



# **Newtown Creek CSO Storage Tunnel Project**

## **Queens CB 5 Property Easement and Acquisition Overview**

**October 8, 2025**



# Introductions

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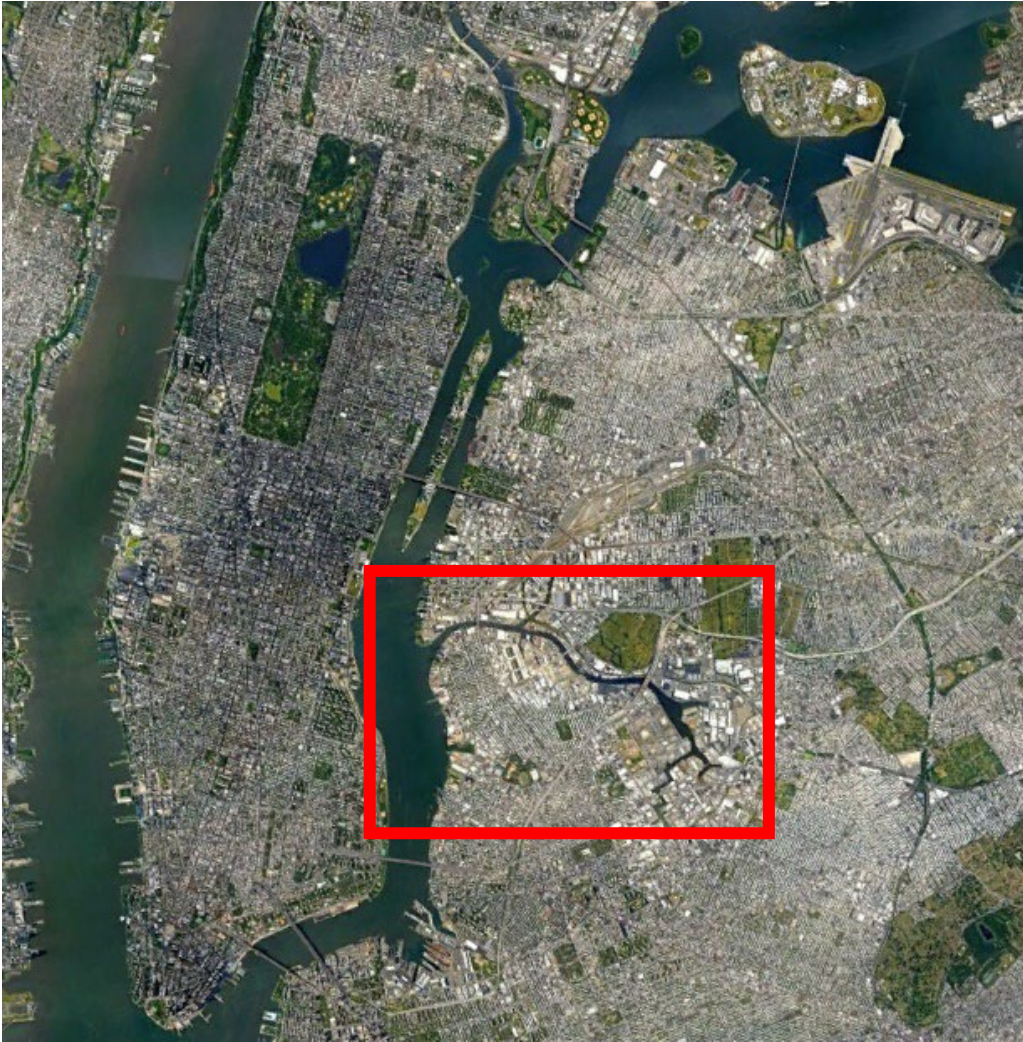
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## Agenda

- Provide background on the Newtown CSO Storage Tunnel Project
- Explanation of Combined Sewer Overflows
- Project Scope
- Briefing on forthcoming ULURP actions and schedule
- Answer any questions!



