

# Health & Safety Moment

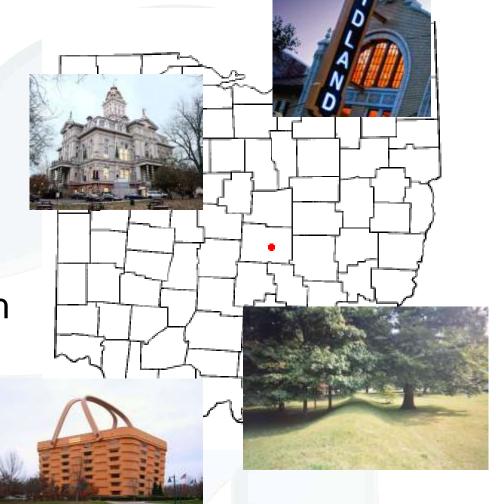


# Background - Newark, Ohio

City population: 47,500

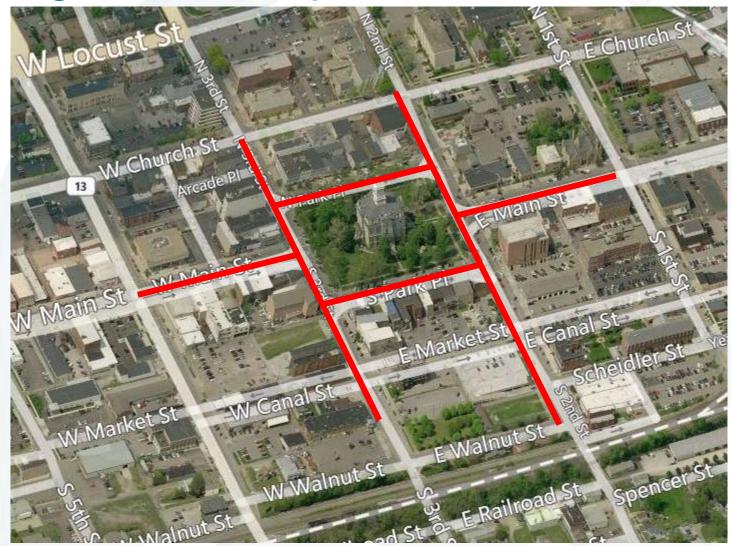
 Historic downtown center - Courthouse Square

 Near confluence of North Fork and South Fork Licking Rivers site of ancient Hopewell mounds





# Background - Project Location





# Background – Downtown Buildings

 The downtown area is primarily composed of commercial and government buildings.

Buildings in downtown Newark date to the mid

1800s.



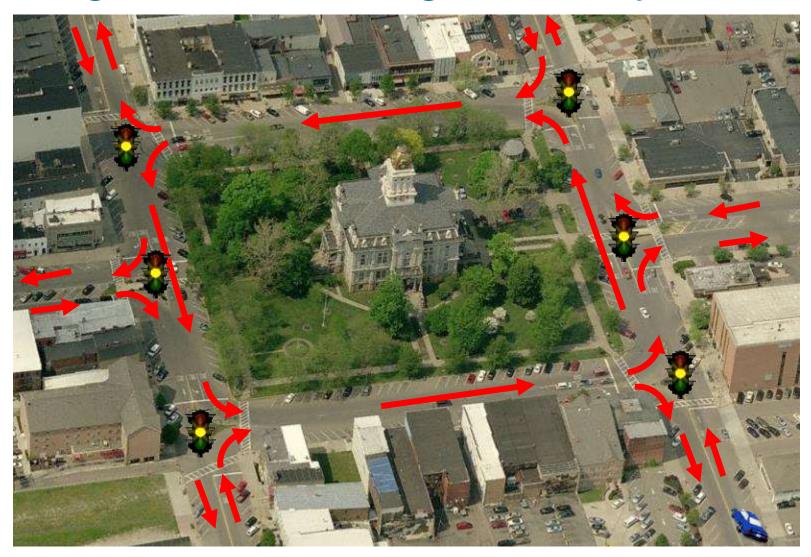
# Background - Existing Infrastructure

- Nearly 100% impervious area, except for courthouse lawn.
- Streets are paved-over brick and in need of rehabilitation.
  - Former canals and interurban tracks under the pavement
  - Confusing traffic pattern
- Frequent water main breaks in areas with cast iron pipe installed in early 1970s





