The Potomac Aquifer Recharge Oversight Committee Final Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022

In attendance: Whitney Katchmark (Committee Chair), Jim Bennett (remote), Mark Bennett, Jay Bernas, Ryder Bunce, Marcia Degen (remote), KC Filippino, Lance Gregory (remote), Julie Henderson, Dan Holloway, Hadi Khatami (remote), Mark Kram (remote), Scott Kudlas (remote), William Mann (remote), Jamie Mitchell, Scott Morris (remote), Harry Post, Doug Powell (remote), Leila Rice (remote), Gary Schafran, Tony Singh (remote), Mark Widdowson, Chris Wilson, Lauren Zuravnsky

Ms. Katchmark called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Widdowson (PARML) presented the timeline and planning stages for the Potomac Aquifer Recharge Monitoring Laboratory (PARML). There was some discussion on the groundwater monitoring wells being installed at James River plant. Mr. Powell mentioned that James City County is doing monitoring and offered to coordinate with PARML efforts.

Funding was received and approved at both ODU and VA Tech for the next three years. The James River plant should be in full scale operation in 2026. PARML is interested in developing a strategic plan with stakeholder input from PAROC. Current studies are at laboratory scale, but with a full-scale plant, adjustments will need to be made for monitoring, infrastructure, and student involvement. The strategic planning process would benefit from having a facilitator and suggestions were provided from participants. A facilitator familiar with Hampton Roads, the technical importance of PARML, and with strong facilitation skills was recommended. Several options were thrown out including an HRSD employee, someone from UVA's Institute for Engagement and Negotiation (IEN), Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS), or an academic. Ms. Katchmark asked if there were funds for facilitation, that isn't clear. The group will continue discussion on finding the appropriate candidate.

Mr. Holloway (HRSD) presented an overview of the new research well drilled at the SWIFT facility. It is performing much better than the old well and they will start recharge in October. Many lessons were learned from the old well about how to avoid clogging and loss of recharge capacity. The new well is larger in diameter, packed differently to prevent clogging (silica beads with gravel), and should last indefinitely. The new well is a similar design as what to expect for a full scale recharge well.

Ms. Zuravnsky (HRSD) presented on the James River SWIFT construction progress and the Advanced Nutrient Reduction Improvements (ANRI) planned there. They have transitioned from design to construction and the JR SWIFT plant should be complete by April 2026. One design build contractor was hired for ease in funding and transition. A combination of loans and grants from WIFIA, CWRLF, and WQIF were used to fund the \$468M facility. The ANRI upgrades will improve water quality for SWIFT treatment and/or discharge. VDH asked if the diffusers would be moved so as not to impact any shellfish growing areas but there is no plan to move them and the current closures will stay in place. There is constant communication with James City County parks staff as construction progresses.

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Ms. Zuravnsky then discussed the full-scale implementation update for all HRSD plants. By 2025, Boat Harbor's connection to Nansemond should be complete. Some of the land at Boat Harbor will be kept but HRSD will have a smaller footprint. The pump station will be moved to higher ground. The force main will go under the James River and environmental assessments still need to be made as the permit is acquired. Strategic Planning is ongoing for VIP, York, and Williamsburg plants. A full-scale Nansemond plant will be complete before VIP.

Dr. Schafran (PARML) presented on results of aquifer isotope ratio monitoring. Oxygen and hydrogen isotope ratios serve as groundwater tracers to track movement of recharge water. There is evidence of SWIFT recharge water in the Upper Potomac Aquifer layer but no linear trend in the middle or lower layers. Other organic compounds (1,4-dioxane, nitrosamines, PFAS) were measured at various stages of treatment in the SWIFT water and in the aquifer. Removal appears to be complete in SWIFT water (following UV treatment) for most compounds. PARML will continue to monitor isotope ratios as tracers of recharge water and they will continue to monitor for 1,4 dioxane and nitrosamines as well as other organic compounds.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved:

Date:

Committee Chair

Committee Members:

- Mike Rolband, Director of Virginia DEQ
- Dr. Colin Greene, Virginia State Health Commissioner
- Dr. William Mann, Governor Appointee
- Doug Powell, Governor Appointee
- Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC
- Dr. Stanley Grant, Director Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory
- Dr. Mark Widdowson, Co-Director of the Potomac Aquifer Recharge Monitoring Lab
- Dr. Gary Schafran, Co-Director of the Potomac Aquifer Recharge Monitoring Lab

Non-voting members:

- Mark Bennett, Director of Virginia and West Virginia Water Science Center
- Leslie Gillespie-Marthaler, Deputy Director Water Division, US EPA Region 3

Potomac Aquifer Recharge Monitoring Laboratory (PARML)

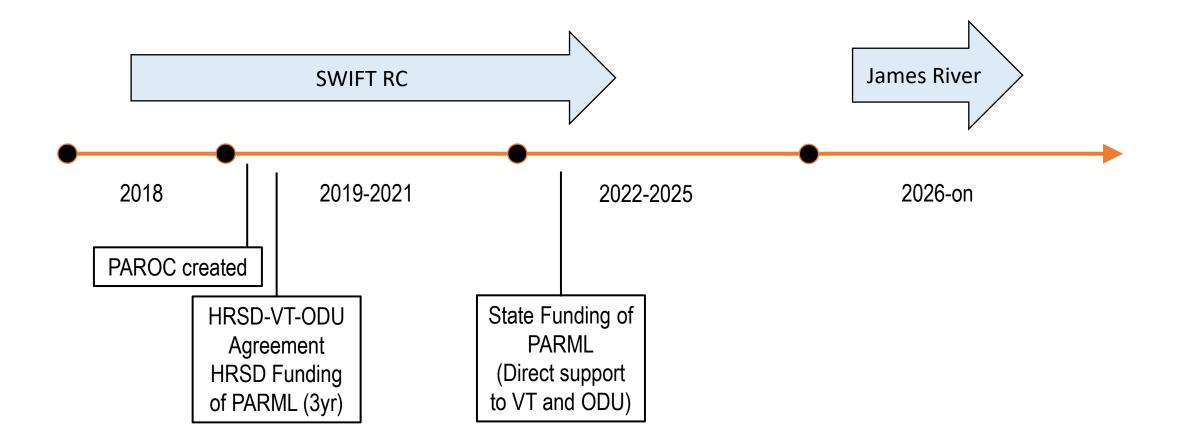
Mark Widdowson and Gary Schafran PARML Co-Directors

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PARML Updates

- 1. Groundwater Monitoring James River
 - Public-Sector Partnerships
- 2. PARML Funding
- 3. Long-Term Planning
- 4. Groundwater Chemistry
 - Aquifer Monitoring
 - Analytical Method Development

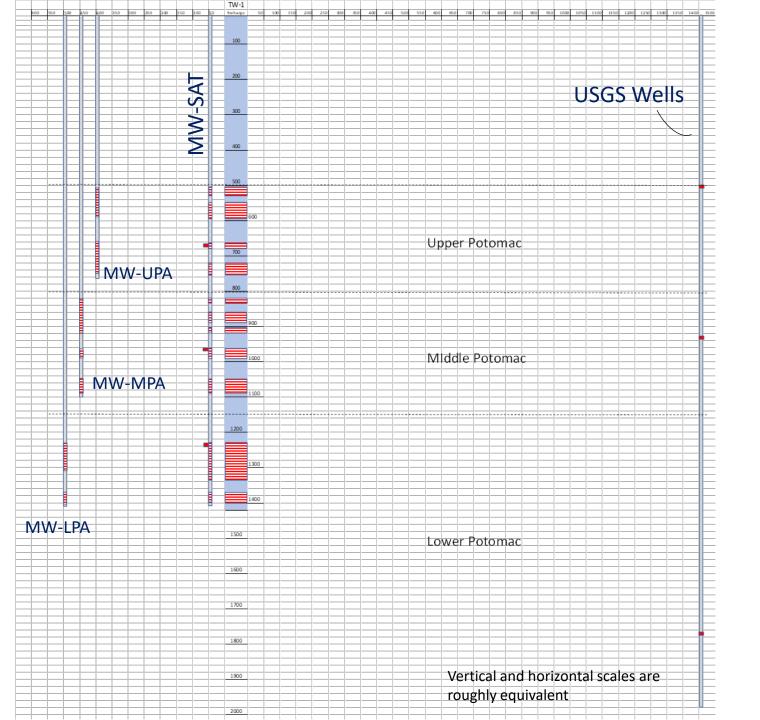
PARML Planning Concepts



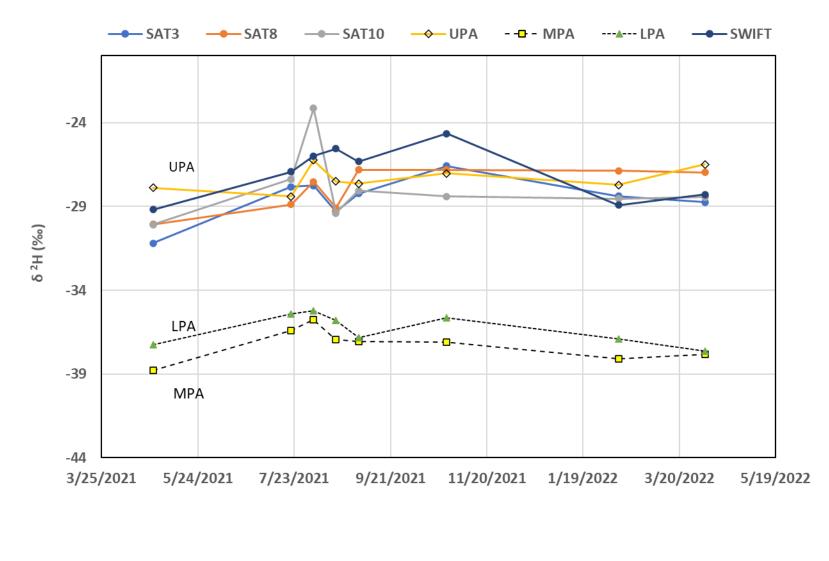
Aquifer Isotope Ratio Monitoring

Oxygen (¹⁸O/¹⁶O) and Hydrogen (²H/¹H) Isotope Ratios May Serve as a Groundwater Tracer Helping to Movement of Recharge Water

- Develop as a tool to monitor the movement of recharge water in the Potomac Aquifer
- Essentially unaffected by geochemical reactions

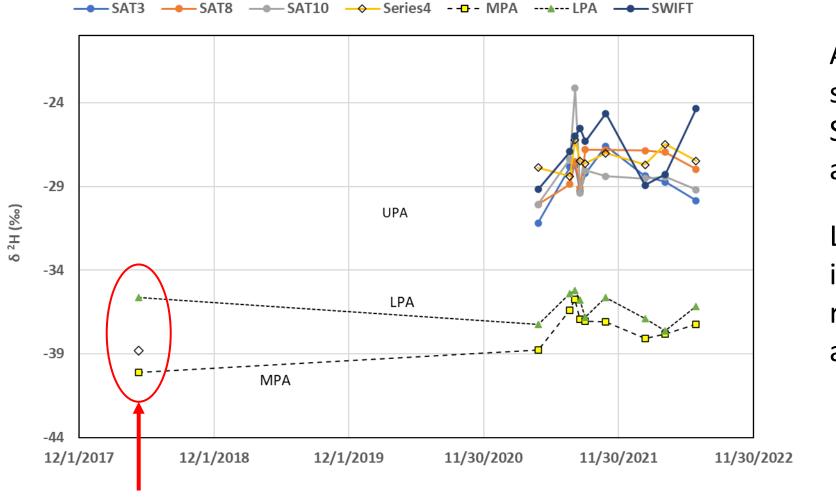


Recharge and Monitoring Wells at the SWIFT Research Center and USGS Wells



At the previous PAROC meeting this figure was shown and it was interpreted as manifesting that UPA and MW SAT were fully influenced by recharge and LPA and MPA were not.

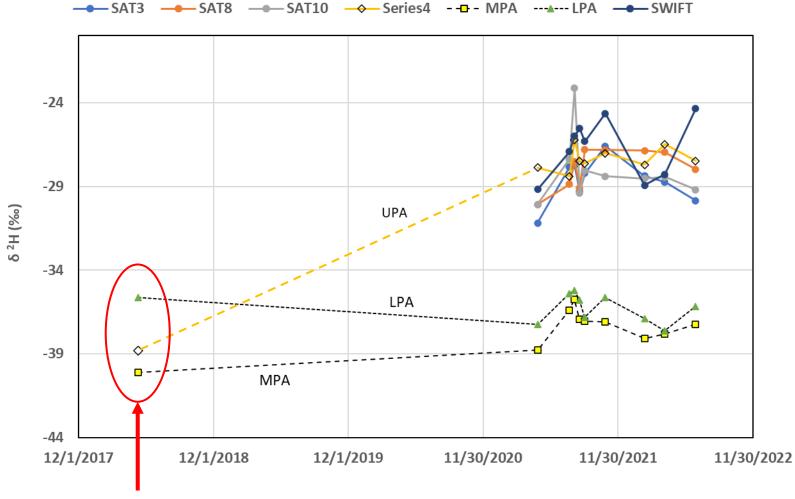
However, no pre recharge isotope data were available for comparison



Archived samples at SWIFT RC analyzed

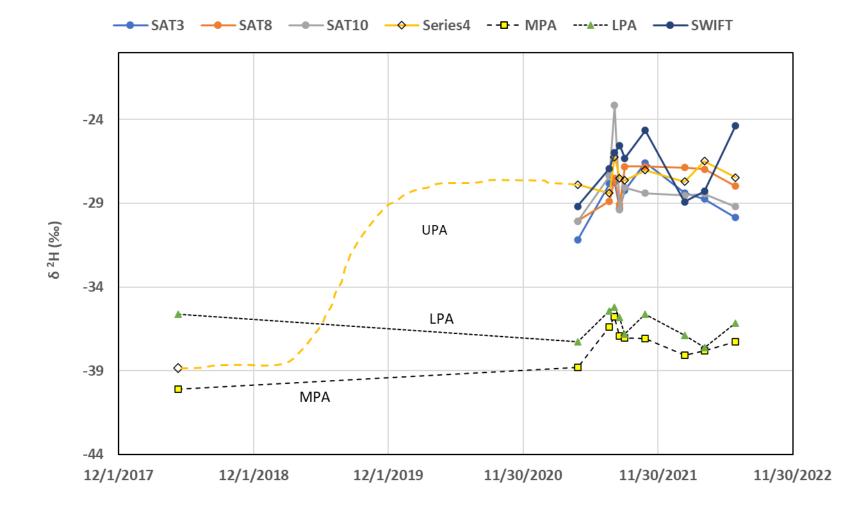
Lack of significant influence of recharge on MPA and LPA

