West Falmouth Sewer Master Plan

Presentation to Town Council March 28, 2016





Engineering a Better Environment

Presentation Overview

- 1. Impetus for Sewer Master Plan
- 2. Scope of Plan
- 3. Work Performed
- 4. Draft Findings



"West Falmouth" = Area West of I-295



Impetus for Sewer Master Plan

- 1. Capacity issues at 4 pump stations
- 2. Capacity issues in Middle Rd. sewer line



3. Anticipated development and future flows along Route 100 corridor and west of I-295 in designated Growth Area

Scope of Master Plan

- 1. Determine existing infrastructure bottlenecks
- 2. Estimate possible future sewer flows
- 3. Determine required upgrades and new infrastructure and cost estimates
- 4. Prioritize recommendations

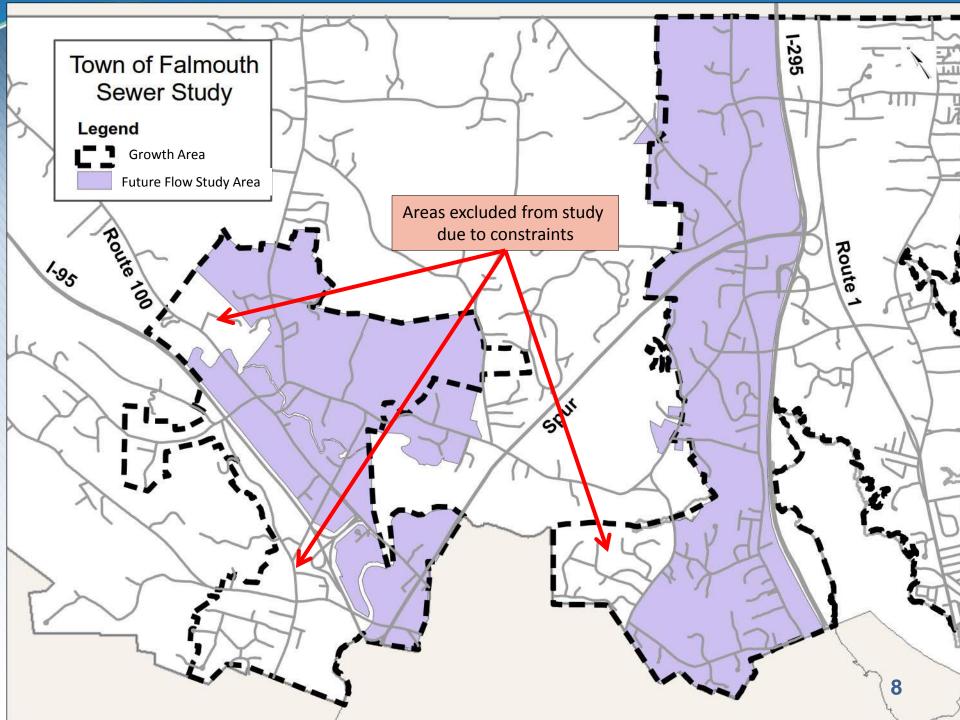
Scope approved by Council in May 2014

Work Performed

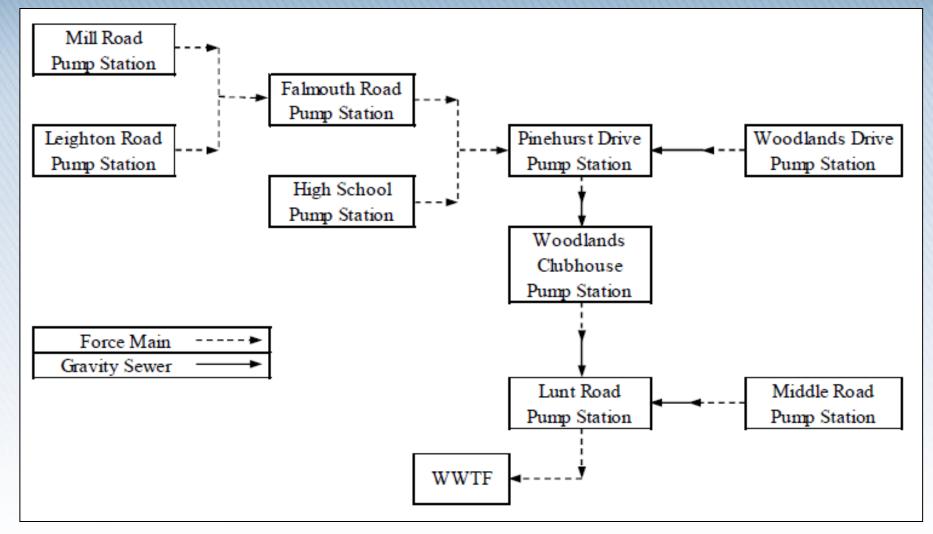
- 1. Meetings with staff and LPAC
- 2. West Falmouth field work
- 3. Estimate future flows in Designated Growth Area
- 4. Assessment of impacts, upgrades and new infrastructure required
- 5. Options, cost estimates, priorities