# Project Location



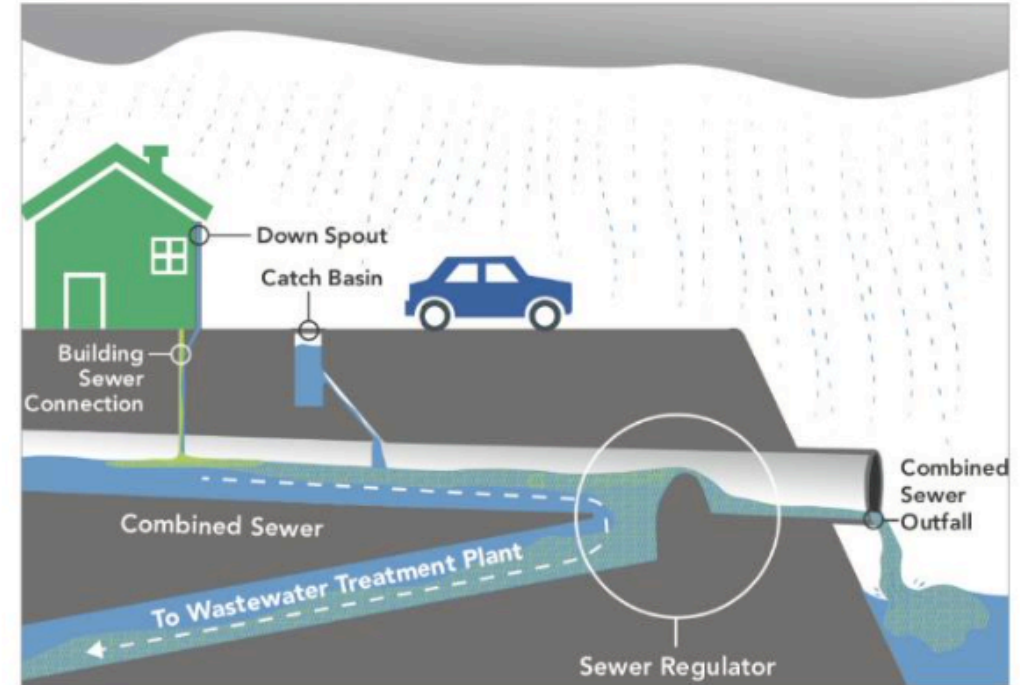
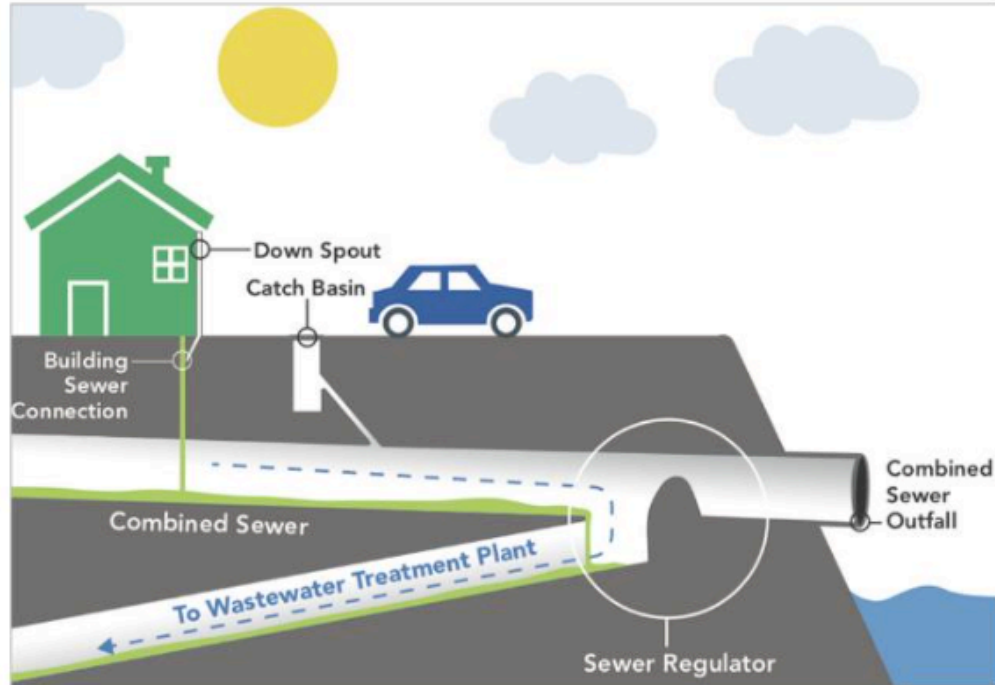


