Triple Crown of Energy Efficiency

MWRA Braintree-Weymouth Pump Station



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Presentation Overview

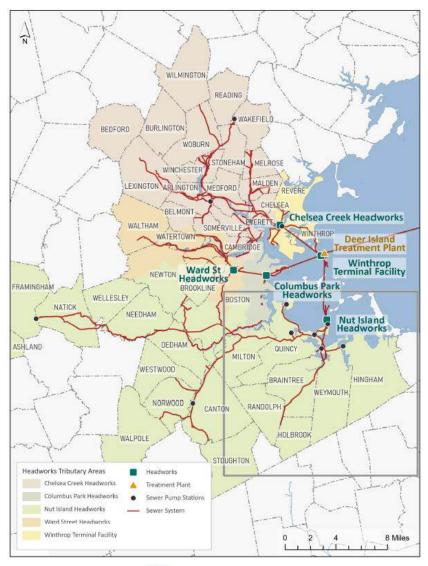


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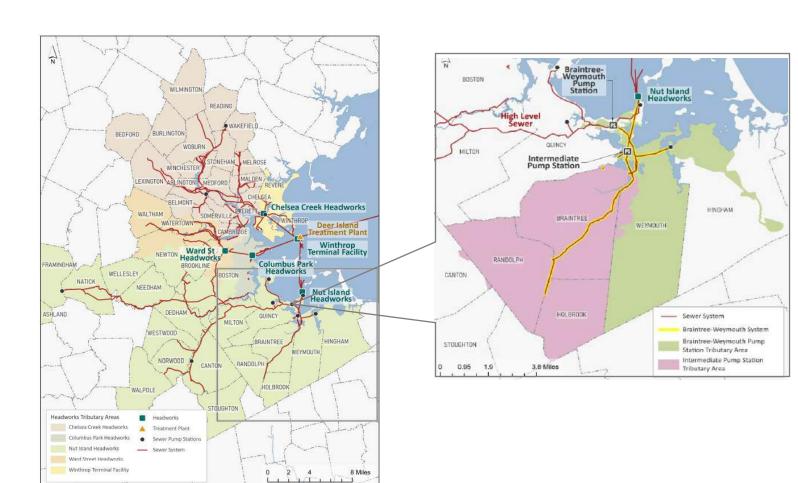
MWRA Wastewater Collection System

- 43 communities
- 2.5 million customers
- 360 MGD ADF
- 12 pump/lift stations
- 4 headworks
- 19 miles of tunnels
- Deer Island WWTF





Background



Braintree-weymouth facilities

- 73 MGD peak capacity
- Intermediate pump station (IPS) – 45 MGD
- Braintree-Weymouth pump station – 28 MGD
 - Serves Quincy, Weymouth, and Hingham
 - 60" Braintree Weymouth interceptor /
 30" Quincy interceptor
 - Discharge to high-level sewer to nut island





Background



Braintree-Weymouth pump station

- Major process equipment
 - Two channel grinders
 - Three submersible pumps (14-mgd each)
 - Dual-bed carbon odor control system
- SCADA with full remote-control capability
- Floodproofing