Questions for Council to consider

- Do you agree that this plan is in keeping with 2014 Comprehensive Plan and 2016 Plan for Route 100?
- Do you agree that this plan represents good facility management?
- Do you agree that the financing plan for the recommended improvements is reasonable?

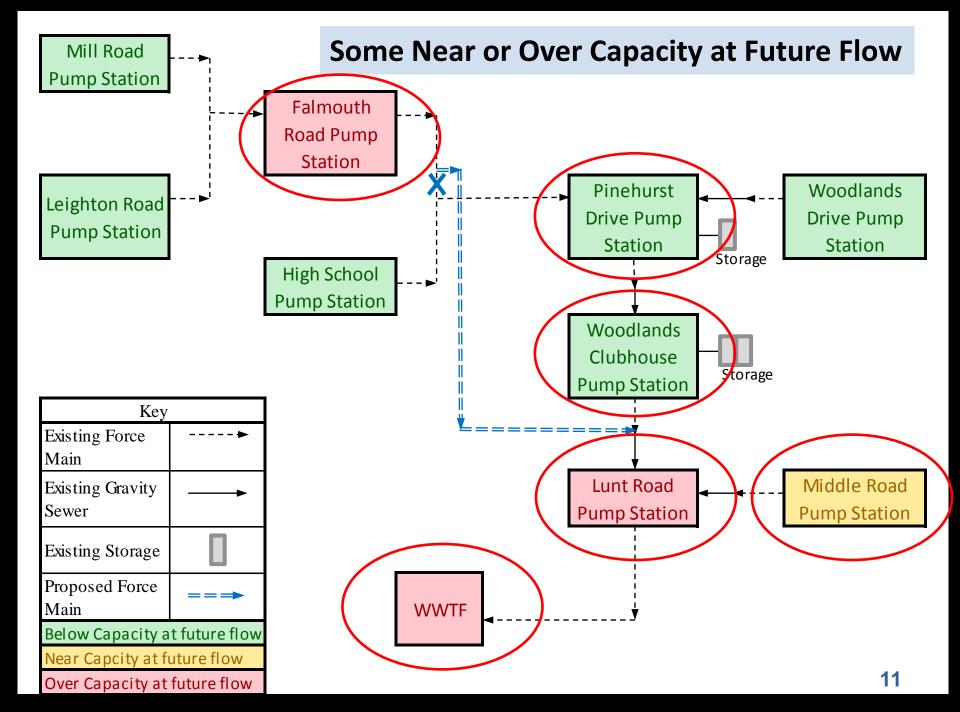


Portion of Existing Linked Pumping Station System Studied



General Findings

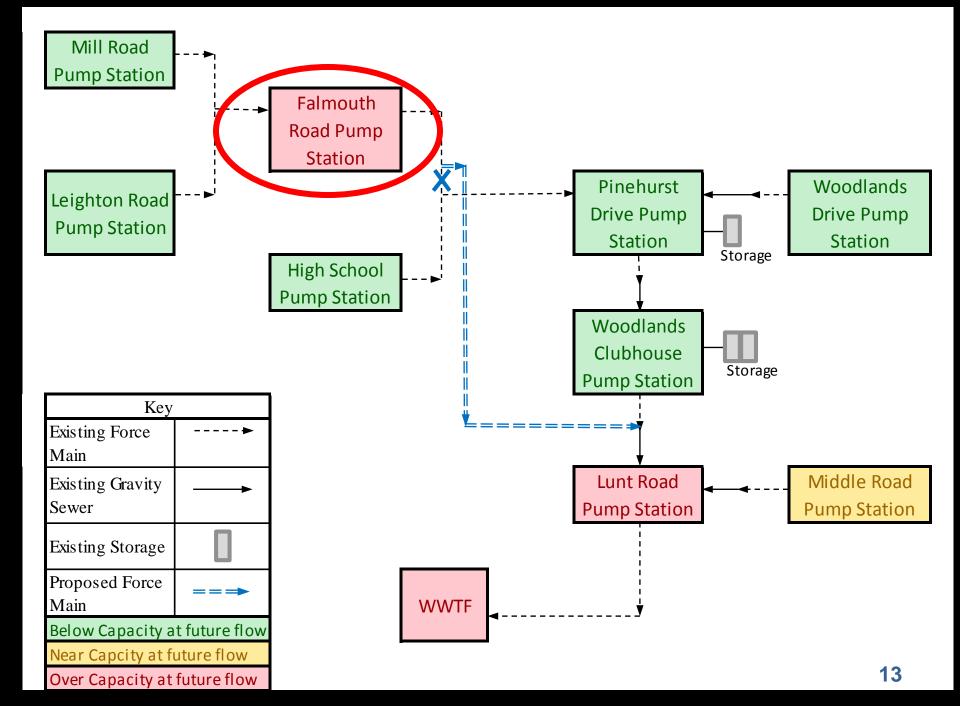
- 1. There is **little or no excess flow capacity** in current system ("bottlenecks").
- Some pump stations are reaching end of their expected life and will need work regardless.
- In some cases, when making upgrades, extra capacity can be created for relatively little extra cost to serve long term needs (20-40 years).



