

## MWRD Phase II Study Area City of Chicago

Project Overview Presentation to Calumet Stormwater Collaborative

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### **Project Team**







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**Green Metro Planning IIc** 



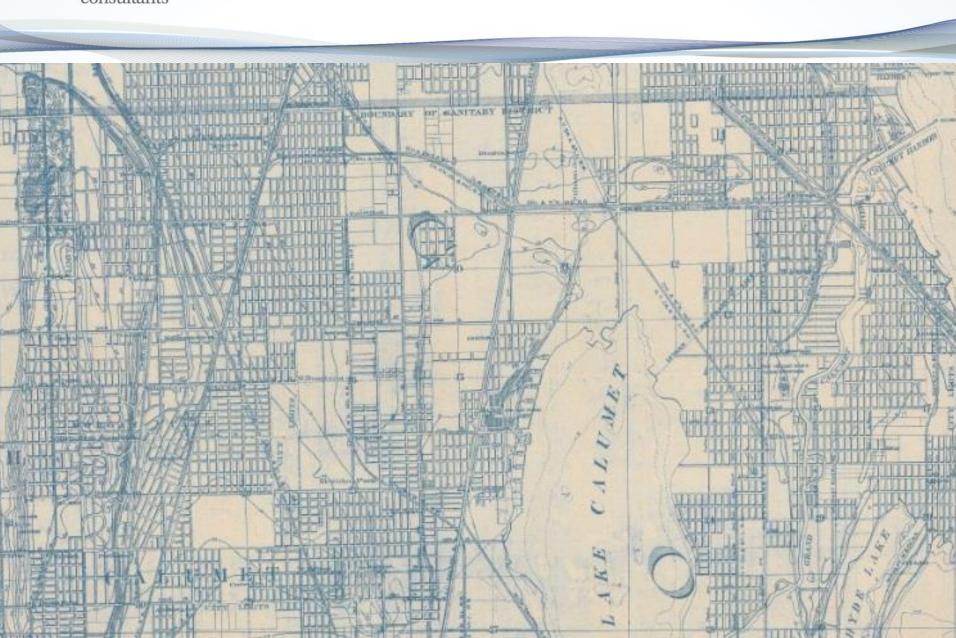








### **Sanitary District of Chicago Map c1895**





#### **Historical Aerial 1939**



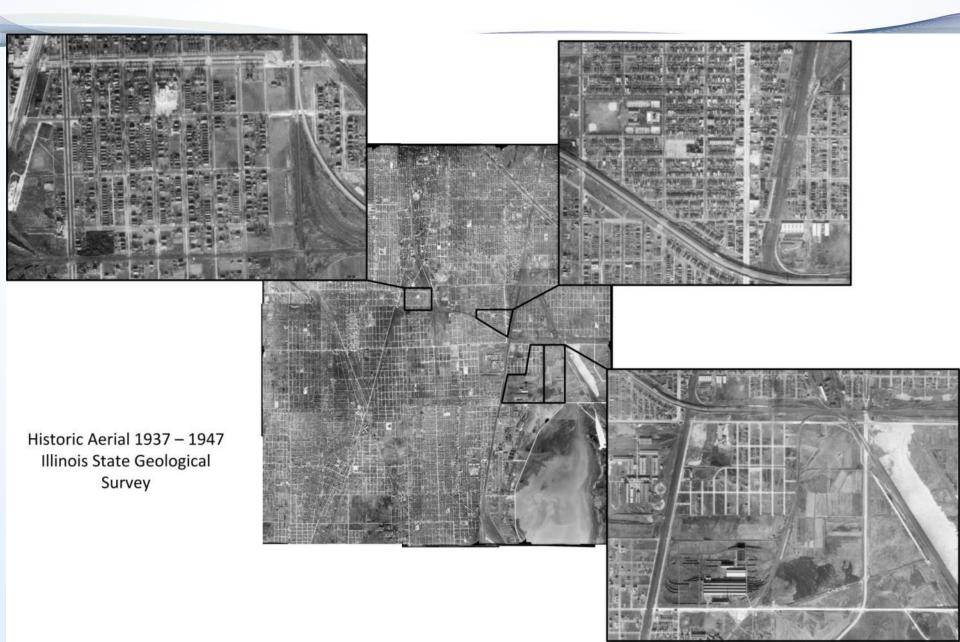
Historical Aerial 1939 Illinois State Geological Survey