Issues Experienced



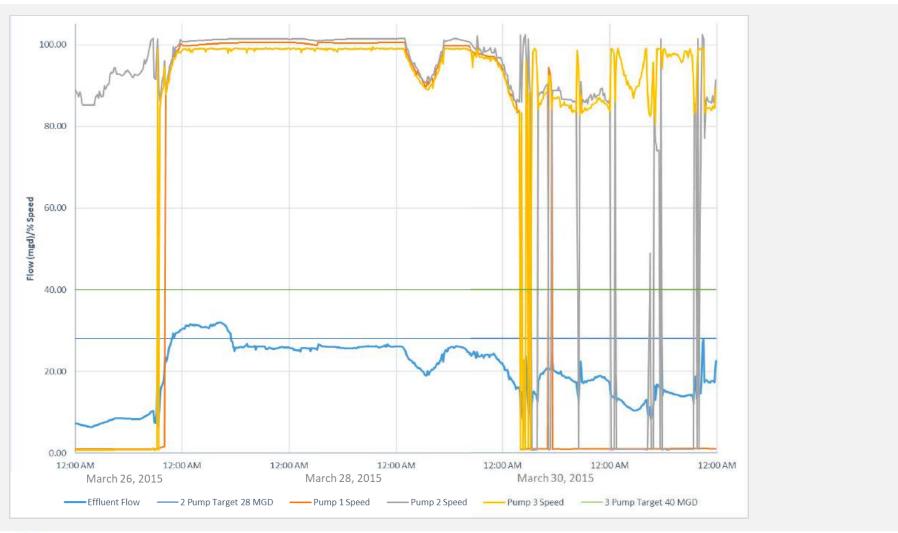
Facility Operational and Maintenance Issues

- Ineffective grinders; leading to solids buildup in the wet well.
- Manual screens inserted during high weather flows
- Bound-up pumps, reduced pump performance, and high pump wear rates
- Portable Pumps kept onsite
- Inefficient at low pump-speed flows
- Challenges with equipment removal
- Ventilation/odor control limitations resulting in high hydrogen sulfide levels





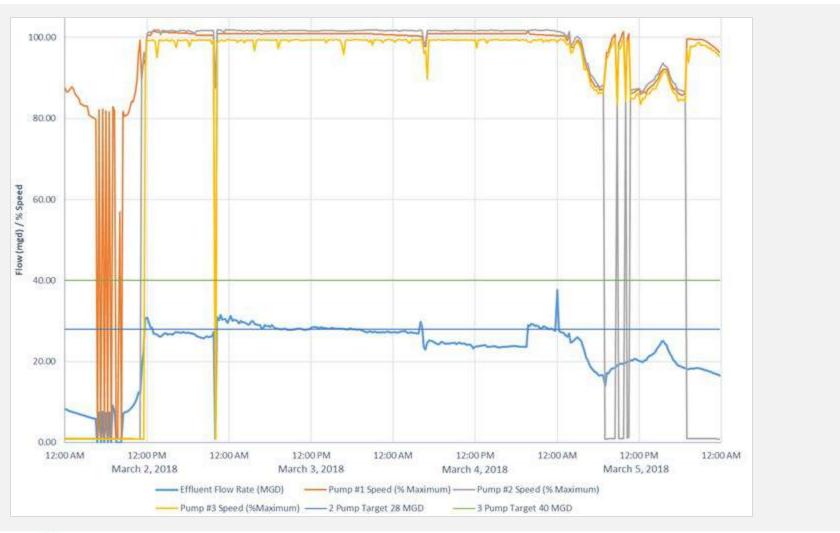
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Ragging & Pump Capacity – March 2 through 4, 2018



