

Technical Memorandum 4:
Infrastructure Needs



MEMORANDUM

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RE: Infrastructure Needs for Newberg Riverfront Master Plan Update
Job No. 1441A

EXHIBITS: *Exhibit A – Existing Water System Map*
Exhibit B – Existing Wastewater System Map
Exhibit C – Existing Storm Drainage Map
Exhibit D – Recommended Water System Improvements
Exhibit E – Wastewater System Sub-Basins
Exhibit F – Recommended Wastewater System Improvements

BACKGROUND

The City of Newberg's Riverfront Master Plan Update has included the creation and evaluation of several land use/transportation alternatives for the Riverfront Area. Through discussion with the project's advisory committees, stakeholders, and property owners in the Riverfront Area, the process has resulted in the selection of a preferred alternative, "Alternative E." This land use/transportation program includes a variety of uses in the study area, including single-family and multi-family residential developments, mixed-use nodes of activity, parks and passive open space, and employment uses.

This memorandum describes the existing utility infrastructure and previously-planned improvements to this infrastructure within the planning area. It also provides recommendations for improvements to the water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure as the area develops.

The current planning effort will update the 2002 Newberg Riverfront Master Plan. That previous plan made specific recommendations as to infrastructure improvements based on anticipated phasing and land use.

At the time of the 2002 Riverfront Master Plan, the riverfront industrial site (WestRock) was not included in the riverfront planning area, and the Newberg-Dundee Bypass was in the conceptual design phase - and at a different alignment than constructed. In other words, the 2002 Master Plan's recommended street and utility improvements were based on different conditions than the current existing conditions. However, from the perspective of total water demand and wastewater flow, there are few differences between the land uses shown in the 2002 Master Plan and Yamhill County zoning efforts and the preferred land use alternatives identified in the current planning effort. The overall water demand and projected wastewater flow values from past land use planning efforts are reflected in the City's 2017 Water Master Plan and 2018 Wastewater Master Plan. The recommendations made in these two utility master plans are still relevant to the current planning effort.

In the course of preparing this memorandum, the following planning documents were reviewed:

- 2002 Newberg Riverfront Master Plan
- 2002 City of Newberg Water Treatment Facilities Plan
- 2007 City of Newberg Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan Update
- 2007 City of Newberg Sewerage Master Plan Update
- 2014 City of Newberg Stormwater Master Plan Update
- 2015 Newberg Wastewater I&I Study
- 2016 City of Newberg Comprehensive Plan Text (Ordinance 1967)
- 2017 City of Newberg Water Master Plan
- 2018 City of Newberg Wastewater Master Plan
- 1996 Yamhill County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

EXISTING AND PLANNED UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Existing utilities within the project area include wastewater, stormwater, potable water, and private utilities (electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications). Much of the project area is relatively underdeveloped, so utilities are limited in extent and size.

Water System

The existing water system is owned and operated by the City of Newberg. The study area is located within Zone 1, which is served by three reservoirs: the North Valley Reservoir Nos. 1 and 2 located on the north side of the City, and the Corral Creek Reservoir, located east of the City. These reservoirs are fed by transmission mains from the water treatment plant, which is located on the southeast corner of the study area. A well field south of the study area supplies a portion of the City's water, which is conveyed to their water treatment plant. A water transmission main conveys treated drinking water from the treatment plant north through the riverfront industrial site to the rest of the City.

The area north of the Bypass is served by an existing water distribution network, with distribution mains 2 to 8 inches in diameter. Several properties just south of the Bypass, including the riverfront industrial site, are also served by water main extensions from the distribution system north of the Bypass.

Non-potable water system elements were not reviewed as part of this memorandum effort. The City of Newberg has a re-use water system, which is currently confined to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The riverfront industrial site property has water rights to water from the Willamette River, and this privately-owned non-potable water was used in the past

for mill operations. Additional details about this non-potable water system were not available.

A map of the existing potable water system within the project limits is included as *Exhibit A* on the following page.

No planned improvements to the water system within the planning area are described in the City's 2017 Water Master Plan. The 2002 Newberg Riverfront Master Plan proposed water distribution mains along the roads proposed and recommended for improvement by that planning effort.

Wastewater System

Existing wastewater infrastructure within the project limits is largely limited to the area north of the Bypass. The City of Newberg's wastewater treatment plant is located just east of the project study area.

The portion of the study area north of the Bypass is currently served by two lift stations (the Charles Lift Station and the Andrew Lift Station) and a network of gravity sewer mains and trunk lines, which ultimately convey wastewater west to the City's wastewater treatment plant. A small lift station also serves Rogers Landing, conveying wastewater to the gravity sewer system to the north. The riverfront industrial site is served by a single gravity sewer connection at the northwest corner of the site.

A map of the existing wastewater system within the project limits is included as *Exhibit B*.

The City's 2018 Wastewater Master Plan recommends improvements to the existing wastewater system within the planning area. The Wastewater Master Plan proposed abandoning the Charles Lift Station and Andrew Lift Station in the northeast portion of the study area, and replacing them with a single lift station (the Riverfront Lift Station) and a series of gravity mains (projects C4.b and C3.b in the Wastewater Master Plan). The Riverfront Lift Station would also serve a portion of the southeast portion of the study area with several gravity sewer extensions to the south and the east. The Wastewater Master Plan also recommended upsizing several gravity mains within the study area to convey future flows. No wastewater improvements are described for the eastern portion of the study area. The 2002 Riverfront Master Plan proposed some gravity mains along the roads proposed and recommended for improvement by that planning effort.

