

Stormwater Financial Assistance Program

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Grants of Regional or Statewide Significance
Capacity Building
Capital Construction

STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAMS PRIOR TO 2014

Grants of Regional or Statewide Significance (GROSS)

- Competitive
- Intended to support programs that cross jurisdictional boundaries
- Available to Phase I and II Permittees
- Can support activities projects



Capacity Grants

- Non- competitive
- Intended to help permittees meet permit requirements
- If permittees are out of compliance the money needs to be used to address that issue first
- Cannot be used to build facilities



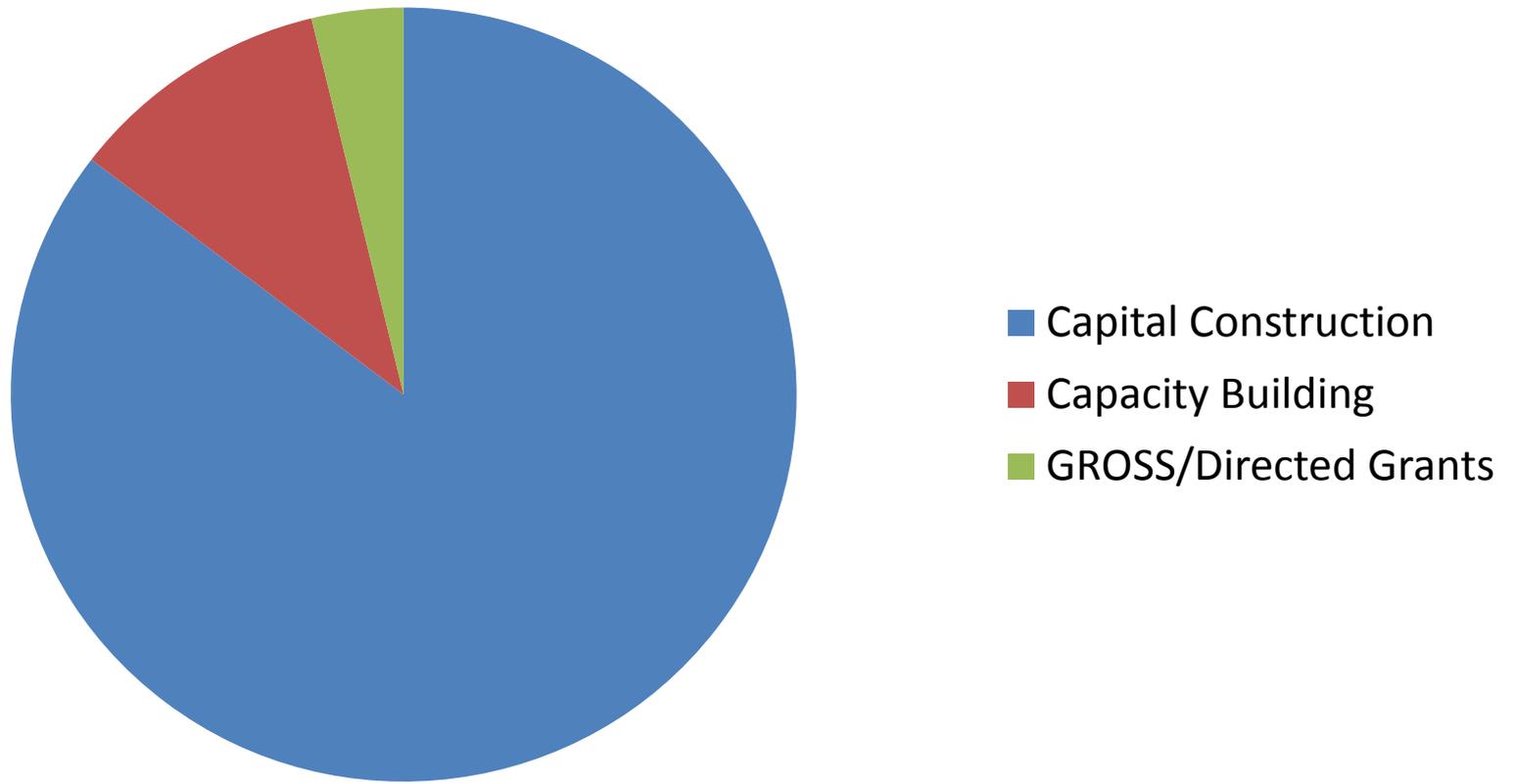
Capital Construction Grants

- Competitive
- Guidelines change slightly from budget to budget but generally they:
 - Provide support to build facilities projects
 - Support retrofit for existing development
 - Do not support activities like operation and maintenance or education and outreach
 - Can fund design/construct projects



