



# TWO SEPARATE PROGRAMS, TWO SEPARATE COSTS

## 1. OUR SEWERS . . .

# CSO

## “PROJECT CLEAN LAKE”



A 25-year commitment to reduce raw sewage discharges from combined sewers into Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga River, and streams.

### WHY?

To comply with the federal Clean Water Act and address water quality problems.

### BENEFITS:

Reduce raw sewage discharges into environment from 4.5 billion gal./year to less than 0.5 billion gal./year.

- Construction of seven (7) new storage tunnels to hold more than 300 million gallons.
- Construction of nine (9) green infrastructure projects

## 2. OUR STREAMS, RIVERS, STREETS . . .

## Regional Stormwater Management Program



Addresses the regional problems that occur when storm runoff (rain, melted snow and ice) flows from one community to another.

### WHY?

To provide a regional solution to stormwater-management problems that cross community boundaries and borders, as stated in the District’s founding court order.

### BENEFITS:

Reduce flooding of homes and streets, erosion of streambanks, and surface pollution into Lake Erie and local waterways.

**Stormwater does cause sewer overflows (CSO). But it also creates other serious problems outside of the sewers—problems that are best addressed by a separate, regional stormwater program.**