Stormwater System

The study area is drained by a system of natural drainages, open channels, and storm drain lines. Currently, the study area drains in three directions: west to Chehalem Creek, south to the Willamette River, and east to Hess Creek.

The southern portion of the site lies within the 100-year flood plain of the Willamette River, and Chehalem Creek.

Underground stormwater lines are few in number, and largely confined to the northern portion of the study area. A stormwater main bisects the study area, conveying stormwater from the drainage lines in the northern portion of the study area south to outfall at the Willamette River. This line was previously the wastewater outfall from the former wastewater treatment plant.

A map of the existing drainage and stormwater system within the project limits is included as *Exhibit C*.

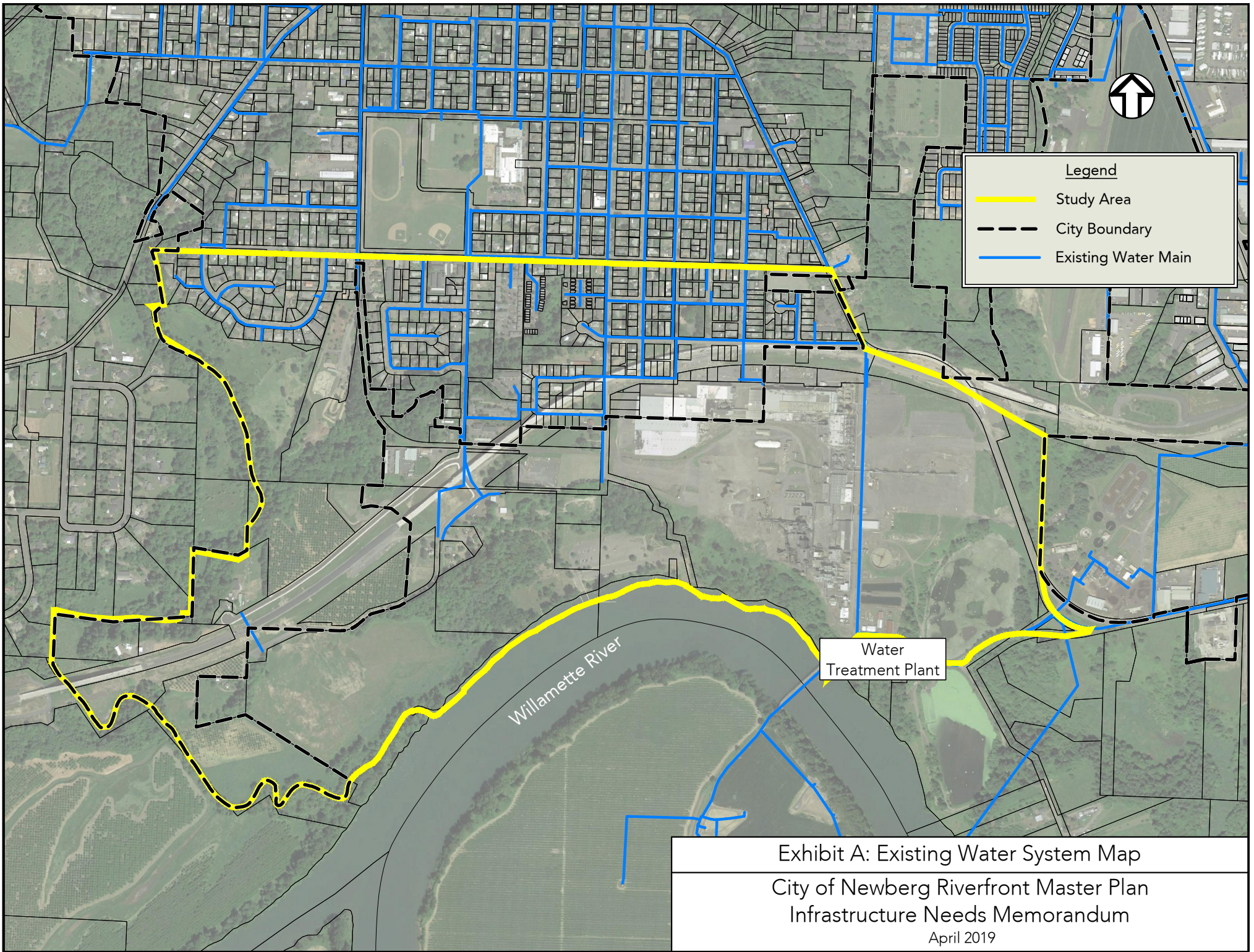


Exhibit A: Existing Water System Map
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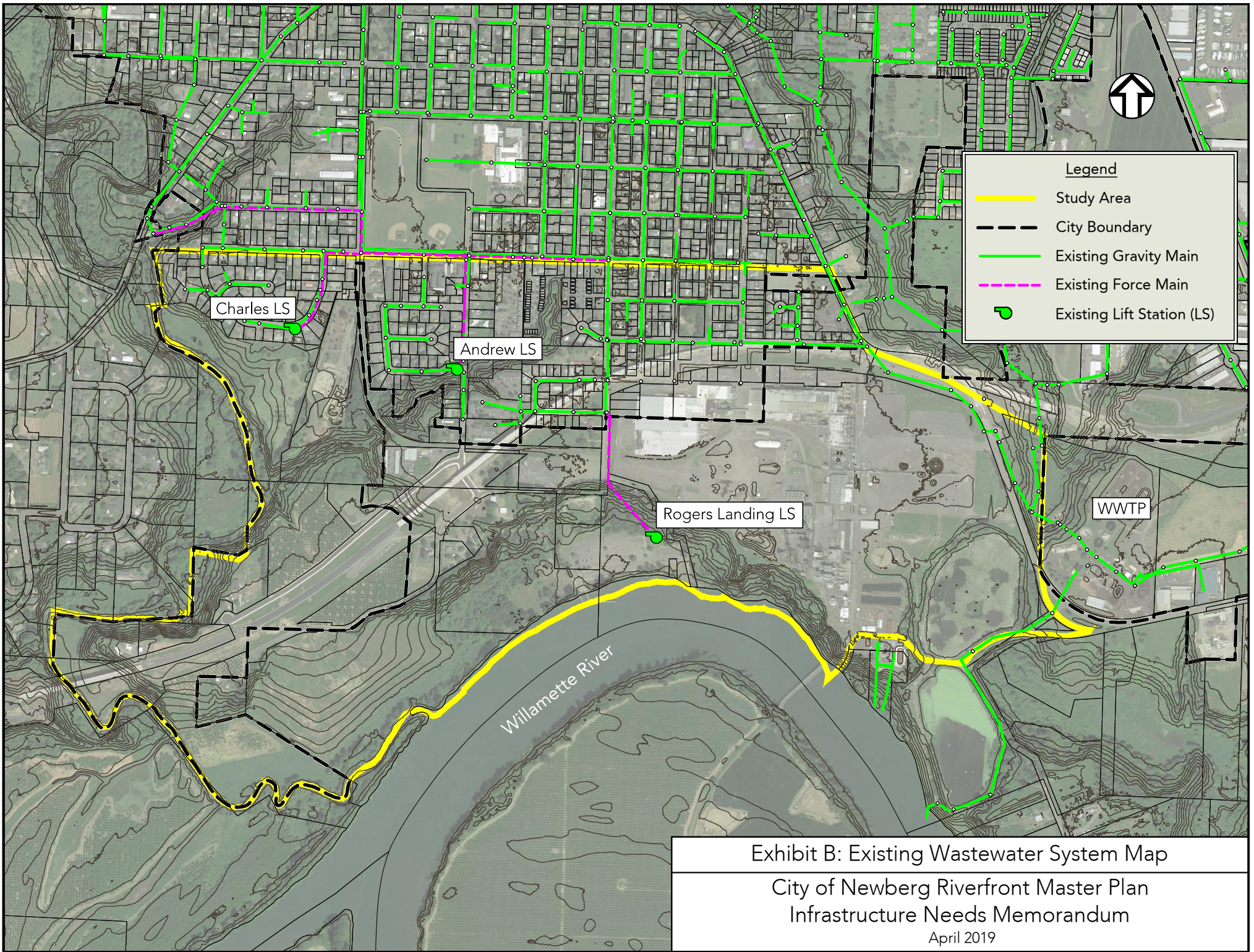


Exhibit B: Existing Wastewater System Map
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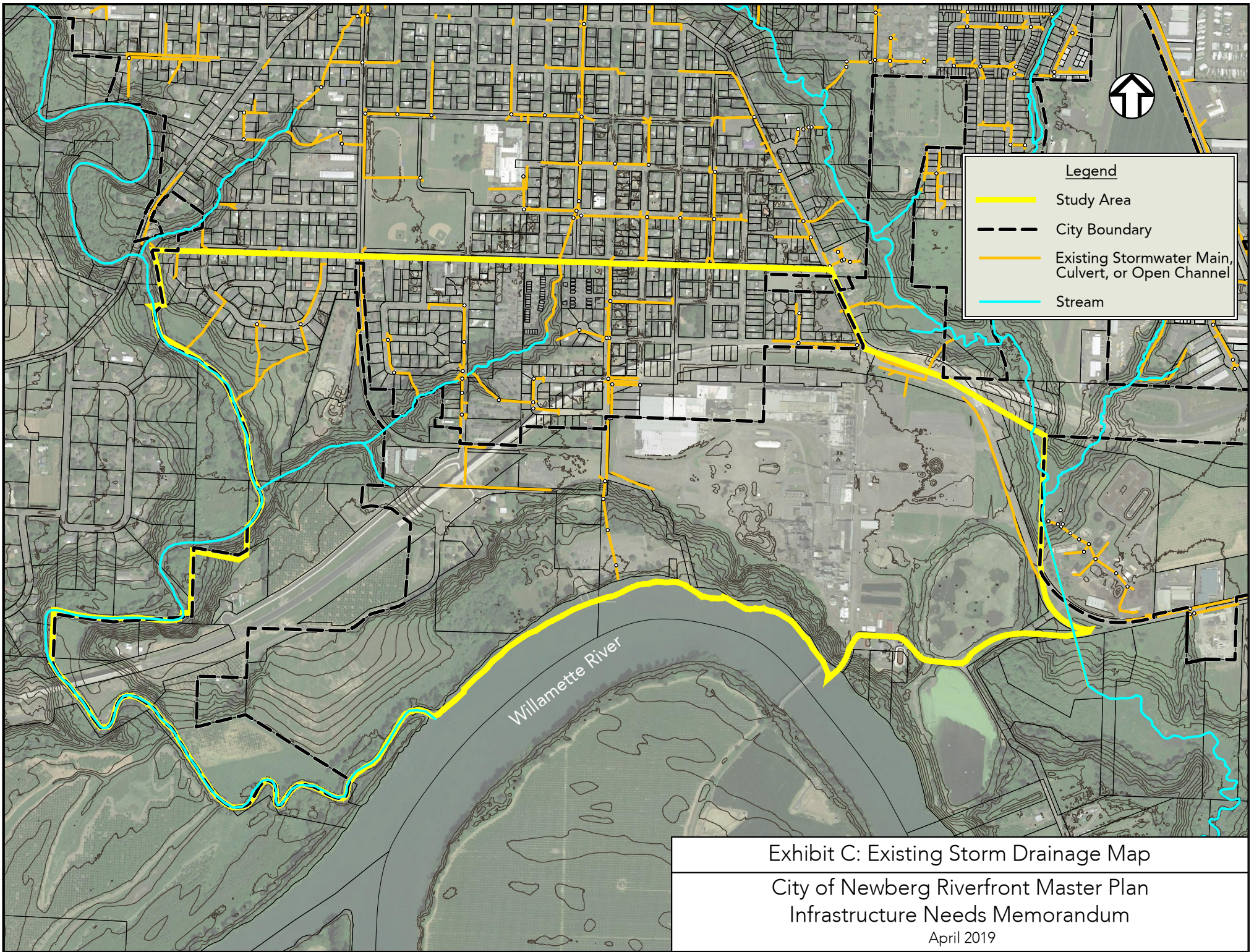