Stormwater Funding 2006-2012

About \$200 Million Total



Challenges

- Unpredictable
- Major scope changes between project application and completed project
- Projects routinely over or under budget
- Projects are not completed on schedule
- Hard to track accomplishments



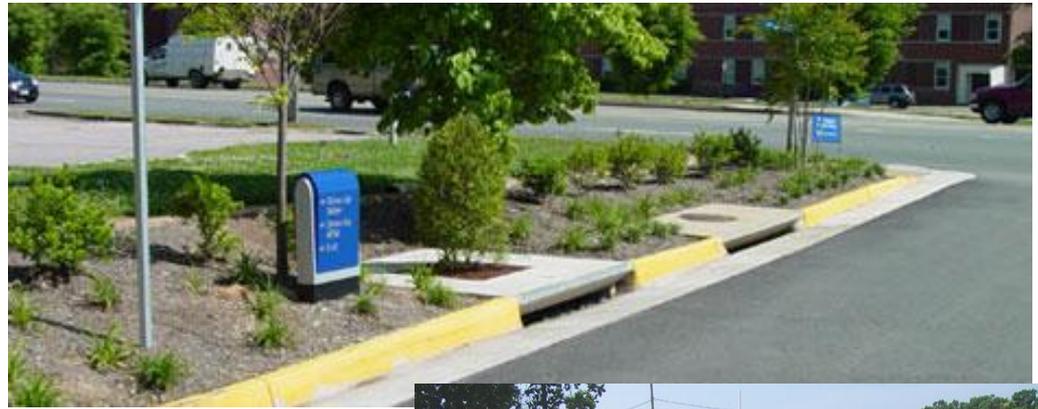
Funding Program Work Group

- Represent a wide variety of interests across Washington
- Asked to consider their own perspectives and represent the interests of similar agencies/jurisdictions
- Provide constructive project-level insight, advice and guidance
- Provide comments on administrative draft documents



Challenge

Getting Municipalities, Environmental Advocates and Ecology all speaking the same language.



Education and More Education

- There may not be a “correct” definition.
- Sometimes you have to get in the weeds.
- Ask for specific examples from everyone at the table.
- Scale up and look at the end goal.
- Get outside.



Challenge

Applicants are not starting from the same place with the same resources.



Improve Accessibility

- Look for a planning process rather than a specific planning document.
- Provide funding and guidance early on.
- Find ways to streamline the grant process.
- Develop Hardship Assistance