Isotope ratio vales of archived samples collected prior to recharge



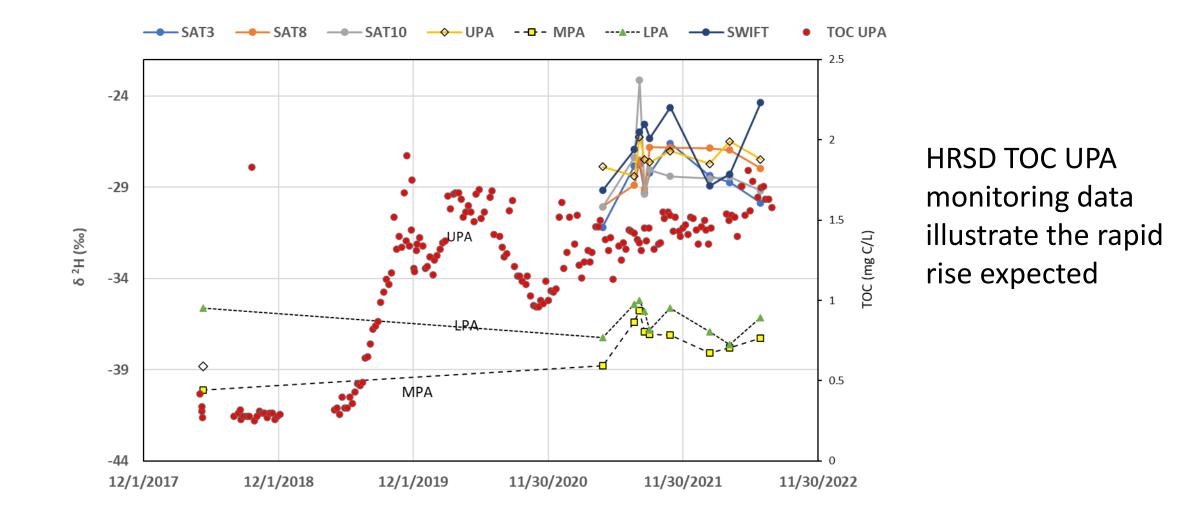
The influence of SWIFT recharge is clearly evident at UPA but not likely a linear trend

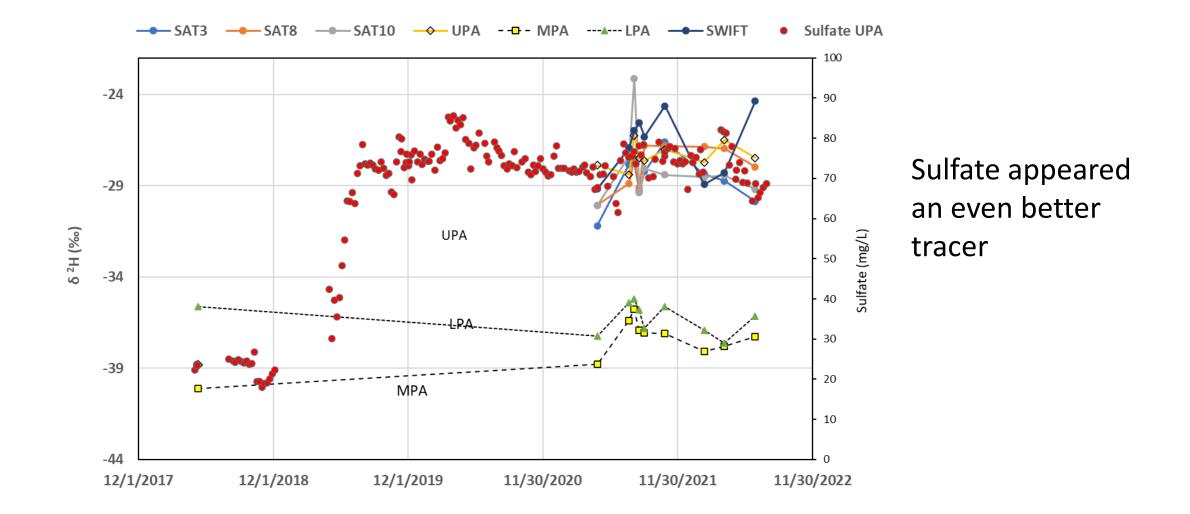
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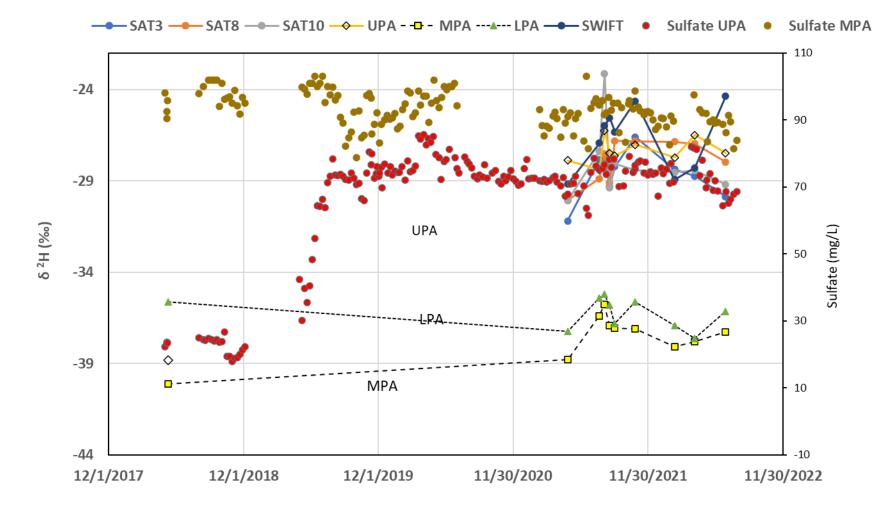


Based on both computer modeling and chemical monitoring a rapid rise in isotope ratios would be expected.

Chemical monitoring parameters to help assess recharge influence







In MPA, sulfate shows less variation consistent with MPA isotope values.

It can be seen that under full influence of SWIFT recharge, sulfate concentration change would be small compared to isotope ratio Analytical Determination of 1,4-Dioxane and Nitrosamines in Water With a Single Method

Currently two separate methods are utilized to measure these constituents:

- USEPA Method 521 Nitrosamines
- USEPA Method 522 1,4 Dioxane

PARML Development of a Single (Combined) Method to Analyze both Nitrosamines and 1,4 Dioxane in a **Single Analysis**

Greater number of analyses per time

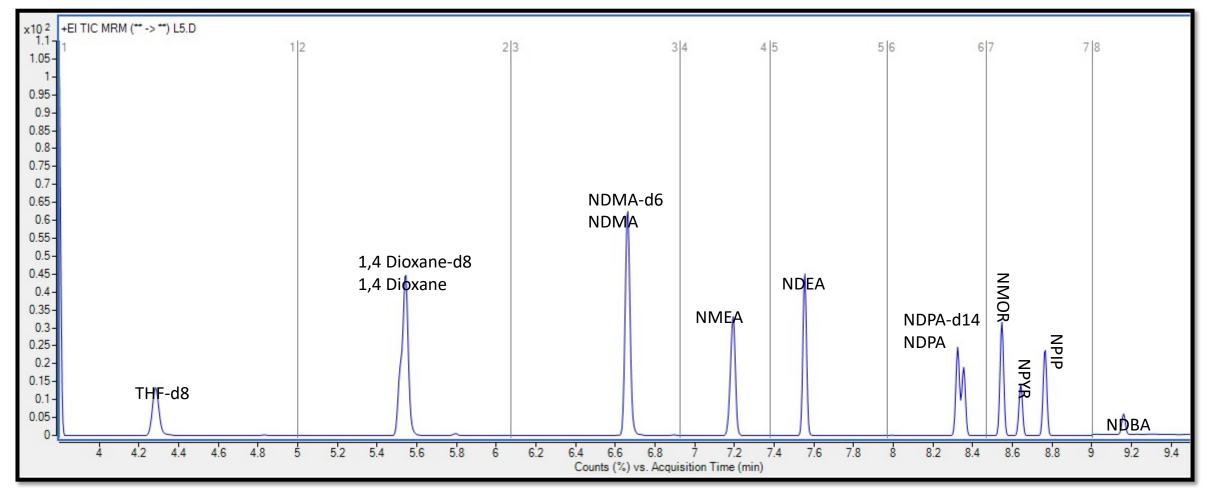
Benefits: Greater number of samples per time

Increased productivity

Reduced solvent use (less hazardous waste generation)

New Method for Simultaneous Analysis of Organic Compounds Corresponding to EPA521/522

SWIFT Sample – September 20, 2022



1,4 Dioxane

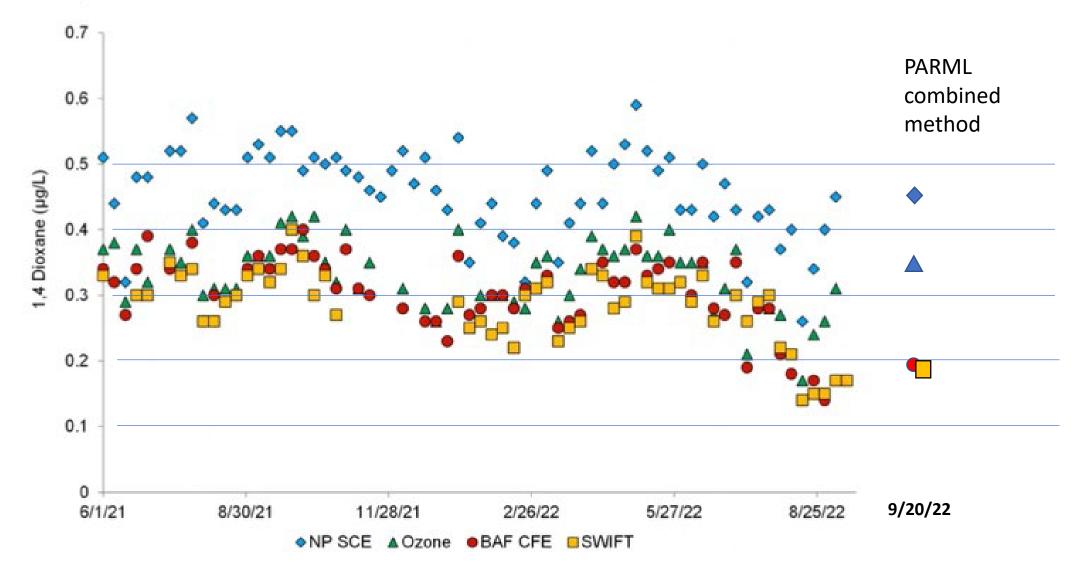
Compound name	Conc (ug/L)	Recovery % by 1,4 Dioxane-d8
(1,4 Dioxane) R2=0.991	LOQ= 0.008	
INF	0.45	86.5
FS	0.49	73.0
O3	0.34	92.2
BF	0.19	65.2
C GAC	0.18	85.8
SWIFT	0.19	88.3
UPA	0.35	82.3
MPA	0.11	75.5
LPA	0.01	77.3

SWIFT Sample – September 20, 2022

NDMA

compound name Conc (ng/L) Recovery % by NDMA-d6 (NDMA) R2=0.992 LOQ = 2 INF 2.28 83.7 FS 3.30 71.4 O3 114.96 89.4 BF 0.54 62.3 C GAC 0.38 82.9 SWIFT 0.72 82.7 UPA 1.02 79.6 MPA 0.50 72.7					
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MPA 0.50 72.7	SWIFT	0.72	82.7		
	UPA	1.02	79.6		
ΙΡΔ 0.24 72.3	MPA	0.50	72.7		
	LPA	0.24	72.3		

SRC 1,4-dioxane



Compound name	Conc (ng/L)	Recovery % by NDMA-d6
(NDEA) R2= 0.993	LOQ = 2	
InF	0.80	83.7
FS	0.72	71.4
03	2.30	89.4
BF	0.42	62.3
C GAC	0	82.9
SWIFT	0.48	82.7
UPA	0.42	79.6
MPA	0	72.7
LPA	0	72.3

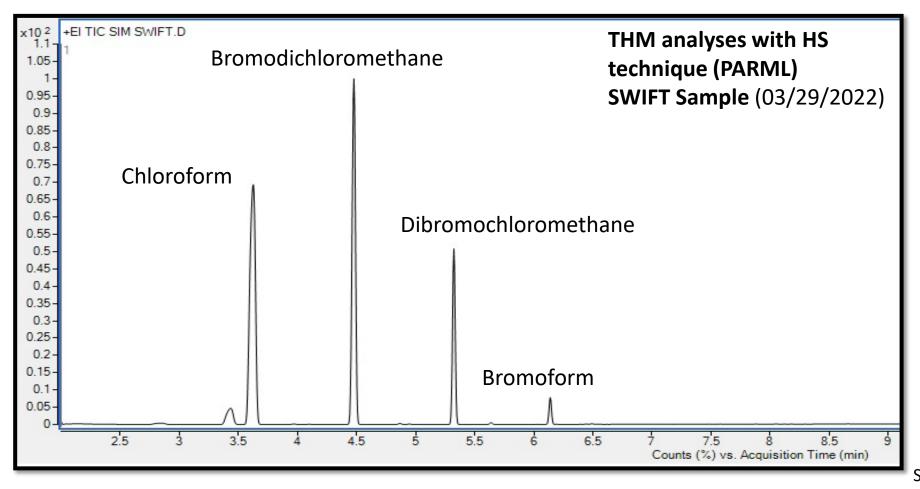
NMOR	Compound name	Conc (ng/L)	Recovery % by NDMA-d6
	(NMOR) R2= 0.992	LOQ = 2	
	InF	5.82	83.7
	FS	6.12	71.4
	03	5.16	89.4
Removal appears	BF	6.20	62.3
	C GAC	6.98	82.9
fully to be	SWIFT	0	82.7
associated	UPA	0	79.6
	MPA	0	72.7
with UV	LPA	0	72.3
photolysis			

NDEA

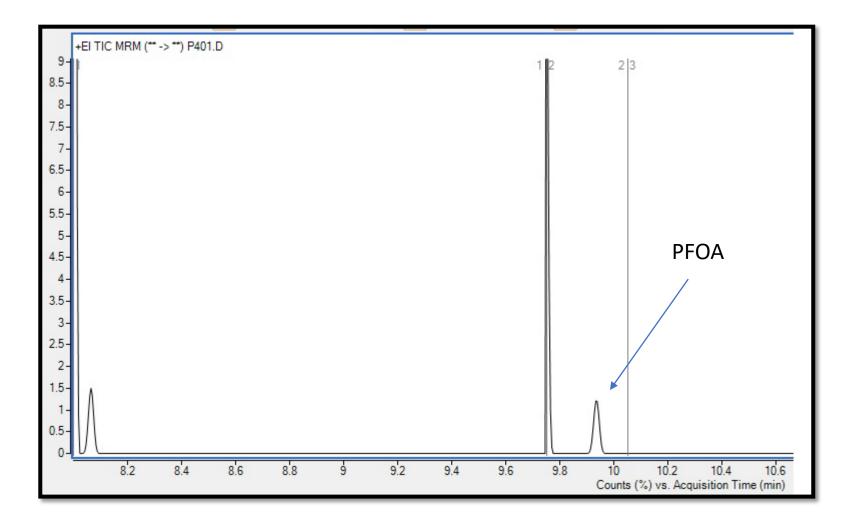
Other nitrosamines are quantified too!

