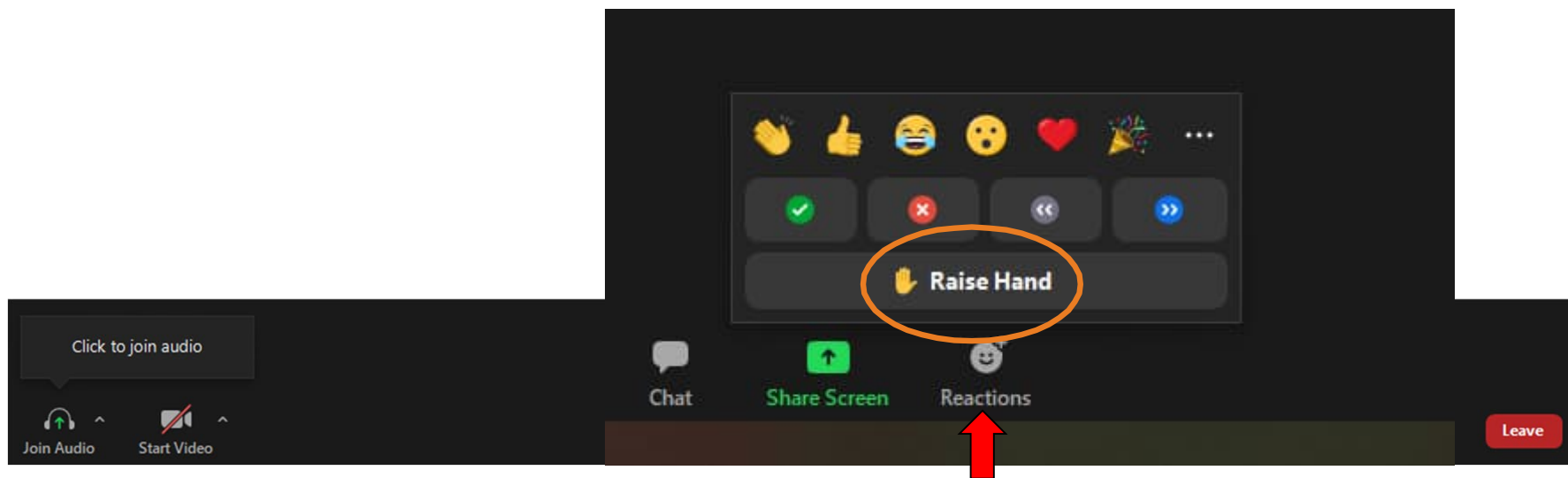
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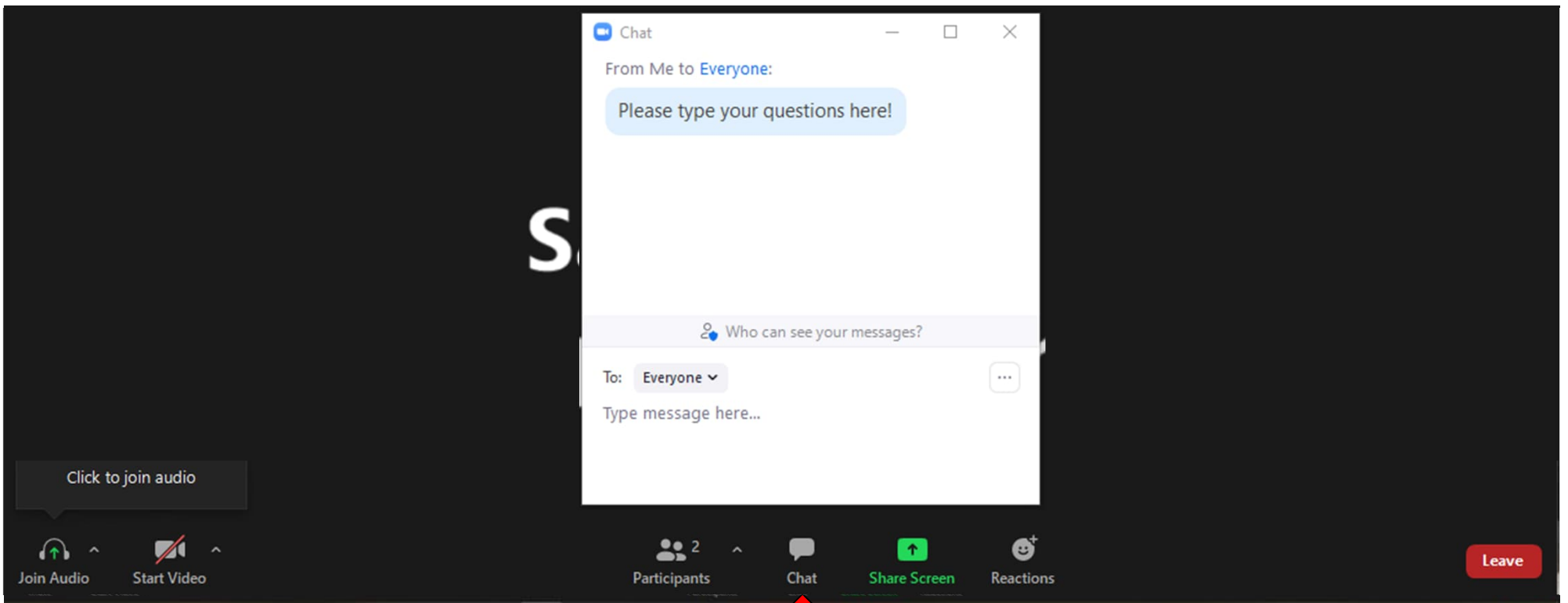


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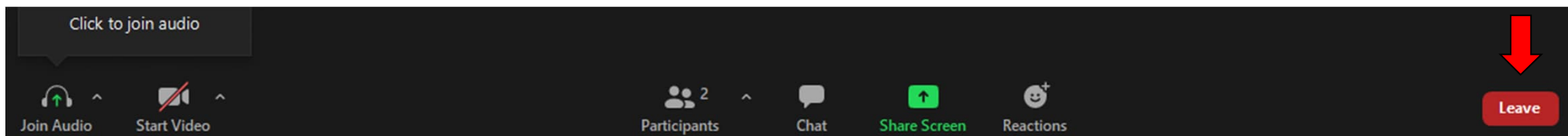
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# Evening Overview

- Welcome (Caroline Burger, City of Madison)
- Presentation (Eric Thompson, MSA Professional Services)
- Q&A (facilitated by Caroline Burger, City of Madison)
  - Submit questions through Zoom “Chat”
    - *To find the Zoom Chat Box, hover over the edge of your screen. A toolbar will appear, and you can click on “Chat”*
  - Questions answered at the end of the Presentation
- Wrap Up (Caroline Burger, City of Madison)
- Breakout Groups (MSA and City of Madison staff)
  - We will separate into breakout groups if needed based on the Q&A



# Presentation Outline

1. Definitions of commonly used terms
2. Study location
3. Watershed study schedule
4. Flood mitigation targets
5. Inundation mapping
6. Proposed solutions development process
7. Proposed solutions
  - a. Standalone projects
  - b. Local storm sewer
8. Implementation and cost
9. Why aren't all flood targets met?
10. Next steps