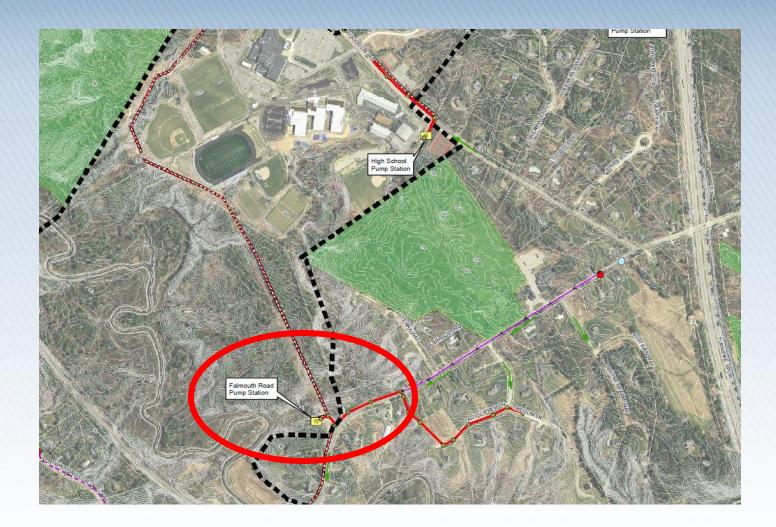
Near Term Bottlenecks

- 1. Falmouth Road Pump Station
 - Issue: 18 years old, no additional capacity
 - Recommendation: Renovate station, increase capacity
 - Cost: \$350K