Challenge

Assessing and
Tracking
Water Quality
Benefits



Equivalency Units

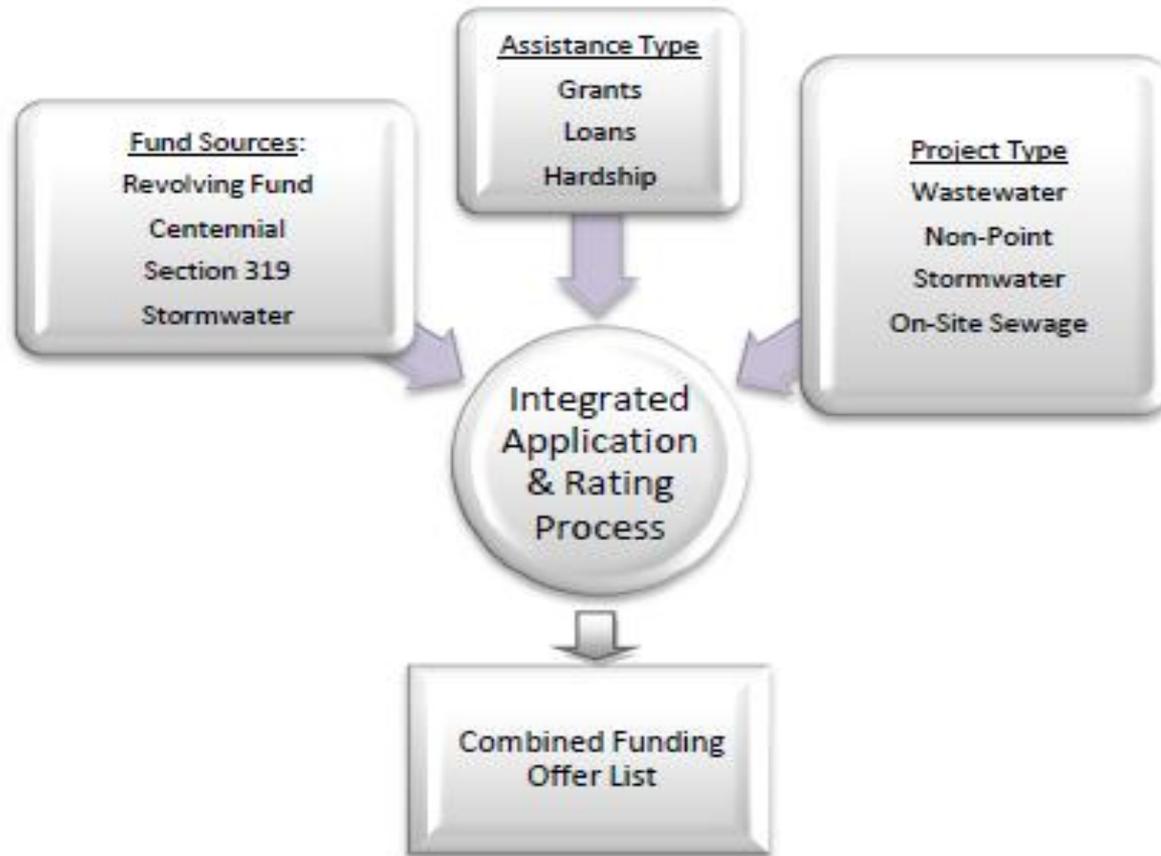
- Working backwards, starting with completed projects.
- Started with a familiar standard.
- Separate process for planning- level projects.



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WHAT'S NEW IN 2014?

Capital Stormwater Grants are in the Combined Program!



Expanded Applicant Eligibility

- All Cities and Counties may receive SFAP funds
- Other agencies may be partners, but the city or county will be the recipient of the funds and will be responsible for deliverables.
- Starting in FY17 Funding Cycle, Ports will be eligible to receive funds.



SFY16 Funding Cycle SW Grant

Region	Number of Projects	Total SW Grant Request	Average Cost/Project
Northwest	68	\$44,109,164	\$648,664
Southwest	39	\$26,515,041	\$679,873
Eastern	22	\$12,748,872	\$579,494
Central	16	\$8,164,226	\$510,264



