

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 31, 2025**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen met in a Work Session on Friday, October 31, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the second-floor conference room of City Hall located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor D. Lynn Spruill, Vice Mayor Roy A' Perkins, Alderwoman Kim Moreland, Alderwoman Sandra Sistrunk, Alderman Kyle Skinner, Alderman William Pochop and Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr. City Attorney Berk Huskison and City Clerk Joanna McLaurin were also present.

Mayor Spruill opened the work session. The work session was properly noticed pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-13 and a copy of that notice is included in the minutes. The work session was live streamed on Facebook. The public and media were welcomed and attended. The session is also available for viewing on the City website.

Thomas Stewart and Philip Carter presented proposed library upgrades.

Wes Cardwell of Garver Engineering Firm gave a presentation on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Mayor and members of the Board discussed items on the upcoming November 4, 2025 agenda. Department Directors were available to answer questions related to the items. All agenda items were discussed.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF November, 2025.

MAYOR D. LYNN SPRUILL

Attest:

Seal

JOANNA MCLAURIN
CITY CLERK



WORK SESSION

CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 31, 2025

11:00 a.m.

- A. CALL THE WORK SESSION TO ORDER**
- B. PRESENTATION BY THOMAS STEWART AND PHILIP CARTER OF THE PROPOSED LIBRARY UPGRADES**
- C. PRESENTATION ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS BY WES CARDWELL OF THE GARVER ENGINEERING FIRM**
- D. DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF STARKVILLE.**
- E. ADJOURN MEETING**



Library

STARKVILLE PUBLIC

Renovation Proposal

Presented to the Starkville
Board of Aldermen

October 31, 2025

PRESENTED BY

Phillip Carter, Director

Thomas Stewart, Architect



Project Overview

The Starkville Public Library has long supported the community, but the building shows clear signs of age and wear. Carpeting is worn, paint is faded, and water damage is visible in several areas. The layout reflects an outdated design that limits modern library services and makes it difficult to create the flexible spaces patrons now expect. Aging windows also contribute to energy inefficiency and higher operating costs. A thoughtful renovation would restore the building, improve comfort and efficiency, and create a more welcoming environment that reflects the growth and pride of Starkville. Investing in a refreshed facility will ensure the library remains a strong community resource for years to come.



Community Benefits

Renovating the Starkville Public Library will enhance **access to information**, foster **cultural enrichment**, and stimulate the **local economy**, creating a vibrant hub for our community.

Our library was expanded in the 90s and then again in the 2000s. Those expansions were vital to increasing our collection size, and increasing our space for programming offerings.

In FY2025 we circulated over 102,000 physical materials and had 23,000+ patrons attend programming events at the public library.

Those programs ranged from scavenger hunts, puzzle competitions, petting zoos, summer reading performances, book clubs, author events, fabric craft meeting groups, and local group meetings.

We partner with local organizations to host social service meetings, Starkville Strong onboarding, IT help for individuals who need it, and a drop off location for winter clothes during the coldest months.



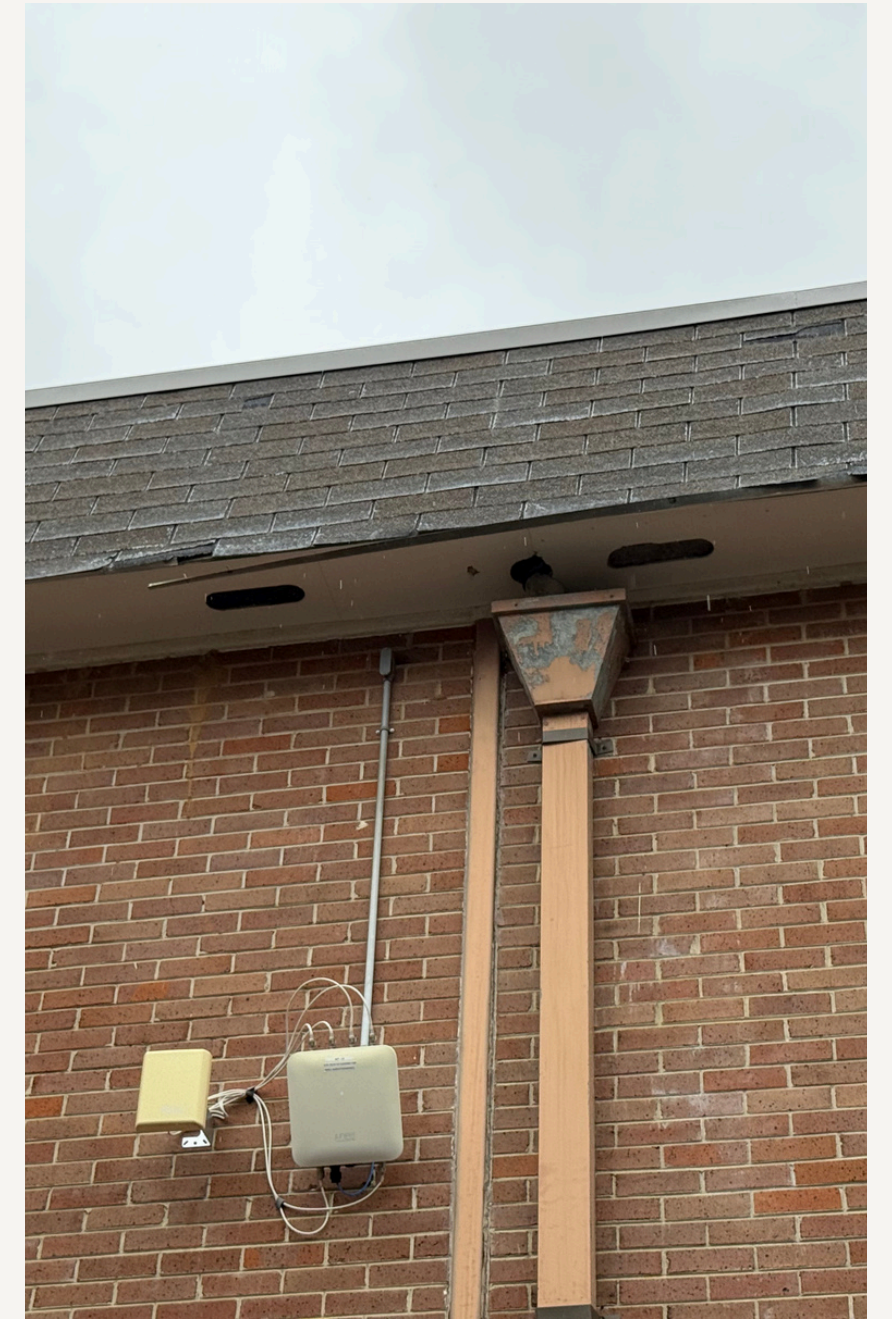




Current Library Condition

EXTERIOR FACADE

- Aging structure
- Rotting windows
- Weather worn doors
- Tired, institutional look
- Energy inefficient