# Project Background and Context

- **Newtown Creek designated as a Federal Superfund Site** under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) - September 2010
- **NYS DEC Order on Consent required DEP to provide a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) for Newtown Creek**
  - Concluded that control of four major outfalls with a Storage Tunnel to be best solution for CSO reduction.



# Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)



- About 60% of the city has combined sewers that collect both sanitary waste and rainwater.
- In dry weather, sewage is routed through the sewer system to one of the city's 14 wastewater resource recovery facilities for treatment.
- The system can get overwhelmed when the amount of water produced in a storm is greater than the capacity of the pipes.
- This can result in overflows into local waterways. This is called combined sewer overflow (CSO).

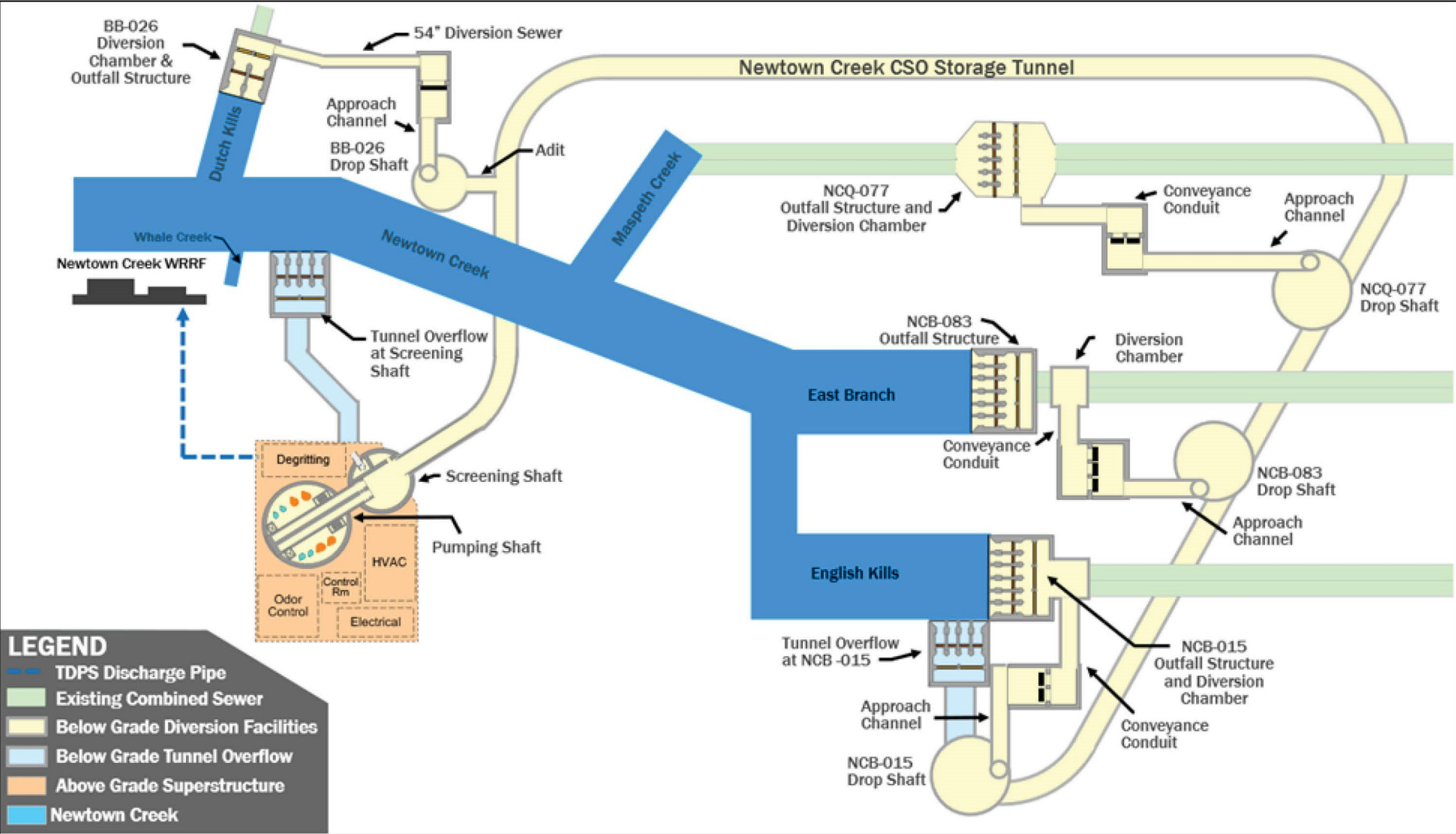
# Project Scope

- **3-mile-long tunnel** with 50-million-gallon storage capacity
- Intercepts combined sewer overflow (CSO) from **4 major outfalls** during a storm event
- **Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station** will pump flow from tunnel to Newtown Creek Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility for treatment after a storm.
- Consent milestone for construction completion: December 2040
- Project currently in Design Phase.