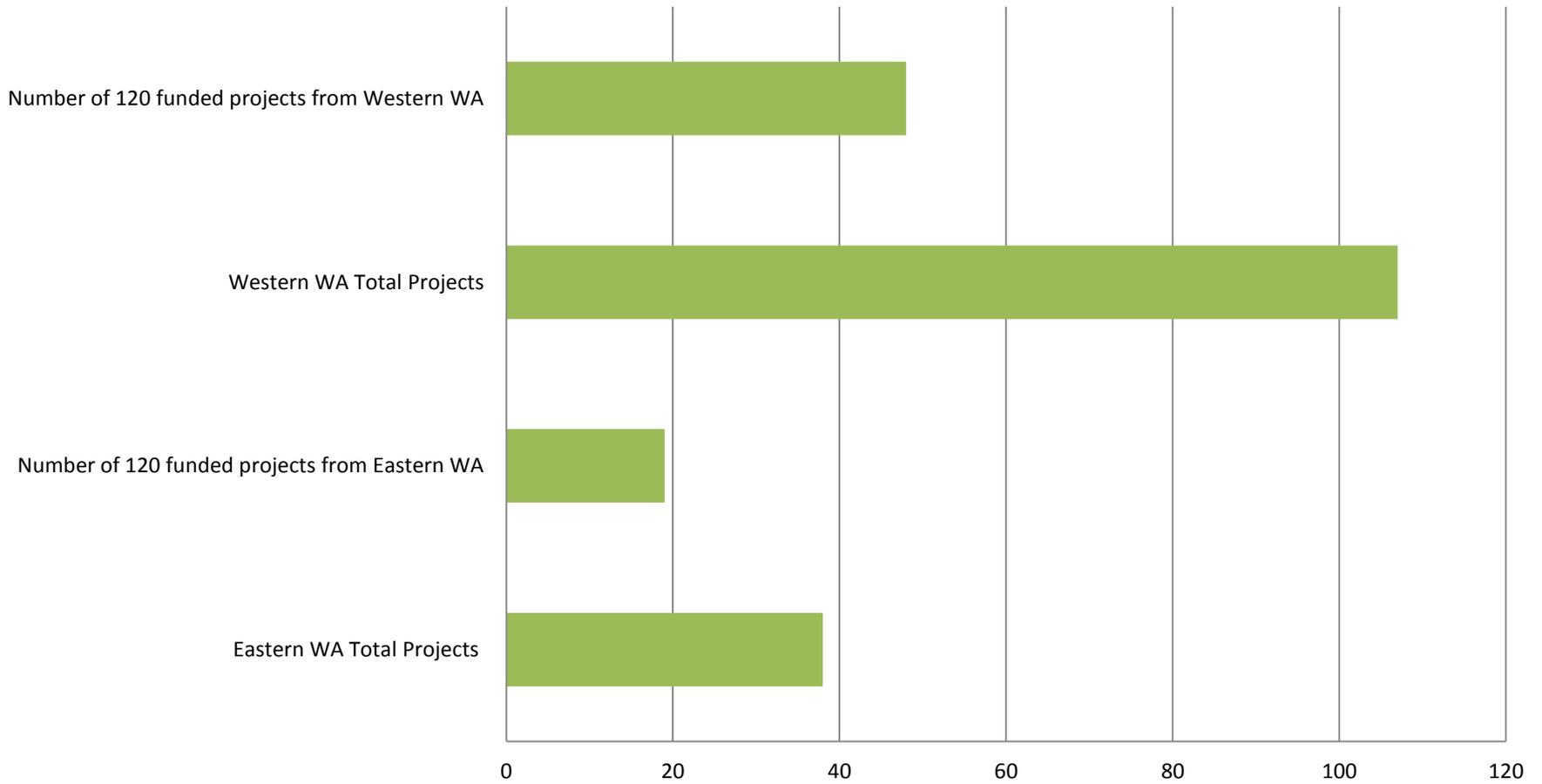
Project Specific Planning Grants

2013 Planning Project Specific Planning Projects

Percent Complete	LID		Non-LID	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
0-29%	8	8%	5	5%
30-50%	19	19%	5	5%
51-89%	14	14%	4	4%
90-100%	39	39%	5	5%
Total	80		19	
		Total	99	



