



Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Committee on Budget and Employment
2014 Budget

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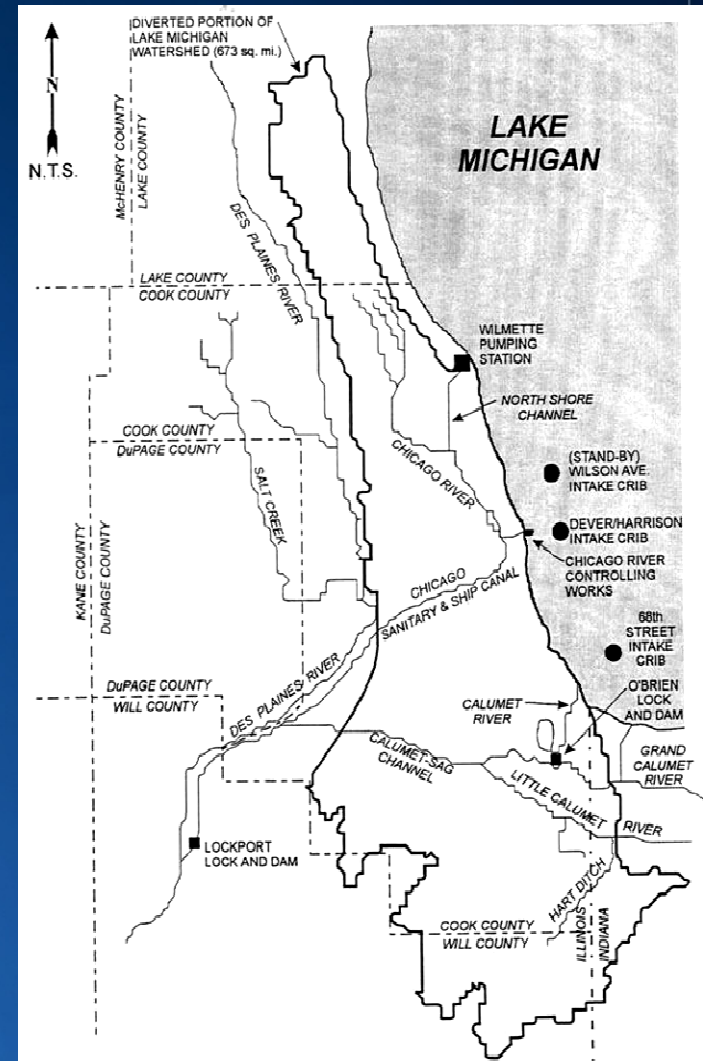
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Mission Statement

The mission of the District is to protect the health and safety of the public in its service area, protect the quality of the water supply source (Lake Michigan), improve the quality of water in watercourses in its service area, protect businesses and homes from flood damages, and manage water as a vital resource for its service area.





Strategic Business Plan

- Entering 3rd year of the five-year plan
- Goals:
 - Ensure financial stability
 - Develop all employees
 - Improve public image
 - Be environmentally responsible
- Continuing to solidify as part of the organization's culture
- Will present a new plan in the 5th year for the next five years



Financial Health

- \$30 million bridge funding to the Retirement Fund
- \$20 million OPEB funding
- Insurance coverage for \$10.5 billion in assets



How Full is the District's "Tank"?



Source: Operating reserve balances include 12/31/XX Corporate, Construction, and Reserve Claim Funds, and Cash and Investment Balances (in millions of dollars).



Amounts Available for Funding if Financial Challenges Occur

- Value added appropriations included in 2014 Budget versus 2010 Budget with no significant increase to aggregate levy:

Appropriation (\$ millions)	2010	2014
Additional Pension Funding	\$ -	\$ 29
Advance Funding OPEB	-	20
Transfer of Engineering Payroll/ Benefits	-	24
Community Flood Control Program	-	30
Total	\$ -	\$ 103

- \$74 million of this annual amount available to be transferred for emergency use.
- \$450 million of non-referendum bonding capacity available on 1/1/2014.



Major Accomplishments for 2013

- Disinfection projects
- Award design of phosphorus recovery
- Award denitrification/deammonification at the Egan WRP
- Award wet weather facility in Lemont
- Last blast at the Thornton Reservoir
- Six platinum treatment plants and one silver treatment plant NACWA Peak Performance Awards



Major Initiatives for 2014

- Resource recovery
 - Phosphorus
 - Energy
 - Water
 - Biosolids
- Expansion of health and well being programs for employees
- Holistic approach to risk management
- Community flood program
- \$12 million interest income to the Retirement Fund
- \$20 million OPEB funding



Executive Director's 2014 Budget Recommendations (Including BF-19 Changes)

	2014	2013 Adjusted	Change	%
Total Tax Levy	\$ 540,255,741	\$ 515,590,335	\$ 24,665,406	4.8
Aggregate Levy	300,930,700	293,300,000	7,630,700	2.6
Appropriation	1,200,721,914	1,155,064,990	45,656,924	4.0



Appropriation Summary (in millions)

Fund	2014 ED Rec.	BF-19	2014 Proposed	2013 As Adjusted	2014-2013 Change	
					\$	%
Corporate	\$394.0	\$ -	\$394.0	\$383.6	\$10.4	2.7
Construction	54.0	-	54.0	40.8	13.2	32.3
Capital Improve- ments Bond	360.8	7.2	368.0	349.6	18.4	5.3
Stormwater Mgmt.	50.8	-	50.8	61.3	(10.4)	(17.0)
Bond Redemption & Interest	194.8	-	194.8	193.0	1.9	1.0
Retirement	75.0	-	75.0	64.8	10.2	15.8
Reserve Claim	<u>64.0</u>	-	<u>64.0</u>	<u>62.0</u>	2.0	3.2
Total	<u>\$1,193.5</u>	<u>\$ 7.2</u>	<u>\$1,200.7</u>	<u>\$1,155.1</u>	<u>\$45.7</u>	<u>4.0</u>



Increase in Positions (Including BF-19 Changes)

Fund	2014 Proposed	2013 Budgeted	Change	%
Corporate	1,899	1,878	21	1.1
Stormwater Management	<u>63</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>14</u>	28.6
Total	<u>1,962</u>	<u>1,927</u>	<u>35</u>	1.8

Note: Corporate Fund position changes include the net addition of 10 trades positions and 12 paid interns.



2013 User Charge Blue Ribbon Panel

- ✓ Rate Smoothing
 - Fixed annual step increases
 - 1.8% for Volume and 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), 0.9% for Suspended Solids (SS)
- ✓ Allocation of Rain, Inflow, and Infiltration
 - Allocate based on dry weather volume
- ✓ Domestic Waste Strength Concentrations
 - No change
- ✓ User Charge Administration Costs
 - Embedded into the rates
- ✓ Minimum Pretreatment Requirement Charges
 - 3-year phase-in increase for full recovery



Planned BF-20 Changes Include:

- Recommended engineering title changes will be presented by Denice Korcal
- The Information Technology Department reorganization plan will be presented in 2014



Board of Commissioners Directed Changes

- For ease of administration:
 - Directed changes of the BF-20 submittal vs. voted changes
 - Changes made by motion must change BF-19 submittal



Questions?

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