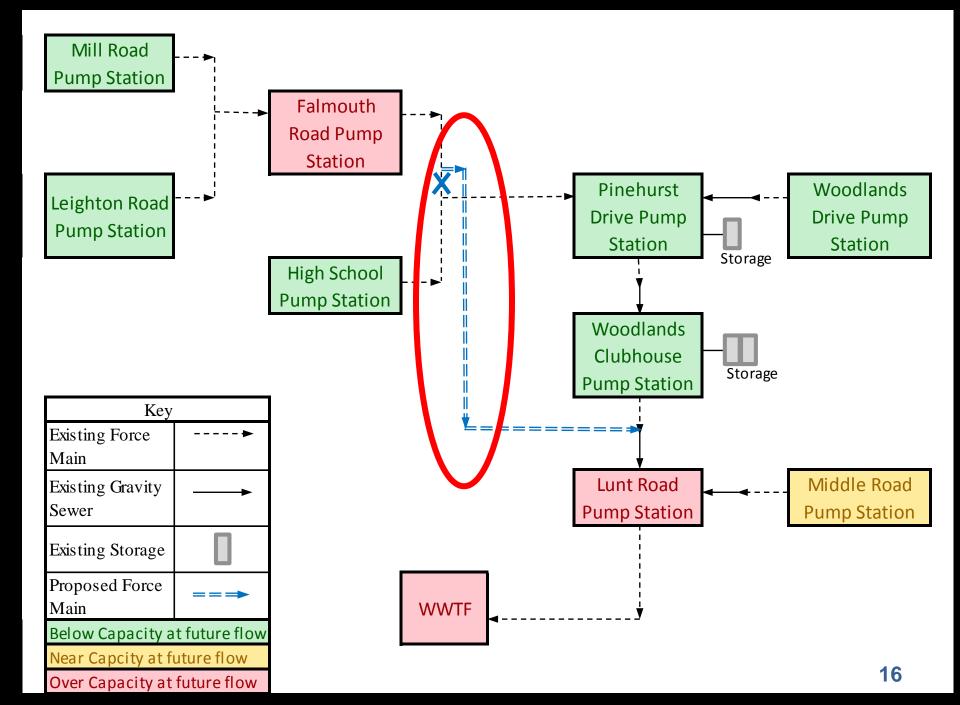


Falmouth Road Pump Station

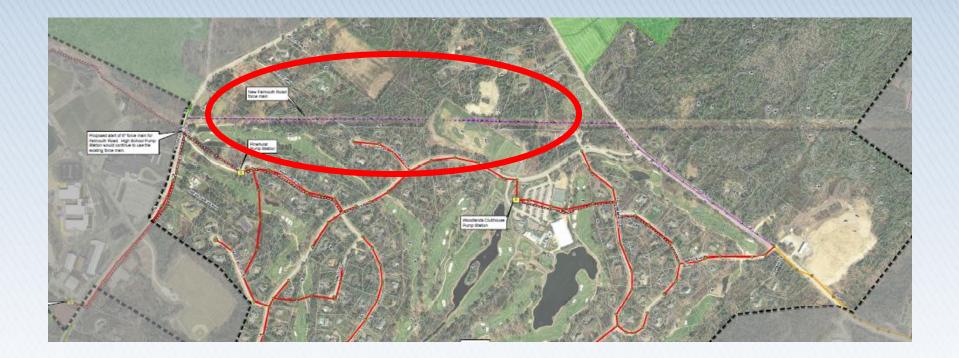


Near Term Bottlenecks

- 2. Falmouth Road Pump Station Force Main
 - Issue: Station capacity increase triggers multiple pump station capacity upgrades downstream
 - Recommendation: Re-route force main to bypass
 Pinehurst and Woodlands pump stations
 - Cost: \$1.1 million

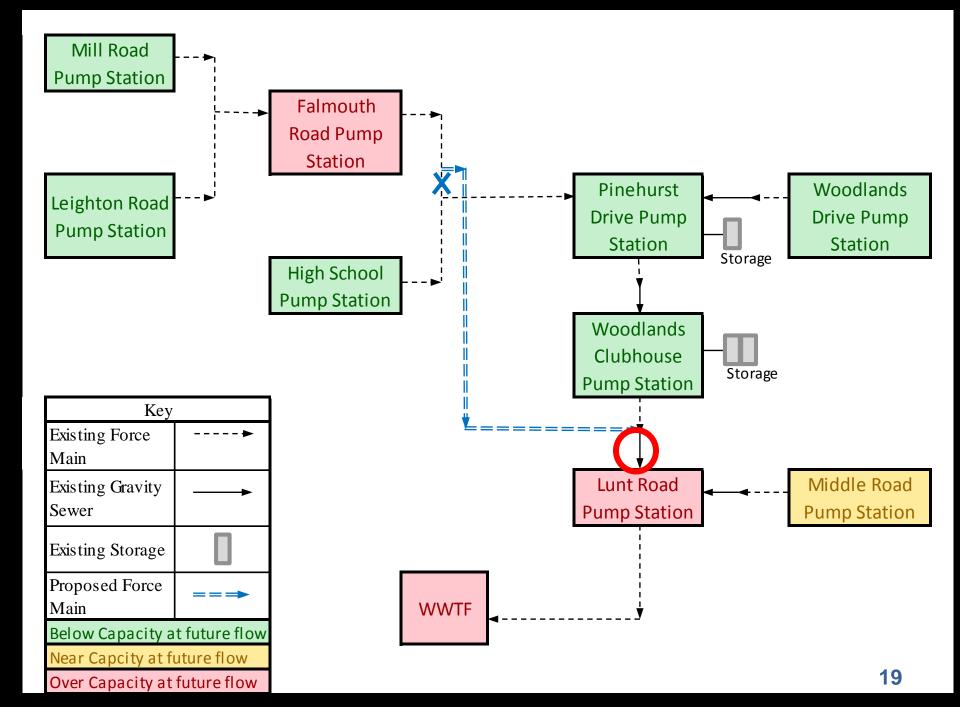


Falmouth Road Pump Station Force Main



Near Term Bottlenecks

- 3. Middle Road Gravity Sewer ("Interceptor")
 - Issue: 47 years old and current 8" sewer line is over capacity
 - Recommendation: Upgrade to 15" sewer line from Turnpike Spur to I-295 Crossing
 - Cost: \$1.1M
 - Note: Does not include section north of Spur bridge that will be replaced as part of MaineDOT Route 9 Roundabout project