Application of EPA Method 524 (Volatile organic compounds, 54 analytes) by ITEX HS GC/MS.

Method is applicable to a wide range of organic compounds, with sufficient volatility to be analyzed by purge and trap. Includes four THMs regulated in drinking water (below).



PARML Development of a New Method for Simultaneous Analysis of PFAS (PFCAs, PFOA) and HAAs by GC/MS



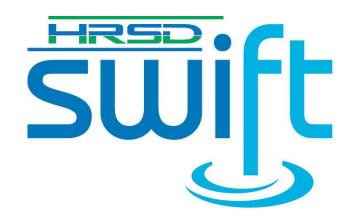


Continuing to monitor isotope ratios in PAS to evaluate potential for use as a tracer to monitor movement of recharge water at Research Center and future SWIFT sites.

Continue monitoring of SWIFT RC for 1,4 dioxane and nitrosamines. Planned publication of this method after additional comparison efforts.

Continue application of other organics methods by GC MS and "challenge" the analyses with more complex waters of varying TOC concentrations and ionic content to assess any aqueous matrix affects

Questions?



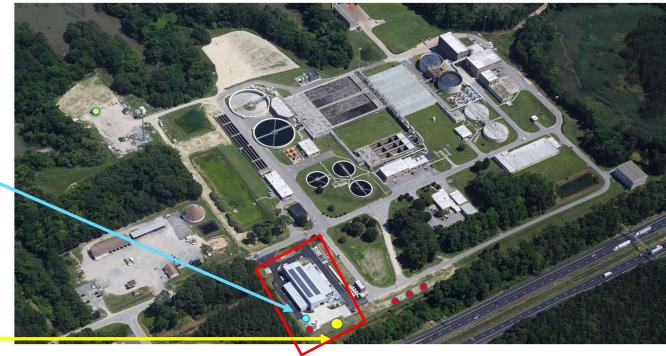
NP_MAR_01 Update

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- 1 MGD demonstration facility
- Educational facility
- Research facility
- May 2018 start-up
- Recharge Well TW-1
- Recharge Well NP_MAR_01

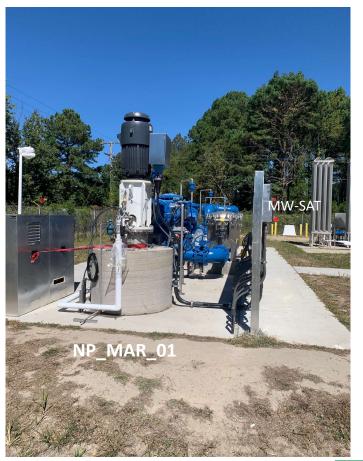






Nansemond SWIFT Research Center Wells



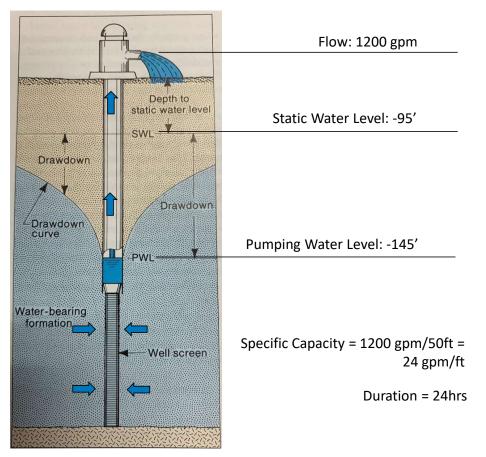




Specific Capacity



- Specific capacity (SC) yield per unit measure of drawdown = gpm/ft of drawdown during withdrawal
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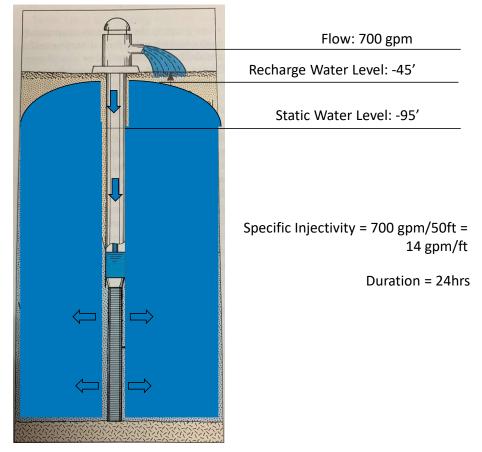
Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow

Modified from Driscoll, 1987

Swift

Specific injectivity (SI) – yield per unit measure of draw-up = gpm/ft of drawup on a recharging well

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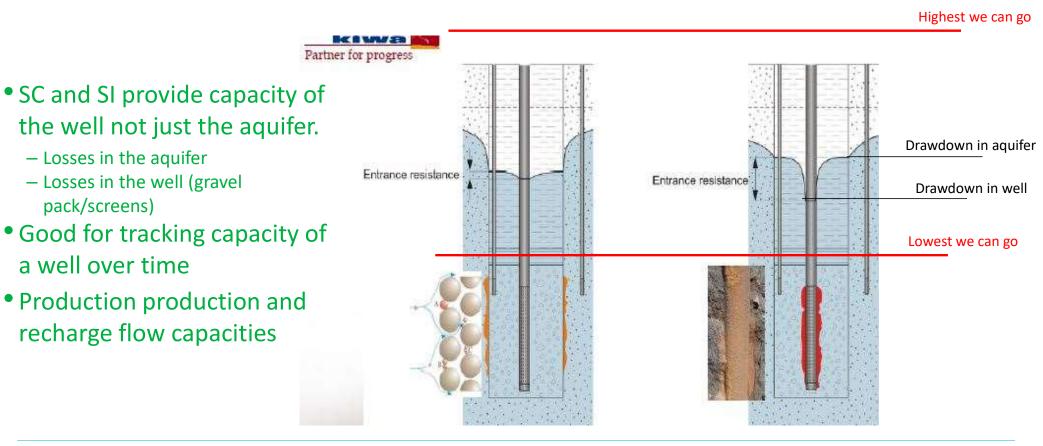


Well Injectivity

Modified from Driscoll, 1987

Well Capacity



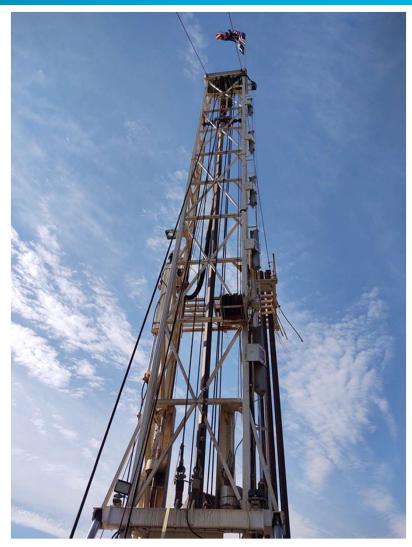




• TW-1 installed in Aug 2016

- Test well and recharge well
- 12" diameter, carbon steel
- Initial specific capacity (withdrawal) of 37 gpm/ft at 1,200 gpm
- Initial recharge specific injectivity (recharge) of 23 gpm/ft

Recharge well TW-1

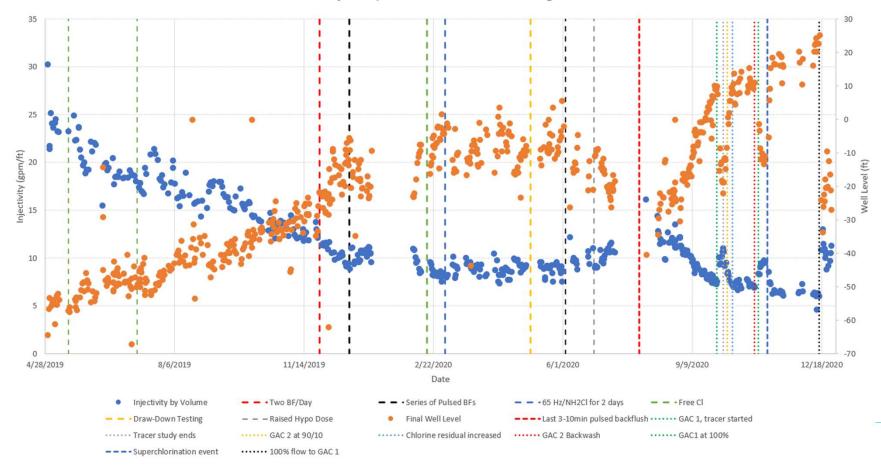




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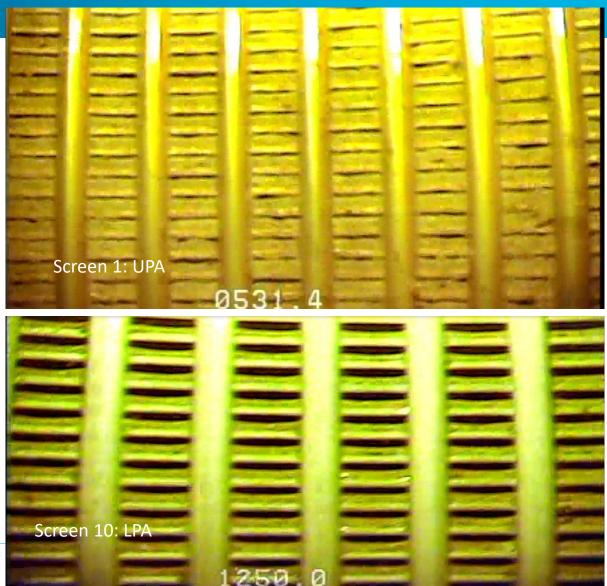
TW-1 specific capacity history

Injectivity at 0.30 MG cumulative recharge



Pre-Rehab Video Log at TW-1

- Screen(s) exhibit clogging by siltation with fine- grained material filling screen slots.
- No visual evidence of biofilm or mineral incrustation appears on screen faces.
- Bottom of TW-1, contained 28 feet of sand accumulation compared to 83 feet in December 2018





Percent of Screen Slots Clogged

- Screens are between 15 and 83 percent clogged.
- Screens in UPA significantly more clogged than the MPA and LPA.
- Injectivity @ 8 gpm/ft now 1/3 of original value.
- From the perspective of transmissivity, clogging the screens set against the UPA drops the transmissivity by 2/3.

Depth (fbg)	Screen	Aquifer Zone	Visual average clogged for screen (%)
508 to 531	1	UPA	51
555 to 595	2		27
677 to 685	3		83
725 to 756	4		36
822 to 835	5	MPA	17
861 to 885	6		15
906 to 920	7		18
965 to 989	8		18
1050 to 1090	9		23
1230 to 1335	10	LPA	23
1375 to 1395	11		31



- Brush casing and screen
- Swabbing Pass #1
- Swabbing Pass #2 with chemical addition (acid/dispersant)
- Post swabbing video survey
- Over-pumping
- Re-swab & airlift Screen 4
- Airlift material 1,395 to 1,415 fbg
- Install new pump and shafting
- Backflush to raise pH
- Resume MAR operations
- Post rehab video of well screening Lower Zone of Potomac Aquifer

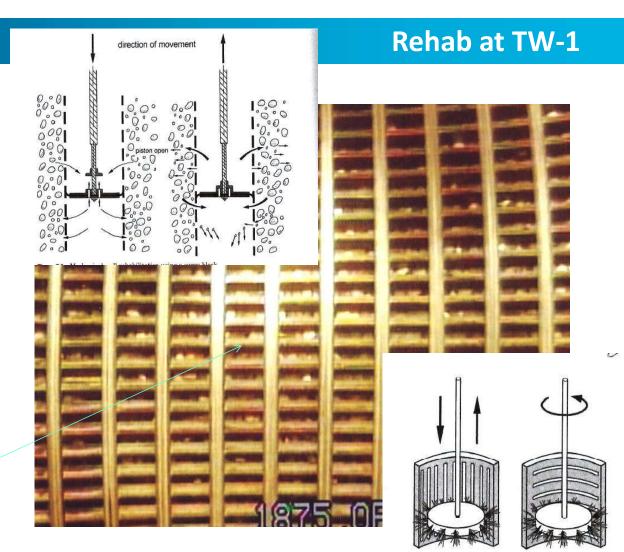
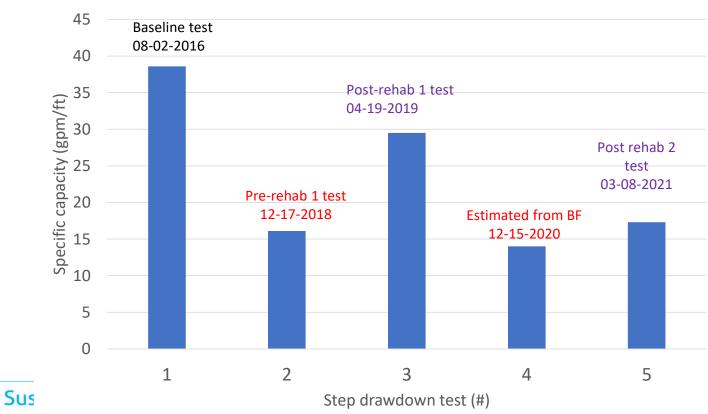


Figure 7.2 Brushing of wells with different screen slot arrangements. Drawing: Schröder.