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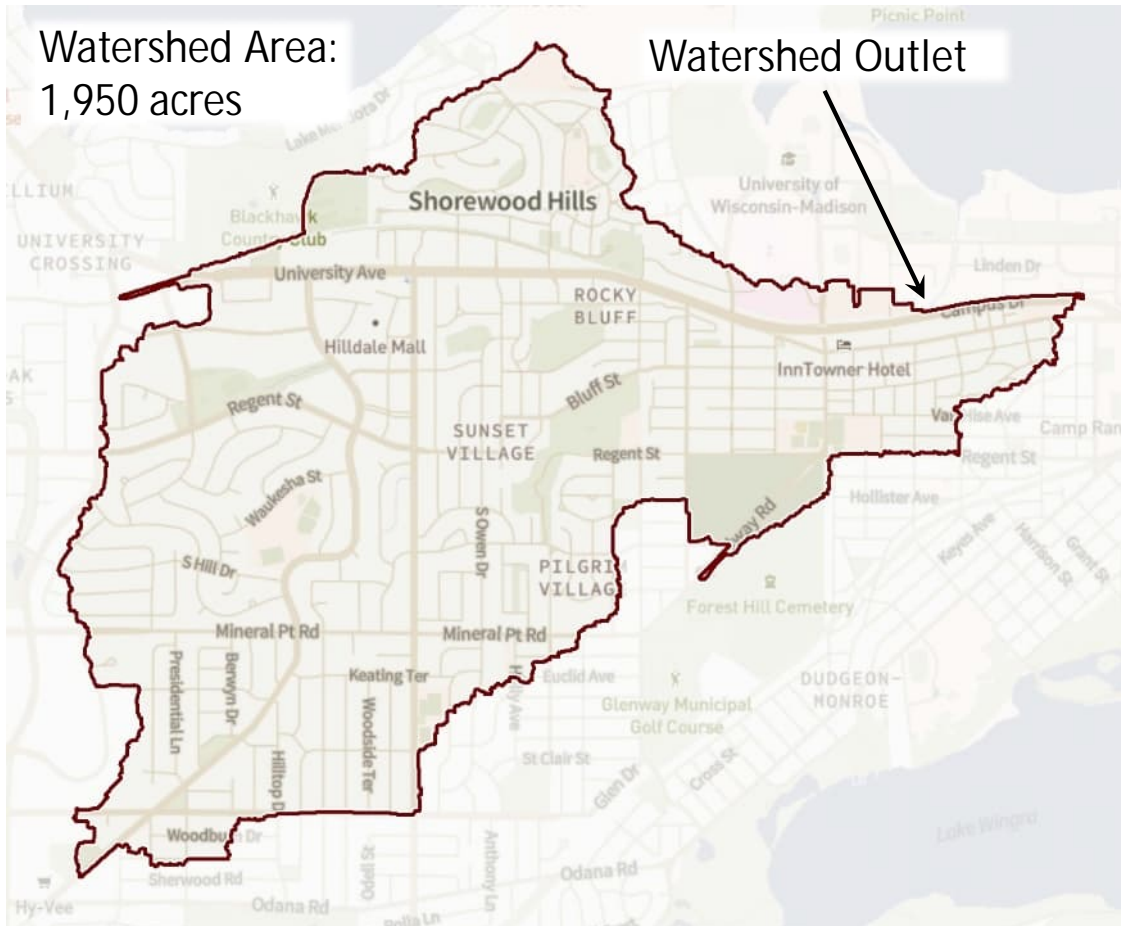
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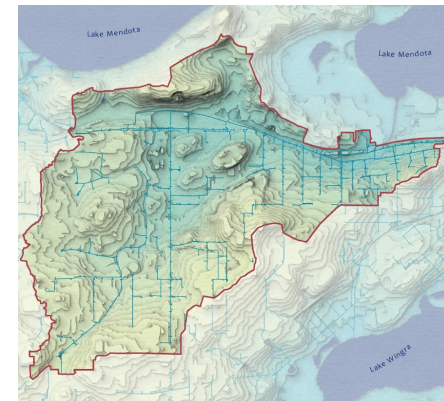
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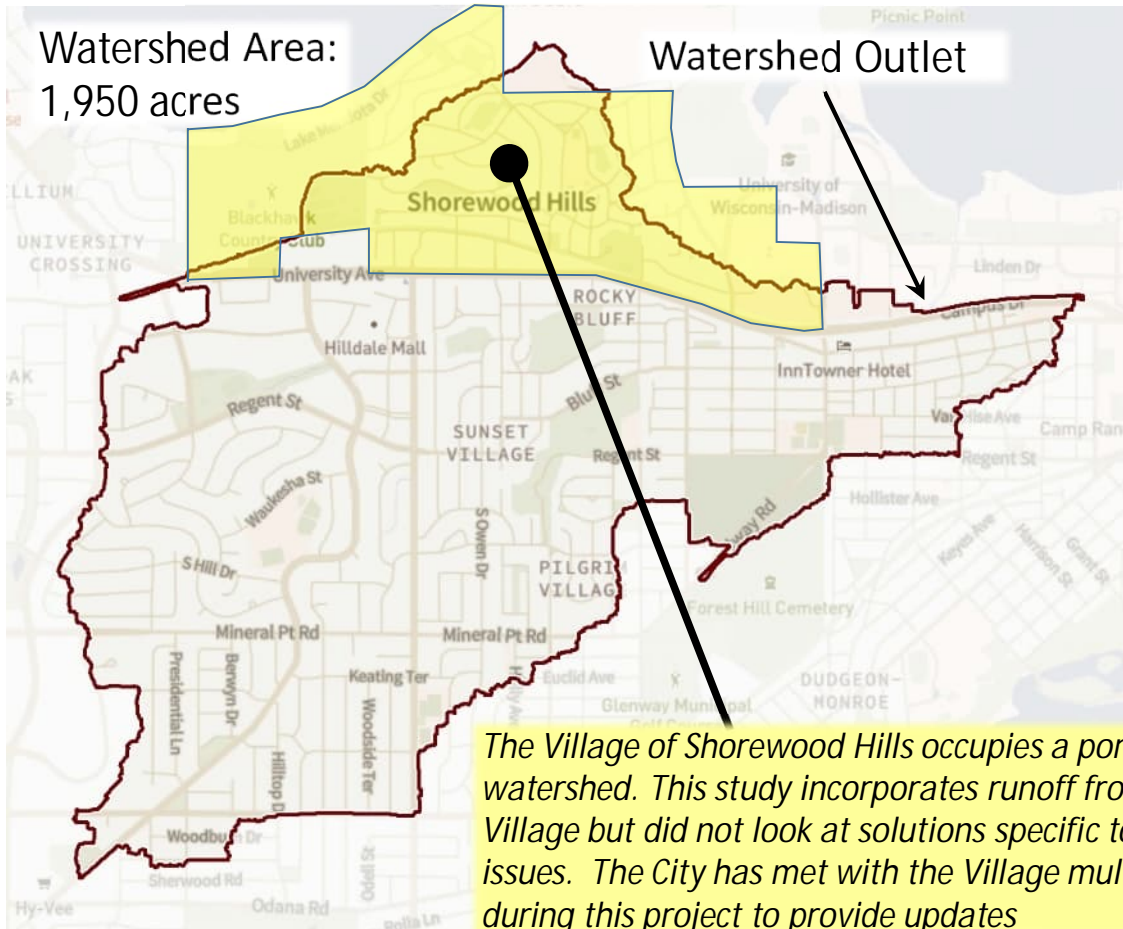
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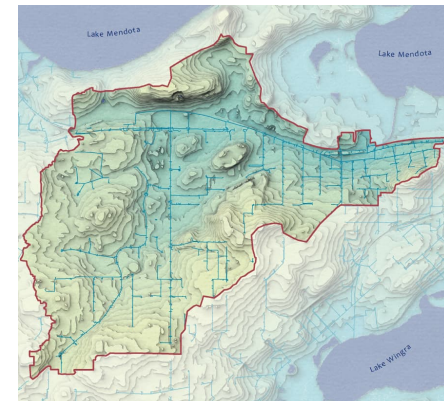