Middle Road Gravity Sewer



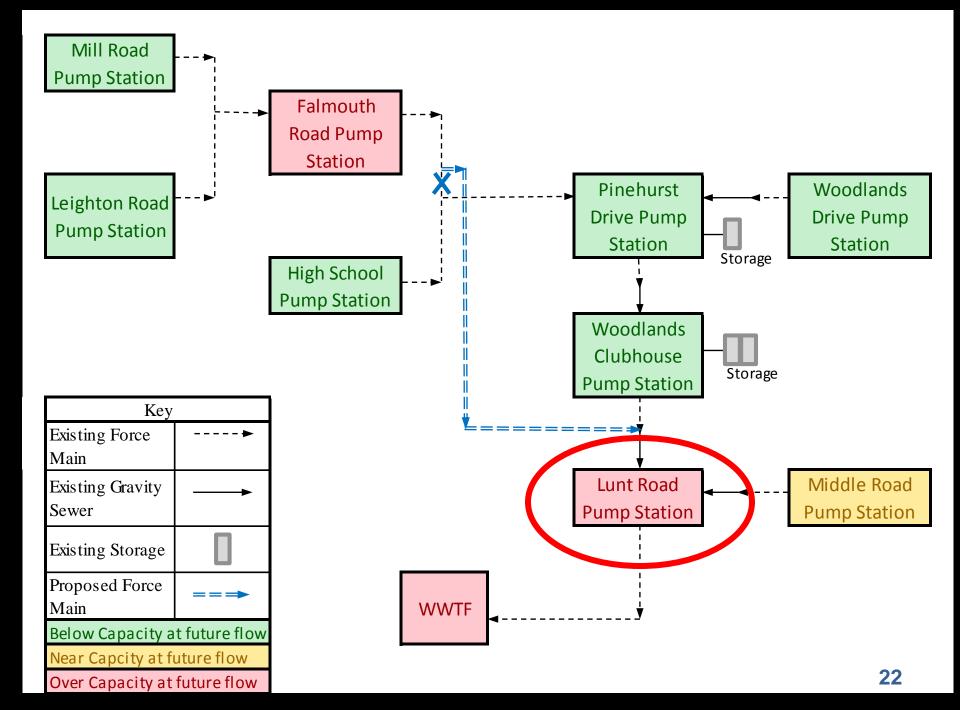
Near Term Bottlenecks

4. Upgrade Lunt Road Pump Station

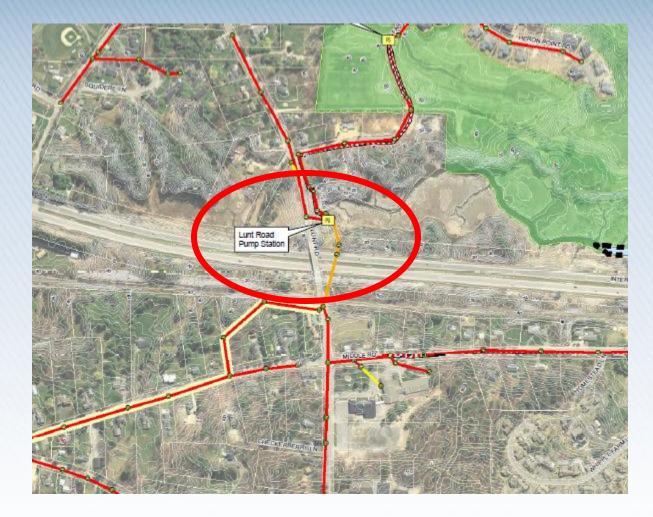
 Issue: 47 years old with some capacity upgrades in 2005. At capacity now, over capacity with proposed upgrade to Falmouth Road Pump Station



- Recommendation: Upgrade station to increase capacity
- Cost: \$1.4-\$2.1M (depends upon extent to which existing facilities can be reused/repurposed)