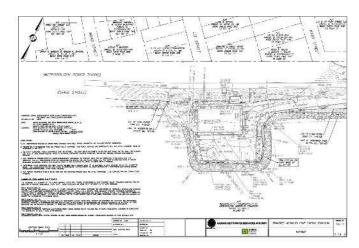




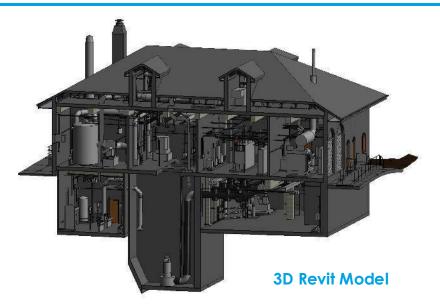
Survey and Mapping

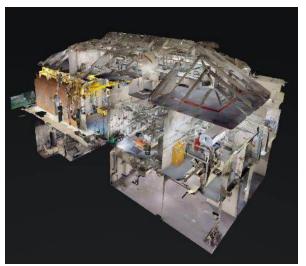


Raw 3D Point Cloud



Conventional Site Survey



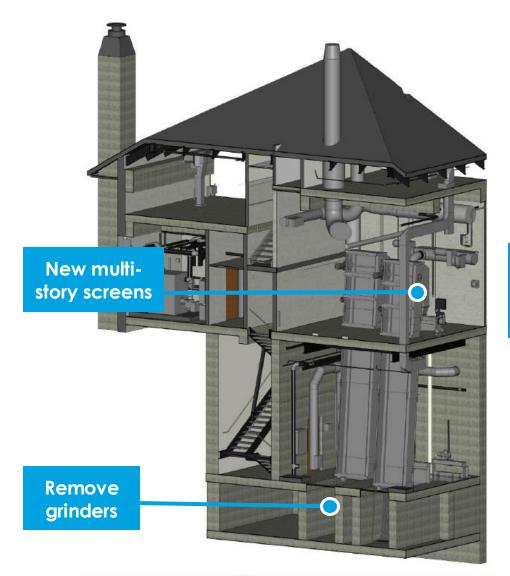


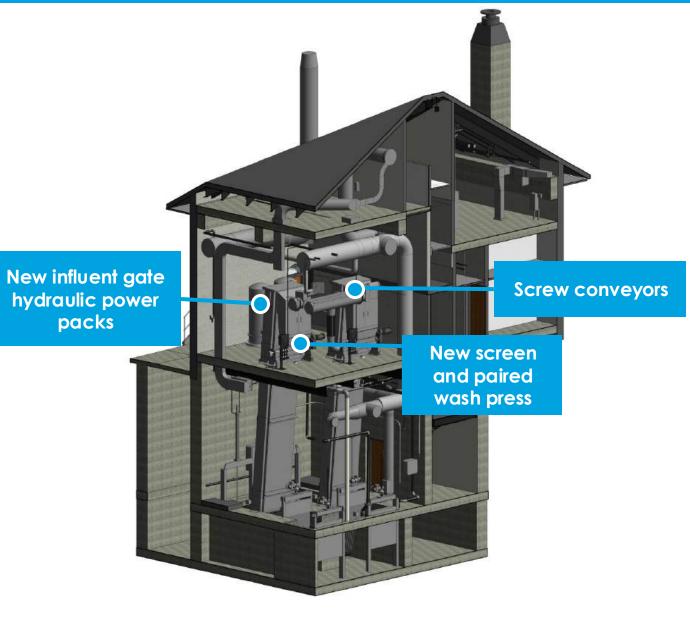
Matterport 3D Imaging





Screening/Conveyance

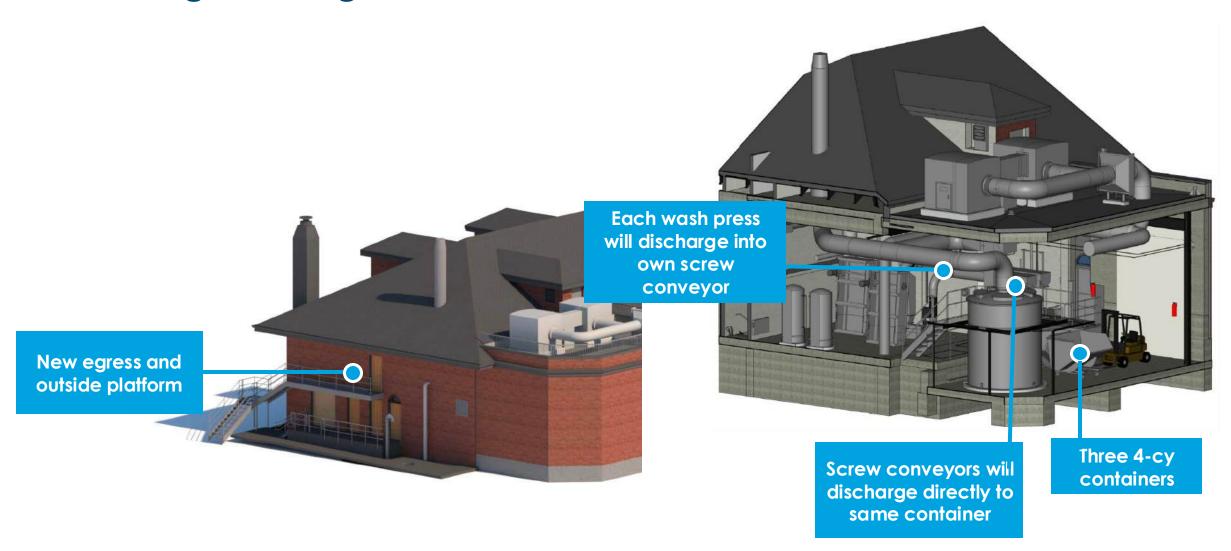








Screening Building Addition