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WORN INTERIOR

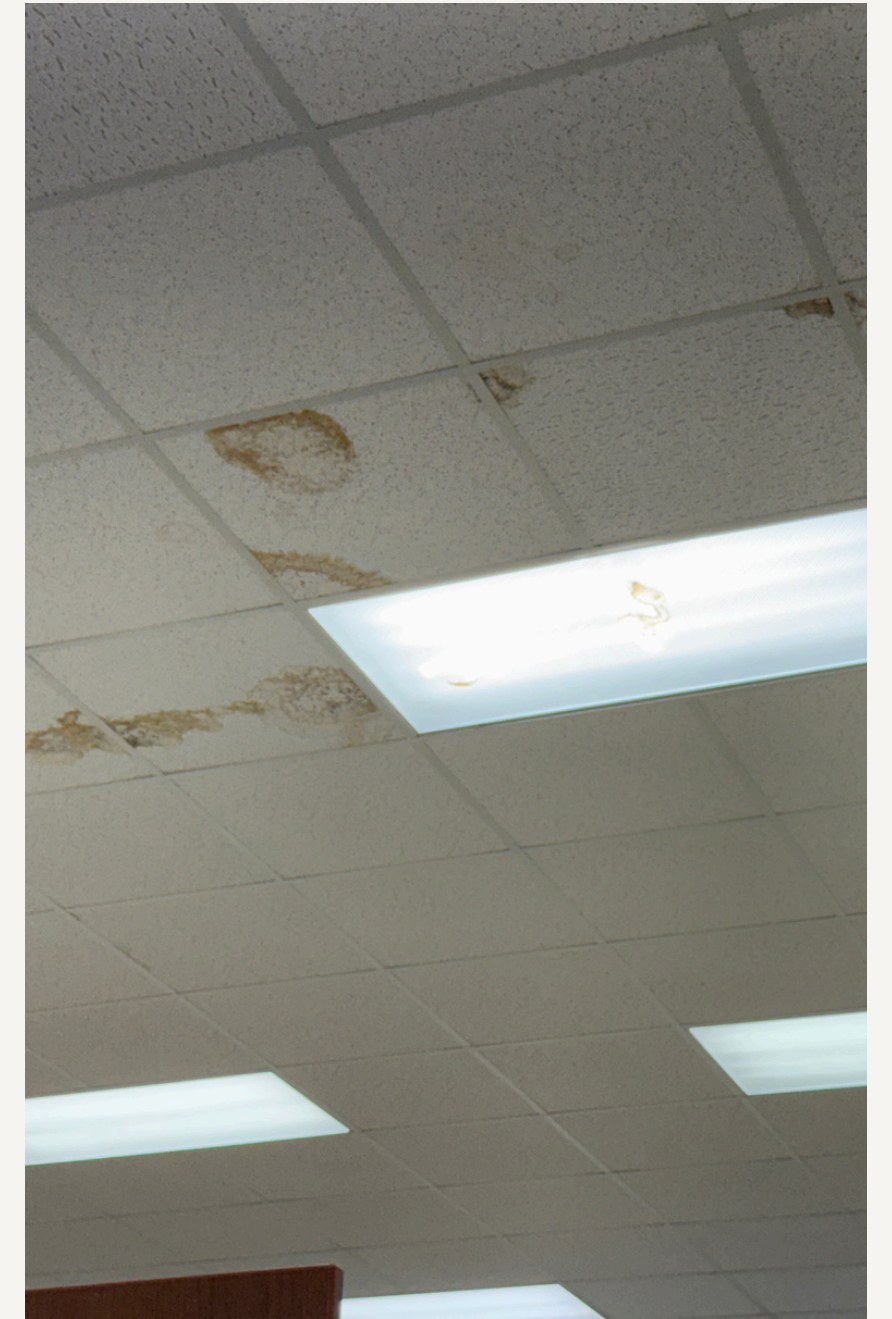
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- Degrading cosmetics
- Flooring issues



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Renovation Goals & Objectives

MODERNIZE FACILITIES

Upgrading our library building will create a more efficient and inviting environment for patrons, fostering enhanced learning and community engagement.

EXPAND COMMUNITY SPACES

Increasing **flexible community areas** will accommodate various activities, events, and programs, making the library a hub for social interaction and cultural enrichment in Starkville.

ENHANCE ACCESSIBILITY

Improving accessibility features will ensure that all members of our community, including those with disabilities, can enjoy and benefit from the library's resources and programs.



