

# Lord Street Basin CSO Green Infrastructure Retrofit Project

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# Fox River Impairments

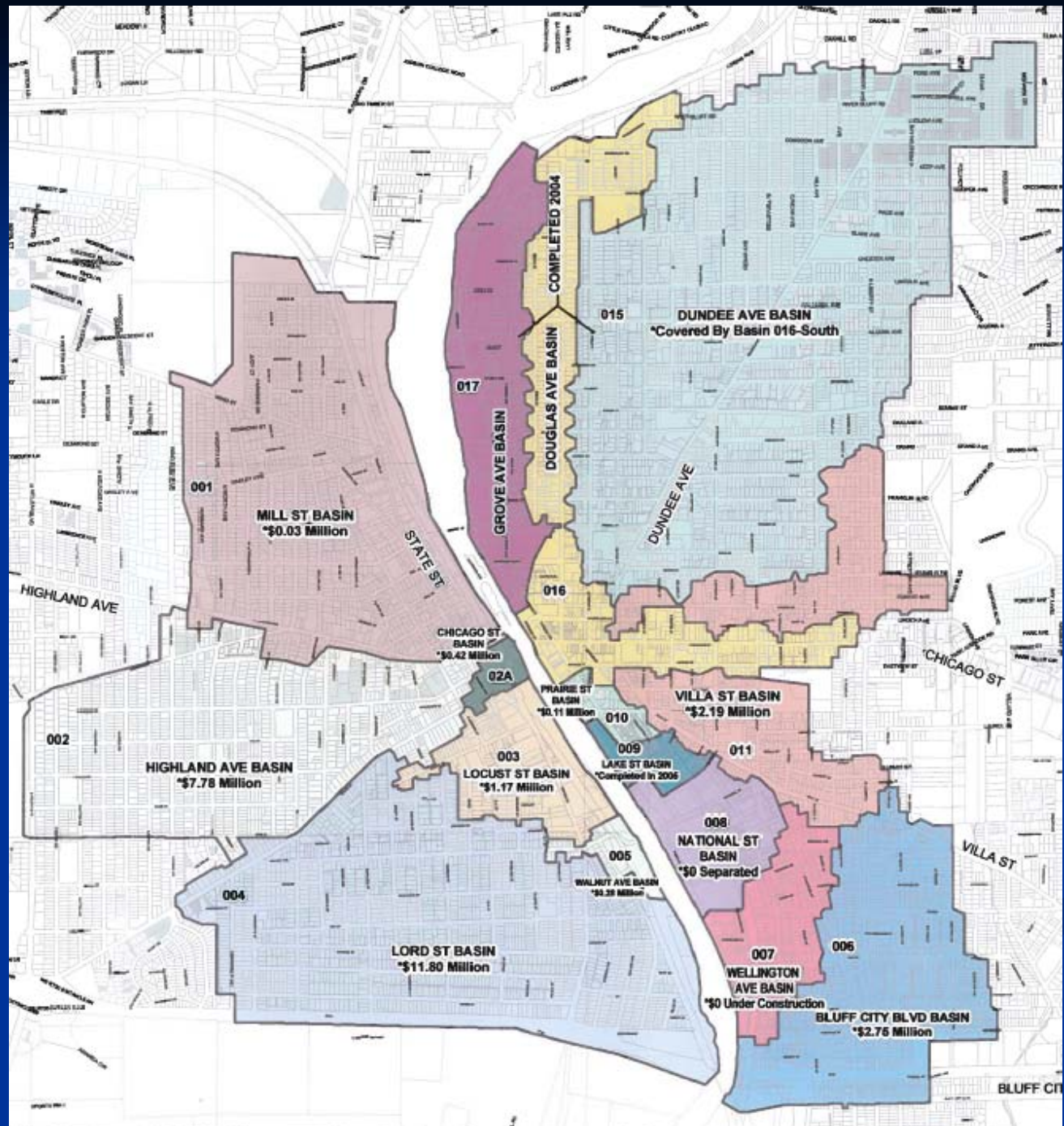
- Fox River Listed as Impaired in according to the IEPA Water Quality Report
- Pollution Causes:
  - Dissolved Oxygen
  - TSS
  - Excess Algal Growth
  - Sedimentation/Siltation,
  - TDS
  - PCBs
  - Other Flow Regime Alterations
  - Habitat Assessment
  - Total Fecal Coliform
- Pollution Sources:
  - Municipal Point Sources
  - **Combined Sewer Overflows**
  - Urban Runoff/Storm sewers
  - Hydrologic/Habitat Modification
    - Upstream Impoundment
    - Flow Regulation /Modification
  - Contaminated Sediment
  - Streambank Modification / Destabilization