Exhibit C: Existing Storm Drainage Map
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No improvements to the stormwater system within the planning area are currently included in the 2014 City of Newberg Stormwater Master Plan Update. The 2002 Riverfront Master Plan proposed stormwater lines along some of the roads proposed and recommended for improvement by that planning effort. It also proposed disposal of stormwater runoff into to the existing stormwater main outfalling to the Willamette River. The capacity of that existing stormwater main to accept additional flow was not discussed in the 2002 Plan.

Franchise Utilities

As part of this planning effort, the City of Newberg contacted privately-owned franchise utilities in order to generally ascertain the extent of their facilities within the planning area. These franchise utility companies currently provide electricity, gas, cable, and telephone services to customers within the planning area.

PGE provides electricity to Newberg, and has a substation on the riverfront industrial site. In contacting PGE, they were unaware of any known issues serving the area.

NW Natural provides natural gas within the planning area, though their mapped facilities appear to be largely located north of the Bypass. They do have a 12-inch high pressure gas line serving the riverfront industrial site. This line is also the primary feed for the City of Newberg.

Comcast and Frontier provide cable and telephone services within the planning area. Frontier has very little facilities within the planning area, and no facilities south of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

RECOMMENDED UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the existing water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure will be necessary in order to support the preferred land use alternative. Recommended improvements are described in the following paragraphs, organized according to the type of infrastructure. These recommendations are based on the City's standards, the City's GIS system, existing utility infrastructure plans, and engineering judgement. No water or wastewater modeling was completed as part of this planning effort.

It is important to note that recommendations are limited by the general nature of land use planning, and that further utility master planning will be necessary to confirm and elaborate on the recommendations made in this memorandum.

Water System

The area south of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass and a small area on the west side of the study area just north of the Bypass currently have no water distribution system. As this area develops, it will require an entirely new water distribution network. New water mains should be constructed within the footprint of proposed roadways. To serve new development south of the Bypass, a water distribution main can be extended west from the transmission main near the water treatment plant. This new water distribution main should extend to the western portion of the study area, and should connect to the existing water system to the north where possible to provide a fully looped system. To serve the north side of the Bypass, a water main could be extended from S College Street southwest along E Weatherly Way. This water main should also be connected to the water main serving the area south of the Bypass to provide a fully looped system.

The majority of the study area north of the Bypass is currently served by an existing water distribution network. The size of existing distribution mains are relatively small within this area, and will likely not provide sufficient fire flow for future connections as the area south of the Bypass develops. Some improvements will be necessary to the distribution system north of the Bypass in order to make distribution network connections to serve the planning area.

The minimum size of water distribution mains will be 8-inches, per City standards. Final sizing will require a more in depth analysis to ensure that minimum fire flow is maintained throughout the water system in accordance with City standards.

Recommended improvements to the existing potable water system are illustrated in *Exhibit D* on the following page and summarized in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 – Recommended Water Infrastructure Improvements

Description	Sub-basin	Minimum Size	Length
Water Main	B	8-Inch	8,200 ft

It should be noted that the developer of the riverfront industrial site has the capability of using the existing non-potable water system infrastructure, and water rights.