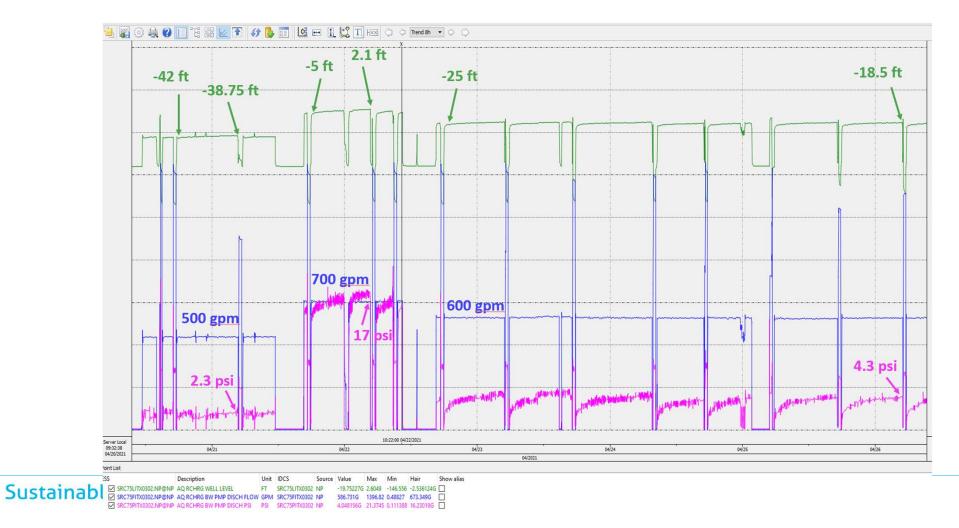
Average specific capacity at SWIFT RC TW-1 August 2016 to March 2021



- Goal is to preserve capacity, NP_MAR_01 online end of 2021
- Operate at lower recharge rate @ TW-1~ 500 - 600 gpm.
- Backflush twice/day



Post Rehabilitation Operations at TW-1



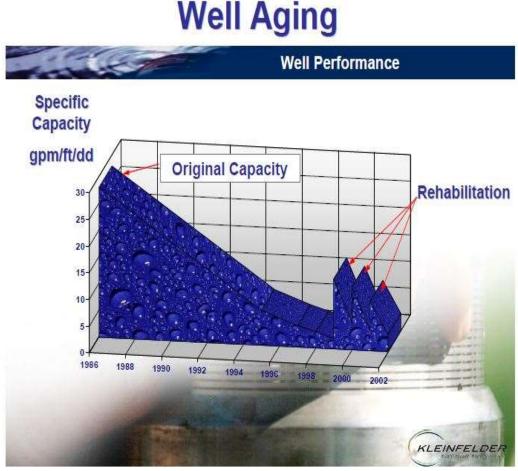


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Why New Full Scale Well at Nansemond – NP_MAR_01?

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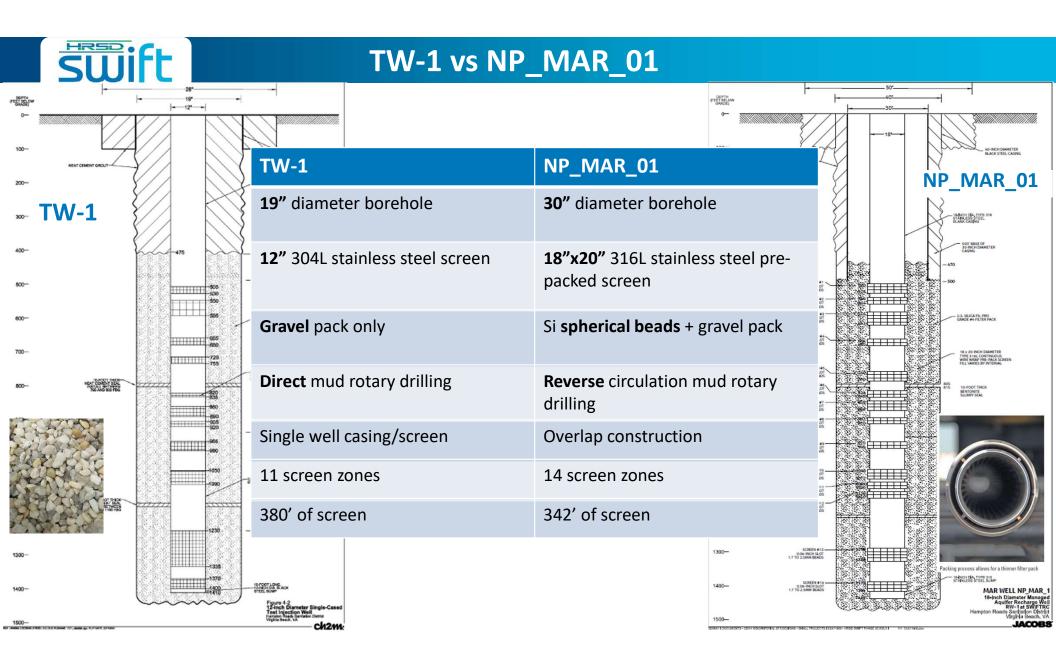




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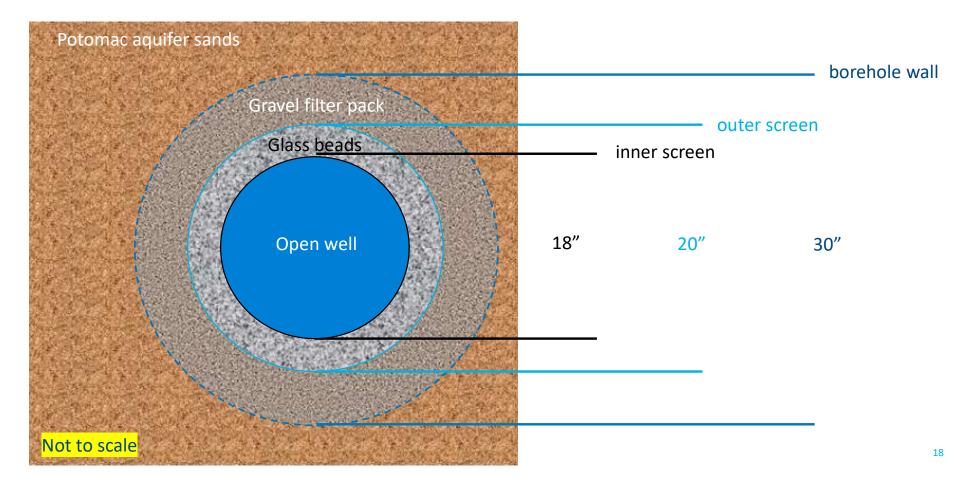
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Pre-packed well screen, gravel pack borehole cross-section





316 Stainless Steel Pre-packed well screen

- Almost perfect spheres
- Uniform and consistent bead size
- Can custom size per sand lens
- Stronger crush strength
- No bridging of filter pack
- Less loss of capacity from bio-fouling and mineral scaling
- Easy to clean and chemical resistance









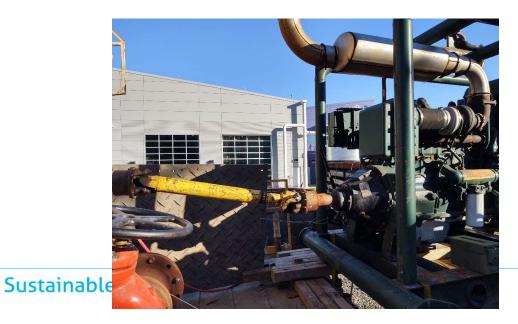




NP_MAR_01 Performance

- Pumped topped out at 2,813 gpm (4 MGD!)
- Specific Capacity @ 2,700 gpm = 69 gpm/ft
- •TW-1 SC @ 1,100 gpm = 37 gpm/ft

•NP_MAR_01 @ 1,220 gpm = 83 gpm/ft





Post ACH treatment Specific Capacity

TW-1 SC @ 1,100 gpm = 37 gpm/ft NP_MAR_O1 SC @ 1220 gpm = 68.7 gpm/ft

	Static Water Level	100.5	feet below gra	ade						
Step	Pumping Rate	Pumping Level	Drawdown	Specific Capacity	Specific	Skin Coefficient BQ	Well Loss CQ ²	Caused by Laminar Flow	Post Conditioning Diff	
No.	(gpm)	(feet)	(feet)	(gpm/ft)	(ft/gpm)	(feet)	(feet)	(%)	(gpm/ft)	(%)
1	1220	118.3	17.8	<mark>68.7</mark>	0.0145	15.74	2.98	88.66	14.8	17.7
2	1494	123.7	23.2	64.4	0.0155	19.27	4.46	83.11	12.3	16.0
3	1795	130.2	29.7	60.4	0.0165	23.16	6.44	77.96	9.8	14.0
4	2112	136.0	35.5	59.6	0.0168	27.24	8.92	76.85	9.8	14.1
5	2414	142.6	42.1	57.3	0.0174	31.14	11.65	73.97	11.6	16.8
6	2704	146.7	46.2	58.6	0.0171	34.88	14.62	75.57	9.6	14.1
С	2.00E-06	Diff						Avergage	11.3	15.5
В	0.0129		average	61.51gpm/ft 10.40		gpm/ft	14.46	(%)		



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NP_MAR_01 Recharge testing complete

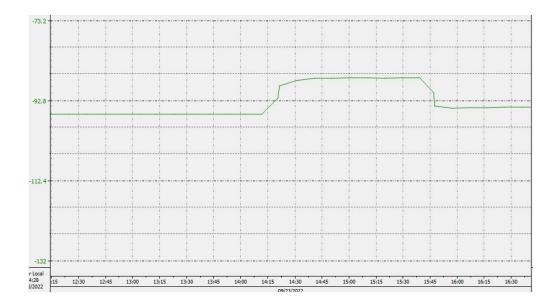
- Recharge cycle
 - ~ 450 gpm
 - ~ 2 hrs
- Static -96 ft below ground
- Recharge -87 ft below ground
- Recharge rate = 490 gpm
- Resulting specific injectivity (SI) = 54 gpm/ft
- Recharge at 700 gpm?





NP_MAR_01 performance compared to TW-1

- TW-1 Initial
 - Withdrawal @ 1,300 gpm SC 37 gpm/ft
 - Recharge @ 700 gpm SI 23 gpm/ft
- TW-1 current
 - Recharge @ 450 gpm SI 8 gpm/ft
- NP_MAR_01 (post ACH treatment)
 - Withdrawal @ 1,300 gpm SC 69 gpm/ft
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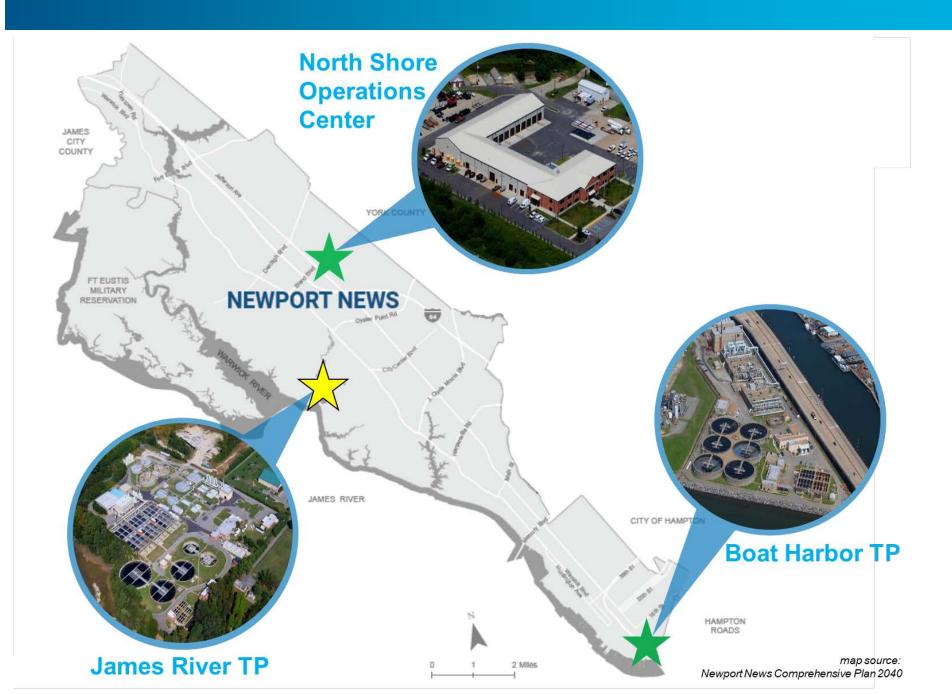


James River SWIFT and ANRI Project Update

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Lauren Zuravnsky, P.E. Chief of Design & Construction - SWIFT







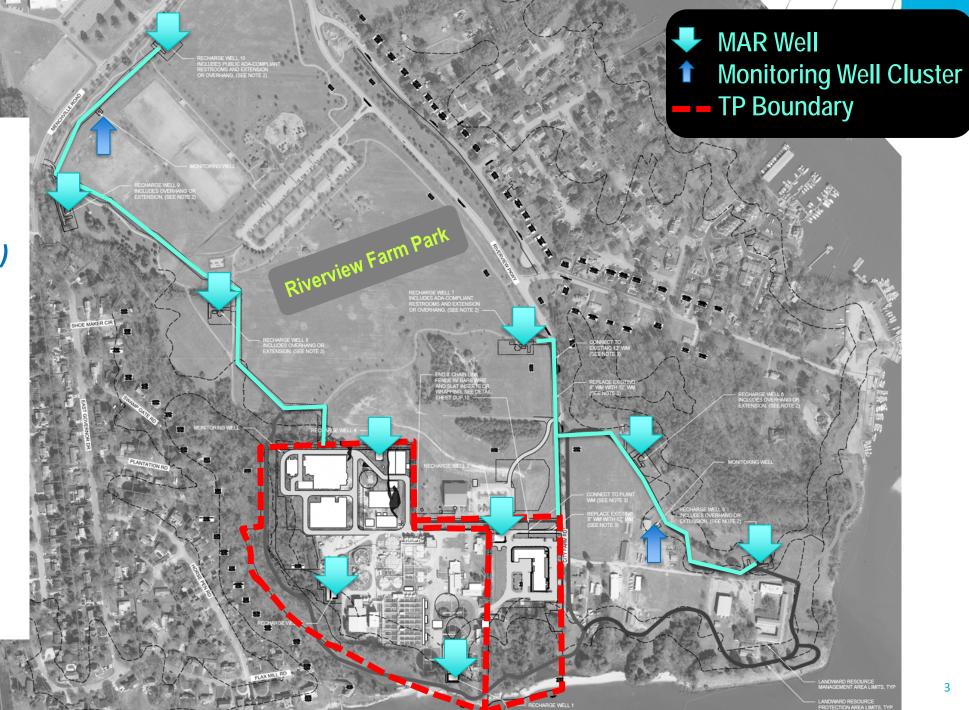
Current Projects

\$534 M Design Build (SWIFT + ANRI Upgrades)