# Background - Existing Street layout



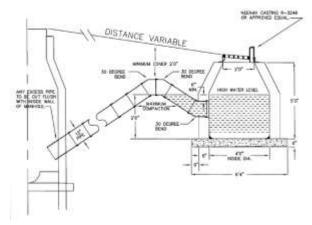


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# Background - Existing Infrastructure

- Combined Sewer system
  - Brick
  - Clay
  - − Pipe sizes: 8" − 48"
- Sewer structure is failing in several places—missing bricks, collapses, etc.
- Trapped curb inlets







# Background – Recent Sewer Projects

- Long Term Control Plan
  - Raccoon Creek Interceptor
    Sewer
  - CSO 1006, 1013, and 1008 revisions
  - Licking River Interceptor
    Sewer
  - High rate treatment upgrades at WWTP



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### The Concept

- Provide separate storm and sanitary sewers
- Replace cast iron water pipes
- Reduce sewer overflows with green infrastructure
- Improve downtown traffic pattern





# **Project Drivers**

 Separate sewers as part of larger sewer separation effort – reduce overflows

- Beautify downtown
- Good timing for the project

Available funding



# **Project Partners**













Sewer video/dye testing





Dye Testing Results



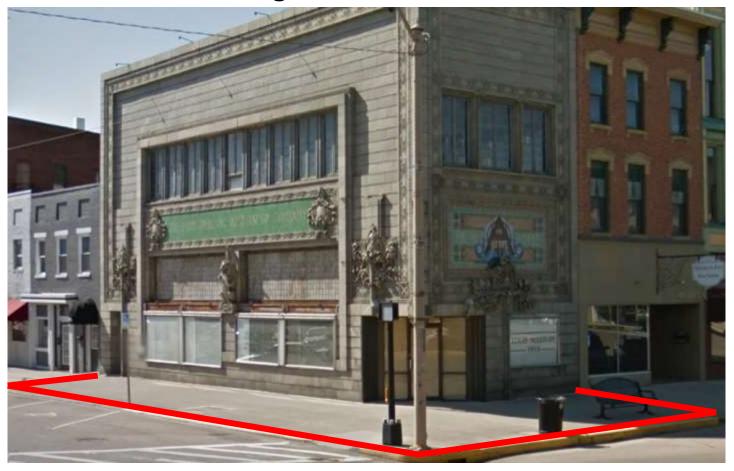


- Basement Investigations
  - Basements in several historic buildings extend under the sidewalk
    - Coal storage
    - Deliveries
    - Additional usable space
  - Evaluated for structural integrity





Basement Investigations



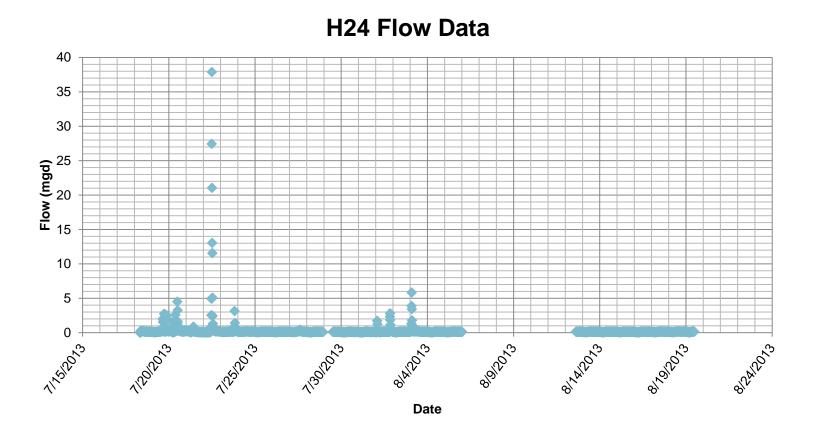


Basement Investigation Results





#### Flow monitoring





Surface and Buried Utility Survey





#### Soil Borings





# Design

- Design Components:
  - Storm and sanitary sewers
  - Water mains
  - Sewer laterals and water service lines
  - Curb inlets
  - Roadway design
  - Green infrastructure