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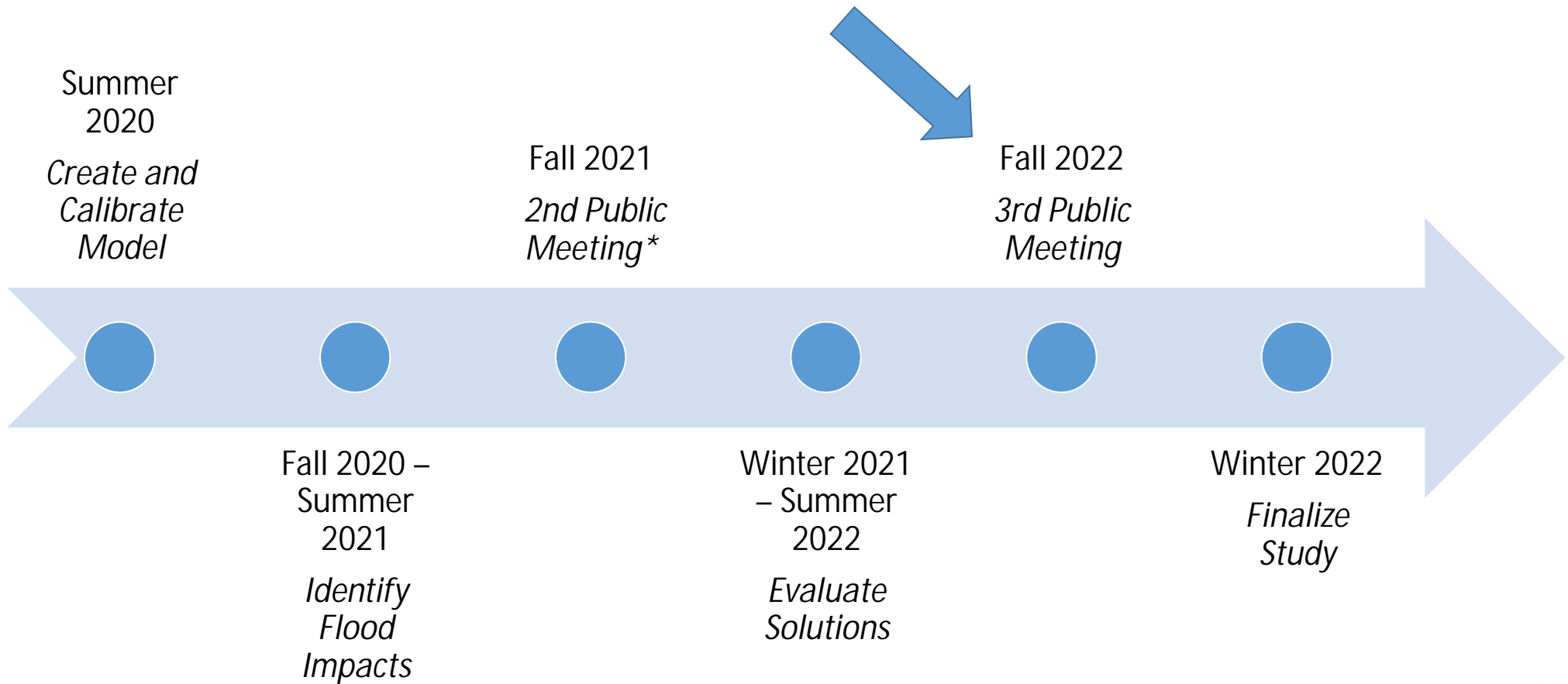
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# Schedule



*\*Presentations from PIM1 and PIM 2 can be found on the Watershed Study Website*

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  - No surcharging of storm sewer onto roadway (storm sewer pipes are sized to carry storm)



# Flood Mitigation Targets

- Not all targets are met for all areas of the watershed
  - Problems are complex – mitigating factors discussed later in the presentation
  - For the Willow Creek watershed targets were adjusted based on downstream system limitations

PIM #2 discussed development and calibration of the existing conditions modeling.

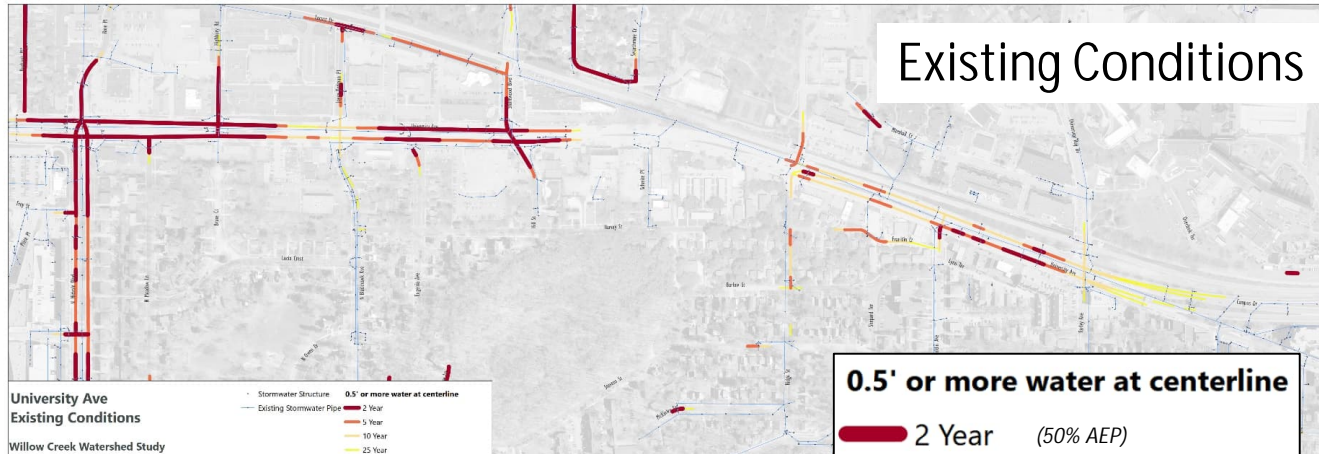
One of the first activities the existing conditions model was used for was to evaluate the installation of the 96" relief storm sewer currently being installed with the reconstruction of University Avenue.

The flood reduction benefits achieved by this improvement represent the maximum feasible for this corridor and forced a re-evaluation of flood reduction targets for Willow Creek.