# CSO Tunnel System Overview



# Proposed Land Use Actions

## 1. Site Selection & Acquisition (PC)

- ULURP # C260063PCY

## 2. Site Selection only (PS)

- ULURP # C260064PSY



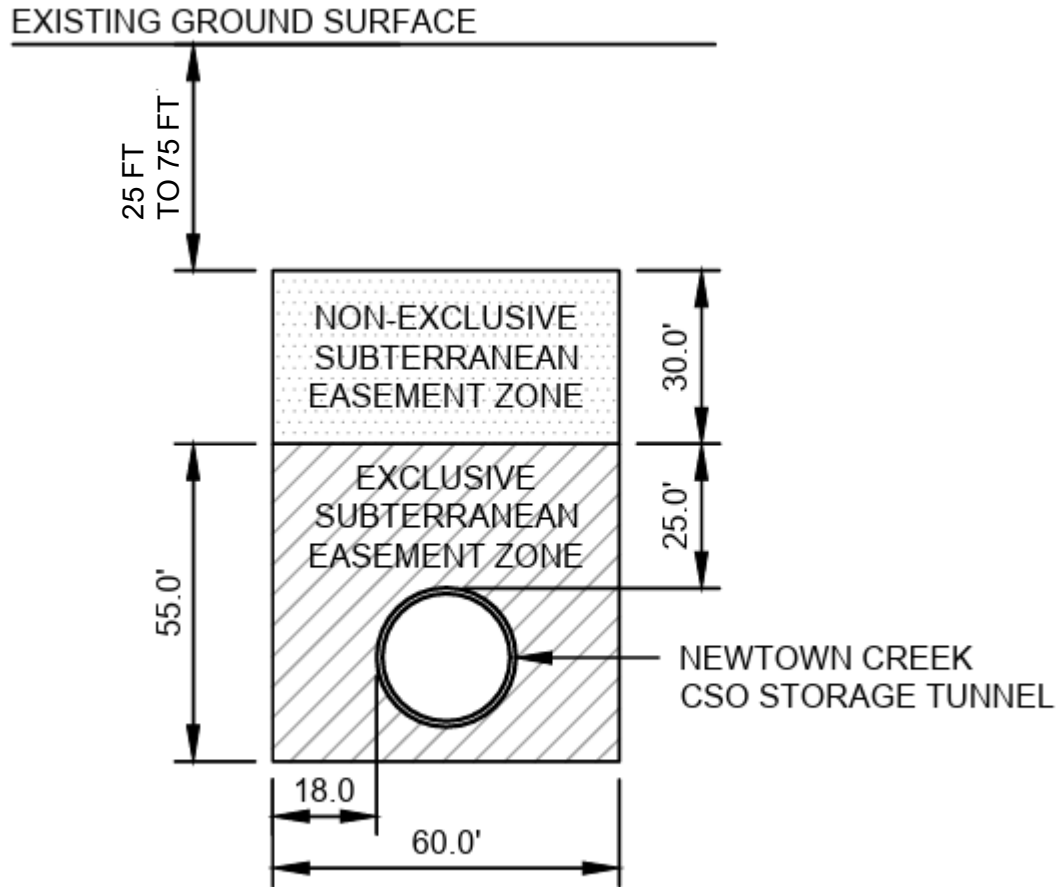


# CB5 Properties Affected

- 1. Site Selection & Acquisition (PC) – 10 properties located in CB5**
  - Site Selection of a new City facility on private-property - construction of tunnel and diversion facilities
  - Acquisition approval for subterranean easements – protect tunnel from physical damage
- 2. Site Selection only (PS) – 2 properties located in CB5**
  - Site Selection of a new City facility on City-owned property - construction of tunnel and diversion facilities



# Subterranean Easements



**ILLUSTRATIVE EASEMENT  
SECTION**

- 10 Subterranean Easements are required in CB5
- Subterranean easement zone begins approximately 25-75 feet below the existing ground surface
- Tunnel will be 80-130 feet below ground surface
- Exact depths will be confirmed prior to design being finalized
- Future development allowed within "non-exclusive subterranean easement zone", subject to approval by with NYC DEP



# Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Impact Categories Assessed	
Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy	Solid Waste and Sanitation Services