### Design – Sewers: Replace or Rehab?

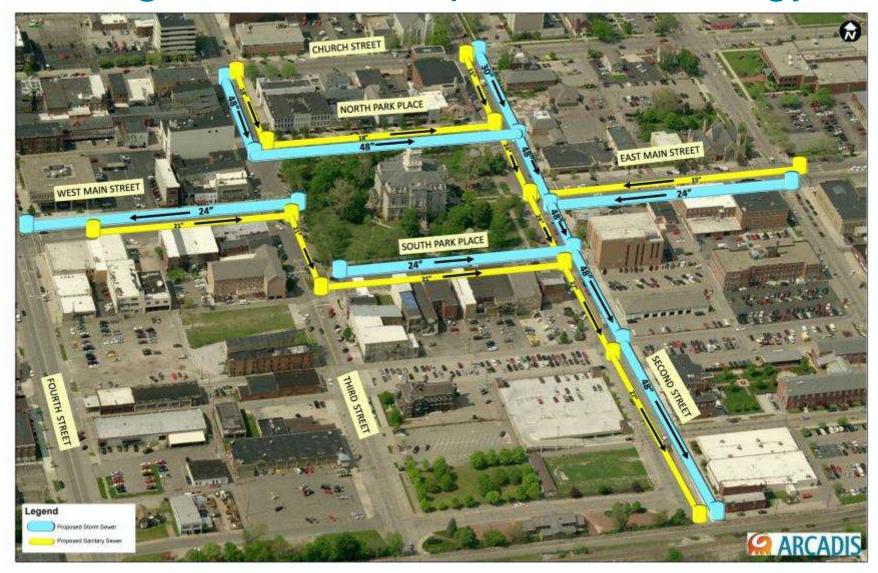
#### Considerations:

- Condition of existing brick sewer
- Capacity/route of existing sewer
- Constructability of a new separate sanitary sewer while maintaining existing sewer as storm sewer





# Design – Sewer Separation Strategy





# Design – Sewersheds: The Big Picture





# Design – Storm Sewer Sizing

- The USDA Technical Release 55 (TR-55) method was used to determine stormwater runoff flow rate
  - More accurate for larger watersheds than the Rational Method
  - Uses curve numbers, time of concentration, flow length, etc.



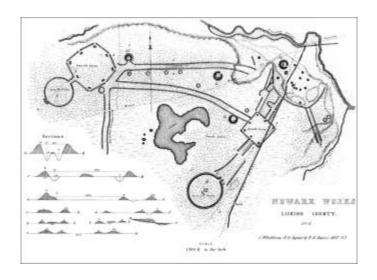
#### Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds

TR-55



# Design – Archeological Considerations

- Hired cultural resources management firm
  - Background research
  - Develop plan for potentially encountering significant artifacts
  - Dig archeological test pits as construction progresses





# Design – Permitting

- Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water
  - Sewer installation/separation
- Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
  - Water line upgrades
- Ohio Historic Preservation Office
  - Approval of work adjacent to historic buildings and in potential archaeology site



# Design - Roadway Layout





# Design – Movement Monitoring

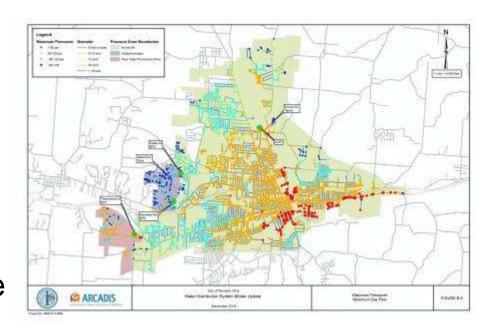
- Buildings adjacent to the excavation are being monitored for movement by a third party.
  - Ensure that buildings are not damaged
  - Protects property owners and contractor/city