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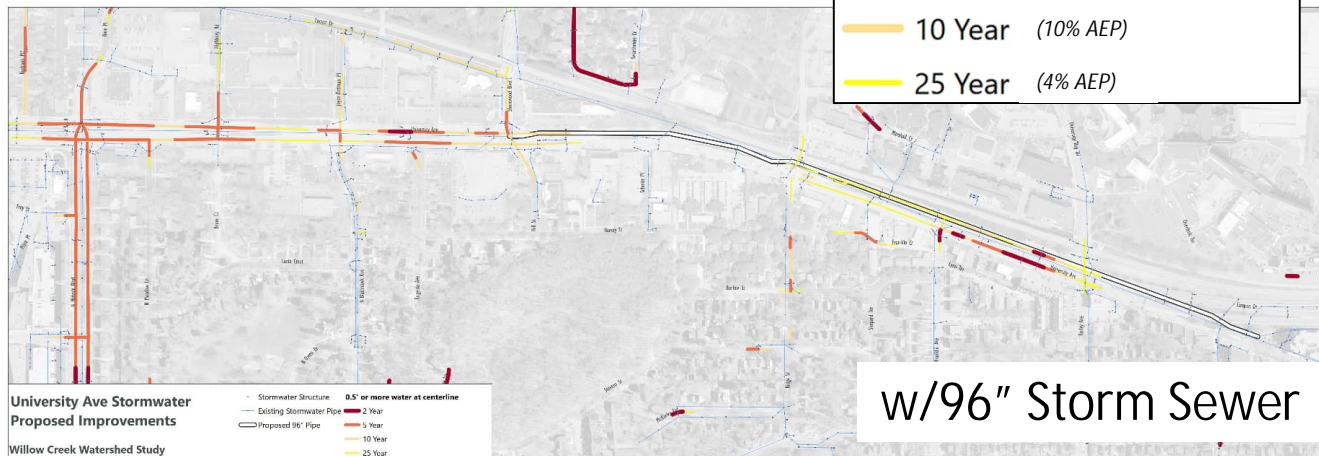
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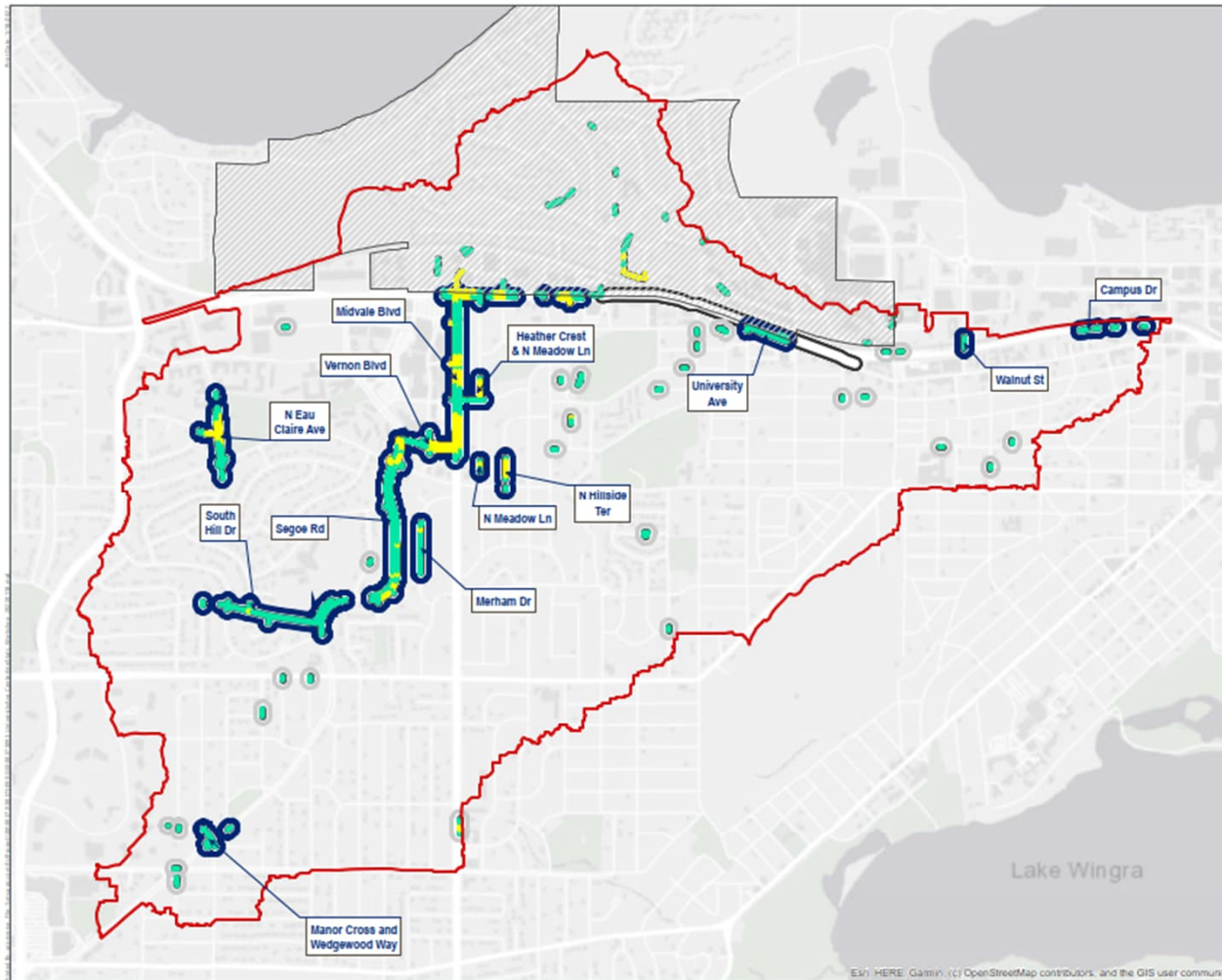


20% Chance Event  
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*System capacity improved from < 2-yr to ~5-yr service level*

# Storm Sewer Systems < 20% AEP Service Level



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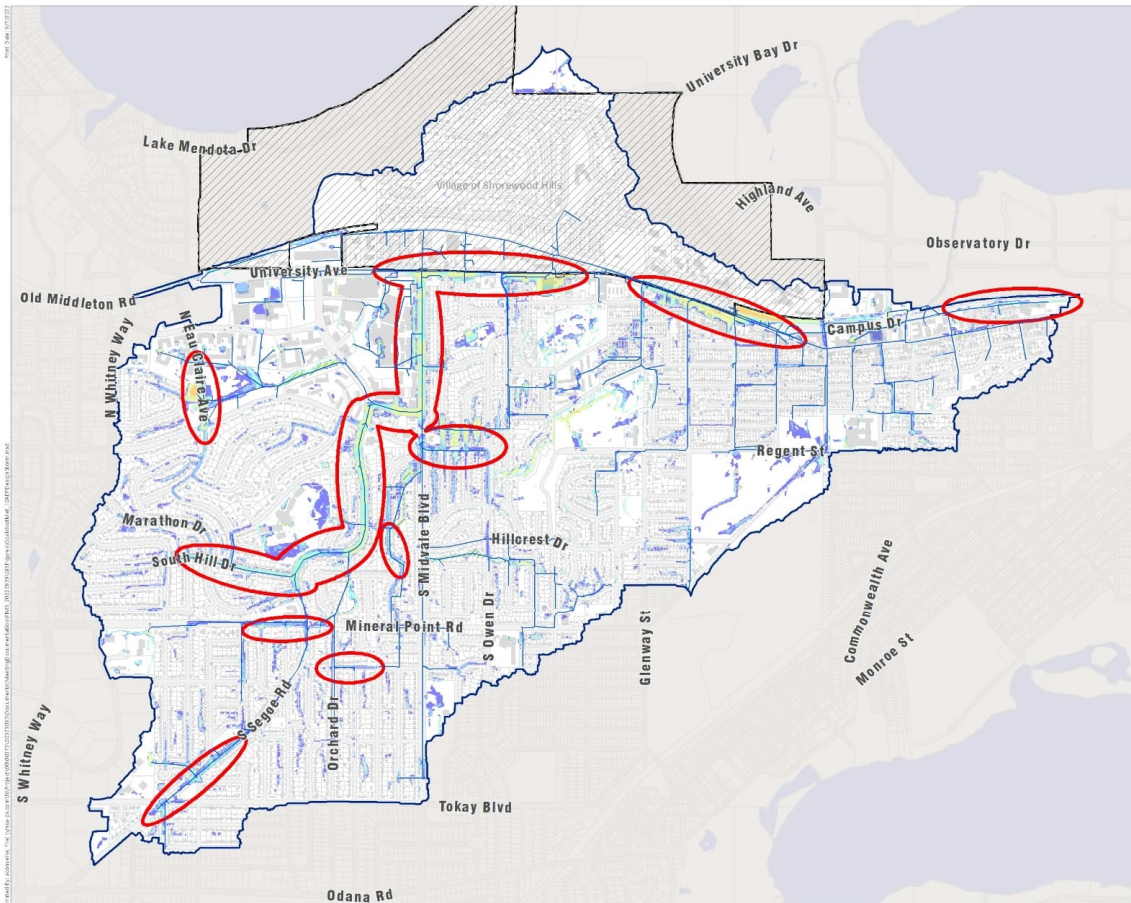


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# 10% Chance Existing Inundation Mapping