Proposed Renovations: Interior

UPDATED PUBLIC AREA

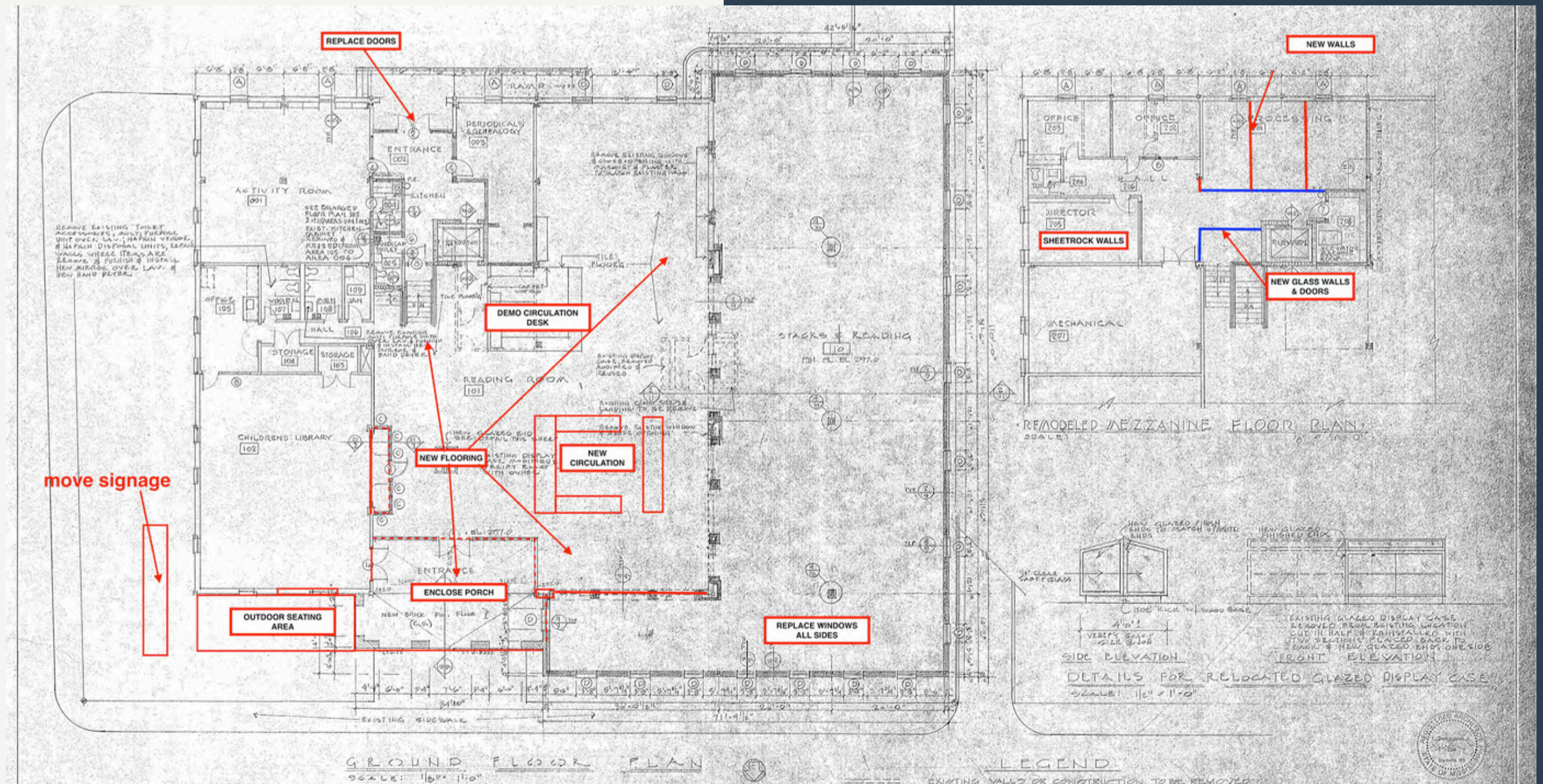
- New building feel
 - New floors
 - Fresh paint
- New public seating area
- Expand indoor spaces

SERVICE AREAS

- Move large, cumbersome circulation desk
- Modular solutions to facilitate more efficient service

IMPROVED STAFF SPACE

- Create offices for staff
- Update outdated aesthetics



Proposed Renovations: Exterior

NEW FACADE AND SPACE

- Eye-catching and modern
- Outdoor seating area

ENERGY EFFICIENT

- New energy efficient windows
- Removing leaky, improperly installed storefront

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

- Welcoming entrance
- ADA accessible doors

- **CONSISTENCY**

- Matches similar city aesthetics
- Extends the mainstreet renovation



Proposed Renovations: Mural

NEW MURAL

- Create a centerpiece for literature culture in Starkville
- Feature Mississippi authors on spines of books
- Create a photo opportunity and tie into the beautiful mural art culture of our community
- Inspired by the mural at the Kansas City Public Library

RELOCATE 'READ' ART

- Repaint and refresh letters
- Move to corner facing position and update lighting



~\$750,000

Total project investment

		Preliminary Probable Cost Schematic	starkville library revonvations
demolition	1 ls	6000	6000
ceilings	700 sf	8	5600
Lights	700 sf	20	14000
ext walls	500 sf	22	11000
int walls	200 sf	12	2400
doors	4 ea	2000	8000
storeftont	500 sf	100	50000
sign	1 ls	10000	10000
electrical	900 sf	5	4500
paint	900 sf	3	2700
flooring	900 sf	6	5400
landscaping	1 ls	10000	10000
hardscape	600 sf	20	12000
framing	3000 sf	10	30000
metal panels	3000 sf	25	75000
new windows	1400 sf	100	140000
graphics	1 ls	10000	10000
read sign	1 ls	6000	6000
lights	10 EA	1000	10000
railing	1 ls	10000	10000
OPTIONS	sf	0	0
circulation desk	60 lf	300	18000
new flooring partial	5000 sf	10	50000
interior painting all	17050 sf	2	34100
replace back door	2 lf	2000	4000
glass wall	160 sf	80	12800
new walls upstairs	750 sf	7	5250
Permits	0 \$	4	0
Portables	1 ls	500	500
Dumpster	1 ls	5000	5000
Final Cleaning	2000 sf	2	4000
subtotal			556250
total without O&P			\$556,250.00
Contractors fees			
General requirements	10%		\$611,875.00
Overhead	5%		\$642,468.75
Profit	8%		\$693,866.25
TOTAL			\$693,866.25