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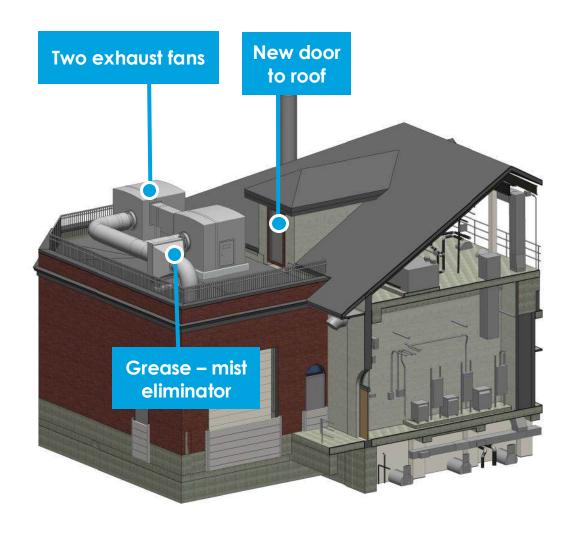


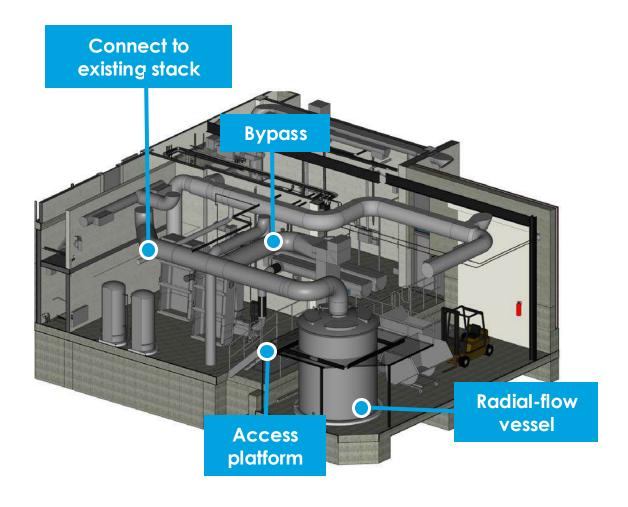
Design

- Building addition
 - o 26-ft x 42-ft
 - Match existing architecture
 - Access roof thru second floor dormer
 - Manual hoist on roof
 - Pump room monorail and hoist extended into building addition
 - Flood protection
 - Micropile foundation