\$14 M On Site Wells

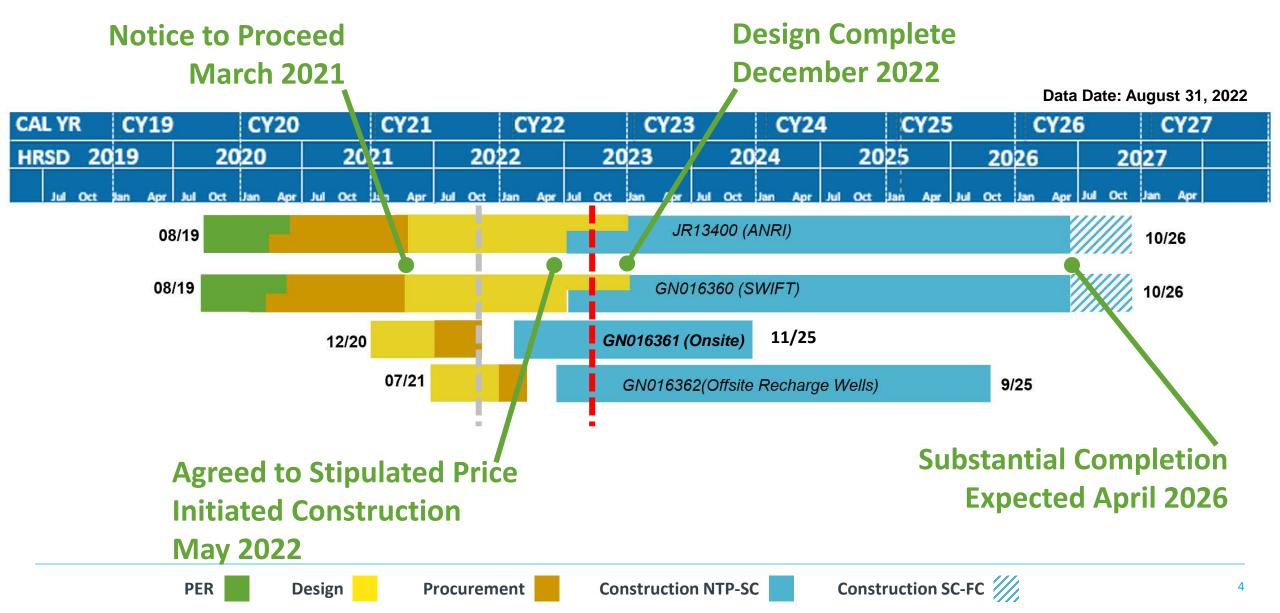
\$40 M Off Site Wells

*other capital projects



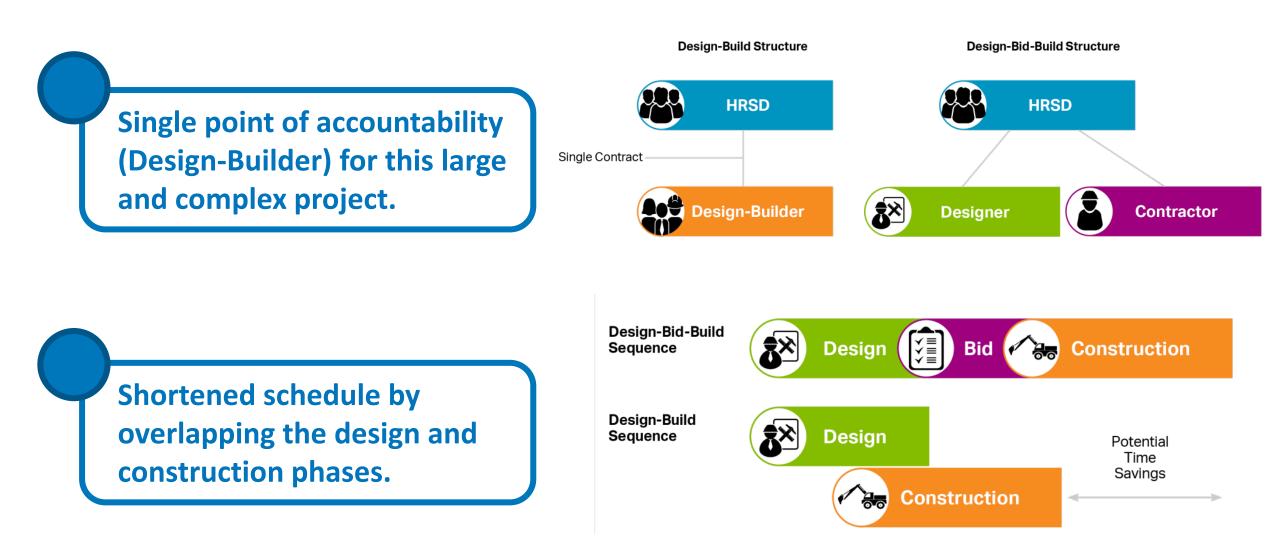


Projects have transitioned from design to construction



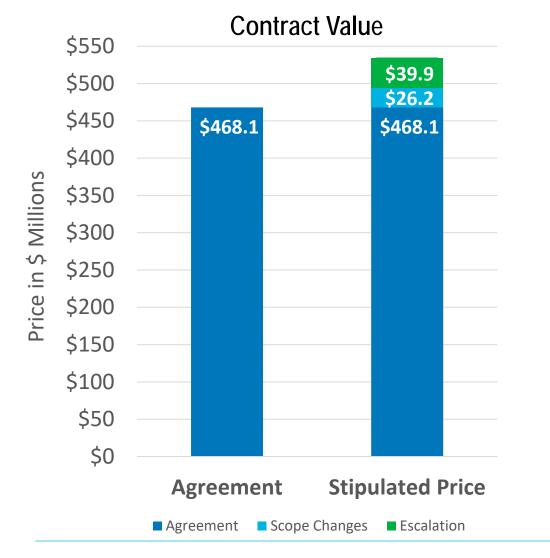


Design-Build project delivery





Stipulated Price reflects a total cost increase of 14 percent.



Requested Escalation (8.5%) Scope Changes (5.6%) Scope Included in Agreement



P R O G R A M

Programmatic loan



Department of Environmental Quality Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund

Programmatic loan

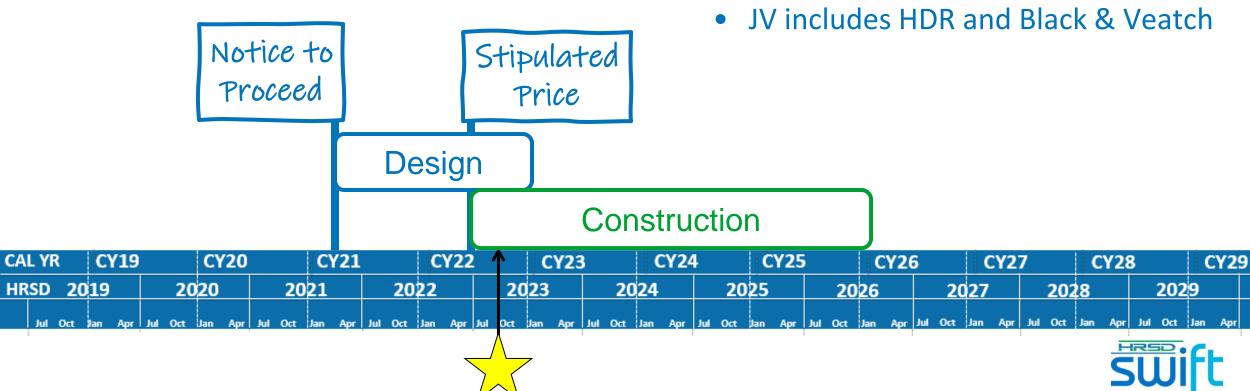


Will apply for grant



James River Design Build Project Status

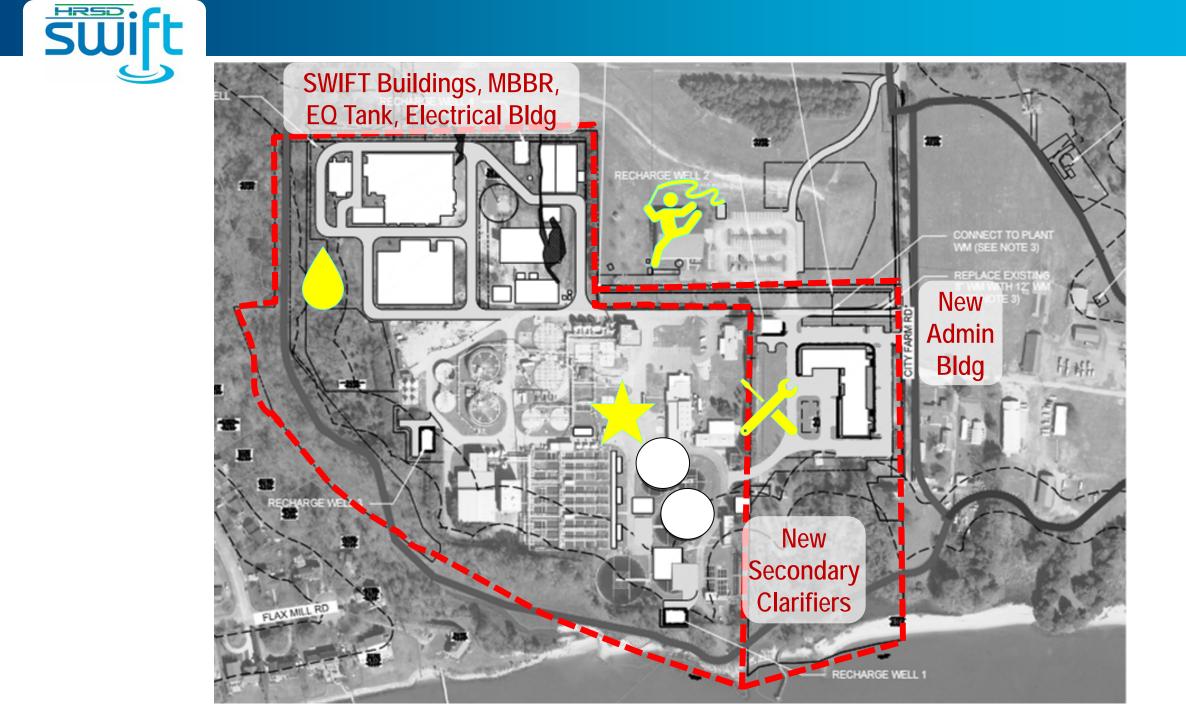
- SWIFT + Nutrient Improvements project has started construction
- Recharge expected in 2026