### Design – Water Model

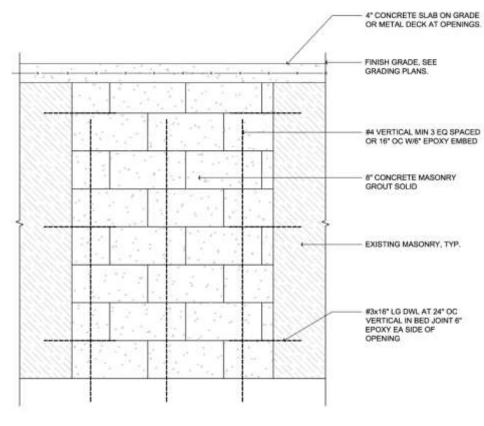
- A computer-based distribution system model was used to properly size replacement water pipes.
  - Simplify two-pipe system to a single-pipe system
  - Designed to meet fire flow demand





### Design – Basements Under Sidewalks

- How will basements under sidewalks be dealt with?
  - Most openings will be blocked off and cavities filled with gravel
  - Some will remain with access to basements
  - Property owner's choice







# Design – Reuse of brick pavers

- Brick Pavers under existing road to be salvaged
- Pavers will be reused to make center of the new roundabouts

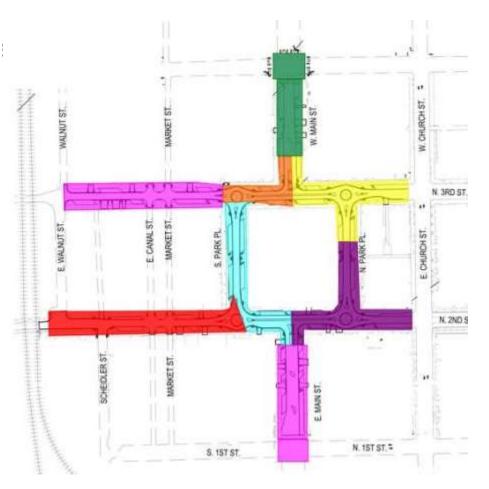




# Design – Maintenance of Traffic

- Project will be completed in phases
  - Allow continued access to businesses
  - Allow for traffic flow downtown







# **Funding Sources**

- Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund
  - Low-interest loan covering costs associated with sewer improvements and replacement
- Ohio Water Development Authority's Alternative Stormwater Infrastructure Loan Program
  - Low-interest loan used to cover costs associated with green infrastructure improvements



# Construction Update – Progress

- Construction began March 2015
  - Construction started at the downstream end of the sewer main trunk and is progressing upstream.



# Construction Update – Bypass Pumping

Bypass pumping peak capacity: 17,000 gpm



Bypass pumping suction lines

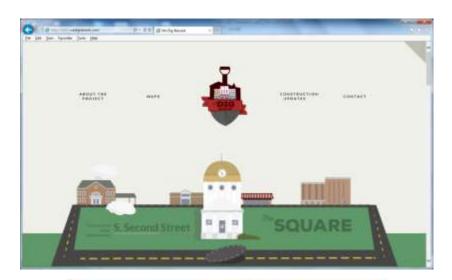


Bypass pumping discharge lines



# Construction Update – Communication

- WeDigNewark.com
  - Information about the project and schedule
  - Maps of current construction and available parking areas
  - Periodic construction recap videos
  - Contact information for any questions about the project
  - Email updates

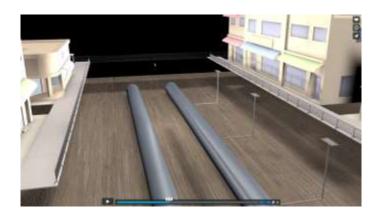






### Construction Update - Communication

WeDigNewark.com video screenshots











# Construction Update – Buried Treasure



Old hand-blown glass bottle



Sandstone blocks from old canal bridge foundation



# Imagine the result