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#### A Closer Look of Subservice Areas 1939



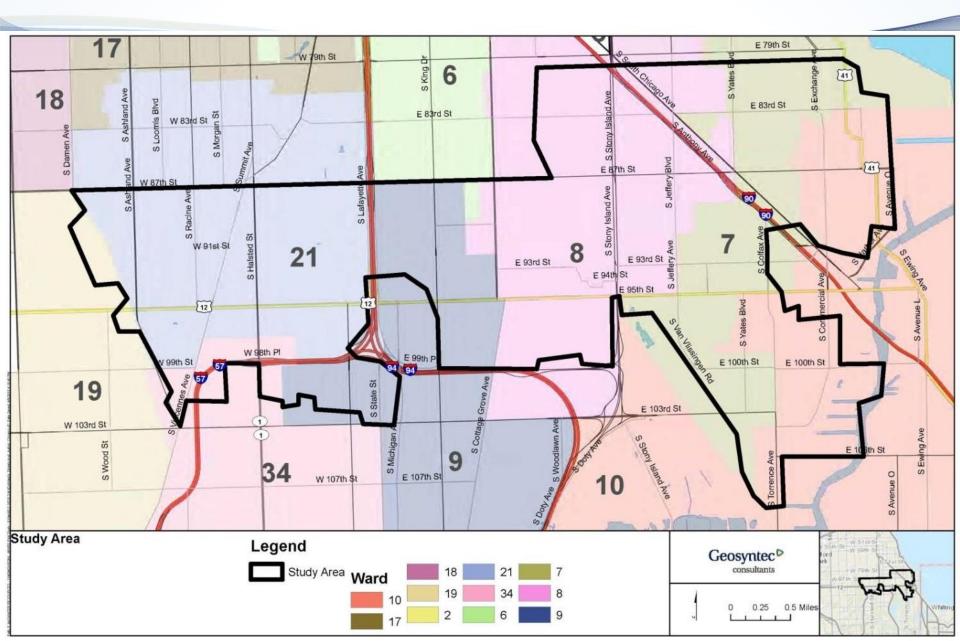
# Study Area Location Legend Geosyntec<sup>D</sup> StudyArea Chicago 0 5 10 20 Miles

#### **Overview**

- 13 Square Miles
- 7 Wards (7,8,9,10,21, 34, & 19)
- Densely urbanized
- Prior & ongoing studies
- Chronic urban flooding