Wastewater System

The planning area currently lacks a complete wastewater system, and will require extensive sewer infrastructure improvements to serve new development. In order to determine these system improvements, the study area was broken into six sub-basins according to the existing collection system and topography. These sub-basins are shown in *Exhibit E*. The wastewater infrastructure necessary to serve these sub-basins is illustrated on *Exhibit F* and summarized in **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Recommended Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements

Description	Sub-basin Served	Size/Capacity
Riverfront Lift Station	B	950 gpm ¹
Force Main B1	B	8-in ¹ , 1000 ft
Gravity Main B1	B	8-in, 2600 ft
Gravity Main B2	B	8-in, 1600 ft
Gravity Main B3	B	8-in, 3400 ft
Gravity Main B4	A, B, C, D	18-in ¹ , 1300 ft
Gravity Main C1	C	8-in, 500 ft
Gravity Main D1	D	10-in, 2400 ft

1. Capacity and size are from the City's 2018 Wastewater Master Plan

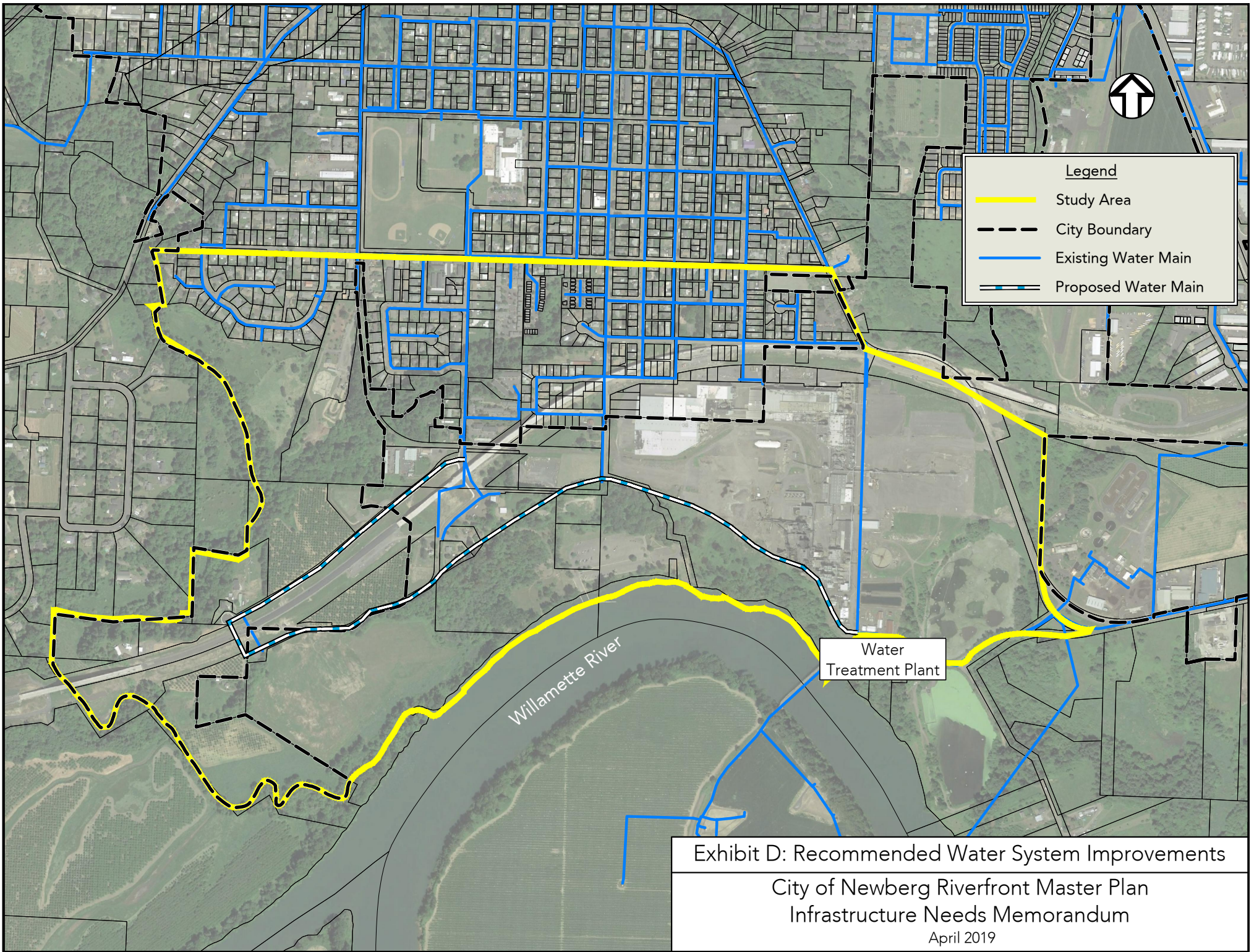


Exhibit D: Recommended Water System Improvements
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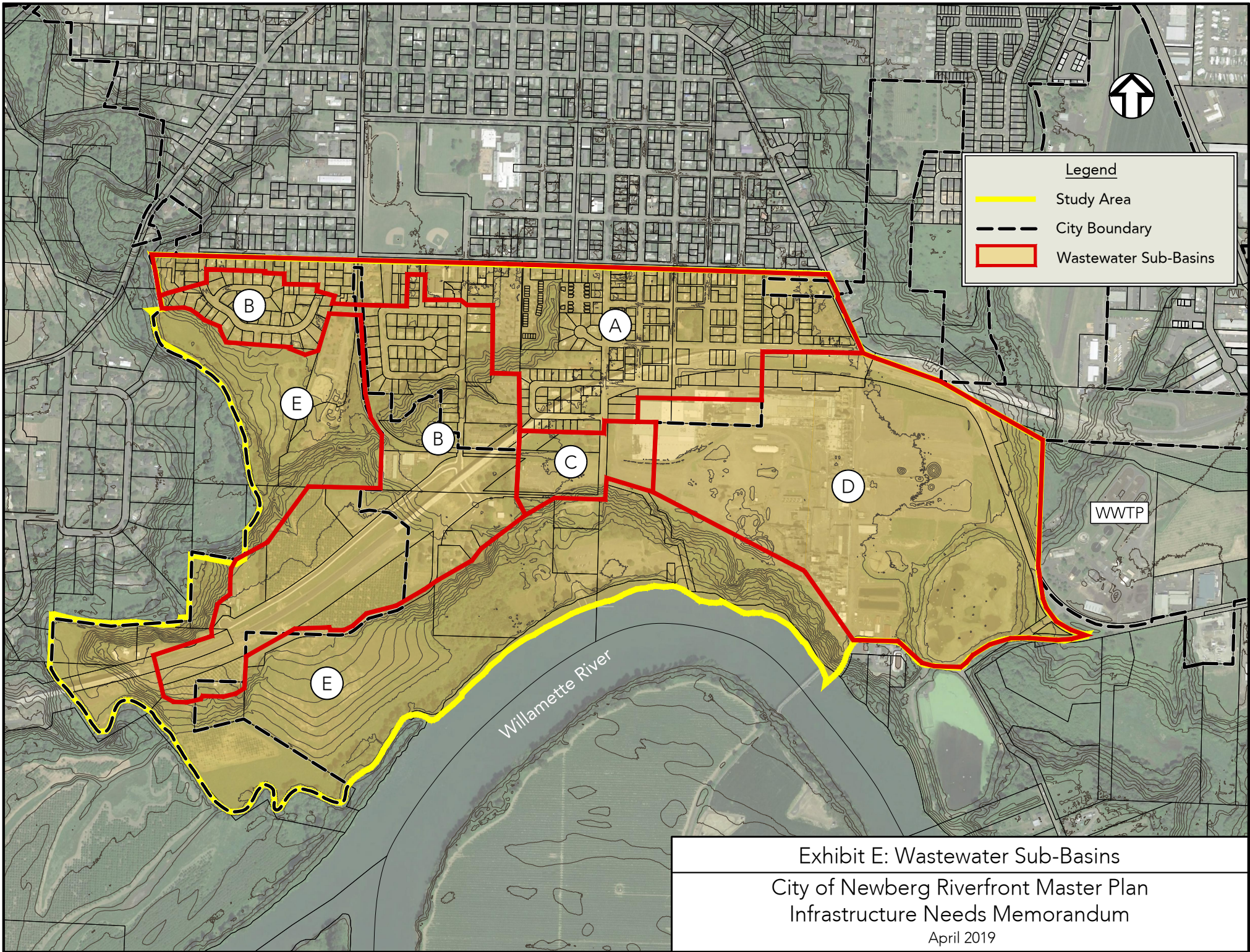
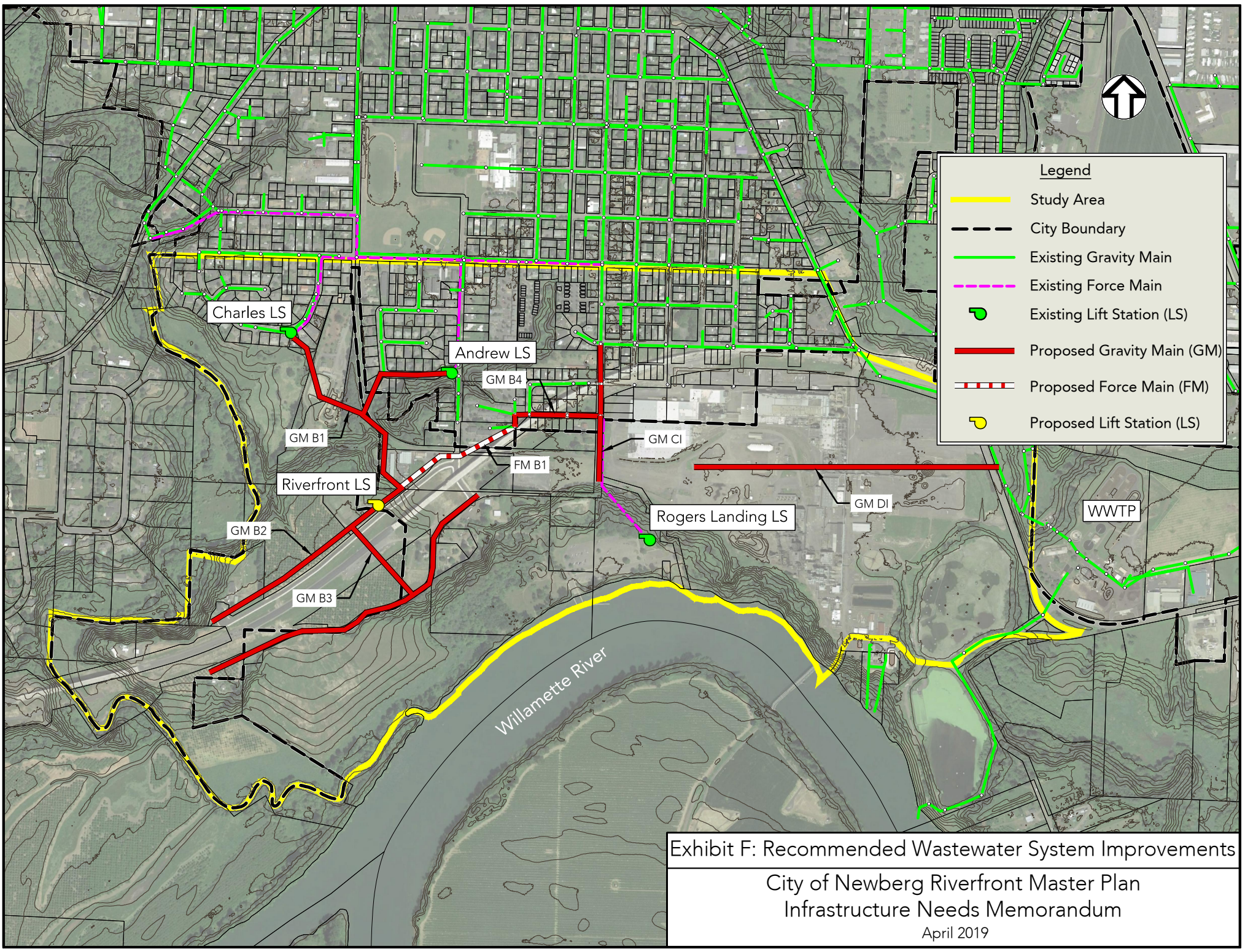