**Existing Conditions**  
**10% Chance Event**  
 Willow Creek Watershed Study  
 City of Madison  
 Dane County, WI

- Watershed Study Area
- Shorewood Hills
- Modeled Link
- Goals Not Met
- Greenway
- 10% Annual Exceedance Probability Storm  
 Maximum Water Depth (ft)
- 0.01 - 0.25
- 0.25 - 0.5
- 0.5 - 1
- 1 - 3
- 3 - 6

Data Sources:  
 Parcels: Dane County  
 Watershed Boundaries: MSA  
 Stormwater System: City of Madison



17.3 miles out of 104.2 miles of curb do not meet the 10% target

**20% AEP Event**  
**15.2 miles**  
**do not meet target**  
*Target  $\leq 0.25'$  of water at curb line*





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**Proposed Solution Alternative Matrix**

Model Scenario Name	Existing	Prop-A	Prop-B	Prop-C	Prop-D	Prop-E	Prop-F	Prop-Ga	Prop-Gb	Prop-H
University Ave 96" Storm Sewer. N Blackhawk Ave SS connection. Midvale/University Box Wall Removed.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
University Bay Dr 72" relief sewer.	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5-Year Level of Service SS Upsizing (Midvale Blvd, Vernon Blvd, Segoe Rd, S Hill Dr, N Eau Claire Ave, Regent St, Owens Dr, Meadow Ln)	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Storage Basins proposed at Robin Park, Merlham Dr, and the Hillcrest Cunette.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Storage Basins proposed at Rennebohm Park/Karen Arms, Wholefoods, and low lying residential area north of Regent St.	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
12' Diameter Deep Tunnel to lake Mendota.	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
9' Diameter Deep Tunnel to Lake Mendota.	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N

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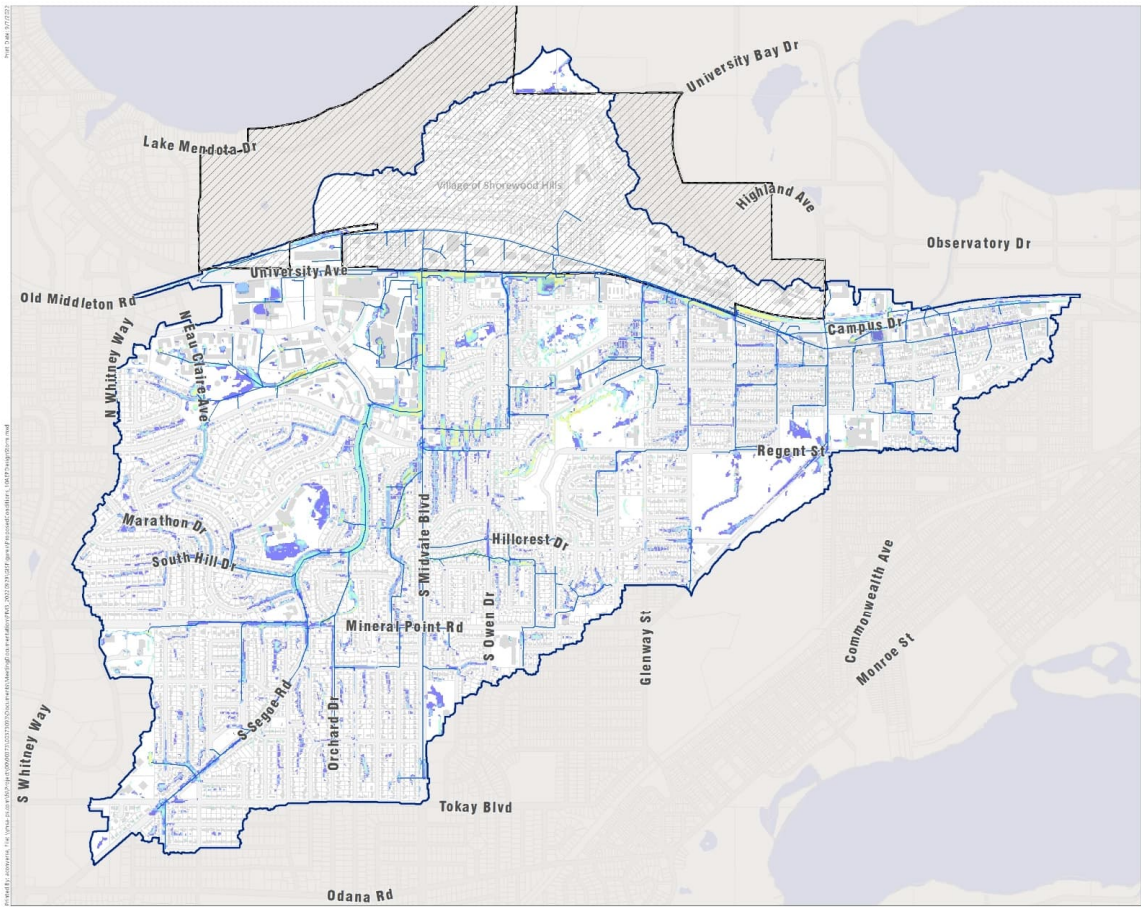


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# 10% Chance Proposed Inundation Mapping



**Proposed Conditions**  
**10% Chance Event**

1.9 additional miles of curblines will meet 10% target

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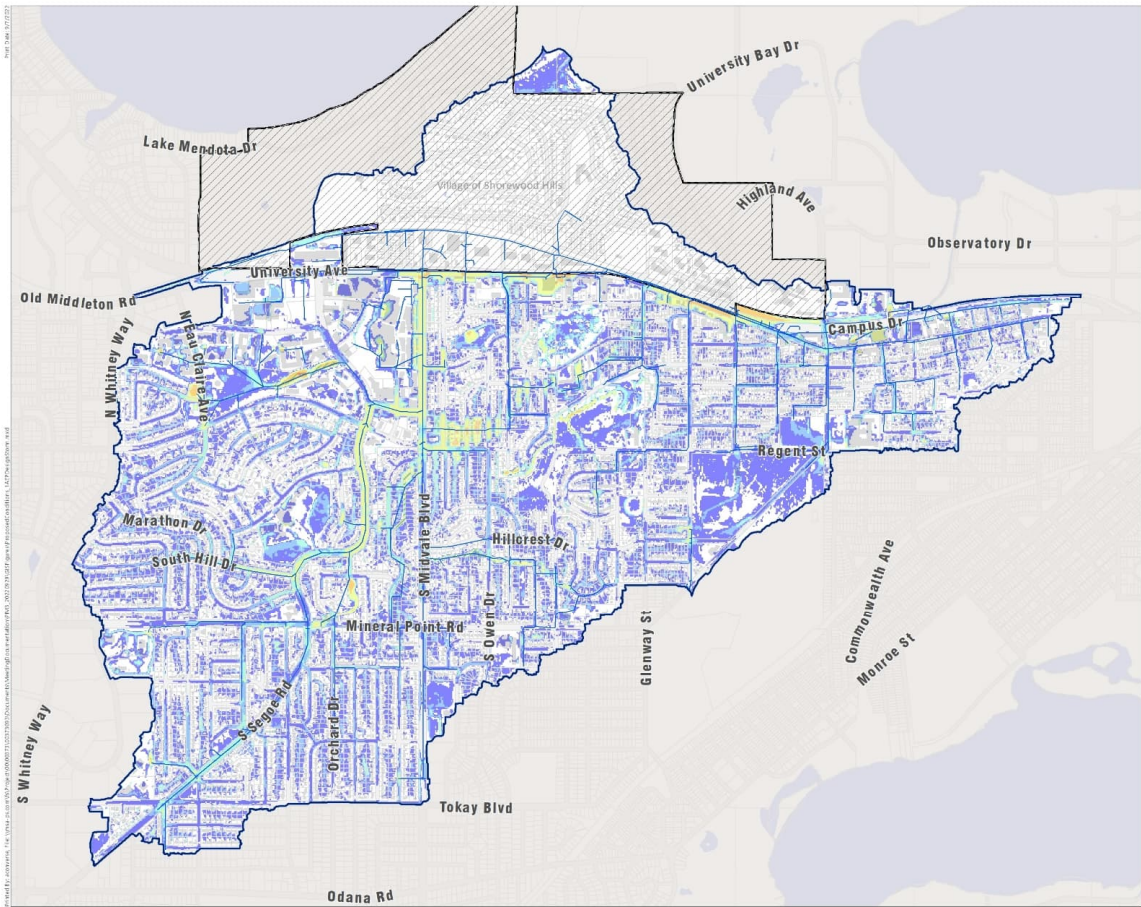
**20% AEP Event**  
 2.6 additional miles will meet target  
 Target  $\leq 0.25'$  of water at curb line