Socioeconomic Conditions	Energy
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# ULURP Process

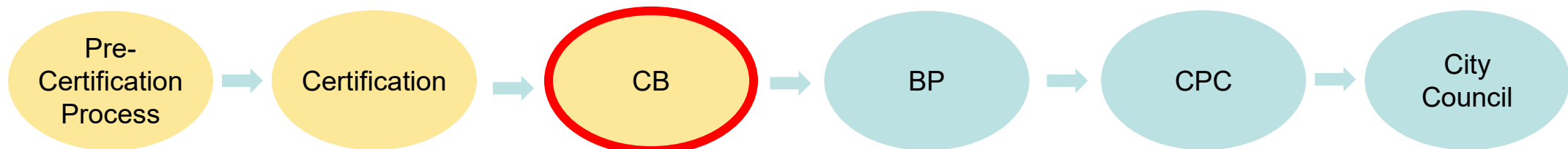
Project was certified into ULURP on September 15 and is currently in the Community Board review phase

## Pre-Certification Milestones:

- Draft Scope of Work Published – February 5, 2025
- Scoping Meeting Held – March 12, 2025

## Key Schedule Milestones:

- September 2025: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) complete
- September 2025: ULURP application certified, begin City review
- February 2026: Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) complete
- April 2026: ULURP Completion



# Current Schedule

Milestone	Date/Timeframe
ULURP Certification (Public Review Begins)	September 15, 2025
Community Boards BK1, QN2 and QN5 Review (60 Days)	September – November
Queens and Brooklyn Borough Presidents Review (30 Days)	November – December
City Planning Commission Review (60 Days) – <i>CPC Public Hearing/DEIS Hearing</i>	December – February 2026
<i>Final Environmental Impact Statement Issued</i>	February 2026
City Council Review (50 Days)	February – April 2026
ULURP Complete	April 2026



# Land Acquisition and Property Construction Schedule

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## ULURP Complete

# Questions?