Exhibit E: Wastewater Sub-Basins
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Legend

- Study Area
- City Boundary
- Existing Gravity Main
- Existing Force Main
- Existing Lift Station (LS)
- Proposed Gravity Main (GM)
- Proposed Force Main (FM)
- Proposed Lift Station (LS)

Exhibit F: Recommended Wastewater System Improvements
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A detailed description of each sub-basin and the recommended improvement is described below.

Sub-Basin A. This sub-basin consists of the northern portion of the study area that is served by an existing network of gravity wastewater lines. Because this area is highly developed, and the proposed master plan does not significantly change land use, no new wastewater infrastructure is required beyond that recommended by the 2018 Wastewater Master Plan.

Sub-Basin B. This sub-basin consists of the western portion of the study area – currently served by the Charles Lift Station and Andrew Lift Station – and the additional area to be served by the proposed Riverfront Lift Station and associated collection system described in the Wastewater Master Plan. As discussed above, the Wastewater Master Plan recommended abandoning the Charles Lift Station and Andrew Lift Station. This will require upgrading the Riverfront Lift Station and force main, constructing several new gravity sewers, and upsizing one existing gravity sewer. No major changes are recommended to this proposed infrastructure, although minor adjustments to sewer alignments will be necessary to match proposed roads. This infrastructure is labeled as Gravity Main B1, B2, B3, and B4, and Force Main B1 on *Exhibit E*.

Sub-Basin C. This sub-basin consists of a mostly undeveloped land and a small portion of the riverfront industrial site in the vicinity of S River Street. Based upon the depth of the existing sewer in S. River Street (per City GIS), this area can be served by a gravity sewer extension, shown as Gravity Main C1 on *Exhibit E*.

Sub-Basin D. This area consists of the eastern portion of the riverfront industrial site. This sub-basin can be served by gravity lines flowing east into the existing trunk line on NE Wynooski Road, which currently conveys wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant. This line is labeled as Gravity Main D1 on *Exhibit E*.

Sub-Basin E. This sub-basin consists of the parks and open space within the study area, largely located within the flood plain and stream corridors. Rogers Landing is currently the only portion of this sub-basin with sewer service. Rogers Landing is served by a lift station, pumping wastewater to the collection system north of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. Because most of this sub-basin lies within the flood plain, it is unlikely to see significant development. It has been suggested that the Rogers Landing area could be the future site of an amphitheater, as well as potential additional park improvements. Depending on the projected wastewater flows and the capacity of the existing lift station, improvements may be necessary to the lift station and potentially the force main. If new facilities are constructed outside of the Rogers Landing area, they will require new lift stations to convey flow to the collection system, because this sub-basin lies at a lower elevation than the rest of the City.

Final alignment and sizing of new sewer system infrastructure will be determined during final design of street infrastructure and development. Alignment and sizing will depend on the specific developments that are constructed, locations of roads, and exact depths of existing gravity lines.

Stormwater System

The existing stormwater system within the planning area consists of stormwater drainage collection and conveyance facilities north of the Bypass. All development will need to comply with the City's stormwater management requirements, as articulated in their Design Standards.

In accordance with these requirements, any development within the planning area will need to collect, treat, detain, convey, and dispose of the stormwater runoff generated by the development. This applies to public improvements that generate impervious surfaces – such as streets, sidewalks, and paths. It also applies to private developments, which construct roofs, streets, sidewalks, and parking lots.

Collection and conveyance of stormwater runoff will likely consist of a combination of underground structure and pipes, and low-impact development conveyance improvements, such as swales and flow-through planters. Treatment of stormwater runoff will likely consist of either mechanical or low-impact development treatment facilities. Detention of stormwater can take place using underground storage, ponds, and other methods. There is considerable flexibility as to the specific design of stormwater collection, conveyance, treatment, and detention facilities. A variety of factors will influence specific design solutions, such as site geography, available land surface, soil conditions, City preference, developer preference, construction cost, long-term maintenance costs, and aesthetics.