Upgrade Lunt Road Pump Station

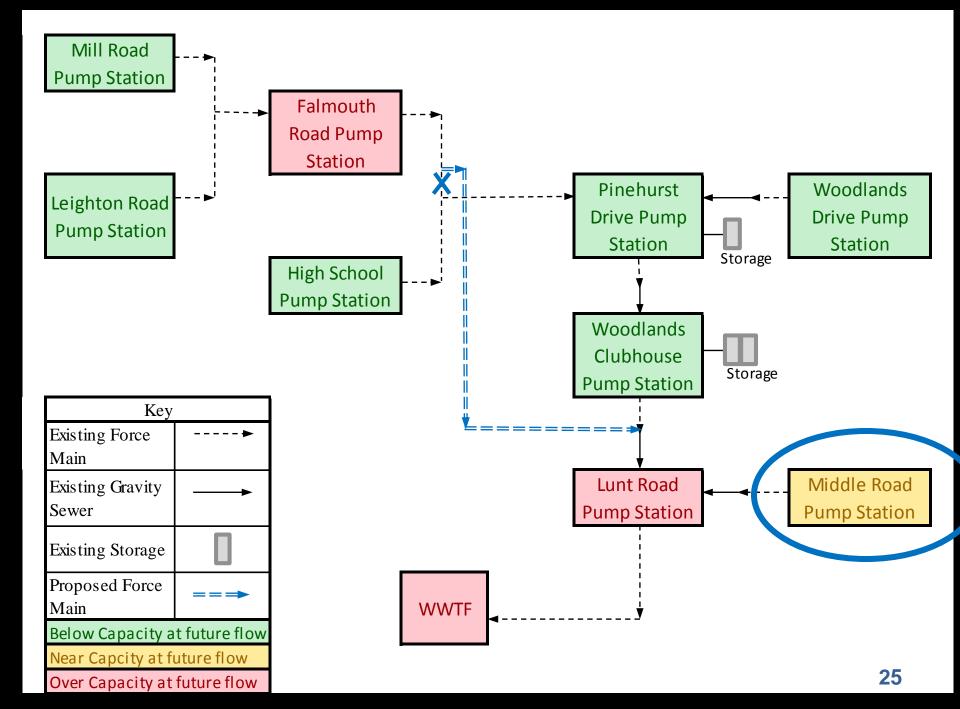


Longer Term Projects

5. Upgrade Middle Road Pump Station



- Issue: 35 years old, predicted to be over capacity at future flows
- Recommendation: New pump station
- Cost: \$350K

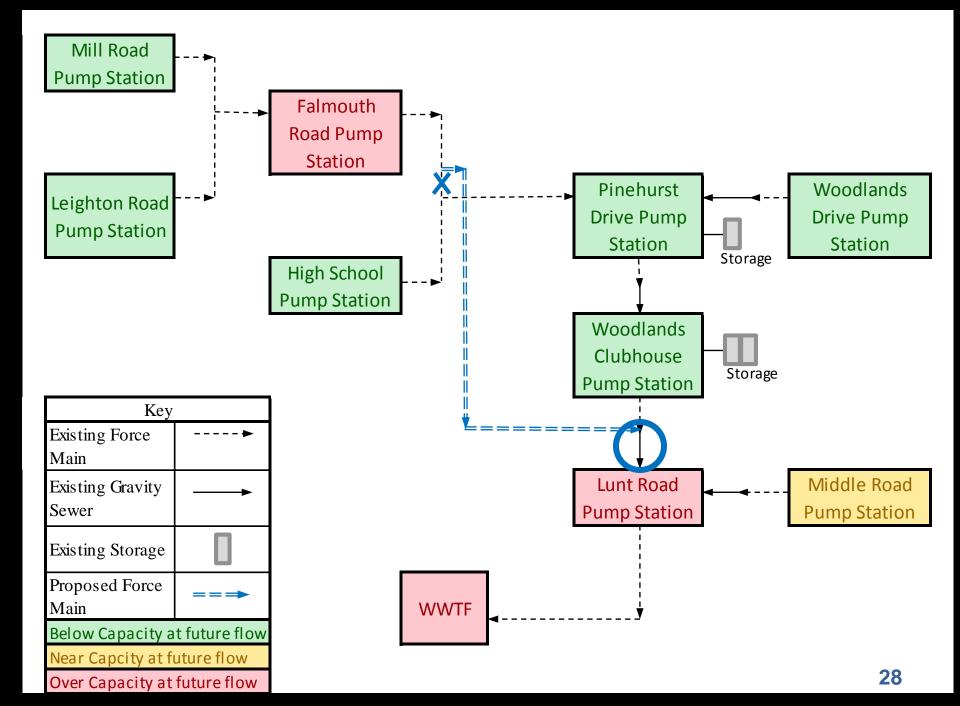


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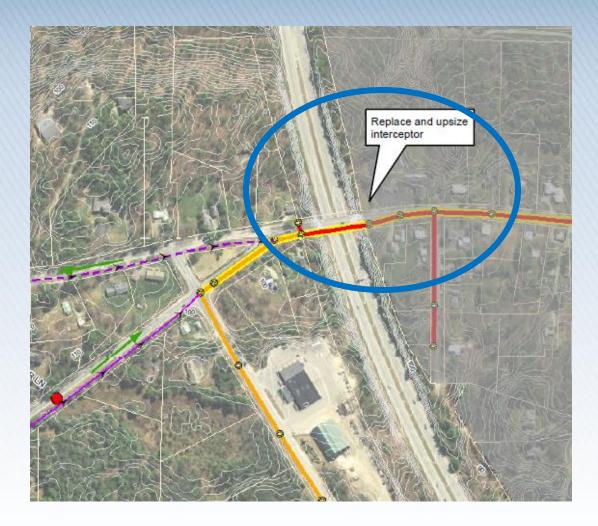