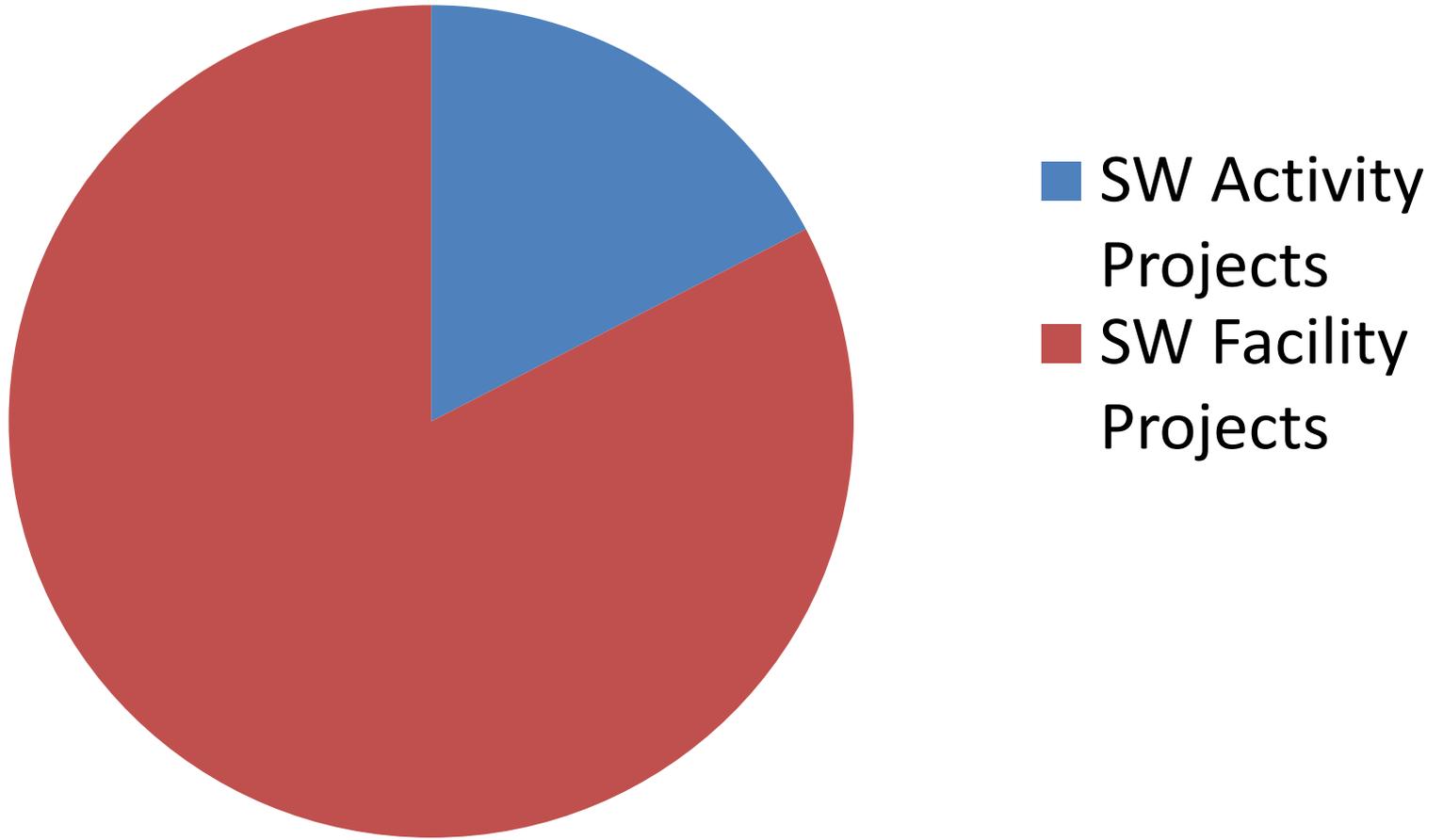
SW Projects by Region



	Eastern WA Total Projects	Number of 120 funded projects from Eastern WA	Western WA Total Projects	Number of 120 funded projects from Western WA
■ Series1	38	19	107	48



Limited Activities Eligible



Hardship

- Population less than 25,000
- Mean Household Income (MHI) less than 80% state (MHI)
- Required match reduced to 15% of grant award



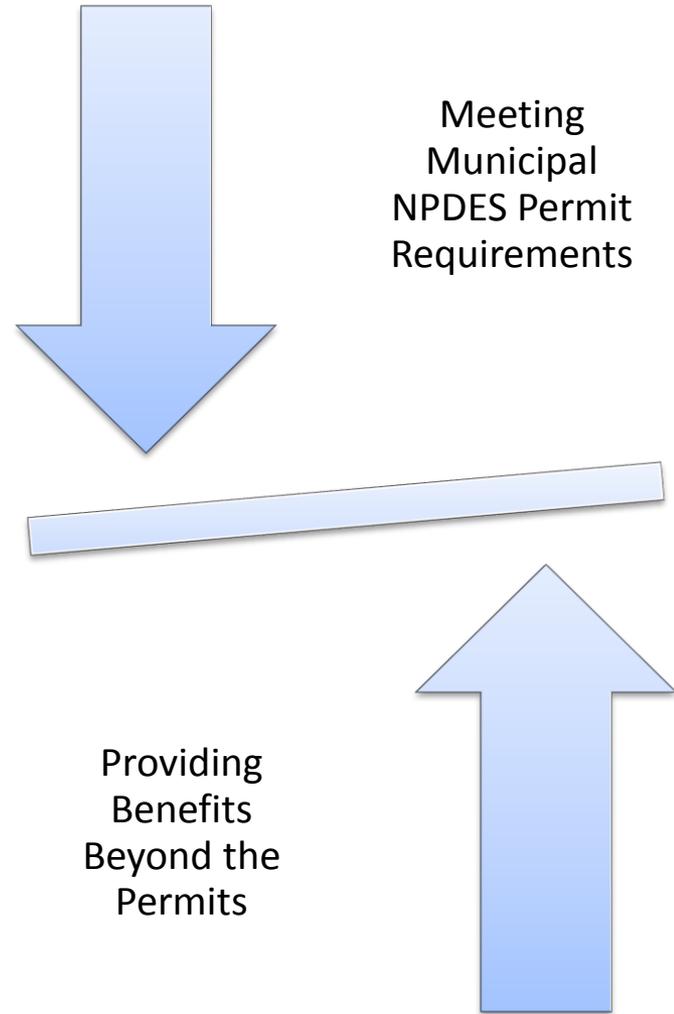
WHAT'S NEXT?