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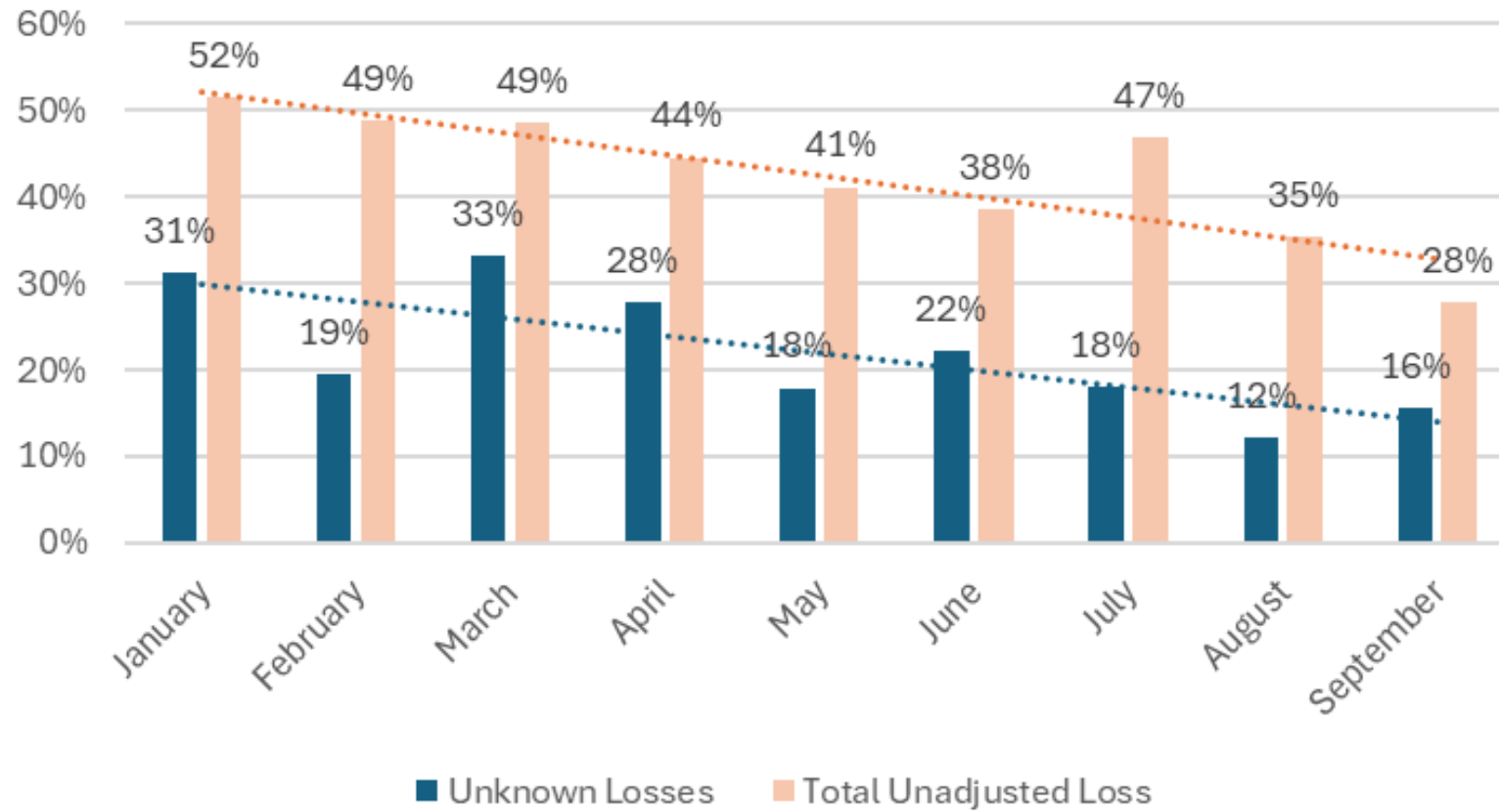


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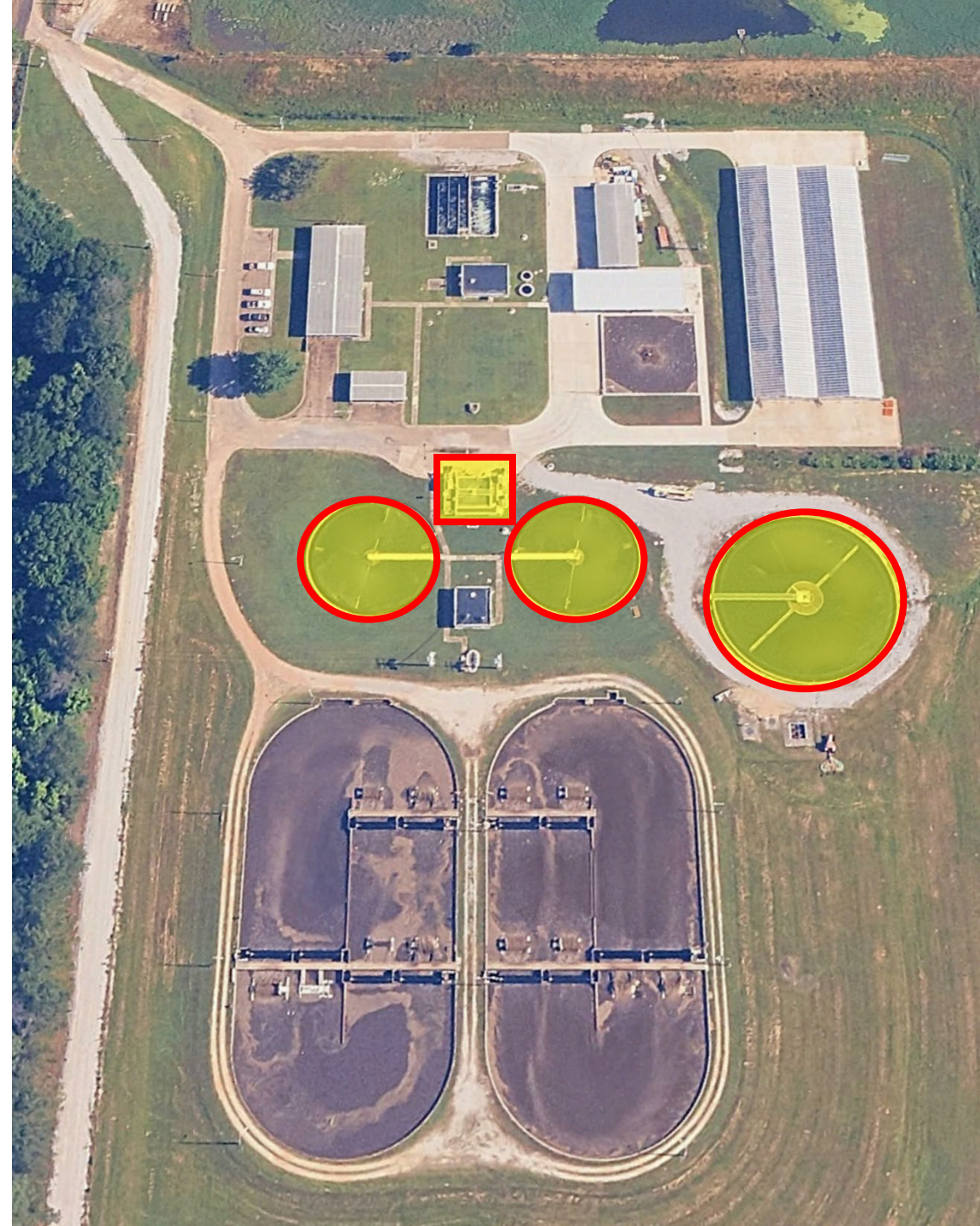
Total Water Loss vs. Total Unknown Loss