Longer Term Projects

- 6. Spur Bridge Crossing
 - Issue: 35 years old. Possibly over capacity at future flows
 - Recommendation: Increase from 12" to 15" sewer
 - Cost: \$100K



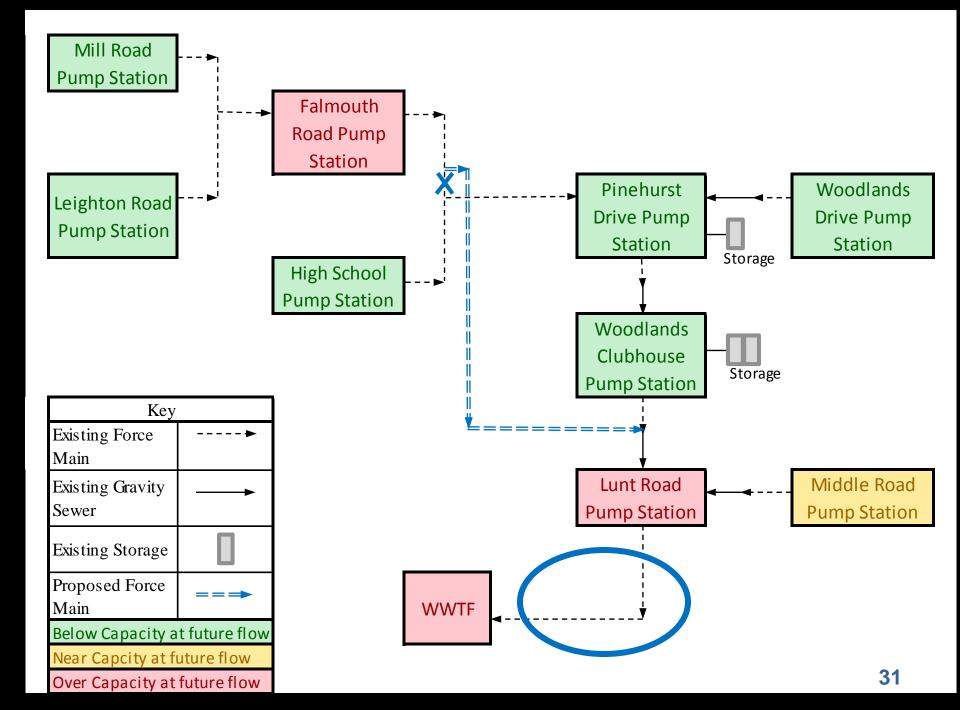
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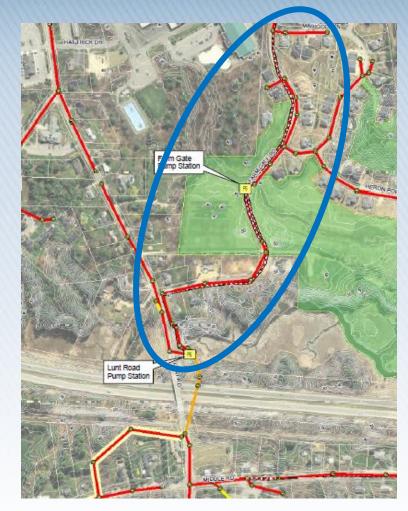
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Install new force main from Lunt Road Pump
 Station to WWTF

- Issue: 12 years old. Flow output of new Lunt Road
 Pump Station will be limited with existing force main.
- Recommendation: Replace existing 8" force main with 10" force main
- Cost: \$750K