Odor Control System









Pump Access Room



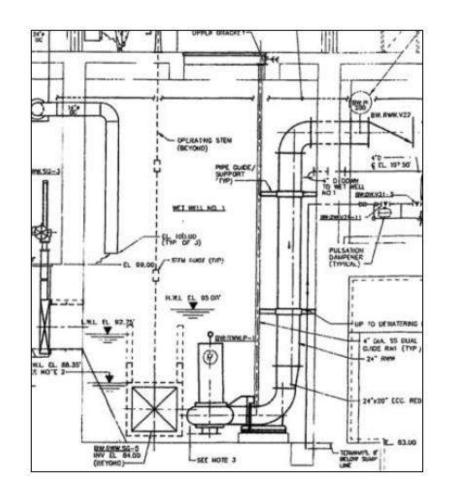


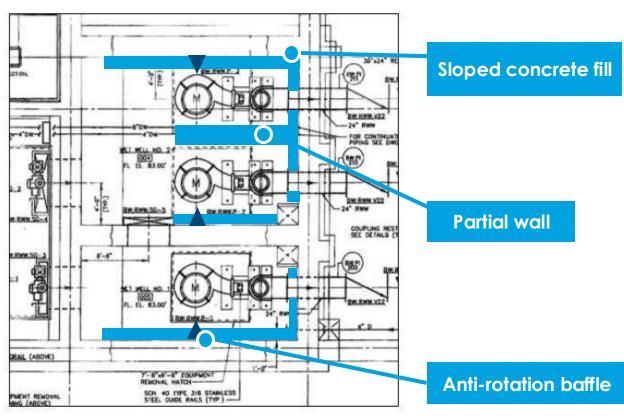
- Relocate conduit and open to new screening loading area
- Extend monorail over into screenings loading area





Pumping System & Pump Access Room

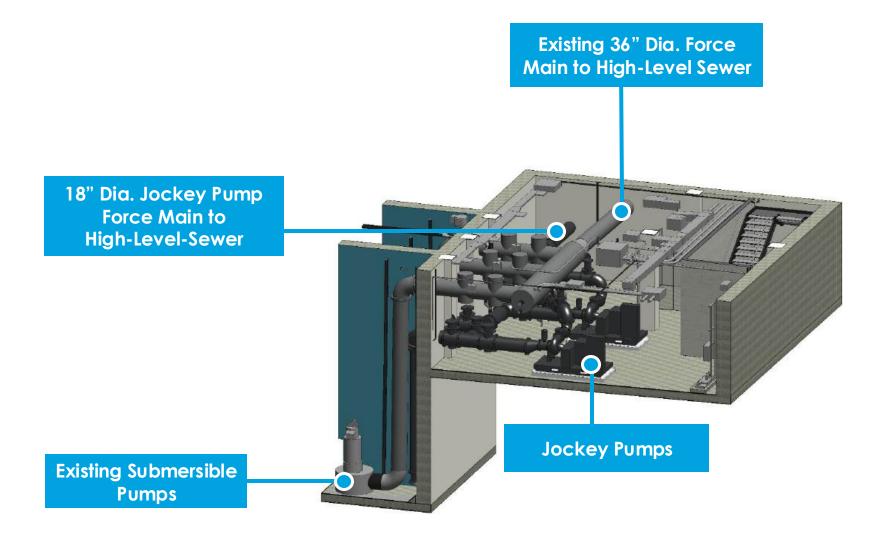








Jockey Pumps

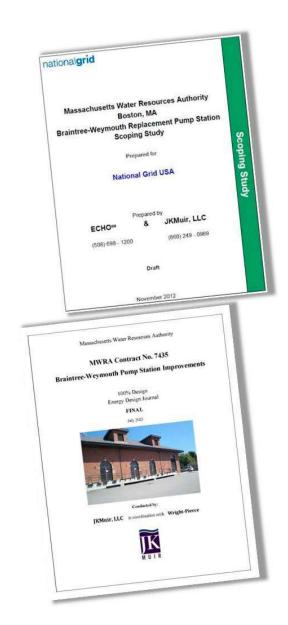






Energy Design Journal

- Massachusetts Executive Order 484: Clean Energy and Efficient Buildings (2007) – Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Initiated facility energy audit program in 2009 for all facilities (BWPS 2012)
- MWRA developed standard procedures in 2014 to ensure that energy efficiency was embedded into all of MWRA's facility construction projects
- Procedures included the development of an Energy Design Journal for new projects to document and design the optimum energy efficient facility to "leave no stone unturned."