Data Sources:  
 Parcels: Dane County  
 Watershed Boundaries: MSA  
 Stormwater System: City of Madison





# 1% Chance Proposed Inundation Mapping



## Proposed Conditions

1% Chance Event

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City of Madison  
Dane County, WI

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Data Sources:  
Planets: Dane County  
Watershed Boundaries: MSA  
Stormwater System: City of Madison



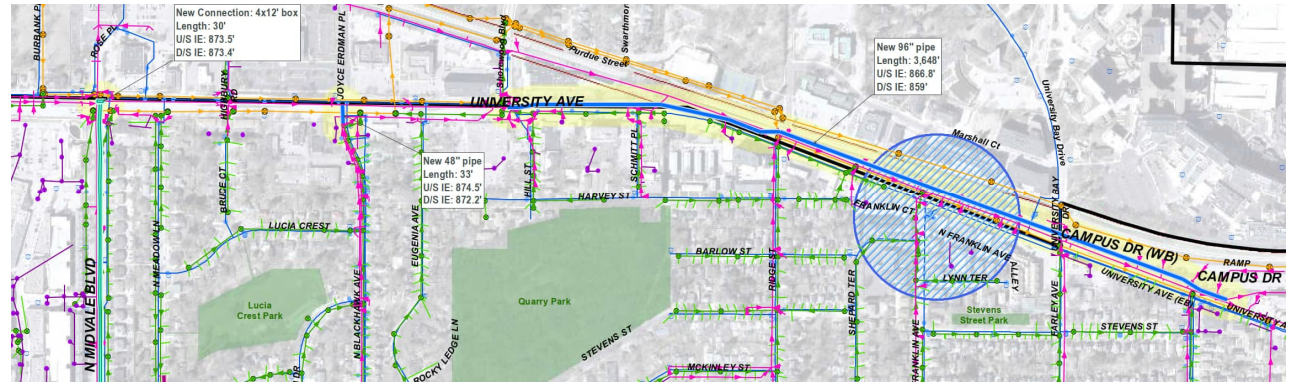
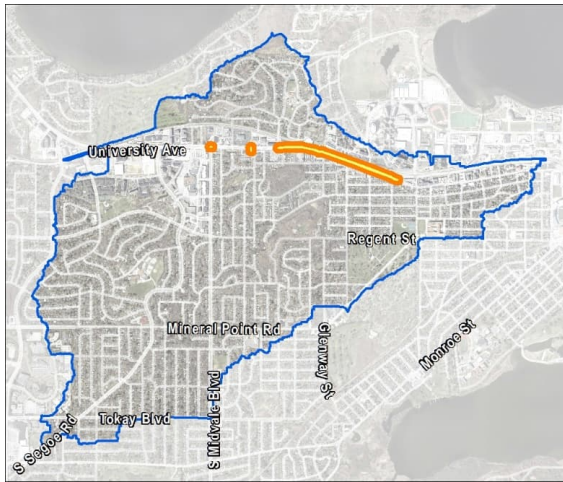
31 additional structures will meet 1% chance storm target



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2. N Midvale Blvd Storm Sewer
3. South Hill Dr, Segoe Rd and Vernon Blvd Storm Sewer
4. Regent St & Owen Dr Storm Sewer
5. N Eau Claire Ave, Regent St and Rennebohm Park Storm Sewer
6. S Segoe Rd Storm System Improvements

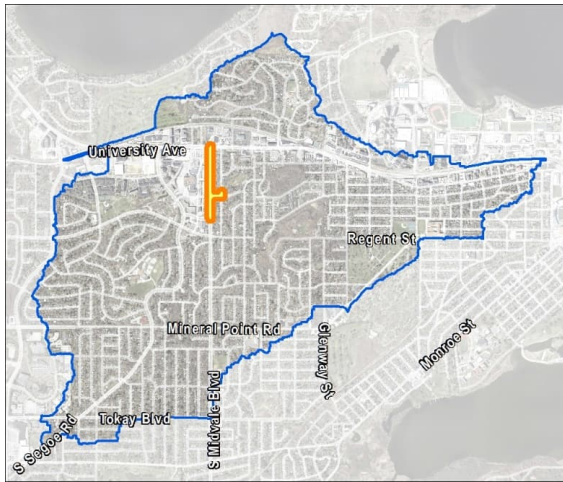
# 1. University Ave Storm System Improvements



- Goal: Reduce flooding during 10%, 4%, and 1% events
- New 96" pipe along University Ave (Shorewood Blvd → east of Grand Ave)
- Reconnecting the box at Midvale Blvd and University Ave
- New Connection at N Blackhawk Ave and University
- Reduces street ponding for more frequent events
- Under construction now (Summer 2022)



## 2. N Midvale Blvd Parallel Storm System Improvements



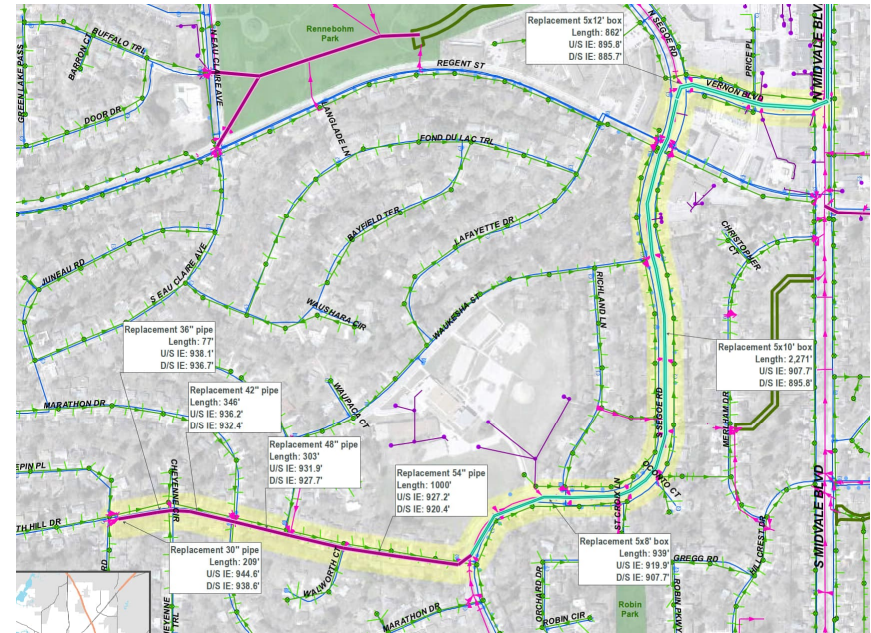
- Goal: Reduce flooding during 10%, 4%, and 1% events
- Install a second, parallel 5' x 10' box culvert under Midvale Blvd
- Upsize 2-pipes on Heather Crest and N Meadow Ln to meet 20% event capacity
- 5 less buildings/structures impacted by 1% event
- Est. Cost: \$16.8M