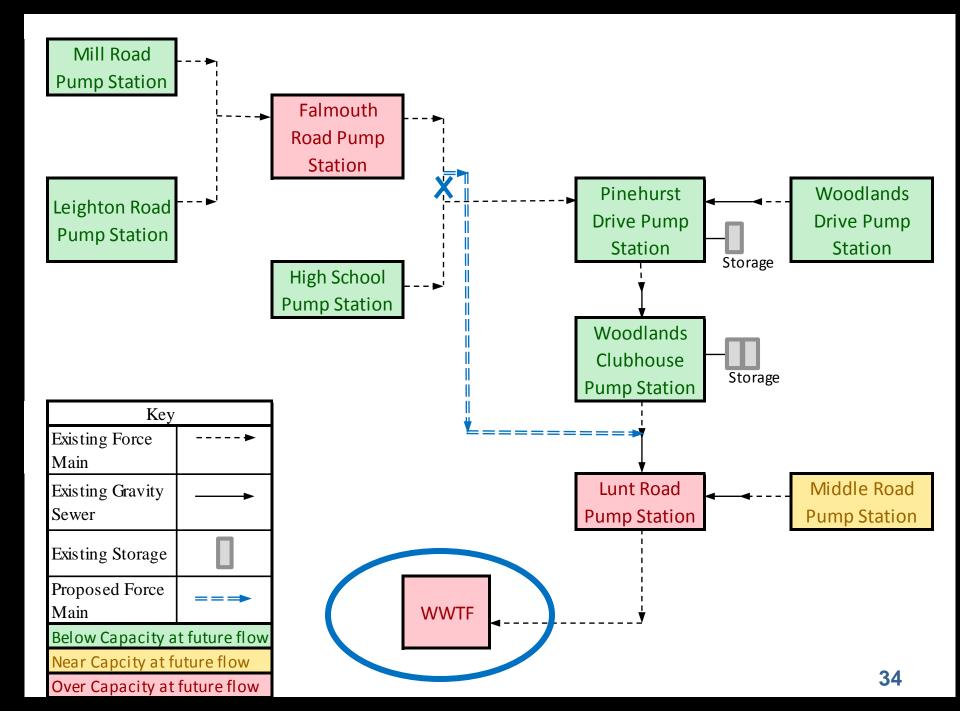
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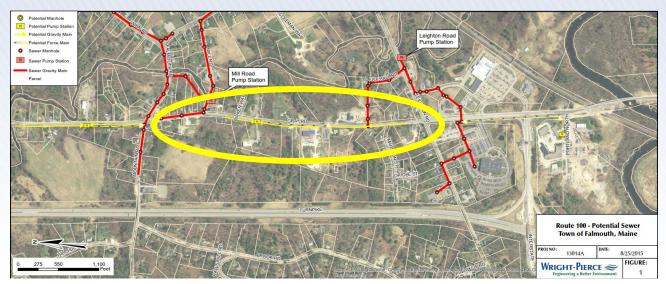
- 8. Capacity upgrades at WWTF
 - Issue: Limits on hydraulic and organic loading and possible future nutrient removal/permit changes
 - Recommendation: Address limits noted above
 - Cost: ~\$6M





Route 100 Sewer Extension

- Provide sewer service to unsewered area on Route 100 between Leighton Road and Mountain Road
- Cost: \$1.5M



Near Term Priorities

Infrastructure	Cost	Required if there is no Route 100 extension?	Required with similar growth to last 10 years?	Required with faster growth?
Middle Road – Spur to Roundabout		Will be completed regardless (\$250K)		
Falmouth Rd. Pump Station and Force Main	\$1.5M	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Middle Road – Spur to Lunt Rd. Pump Station	\$1.1M	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Lunt Road Pump Station	\$1.4M	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Possible Future Flow

- Near Term Improvements will create collection system capacity to handle 600-900 new units in area west of I-295 ("West Falmouth") over 40-50 years
 - Collection capacity issue addressed for 40-50 years instead of 5-15 years
 - A capacity to handle up to 2,200 new units will be created when the Long Term Improvements are completed.

Recommended Project Expenses

- \$4.0M Near Term improvements
 - Falmouth Rd. Pump Station and Force Main
 - Middle Road Spur to Lunt Rd. Pump Station
 - Lunt Road Pump Station
- \$1.5M Extension
 - Route 100

What will Town get for its \$5.5M investment?

- 1. Resolve existing pump station and pipeline capacity issues
- 2. Upgrade infrastructure that is up to 35 years old
- 3. Serve future growth in designated Growth Areas
 - Serve unsewered section of Route 100

How does cost relate to potential future flows?

- \$5.5M improvements allows for 600-900 new units
- If 400 new units over next 10 years, then cost is \$13.75K/unit
 - Compare to typ. septic system = \$15K/unit
- Town could consider future financing options, including impact fees, to help defray its cost

Next Steps for Council

- What questions and clarifications are needed to assist Council with decision making?
- Decide financing method for Route 100 sewer extension (recommend TIF/bond method)
- Schedule follow-up Council meeting to answer questions
- Seek public input on draft plan
- Make decision

Proposed Schedule to Finalize Study

- May: Follow-Up Discussion with Council
- July: Public Input on Draft Plan
- September: Review final draft plan + additional public input
- October: Council decision, authorize preliminary engineering for short term projects

Questions / Discussion