

Armory Square Presentation

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- The POC is diverse group made up of mothers, fathers, community members, students, and environmental advocates...we are more than just a bunch of people holding plungers

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- If Nancy Cantor is exploring the soul of Syracuse then she will find the heart of it in Armory Square. It is a model for economic development for this city and across the state.

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- During a Big storm the storm water combines with sewage from houses and buildings and overwhelms the system so the Combined sewage overflows into Onondaga Creek.

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- It was only by being sued that the County took action against this problem

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- A football field size sewage plant
- The partially treated sewage will be dumped into the creek about 18 times a year
- **According to county figures**, It is the least expensive to build, but it's the most expensive to maintain and operate. Keep in mind that the ratepayer will be paying the O&M over the 50 year life of the plant and energy costs are not getting cheaper!

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- There are three approvable technologies that can be used for this project.
 - § Vortex swirler stirs the water to remove the floatable and then uses chlorine disinfection
 - § Underground storage is storing the combined sewage in pipes for underground tanks until it can be treated
 - § Sewer separation, physically separate the storm pipes from the sewage pipes which will reduce the volume within the system

§ It does not have to be one or the other...in fact

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- The sub heading is bait and switch because the county knows that their plan is not the best and added storage with sewer separation is needed.
- This happened during the midland negotiations when the county compromised and changed the four swirler plant to a two swirler on and added underground storage.
- Why isn't the county willing to reach for a higher standard for this city?

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- A creek with no overflows... That vision cannot happen if the county pursues their current minimal plan.

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- The Partnership would like to see a plan that uses both underground storage and sewer separation to get closer to our vision of no discharges into the creek.
- A clean healthy creek can be a powerful economic draw for Armory Square.

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- Placement flexibility i.e. downstream, upstream or adjacent to the stream
- Land use options like a parking lot or a green space.

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- In order to understand our vision we need to look at the service area for the Armory Square facility, which is depicted in red.
- As you can see the facility will service sewage from the Westside, the university area, and even as far away as the LeMoyne area.
- Armory Square is bearing the burden of sewage from other parts of the city.

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- To help spread that burden more fairly; small storage tanks could be built within the service area.

- Scattered storage, as it's called, is a viable option and was discussed during the Midland negotiations.

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- The West side of the creek is similar in size to the area that the county is now separating in the Midland RTF service area.

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- The Question is, what *do you* see in Armory Square's future. A creek that is hidden from view and continues to be a sewer line or a creek that enhances the community, both economically and aesthetically.
- We ask you to do the right thing...

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- For Armory Square and its future...

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- For the Nation, the original stewards of the creek and who continue to be as shown in the recent land rights action...

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- For you, me and our feathered friends.