There may be some conveyance within the study area through underground stormwater pipes, which are often constructed within publicly-owned streets. Assuming the proposed and existing streets shown on the preferred alternative, we estimate a total of at least 12,000 linear feet of stormwater mains. This number does not account for the variation of street alignments that may occur as the City moves forward with planning and design, and does not include the construction of additional streets and associated storm conveyance.

Treated stormwater runoff is typically disposed of using infiltration into native soils or by conveyance into an adjacent stormwater facility or natural body of water. All methods of disposal have specific requirements and limitations. Disposal of stormwater runoff will depend on site-specific soil characteristics, the location of the site with respect to adjacent stormwater infrastructure, and the capacity of adjacent infrastructure.

Infiltration of treated stormwater runoff is often preferred over other methods because of its simplicity and relatively lower cost. However, native soils must be capable of infiltrating stormwater at or above a minimum rate for infiltration of runoff to be a viable disposal method. That capability can only be determined by onsite tests, and native soils can vary greatly in characteristics throughout an area.

According to the soils map included in the City's 2014 Stormwater Master Plan Update, native soils within the planning area are generally classified as having lower infiltration capability. This map is based on general information; the actual infiltration rates at specific locations within the planning area will vary. As each property develops, the developer will determine soil conditions and the viability of infiltration as a method of stormwater disposal. It should be noted that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality requires registration of underground infiltration facilities such as drywells per their Underground Injection Control Program. It should also be noted that infiltration also requires consideration of existing groundwater levels and consideration of the environmental sensitivity of an area; infiltration of stormwater runoff into a floodplain or wetland is not typically acceptable.

If stormwater runoff cannot be disposed of by infiltration, it will need to be conveyed to another location, such as an adjacent stormwater pipe, pond, or infiltration facility. If an adjacent stormwater facility is available, the developer will need to demonstrate that it has capacity for disposing stormwater from the proposed development. If this adjacent stormwater facility is owned by other individuals or entities, rights to access, use, and maintenance will need to be negotiated between all parties.

Treated stormwater runoff can also be disposed of in an adjacent body of water. There are multiple stream corridors within the study area, including the Willamette River. It is important to note that disposal of stormwater runoff to these corridors may trigger additional permitting and engineering requirements according to the governing regulatory authorities. Disposal of stormwater runoff in these bodies of water should consider the hydraulic and erosion control implications of additional runoff, with the goal of protecting these existing stream corridors. They should also consider the characteristics of the treated runoff. The City's TDML Implementation Plan is the primary regulatory driver for stormwater management activities, and has specific parameters of concern for stormwater runoff, including bacteria, mercury, and water temperature. However, other regulatory authorities will have jurisdiction for disposal of treated stormwater runoff within stream corridors in the planning area. The developer will likely need to consult with an environmental permitting specialist in order to determine the specific regulatory requirements for their stormwater management improvements.

The construction of a regional stormwater facility for treatment, detention, and/or disposal may address many of the difficulties individual developers face with stormwater management. There are, however, very limited options for locating such a facility. Public ownership of land is limited within the project area to landfill property owned by Yamhill County to areas within the floodplain (such as Rogers Landing, leased by Yamhill County from the City and two private owners).

One area that might be considered for possible use as a regional stormwater facility are the existing lagoons at the southeast corner of the planning area, within the riverfront industrial site property. It could be feasible to repurpose these existing lagoons as stormwater detention ponds for treated stormwater runoff from the surrounding areas, with modifications to the existing outfall to allow controlled disposal of runoff to the Willamette River. These two lagoons currently hold water, and outfall to the Willamette River. In the past, the lagoons were used for disposal of paper mill process water; the degree of biological and/or chemical contamination, the dimensions, and the condition of the lagoons are relatively unknown.

Any use of these ponds for stormwater management will likely necessitate investigation of the condition of the lagoon basin floor for contaminants which might adversely affect the Willamette River. Depending on the degree of contamination and the requirements of regulatory authorities, cleanup might also be required. In addition, some agreement would need to be made for stormwater conveyance to the pond, pond use, access, and maintenance between the property owner, the City, and properties contributing stormwater.

Please note that we cannot recommend specific details as to proposed stormwater improvements. The sizing of stormwater facilities will depend entirely on development of each site, and how much onsite detention and/or infiltration is built.

Franchise Utilities

As part of this master planning effort, City staff spoke directly with franchise utilities within the planning area to elicit comments and concerns regarding the proposed plan.

When contacted for feedback, PGE noted that some industrial and commercial uses may have larger loads and require upgrades to their facilities. The extent of this work would be determined at the development phase. PGE was concerned that improvements protect their existing facilities in the area – particularly the substation on the riverfront industrial site.

In conversations with the City, NW Natural expressed concerns that their existing infrastructure is protected throughout future development, particularly the high pressure line serving Newberg (located on the riverfront industrial site).

Comcast had no concerns of note.

Frontier noted that they have minimal facilities within the planning area, and noted that with their current facilities they could serve around 200 new customers. Their facilities appear to be largely located north of the Bypass, so serving new customers south of the Bypass would require construction of new facilities – another 100 customers could be served with this work. Increasing service beyond that point would require more new facility construction and considerable expense on Frontier's part.