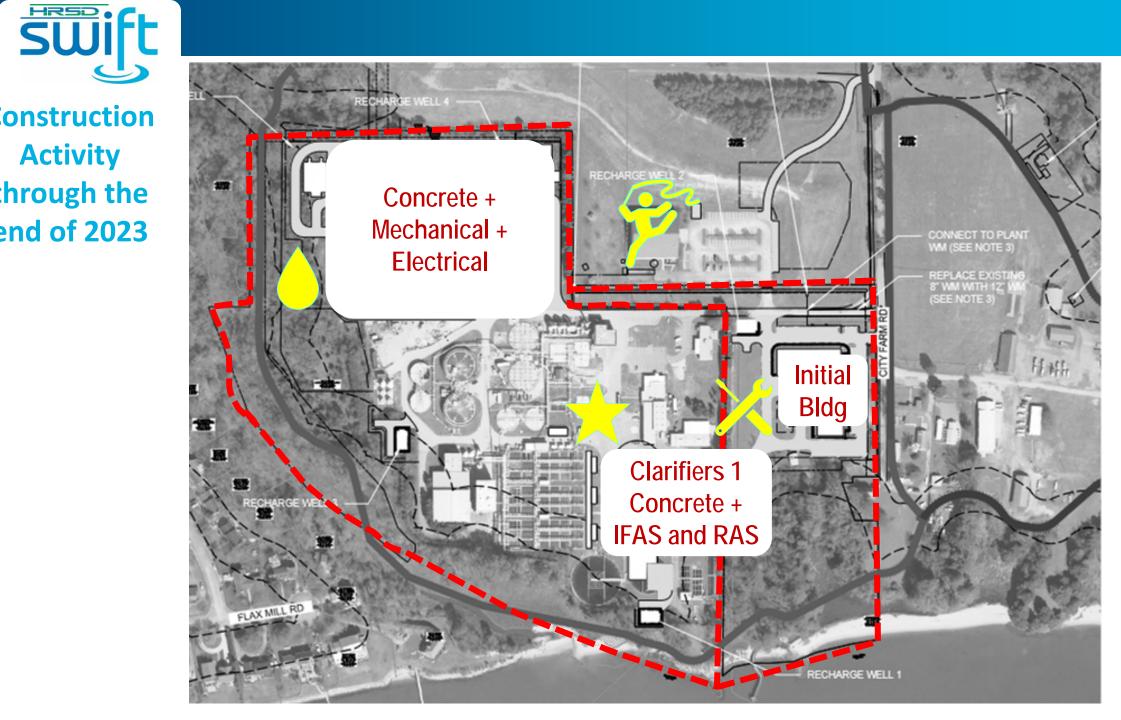


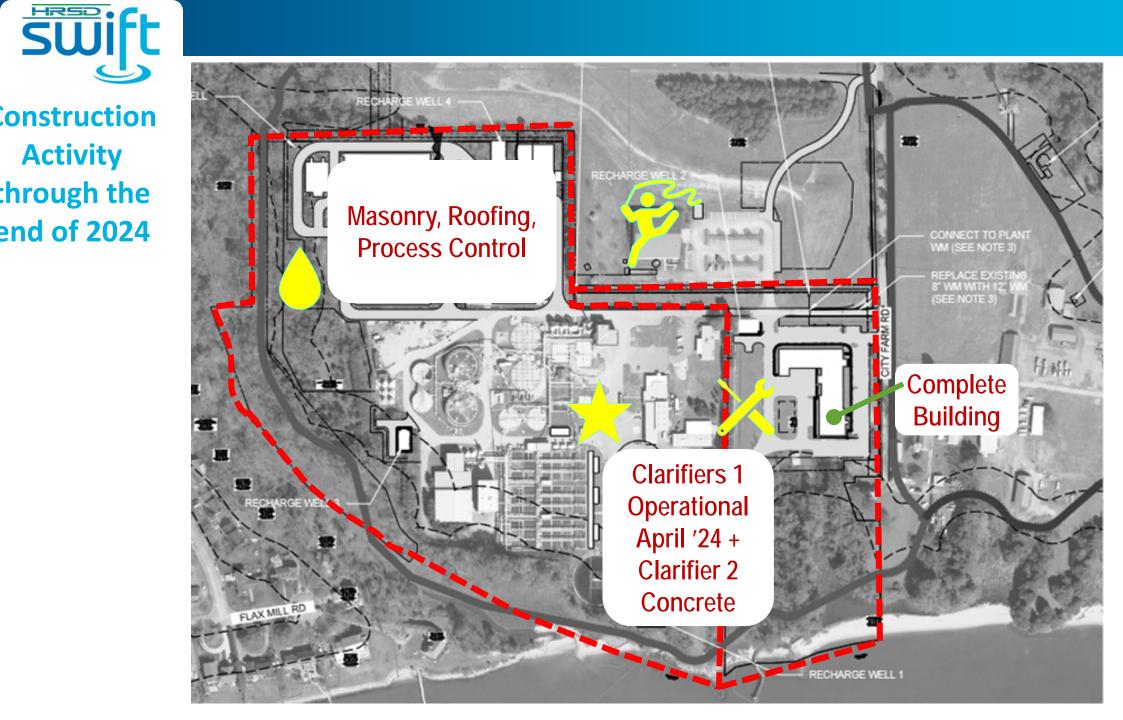
Existing James River TP Site

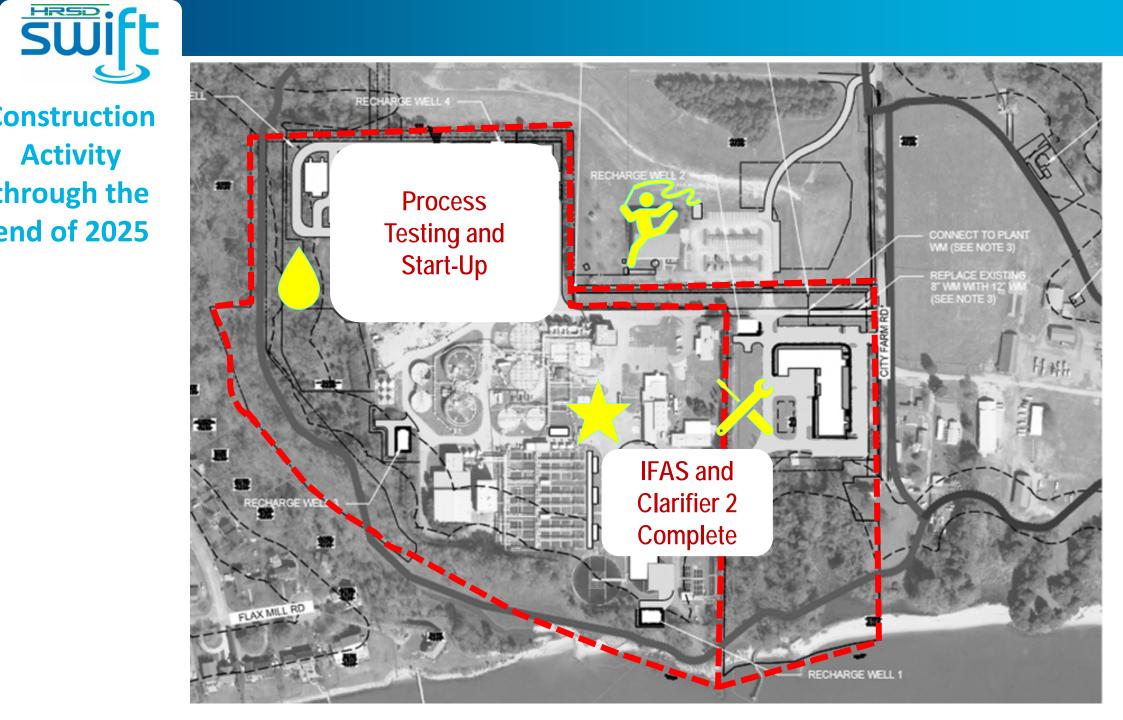




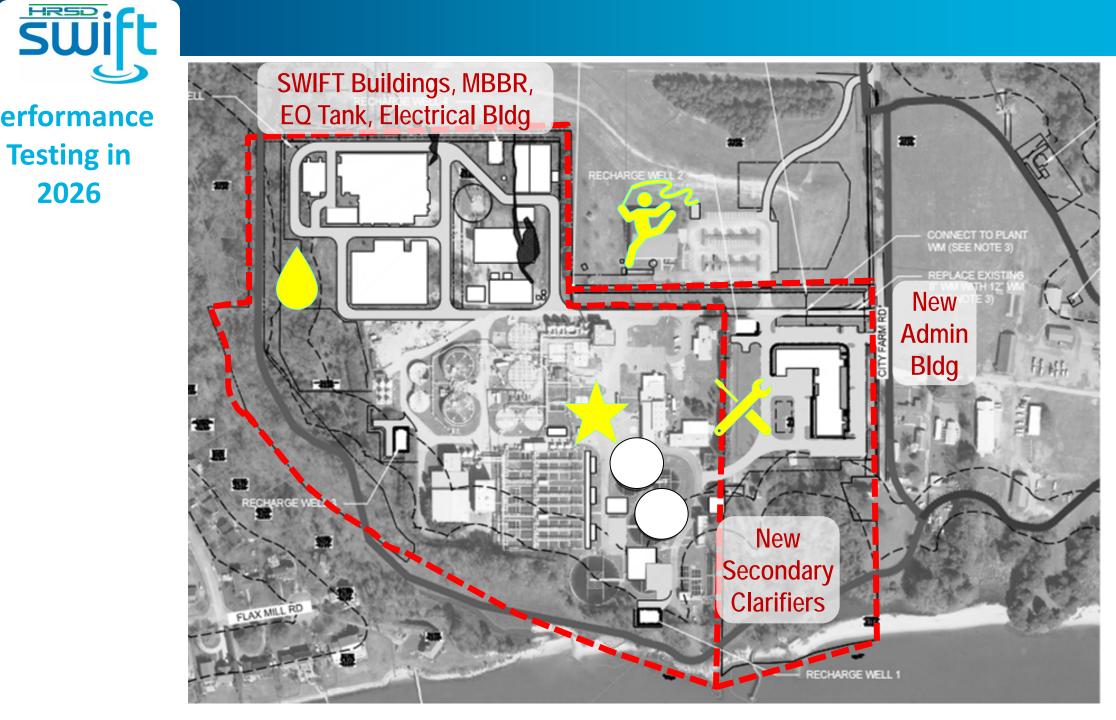








Performance **Testing in** 2026





Site work is on-going in the SWIFT area.

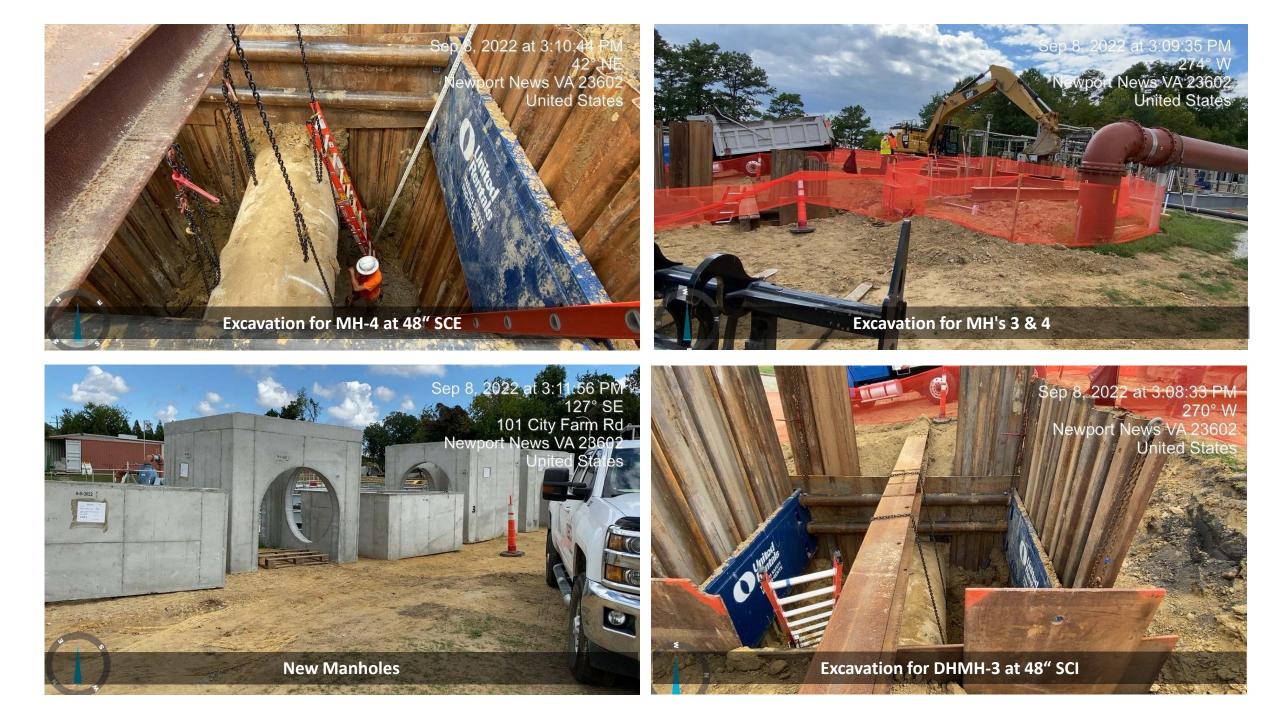














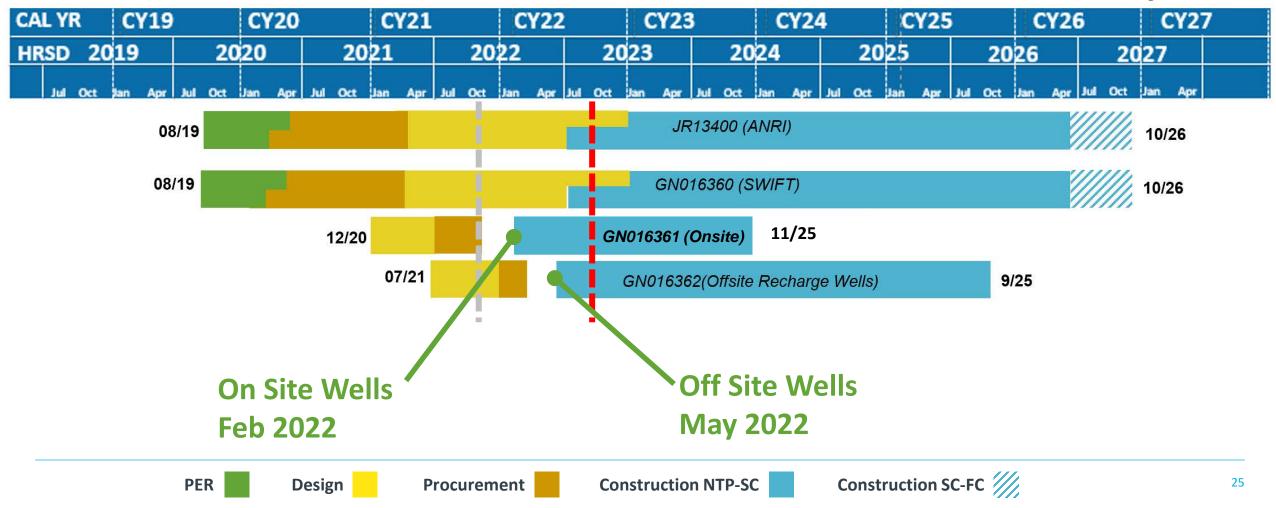






Both drilling contracts are underway.