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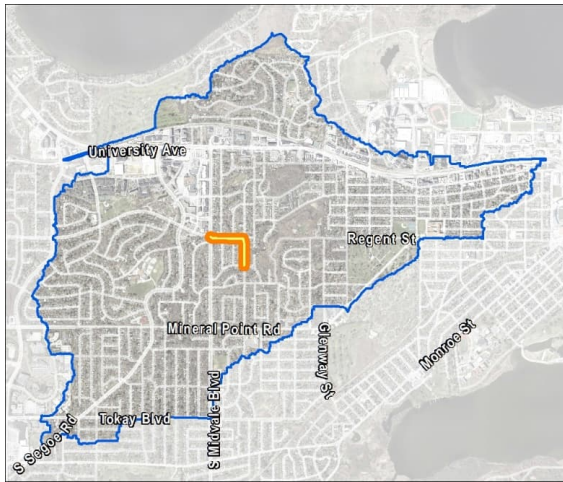


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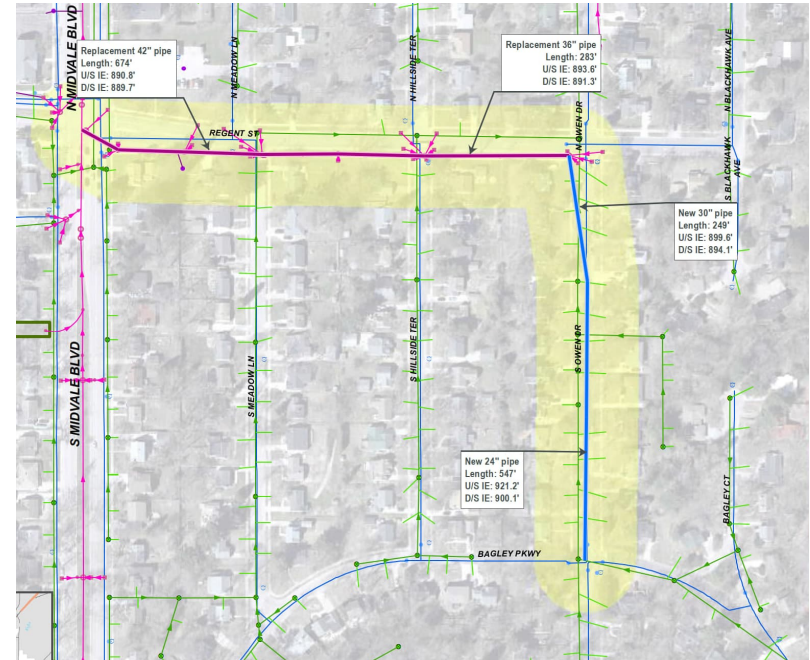


- Goal: Reduce flooding during 10%, 4%, and 1% events
- Install larger pipes to serve the 20% design event (limited capacity downstream)
- Starts with a 30" pipe, increasing to a 54" pipe when the South Hill intersects with Segoe Rd.
- 0.4 miles of curbline no longer inundated for the 10% event
- 0.25 miles of centerline now passable for the 4% event
- Est. Cost: \$20.9M

## 4. Regent St and Owen Dr Storm System Improvements

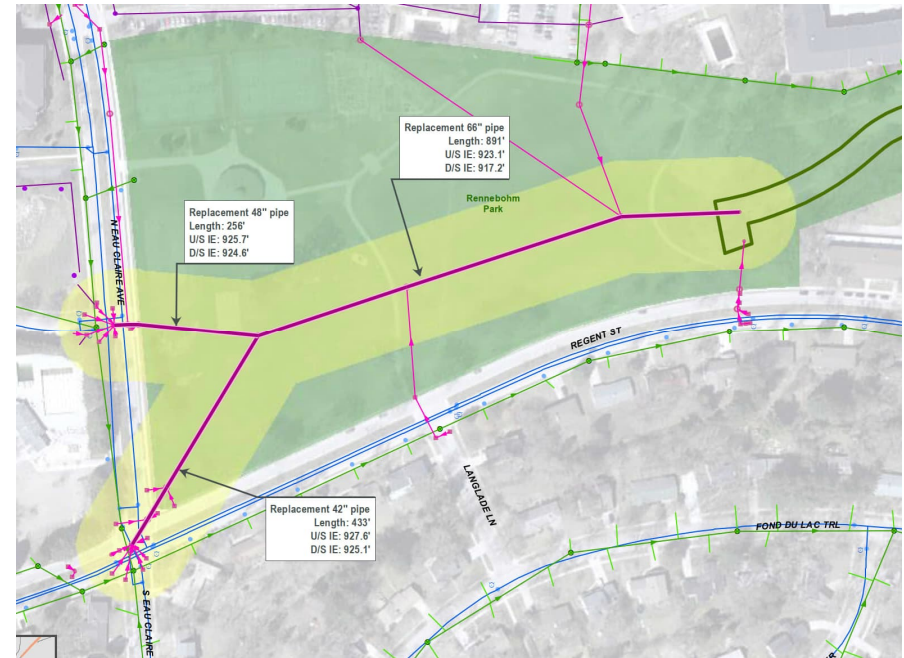
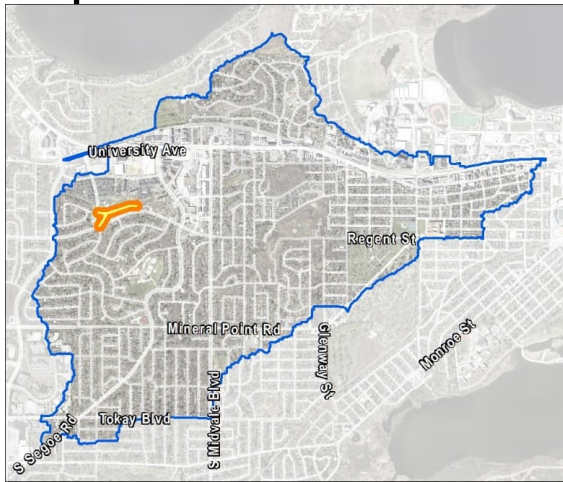


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- On Owen St, start with a 24" pipe, increasing to a 30" pipe before the intersection with Regent St
- On Regent St, start with 36" transitioning to a 42" pipe before the connection at Midvale Blvd
- 7 buildings/structures no longer impacted by 1% event
- Est. Cost: \$1.9M