**Tributaries Impaired:** Nippersink Creek, Flint Creek, Boone Creek, Poplar Creek, Blackberry Creek, Tyler Creek and Indian Creek



# Combined Sewer Overflows in the City of Elgin

- 3000+ acres
- 11 CSO discharges to the Fox River
- \$20 Million spent so far in sewer separation
- \$3 Million/year budgeted for sewer separation projects
- Full street reconstruction planned as sewers are separated; Total Cost = \$110+ Million
- LTCP lays out prioritized, plan for full separation over a 35 year period.



# Project Approach

- Use the Lord Street CSO Basin Area to implement a demonstration project that will create numerous Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) which will capture and infiltrate stormwater runoff, thus reducing the amount of surface runoff entering the combined sewer system.
- These BMPs include the following:
  - Bioretention Basins constructed between the curb and sidewalk within the ROW
  - Interlocking Permeable Concrete Pavement (Permeable Pavers) installed in public alleys



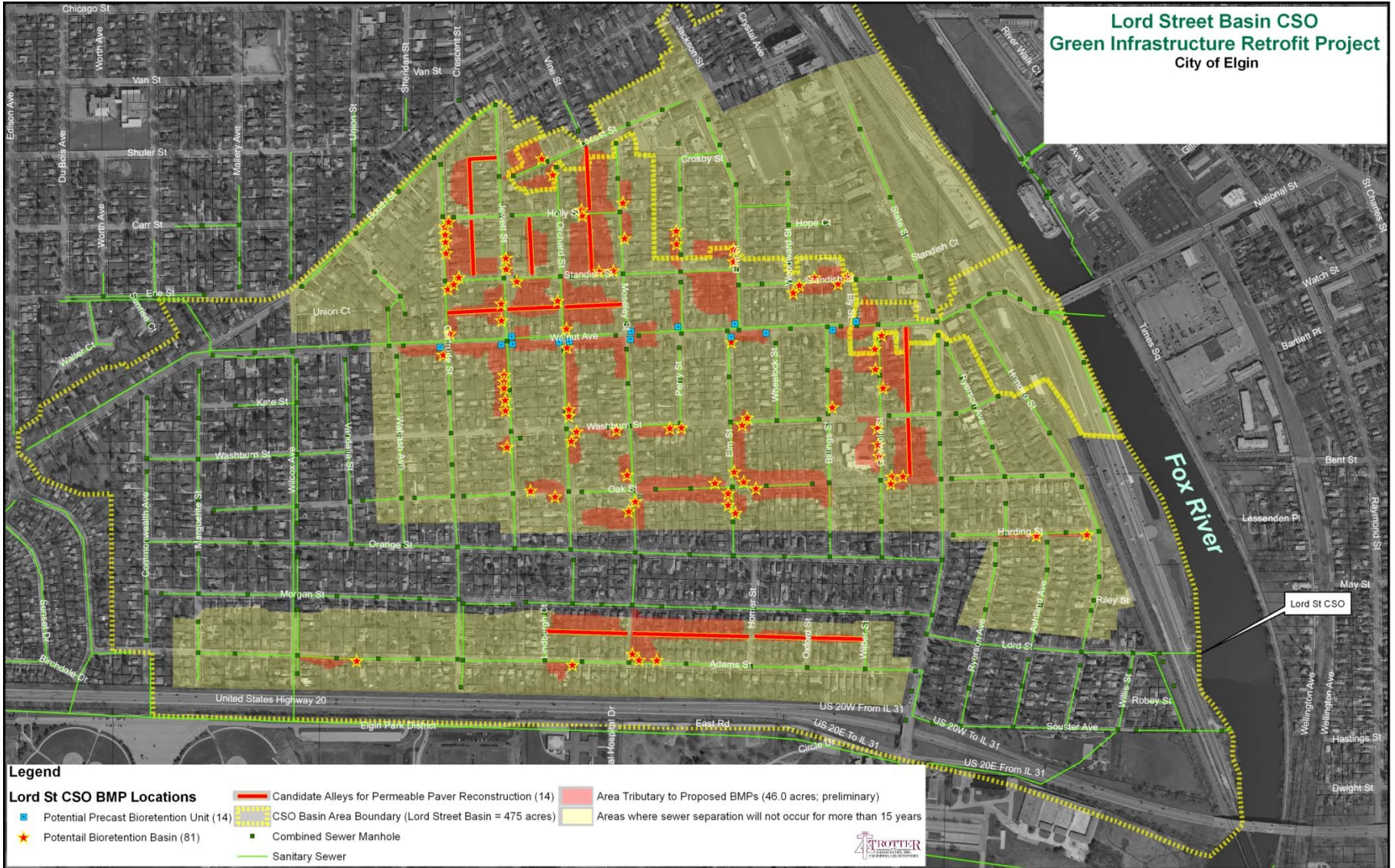
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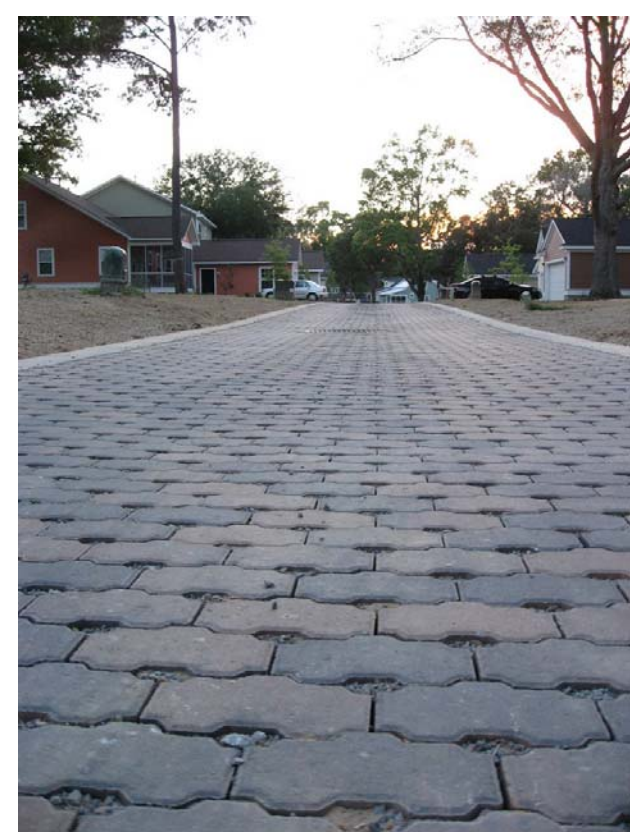
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**Legend**