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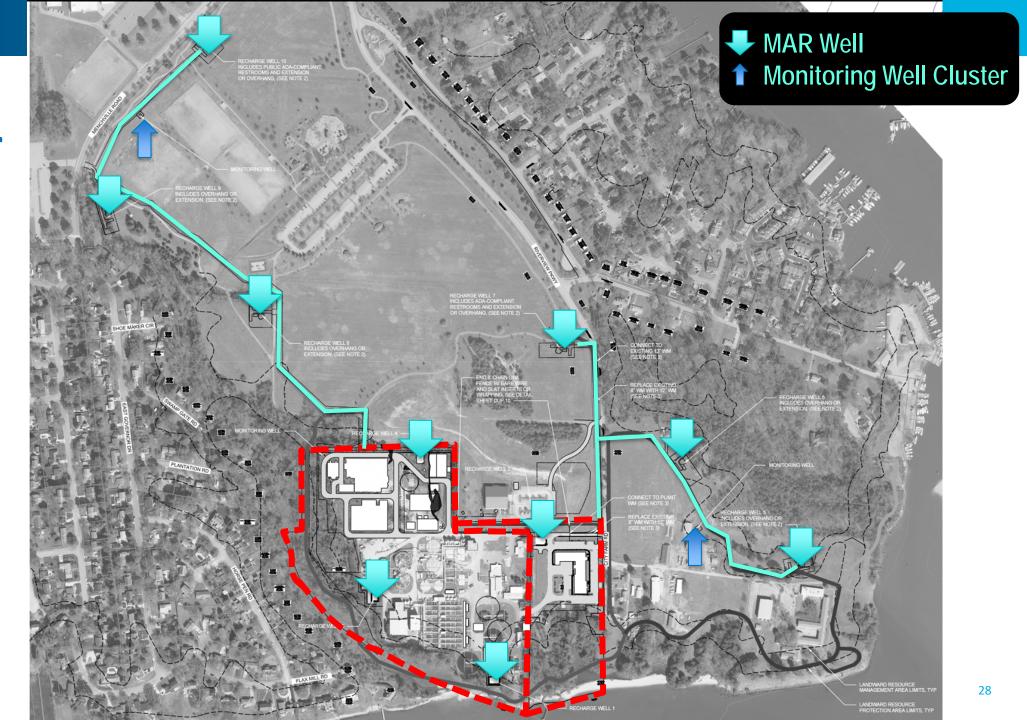
On Site MAR Wells



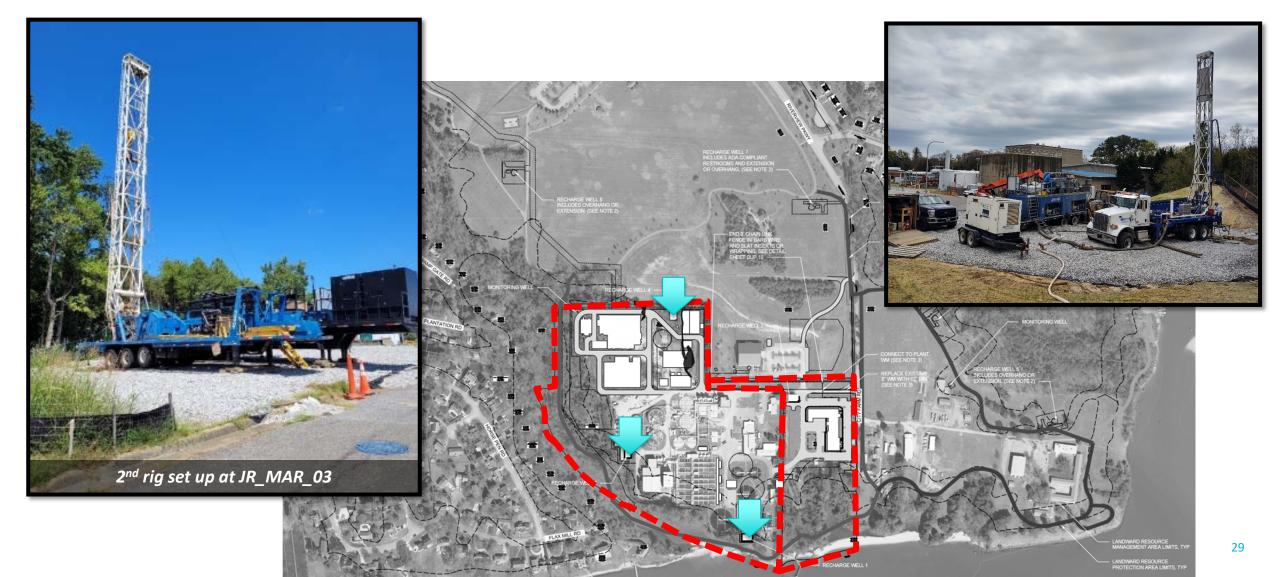




SWIFT Water Pipe Routes



All three on-site wells have been initiated. Screens for the first well are expected on site in October 2022.





Off-site wells are starting with geophysical borings at Well 9 & 10.



Drilling at JR_MAR_01



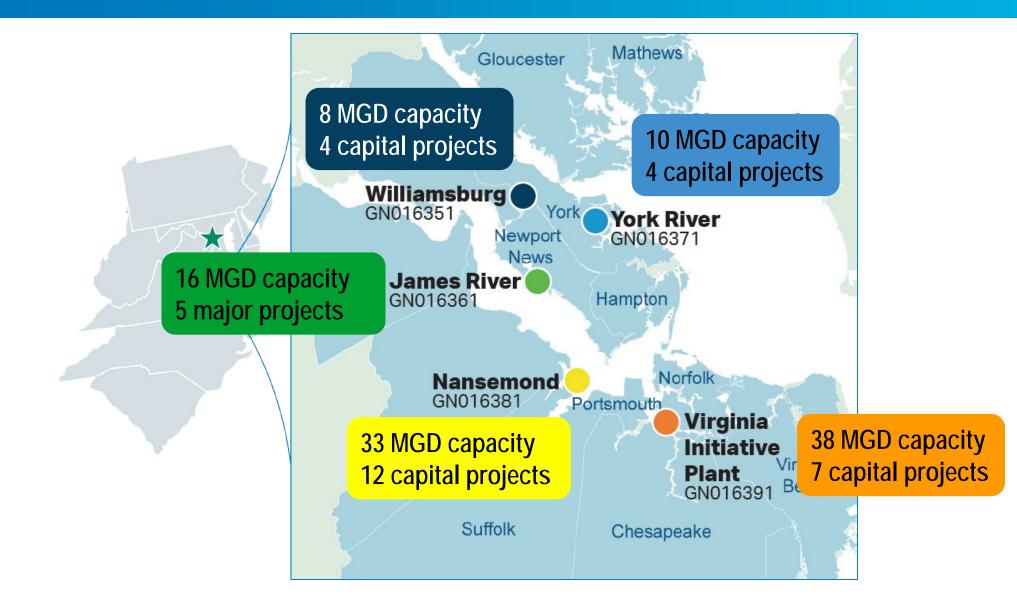


Full Scale Implementation Program (FSIP) Update

Potomac Aquifer Recharge Oversight Committee September 26, 2022

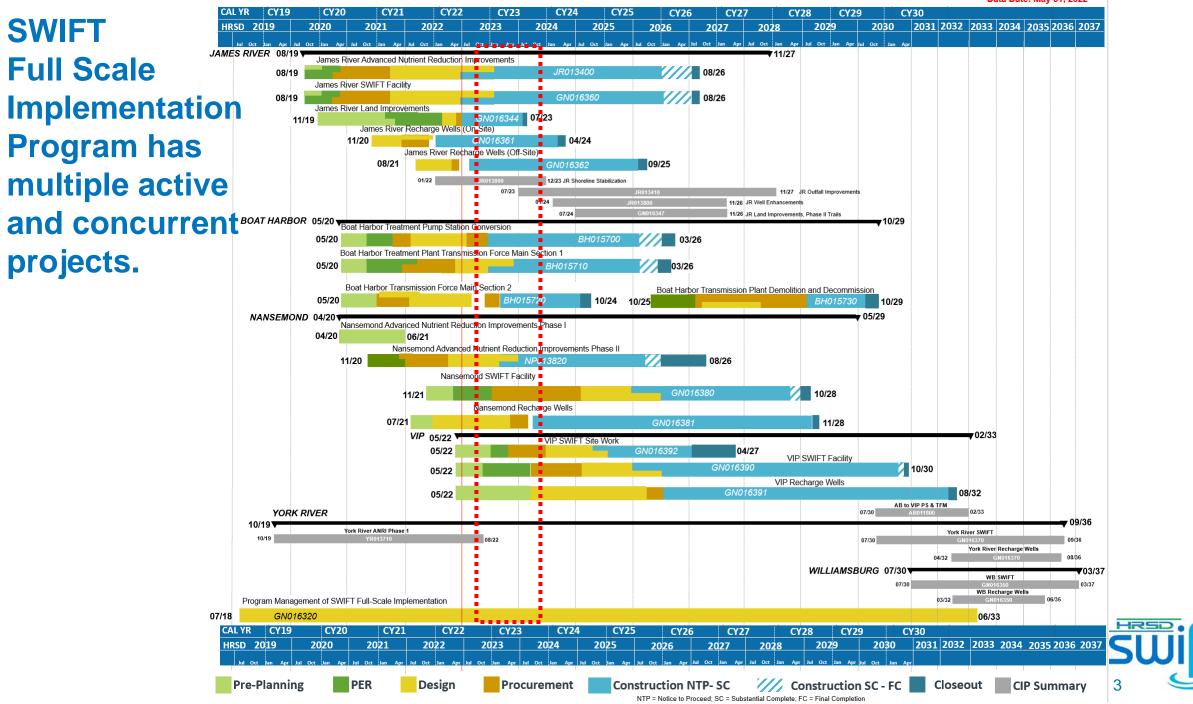
Lauren Zuravnsky, P.E. Chief of Design & Construction - SWIFT

General Location of SWIFT Treatment and Recharge Facilities





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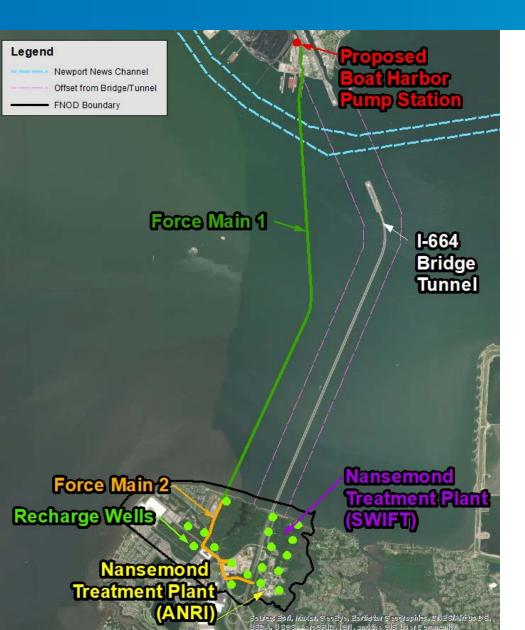
James River



- SWIFT + Nutrient Improvements (design build) project has started construction
- Two well drilling contracts under way
- UIC Permit
- Recharge expected in 2026
- Multiple project efforts related to City park enhancements



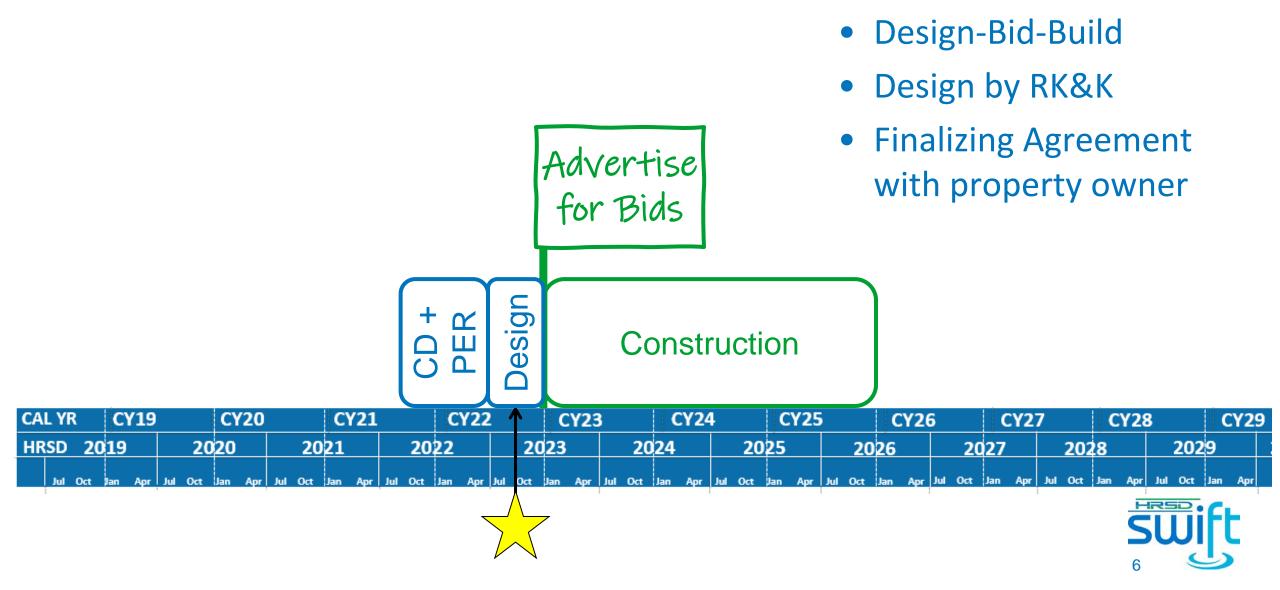
Boat Harbor Transition and Nansemond Improvements



- Construct new equalization and pumping facility in Newport News
- Convey screened and de-gritted wastewater in a new transmission force main
- Expand hydraulic and treatment capacity at Nansemond in Suffolk
- All 4 projects must be operational by 2025 to meet strategy and program goals
- SWIFT improvements following wastewater improvements
- Install recharge wells and monitoring wells



Boat Harbor Pump Station Project Status





Boat Harbor Pump Station Location

• Higher elevation



Boat Harbor Pump Station

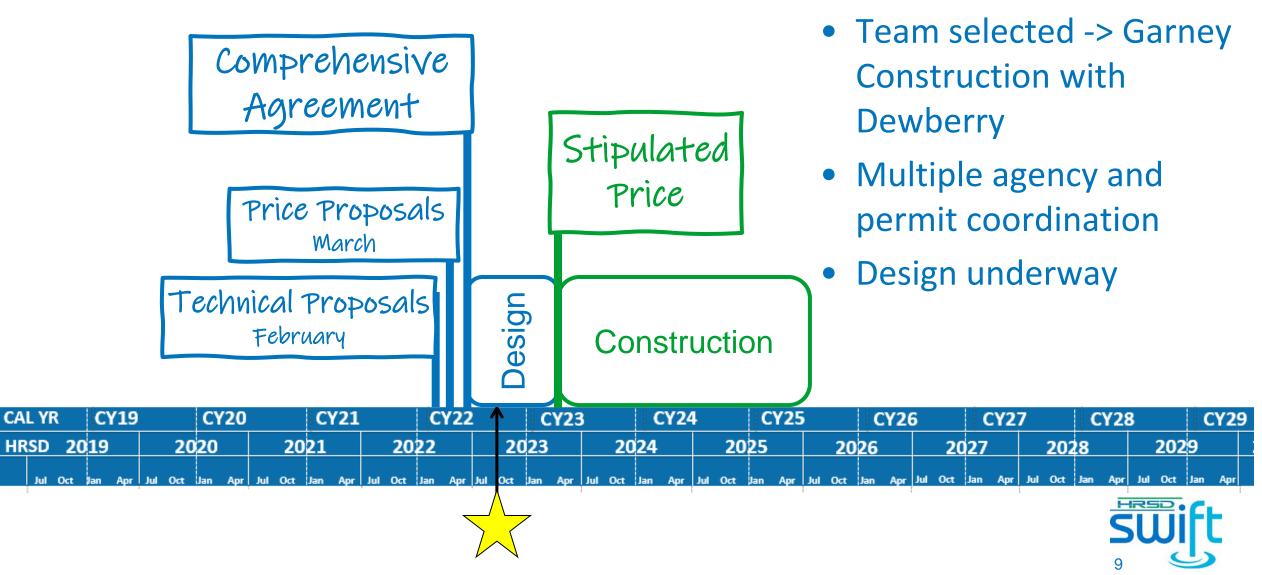


- 36.5 MGD peak flow
- Screening
- Grit removal
- 1.5 MG daily equalization
- 12 MG wet weather equalization