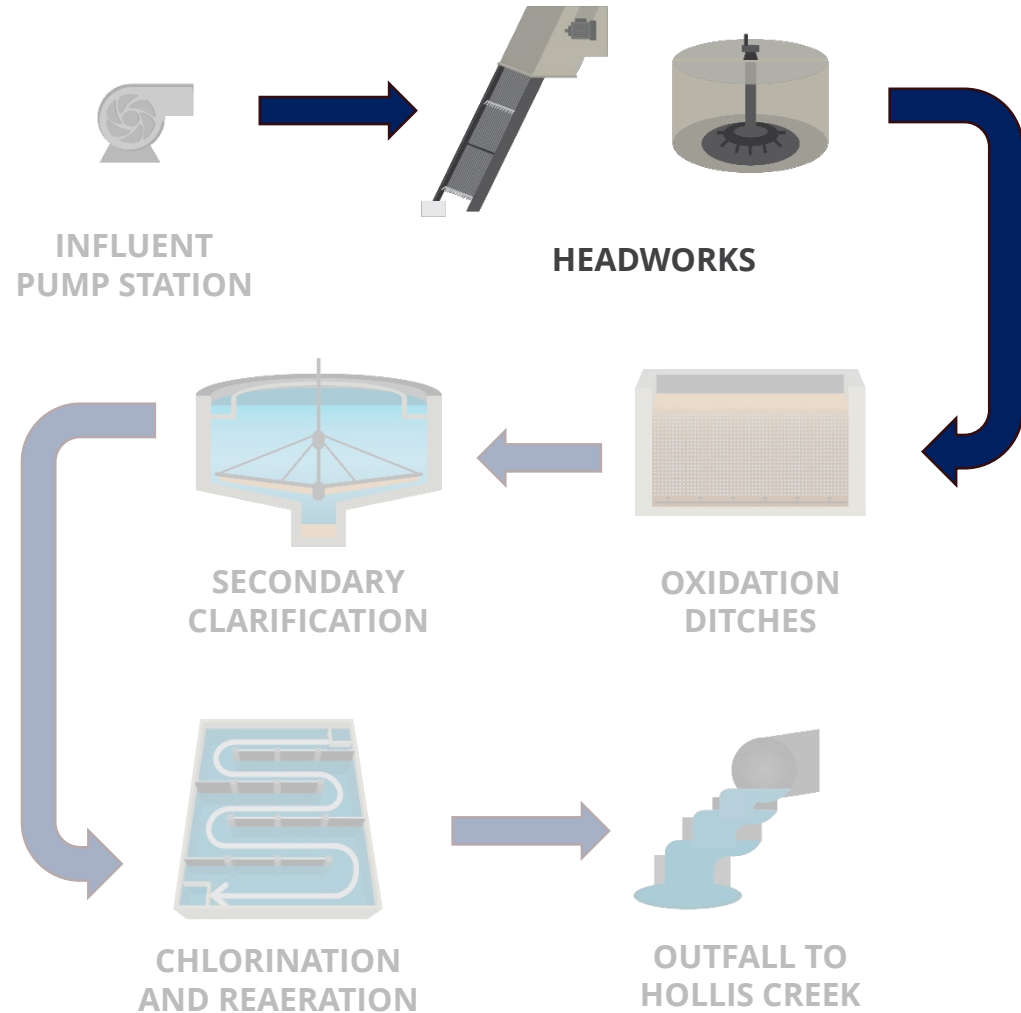
Ernest E. Jones WWTP Headworks, Clarifiers, and RAS Improvements