- Candidate Alleys for Permeable Paver Reconstruction (14)
- ★ Potential Bioretention Basin (81)
- CSO Basin Area Boundary (Lord Street Basin = 475 acres)
- Combined Sewer Manhole
- Sanitary Sewer
- Area Tributary to Proposed BMPs (46.0 acres; preliminary)
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Adams Street



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## Legend

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# Bioretention Basin Construction



Can direct street runoff into basin via open curb cut or install cast iron inlet frame in curb.



# Bioretention Basin Construction

Get the residents  
involved!



- Increases resident's buy-in
- Can lower overall project cost





# Bioretention Basin

## Residents maintain the BMP

(City provides periodic inspection & works with residents to insure proper maintenance)





# Bioretention Basin Potential!



Elgin resident with native vegetation installed in the ROW.



# Establish & Promote a Successful Rain Barrel Program?



Elgin resident with a rain barrel for re-using rooftop rainwater during the growing season.

# Typical Bioretention Basin Site



South side of Walnut Ave



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# Tips for a Successful Grant Application

- Show how project fits in with community & watershed-wide environmental initiatives.
  - Elgin Sustainability Plan
  - Fox River Study Group
  - Local Watershed Plans (Tyler Cr, etc.)
- Be thorough!
  - Do your homework to quantify the problem and show specifics about your solution
- Emphasize the Public Involvement.
  - Ultimate success hinges on stakeholder ownership in the project



# Discussion