Developing the Program in Stages Allows us to Practice Adaptive Management



Program Goals

- Continuing to support Permittees through Capacity and GROSS Grant Programs
- Refining hardship assistance to develop opportunities in communities that need it the most.



- Working with our partners to continue to fund the SFAP program.
- Ecology has requested \$100 M for SFAP in its budget proposal.

Strengthen Partnerships



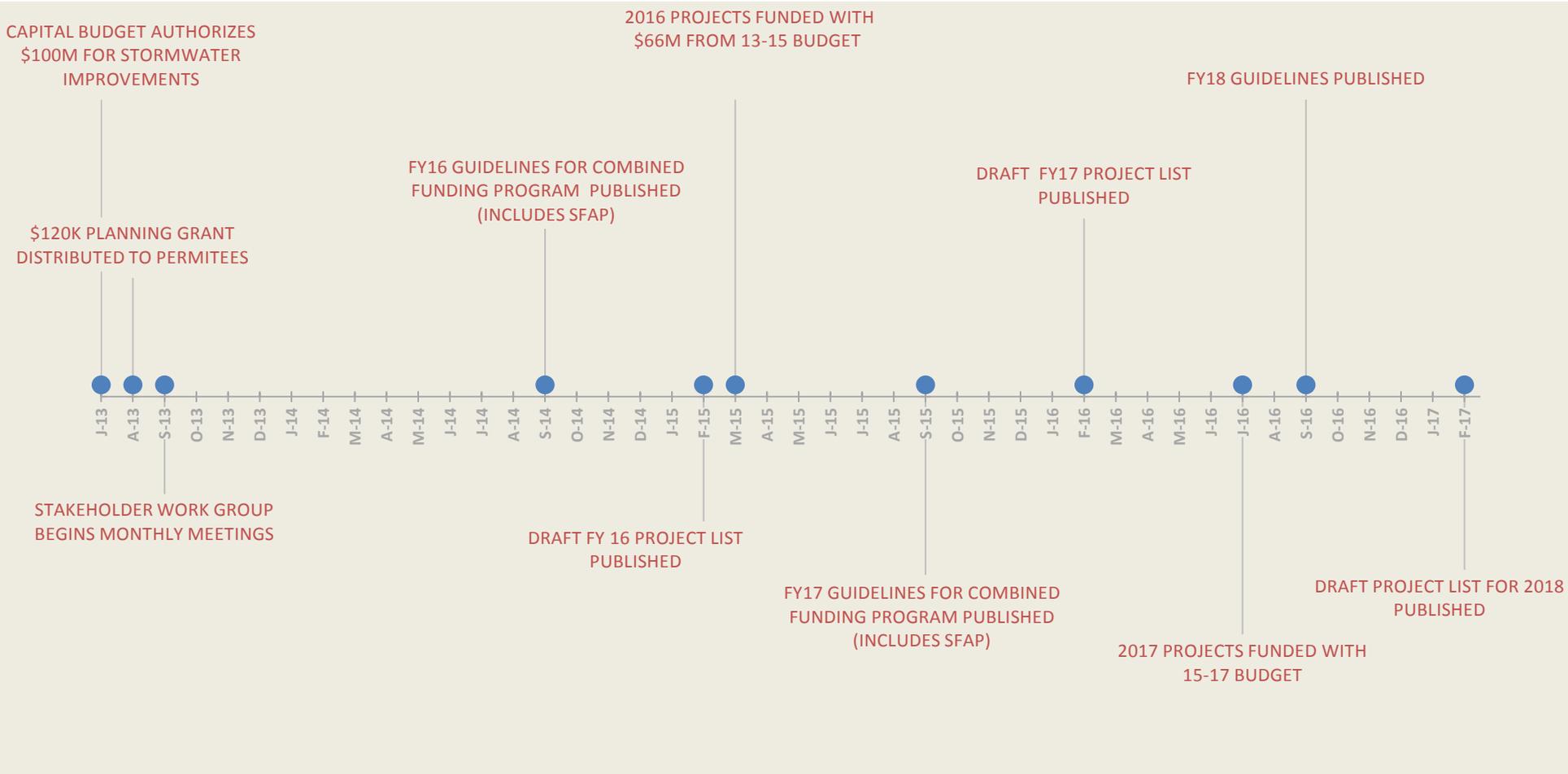
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Project Timeline



Questions?

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