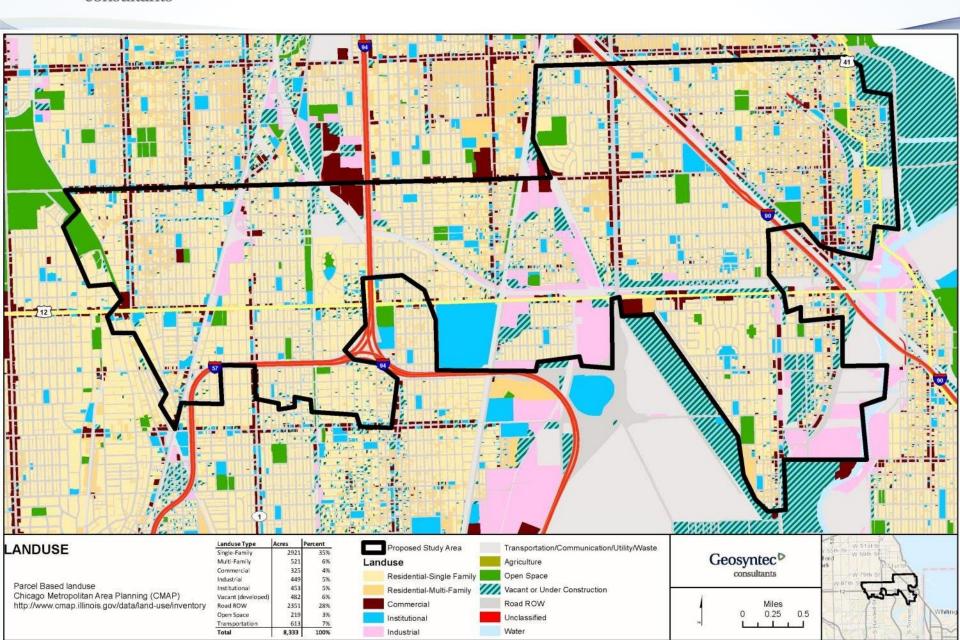


#### **Wards and Streets**



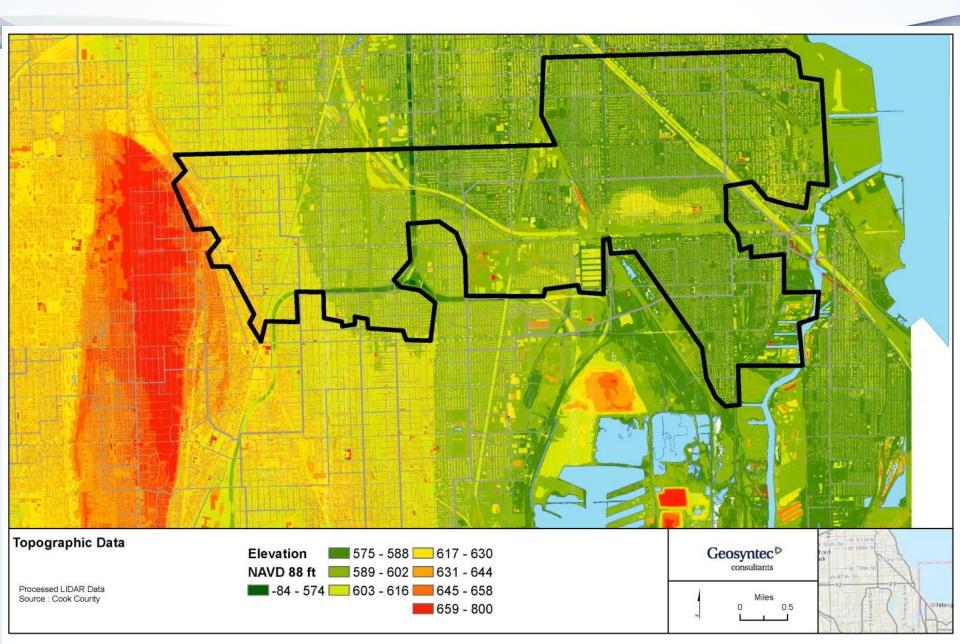


#### **Land Use**



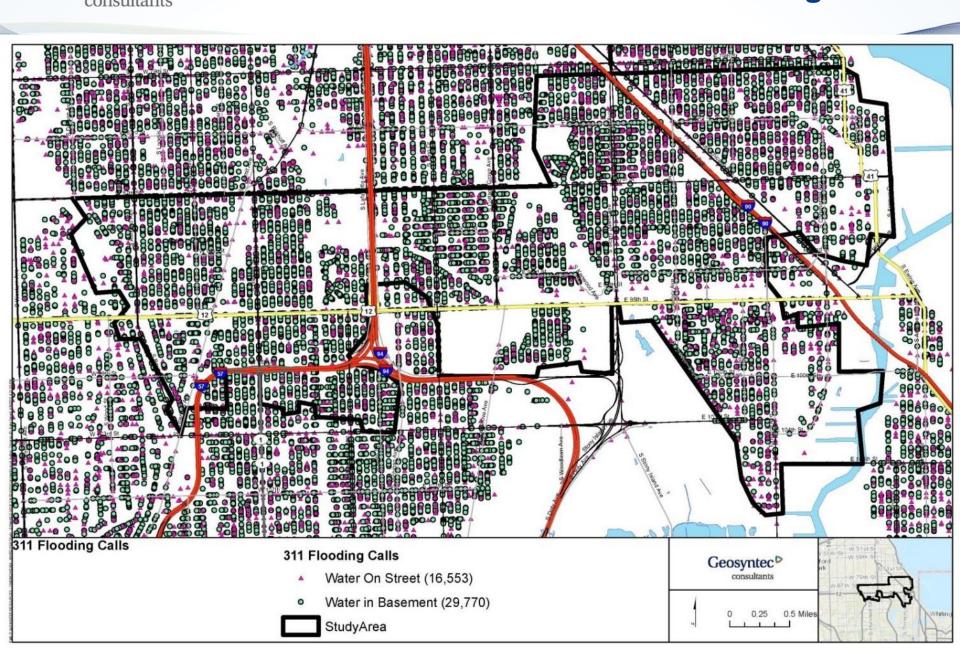


### **Topography**



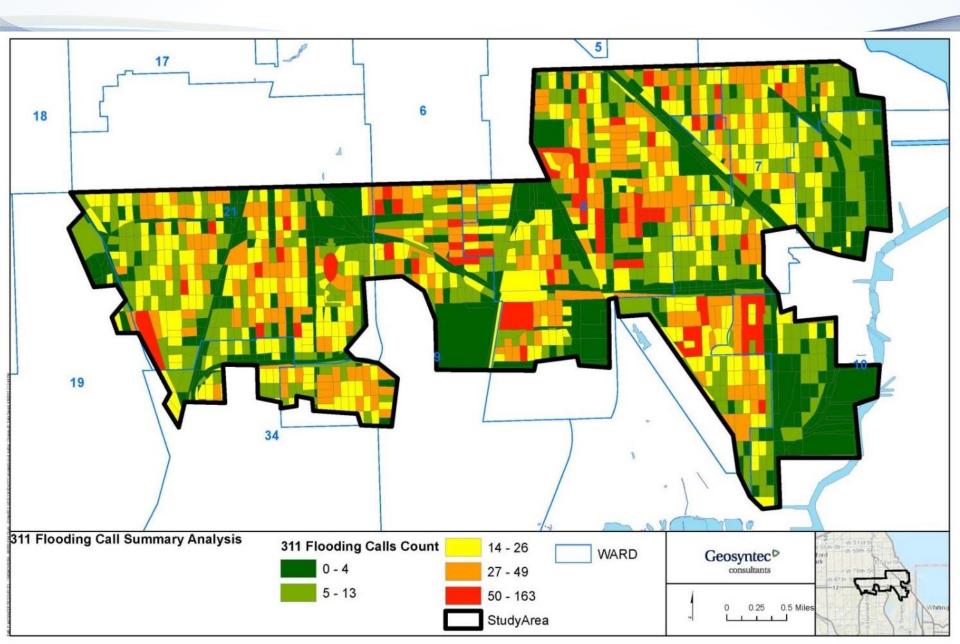


### **311 Flooding Calls**





### **311 Flooding Call Analysis**



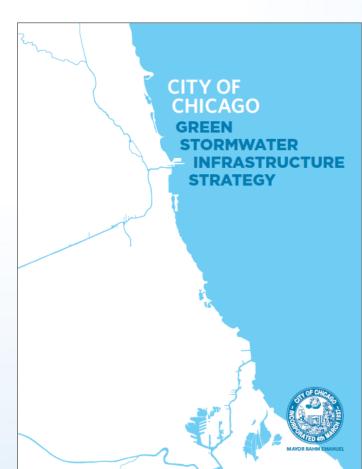


- Comprehensive Stormwater Management and Sewer Improvement Study for the Jeffery Manor Area (1992)
- Stormwater Management Study and Feasibility Report for the Jeffery Manor Area (1993)
- Report on City-Wide Study and Evaluation of the Adequacy and Physical Condition of the City of Chicago Sewer System (1995)
- Southeast Inlet Control Pilot Study (1999)
- City-wide Trunk Sewer Model Areas 4A, 4B (2008)
- City-wide Master Planning of Sewer Improvement Projects: Model Area 4 Documentation (2015)
- Chatham Neighborhood: CNT & USACE (2015)



### **Project Approach & Work Plan**

- Foundation of Project Approach: Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy
  - Initiative 4
  - Initiative 6
- Key Work Plan Elements
  - Green Infrastructure Tool Box
  - Sub-service Area Selection
  - Analytical / Modeling Approach





### City of Chicago Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy

- INITIATIVE 4: Green Stormwater Infrastructure Study: Undertake a study to determine the costs and benefits of using green infrastructure to manage stormwater
  - There are two primary aspects of green stormwater infrastructure that we must study further analyzing the costs and benefits of potential long-term green implementation scenarios and using a computer model to simulate the effects on sewer system performance and project reductions basement flooding risk and improvements to water quality.