Triple Crown of Energy Efficiency



Sustainability Initiatives

- Process equipment
- Odor control
- Mechanical (HVAC)





Jockey pumps

- Lower horsepower pumps on VFDs
- More efficient at lower flows
- Combined energy and maintenance cost savings
- Maintenance cost savings \$550,000 over the 20-year design period
- Anticipated yearly energy savings: \$10,000/yr (-79,000 kWh/yr)





Jockey Pumps

| | Equipment | Operation | Horsepower | Existing Annual Operating Hours | Proposed Annual Operating Hours | Annual Energy Impact (kWh) | Annual Energy Cost Impact |
|----------|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Existing | Submersible pumps | Fill/Draw | 150 | 6,450 | 438 | (475,000) | (\$60,000) |
| Proposed | Jockey pumps | Level Pace | 60 | - | 8,300 | 396,000 | \$50,000 |
| Savings | | | | | | (79,000) | (\$10,000) |











Mechanical screens, wash presses, and conveyors

- Replaced continuously operated grinders
- Intermittent operation
- Anticipated yearly energy savings: \$2,000 (15,300 kwh/yr)





Mechanical Screens, Wash Presses, and Conveyors

| | Equipment | Operation | Horsepower | Existing Annual Operating Hours | Proposed Annual Operating Hours | Annual Energy Impact (kWh) | Annual Energy Cost Impact |
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| Existing | Grinders | Continuous | 5 | 9,000 | - | (32,300) | (\$4,100) |
| Proposed | Mechanical screen | Intermittent | 5 | - | 2,700 | 8,300 | \$1,000 |
| | Wash press | Intermittent | 5 | - | 900 | 3,000 | \$400 |
| | Conveyor | Intermittent | 7.5 | - | 1,000 | 5,700 | \$700 |
| Savings | | | | | | (15,300) | (\$2,000) |







Odor control

- New odor control fans to be on VFDs
- 2-speed operation occupied/unoccupied
- Anticipated yearly energy savings: \$11,700 (93,100 kWh/yr)





Odor Control

| | Equipment | Operation | Horsepower | Existing Annual Operating Hours | Proposed Annual Operating Hours | Annual Energy Impact (kWh) | Annual Energy Cost Impact |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Existing | OC fan | Continuous | 25 | 8,760 | - | (148,400) | (\$18,600) |
| Proposed | OC fan | Occupied/ Unoccupied | 30 | | 8,760 | 55,300 | \$6,900 |
| Savings | | | | | | (93,100) | (\$11,700) |







Mechanical (HVAC)

- Air handling unit makeup air rates
 - Occupied/unoccupied to match odor control
- Modify valve room ventilation
 - Normal mode (>50°F) full outdoor air
 - Recirculation mode (<50°F); 75% recirculation
- Anticipated yearly energy savings \$2,300 (18,000kWh/yr)





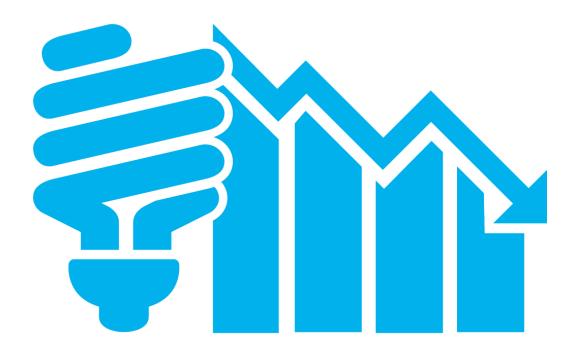
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| Existing | Air handling unit | Continuous | 5 | 8,760 | - | (31,000) | (\$3,900) |
| Proposed | Air handling unit | Occupied/ Unoccupied | 5 | - | 8,760 | 7,500 | \$900 |
| | Recirculation fan | Continuous | 0.75 | - | 8,760 | 5,300 | \$700 |
| Savings | | | | | | (18,300) | (\$2,300) |





Results







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