Project Update

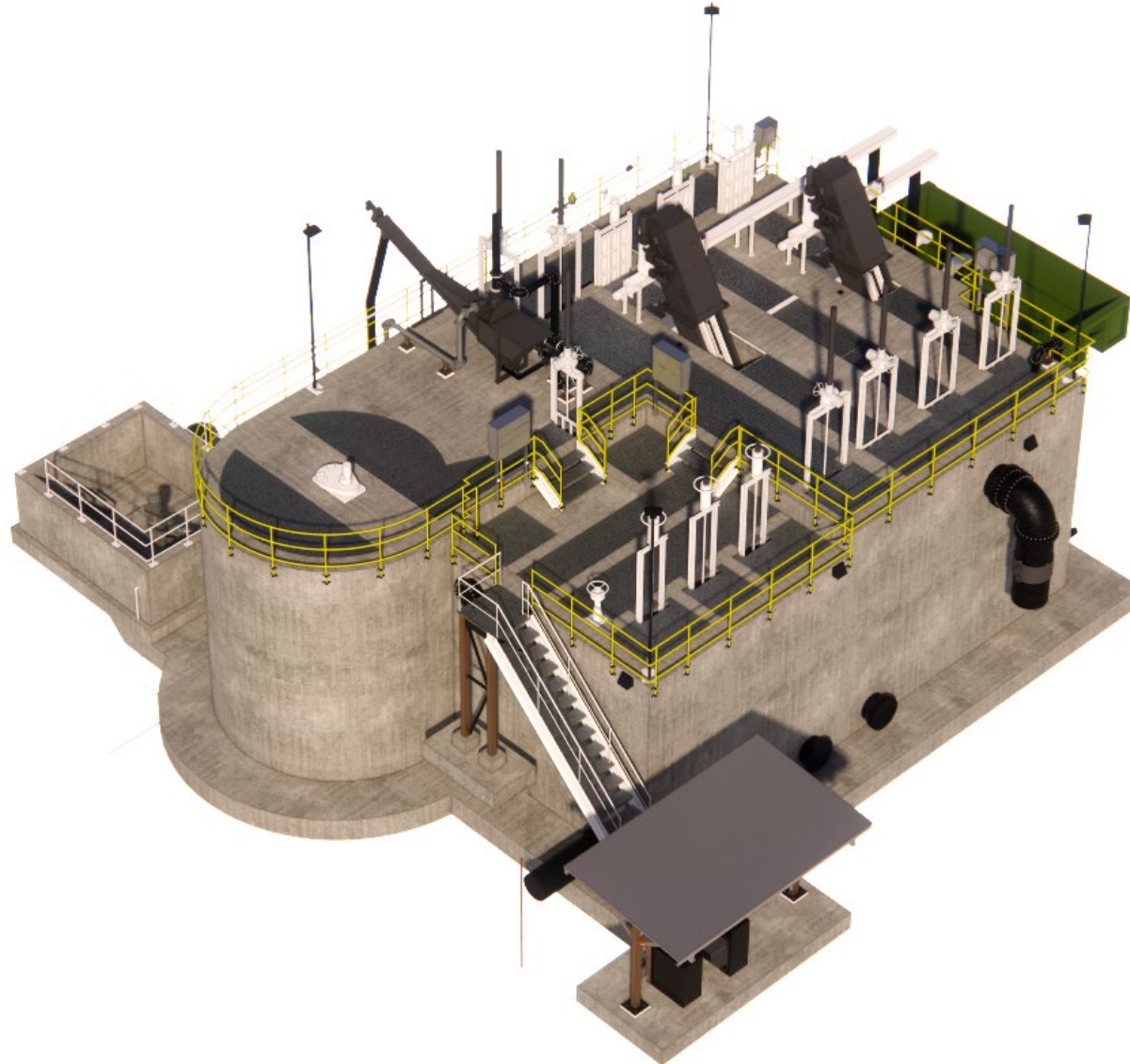
**The Ernest E. Jones
WWTP Headworks,
Clarifiers, and RAS
Improvements will
replace the existing
headworks facility
and provide critical
rehabilitation of the
secondary clarifiers.**



A reliable headworks facility protects downstream process units through effective debris removal.

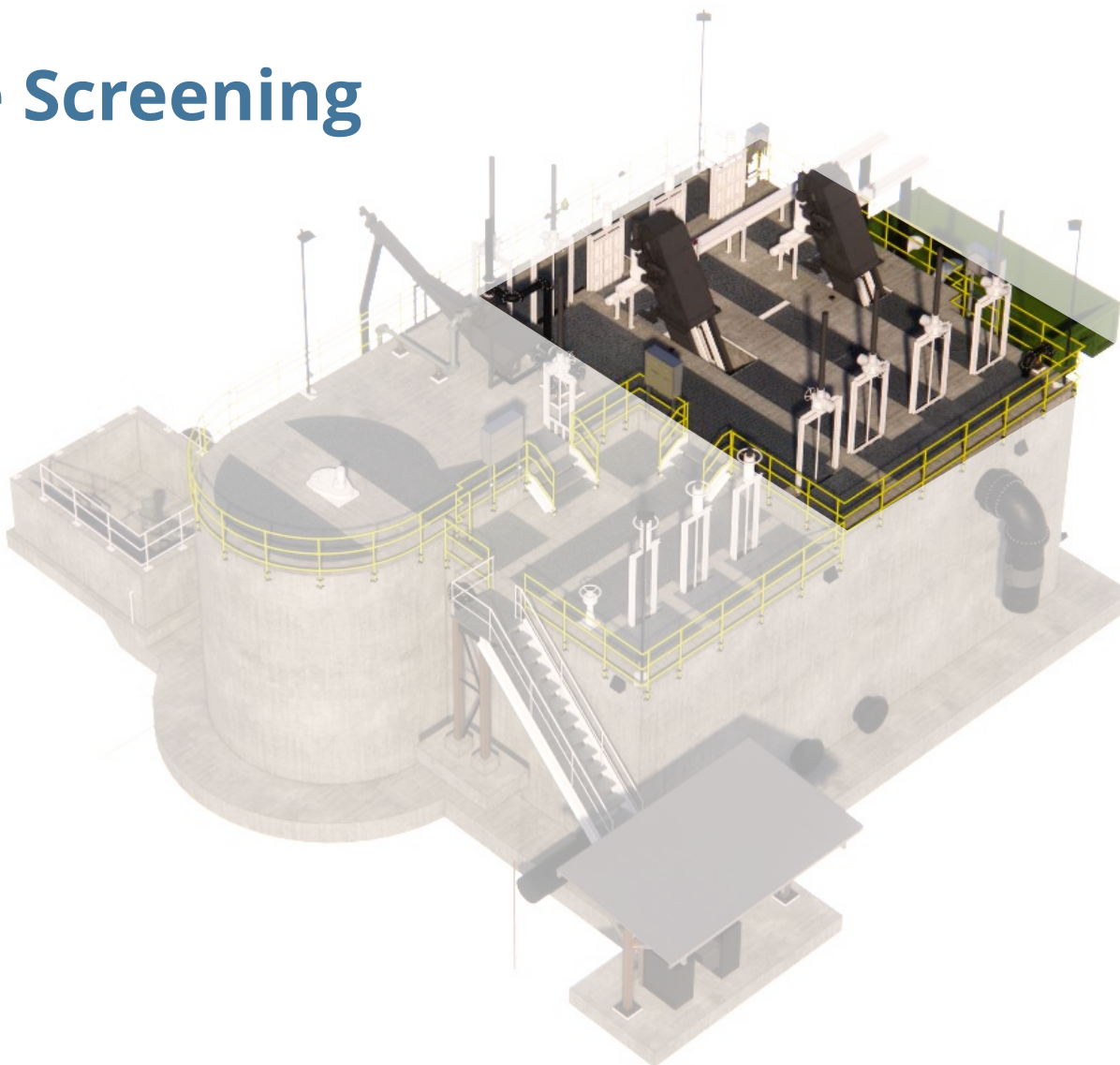


The existing headworks will be replaced with a new facility to reliably meet treatment requirements.