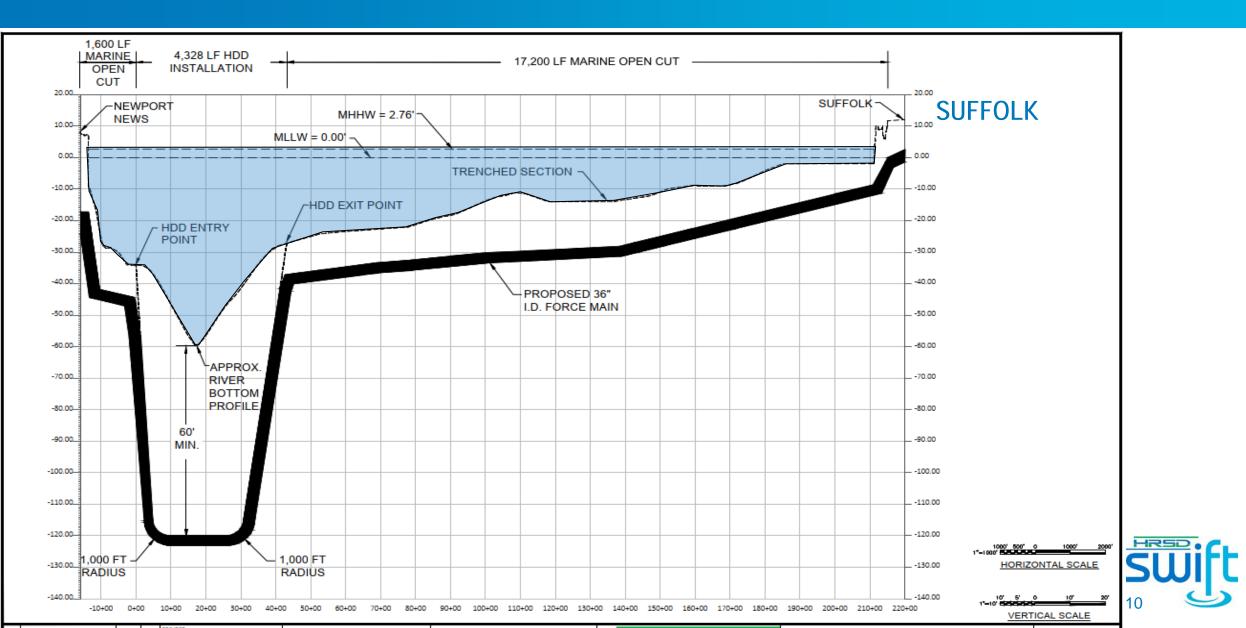




Boat Harbor Transmission Force Main (Aqueous-1) Design Build Project Status

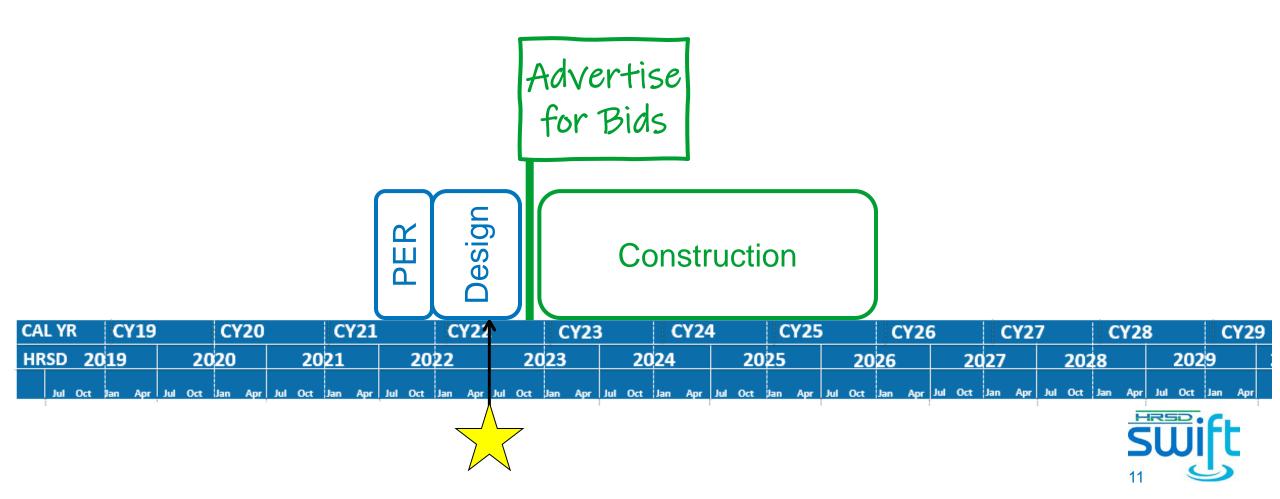


Proposed profile of Force Main under the James River

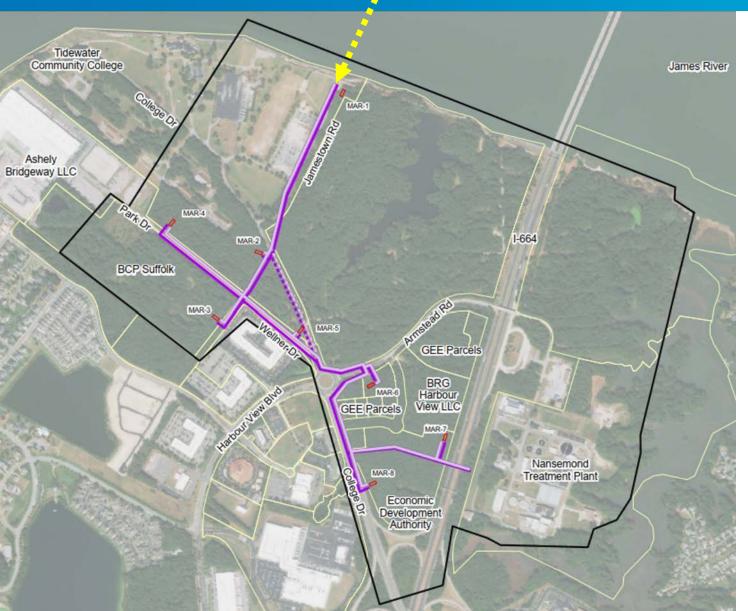


Boat Harbor Transmission Force Main (Land-2) Project Status

• Design by CDM Smith



Boat Harbor Transmission Force Main (Land-2) Project Status – *site plan have been superseded*

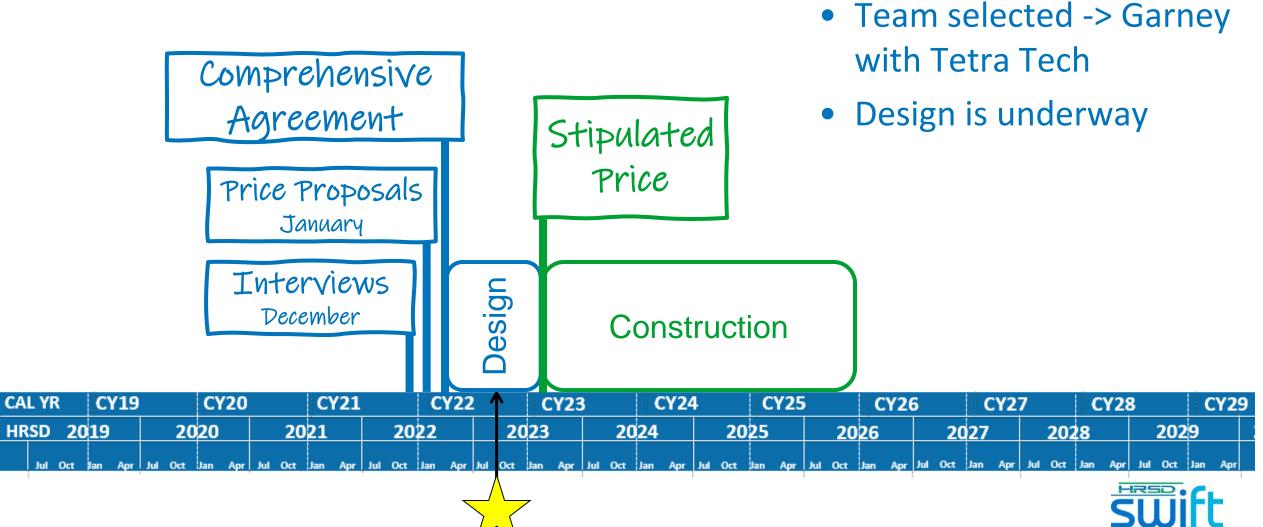


- Interface with FM1 and Nansemond TP
 - Coordinate with multiple private properties
 - 48" HDPE Force Main
 - Micro-tunnel under I-664
 - Coordinate with managed aquifer recharge wells
 - 30"-12" SWIFT Water pipe
 - 16" Backwash pipe



Nansemond Wastewater Upgrade (ANRI) Design Build Project Status

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Wastewater Upgrades Advanced Nutrient Reduction Improvements



- Increase plant capacity 50 MGD
- Major new infrastructure
- Improve nutrient reduction
- Treat to SWIFT influent quality



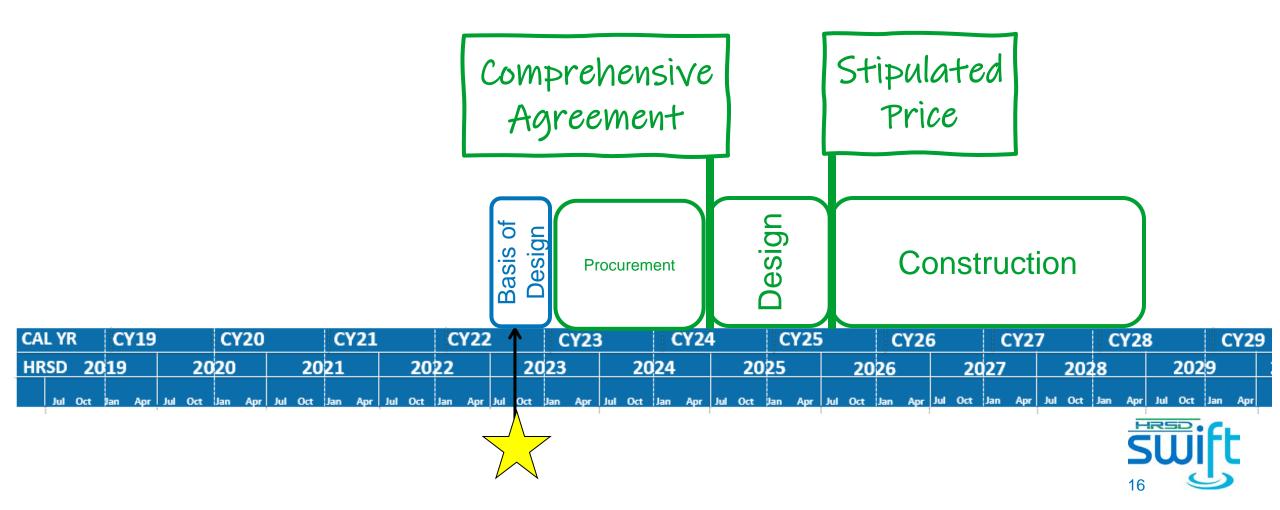
Future Nansemond Facility

Swift 15



Nansemond SWIFT Design Build Project Status

• Developing basis of design



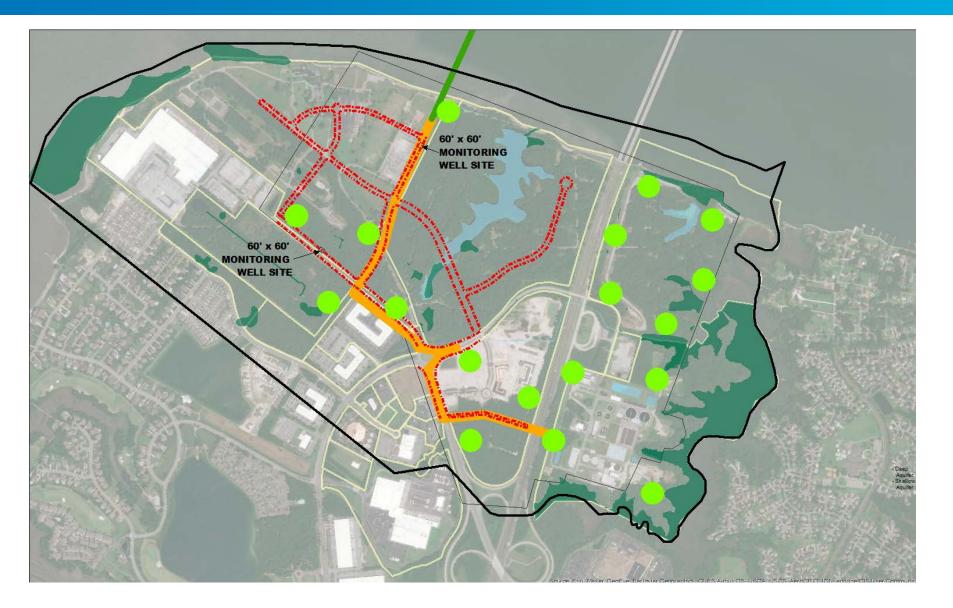
Full-Scale SWIFT Facility



- 33 MGD capacity recharge
- Multi-barrier Advanced Water Treatment
- Piping distribution network to all Wells



Nansemond Managed Aquifer Recharge Wells



2.5 MGD per well



SWIFT FSIP Update: VIP

• Strategic planning

SWIFT FSIP Update: YR, WB

• After VIP planning