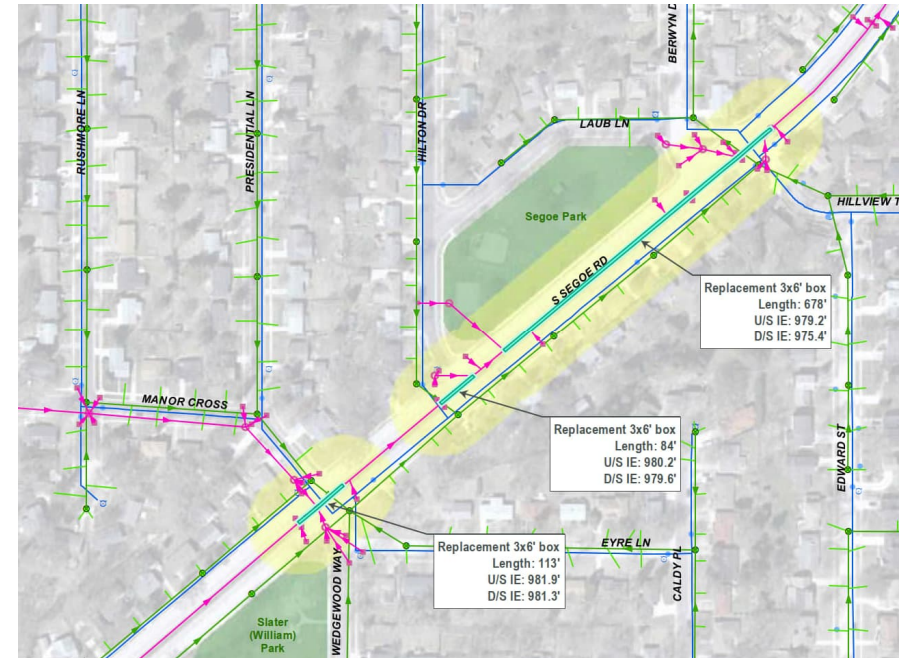
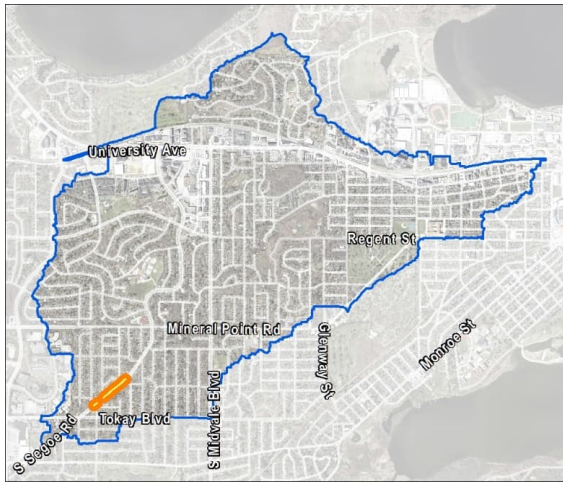


# 5. N Eau Claire Ave, Regent St and Rennebohm Park Storm System Improvements



- Goal: Reduce flooding during 10%, 4%, and 1% events
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- At the N Eau Claire Ave and Buffalo Trl intersection, increased to a 48" pipe
- At the N Eau Claire Ave and Regent St intersection, increased to a 42" pipe
- Pipe underneath Rennebohm park increased to 66" pipe
- 0.3 miles of curbline no longer inundated for 10% event.
- One less structure impacted by 1% event
- Est. Cost: \$1.1M

## 6. S Segoe Rd Storm System Improvements



- Goal: Reduce flooding during 10%, 4%, and 1% events
- Replace all smaller pipes with a 3' x 6' box culvert
- 0.5 miles of curblines no longer inundated for 10% event.
- 0.25 miles of centerline now passable for the 4% event
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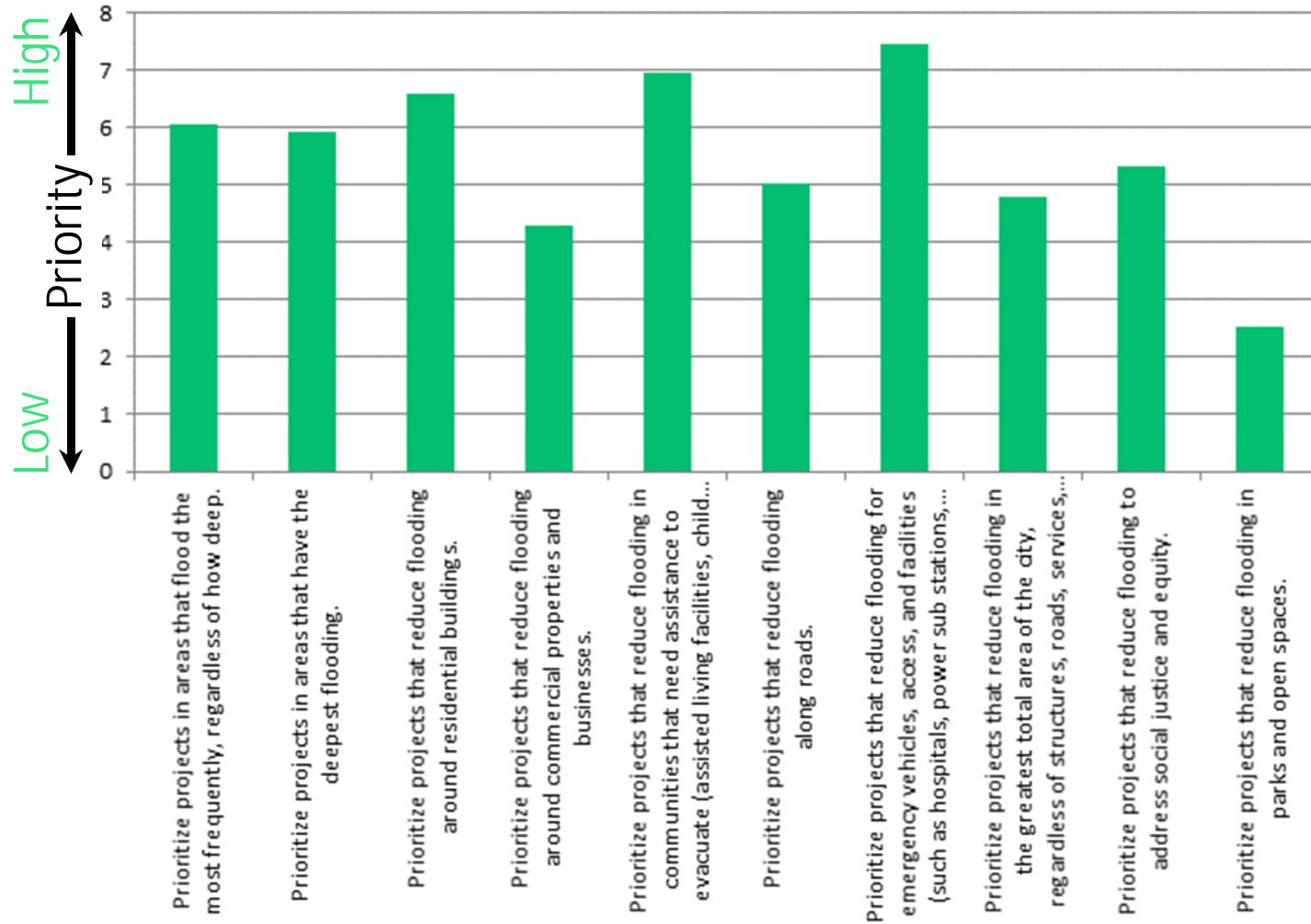
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- See survey to provide input on how solutions are prioritized





# Current Prioritization Survey Results



If you haven't, please take the survey.

A link can be found on the Willow Creek Project Webpage

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# Why Aren't All Targets Met for the Watershed?

- Space constraints
- Conflict with other major utilities *(drinking water wells, large gas mains, etc.)*
- Property ownership
- Cost impacts
- Adverse downstream impacts
- Neighborhood resistance



# Next Steps

- Finalize draft report
- Post draft final report for 30-day public comment
- Finalize report
- Finalize prioritization process
- Budget for projects
- Once included in budget, start design and separate project-specific outreach



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- Most projects take 1 ½ – 2 years to design & permit before they can be constructed

# Contact Information & Resources

- Project Manager: Caroline Burger, [cburger@cityofmadison.com](mailto:cburger@cityofmadison.com)
- Public Information Officer: Hannah Mohelnitzky, [hmoelnitzky@cityofmadison.com](mailto:hmoelnitzky@cityofmadison.com)
- Project Webpage: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/willow-creek-watershed-study>
  - Sign-up for project email updates on the website
  - Report flooding, past or current on the Report Flooding form
  - Learn ways to protect your property from flooding with on-site fixes
- New Flooding Website: [www.cityofmadison.com/flooding](http://www.cityofmadison.com/flooding)
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# Zoom Breakout Rooms

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- Join a Zoom Breakout Room Session
  - Window will pop up where you can select which group you'd like to join
  - If a window doesn't pop up, look for a button on the bottom that says "Breakout Rooms." Click the button and room options will appear.