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1. Fine Screening



Two (2) perforated plate screens to provide removal of large debris.

System redundancy to maintain performance with one channel offline.

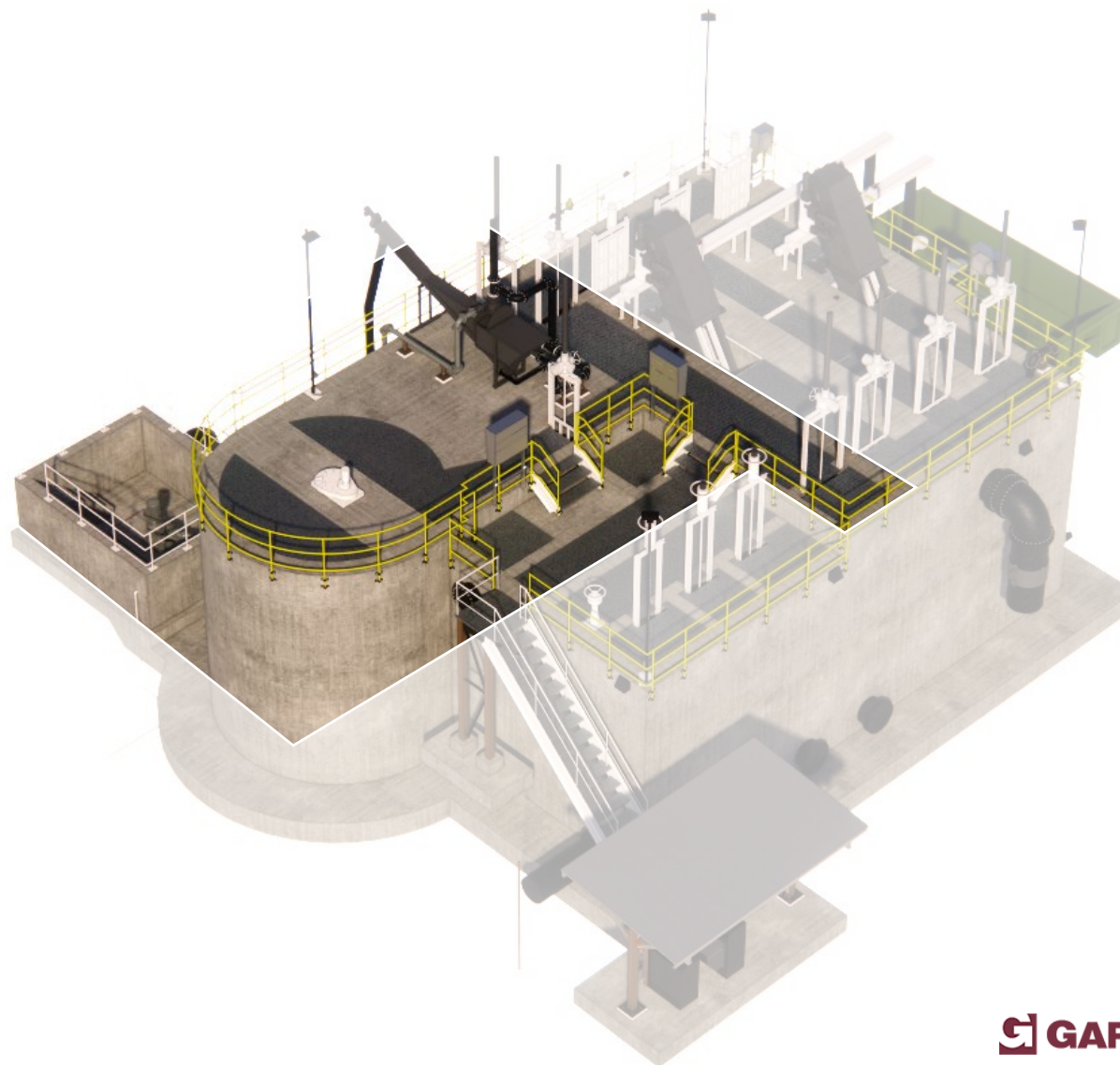
Same technology/manufacturer but reduced opening size to increase performance.

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2. Grit Removal

One mechanical vortex grit removal basin.

Industry “standard” for grit removal with improved performance capabilities.