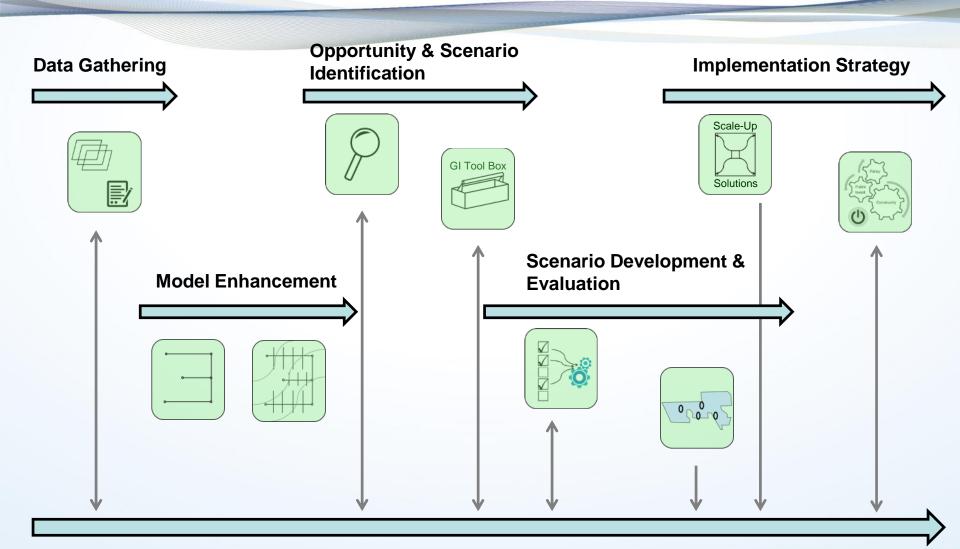


### City of Chicago Green Stormwater Infrastructure Strategy

- INITIATIVE 6: Citywide Stormwater Management Plan: We will create a comprehensive plan that establishes a long-term vision and implementation strategy for managing stormwater with green and grey stormwater infrastructure
  - The plan will also build on and be informed by two other major efforts – the City's previous and ongoing master planning work for sewers and the MWRD's ongoing and upcoming planning for stormwater management and green infrastructure.



#### **Work Flow**





### **Analytical / Modeling Approach**

- Modeling Green Infrastructure to Quantify Benefits & Performance
  - Approximation (i.e. curve number)
  - Explicitly (i.e. unit processes, attenuation, infiltration)
- InfoWorks City Model (combined sewer)
- Refining the model (allow GI representation)
  - InfoWorks CS vs ICM
  - InfoWorks & EPA-SWMM
  - InfoWorks ICM with surface routing



#### Goals

- Understand the issues at a local level: flooding and local perception
- Engage the community
- Educate the community
- Provide community with framework for future improvements

#### **Outcomes**

- Local understanding of the issues
- Neighborhood champions
- Community leaders and residents will have the tools to move forward



Non-Traditional
Outreach and Engagement

Our over-arching goal is to seek the highest level of community participation, in order to maximize the project impact.





Listening to Stakeholders and Community Representatives

Engaging community residents in active conversations





We meet with and educate:

Political champions/local elected officials: aldermen, state representatives

Business organizations: industrial, retail, commercial, small businesses

Large landowners/institutions: elementary/high schools, community college, university, libraries, police, fire, government

Working in the 10th Ward





Community Leaders gather input from their neighborhood organizations (survey)

Neighborhood representatives have a shared understanding of the project

High participation and partnership results in buy-in from residents (survey)

Working in the 6th and the 21st Ward







**Incorporate** recommendations into the study

**Train** community leaders to champion future stormwater management improvements

Motivate communities and residents to implement recommended green infrastructure actions



