

# BUILDING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

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**CITY OF ANN ARBOR**

**WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEM  
CAPITAL COST RECOVERY STUDY**



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# AGENDA

- **Welcome & Project Background**
- **Project Team**
- **Project Concepts & Approach**
- **Next Steps**
- **Q&A**

# PROJECT TEAM

# INTRODUCTION & PROJECT TEAM



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### QA/QC

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Mike Borchers - SME

Lori Byron (Famous in Your Field)  
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# PROJECT CONCEPTS & APPROACH

# ANN ARBOR CAPITAL COST RECOVERY CONSIDERATIONS

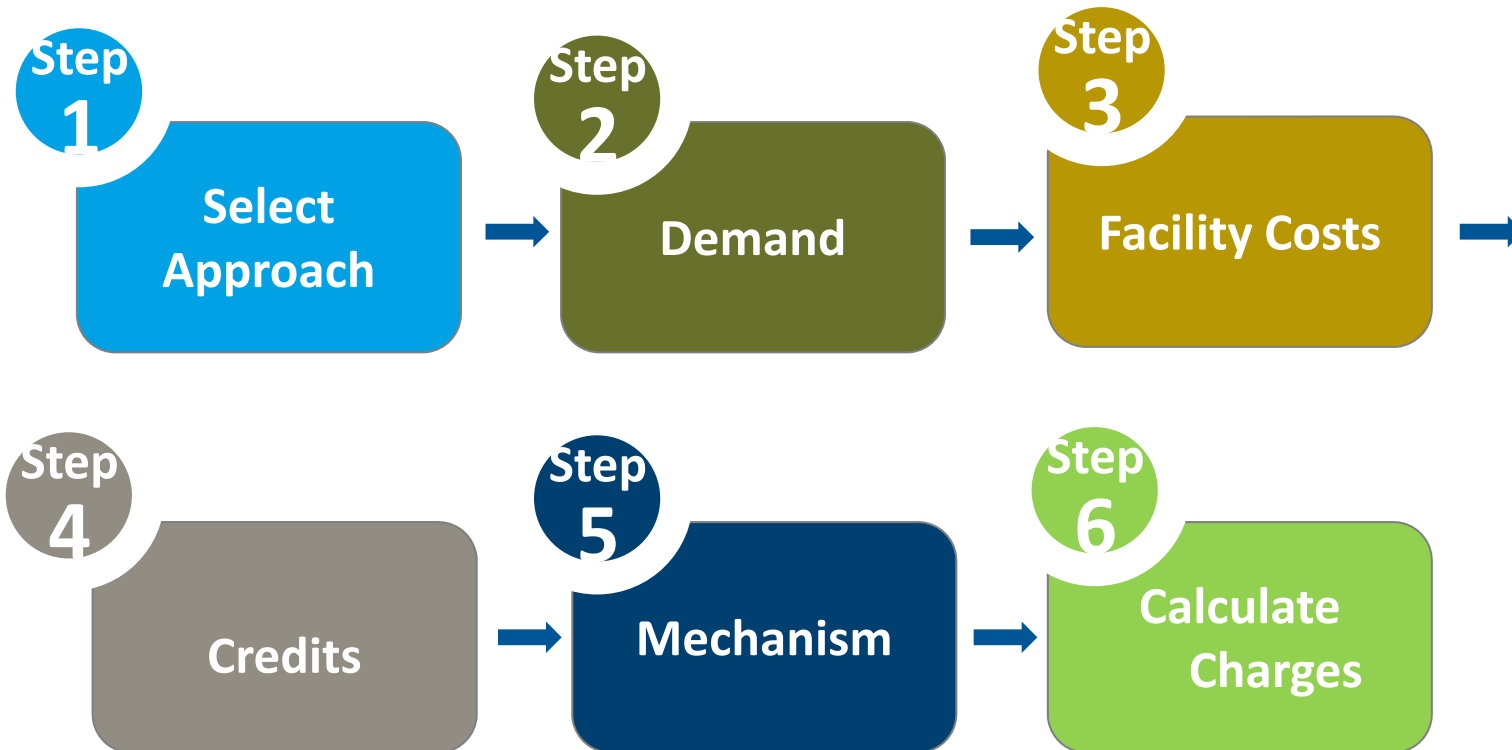


## WHY IMPOSE CAPITAL CHARGES?

- **Maintain existing levels of service**
- **Help ensure growth/development pays for growth/development**
- **Encourage disciplined capital improvement planning**
  - Earmark money for capital projects and debt service that financed past improvements
  - Help ensure adequate public facilities to serve new connections
- **Help ensure level playing field for system investment, i.e. equity**

# DEVELOPING ANN ARBOR'S CAPITAL CHARGES

Process to combine current Improvement Charge & Connection Fee into a single Capital Recovery Charge





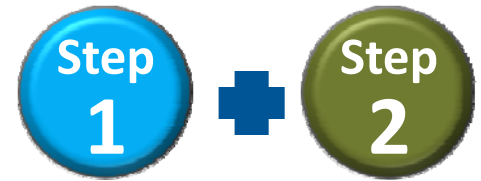
# VARIOUS INDUSTRY APPROACHES



<b>Asset Valuation</b>	<b>Structure</b>
Original Cost (OC) of Assets	Remaining Capacity in Systems
OC less Depreciation (OCLD)	Demand on Systems
Replacement Cost (RC) of Assets	Buy – In to Existing Assets
RC less Depreciation (RCLD)	Growth or Planned Facility

**All valid components – Ultimately, choose one or more components most appropriate for jurisdiction**

# APPROACH

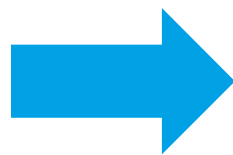


