



TWO SEPARATE PROGRAMS, TWO SEPARATE COSTS

1. OUR SEWERS . . .

CSO

“PROJECT CLEAN LAKE”



Reduces raw sewage discharges from combined sewers into Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga River, and streams.

WHY?

To comply with the federal Clean Water Act.

BENEFITS:

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

- Construction of seven (7) huge storage tunnels
- Green infrastructure projects
- 31K new jobs, \$443 million tax revenue over five years within the seven-county Northeast Ohio area.

COST TO CUSTOMER:

Yearly sewer rate increases to fund \$3 billion of construction projects over 25 years.

2. OUR STREAMS, RIVERS, STREETS . . .

Stormwater Management Program

Addresses the regional problems that occur when massive volumes of storm runoff (rain, melted snow and ice) flow 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 roads and streambanks, and surface pollution into Lake Erie and local waterways.

COST TO CUSTOMER:

A user fee (average \$57/year) based on amount of paved/hard surfaces on one’s property.

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.