**Demand-based**

**Buy-In**

**Current & Future Customers**

**Water/Sewer Capacity Demand**



**Existing Assets**

**Construction in Progress**

**Maintain Same Level of Service**

**Asset Valuation**

**A<sup>2</sup> Charge Structure & History**

**Standard industry approach**

# FACILITY COSTS



- **Assets still in use**
- **New Assets (Construction Work in Progress)**
- **Bring to today's dollars (replacement value)**
- **Consider appropriate depreciation to recognize that existing customers have utilized some of the useful life of older assets**

# CREDITS



- Past special assessments
- Past capital contributions, e.g. main extension
- Current outstanding debt
  - Present Value approach on debt service payments
  - Discount Rate is Real Interest Cost – nominal interest rate less inflation rate

# CHARGE MECHANISM

- **Meter size**
  - Standard industry approach – good measure of capacity demand
  - Easy to explain and administer
  - Customer rates are based on meter size too

Meter Size (in)	Meter Equivalents
<b>Displacement Meters</b>	
0.62	1.00
0.75	1.50
1.00	2.50
1.50	5.00
2.00	8.00
<b>Magmeters</b>	
0.75	2.75
1.50	6.75
2.00	11.00
2.50	25.00
3.00	37.50
4.00	62.50
6.00	140.00
8.00	182.50
10.00	292.50
12.00	440.00

## CALCULATE CHARGES

- **Preliminary indications of proposed charges compared to current charges:**
  - Smaller meters (typically residential) likely lower than current charges
  - Larger meters likely to experience higher charges
- **Other considerations of this analysis:**
  - Benchmarking
  - Accounting of charges
  - Annual reporting

# PAST TASKS & NEXT STEPS

# PROJECT TIMELINE

## September - October

- Conducted data review and analysis
- Held initial Stakeholder meetings

## November - December

- Developed capital charge model & methodology

## January - February

- Conducted staff meeting to refine approaches
- **Tonight** - City Council study session
- Finalize capital charge recommendation

## March - April

- Hold Stakeholder meetings
- Prepare report
- City Council approval as part of budget process



Q&A