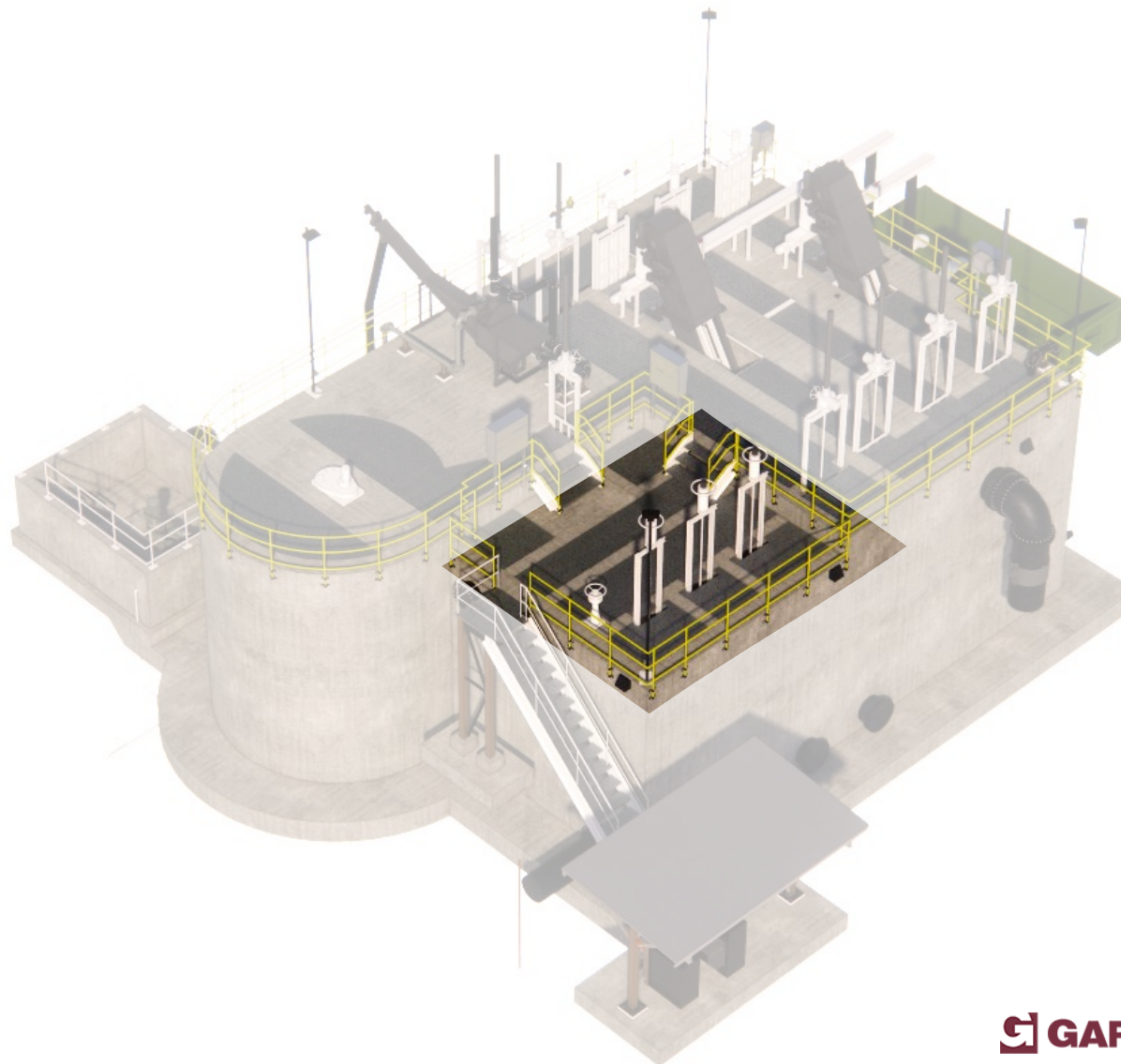


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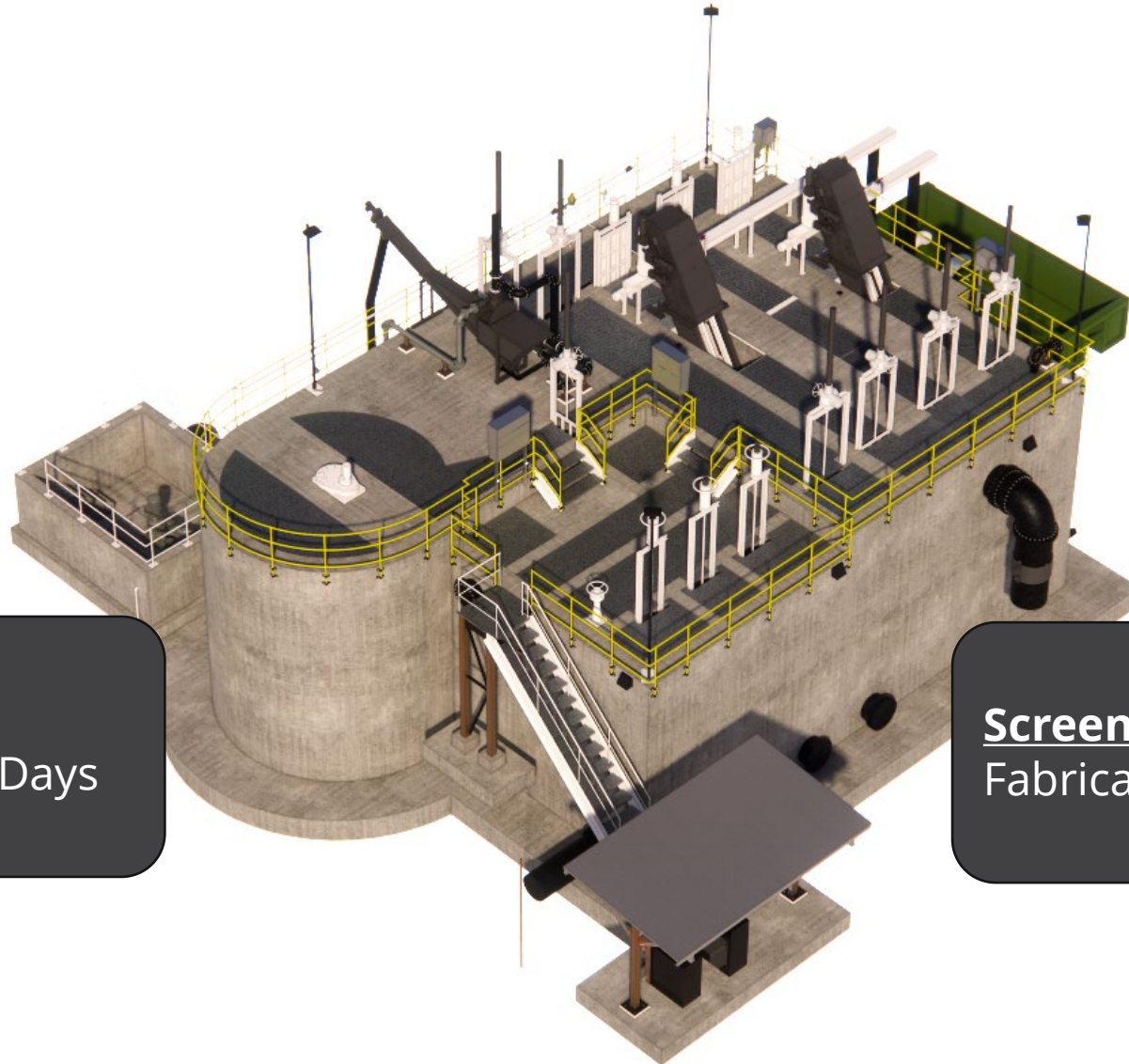
3. Oxidation Ditch Splitter Box

Evenly split flow to each oxidation ditch for consistent operating conditions.

Configured to integrate with future equalization basin.



Major equipment items of the headworks were bid in May 2025 to accelerate equipment delivery.



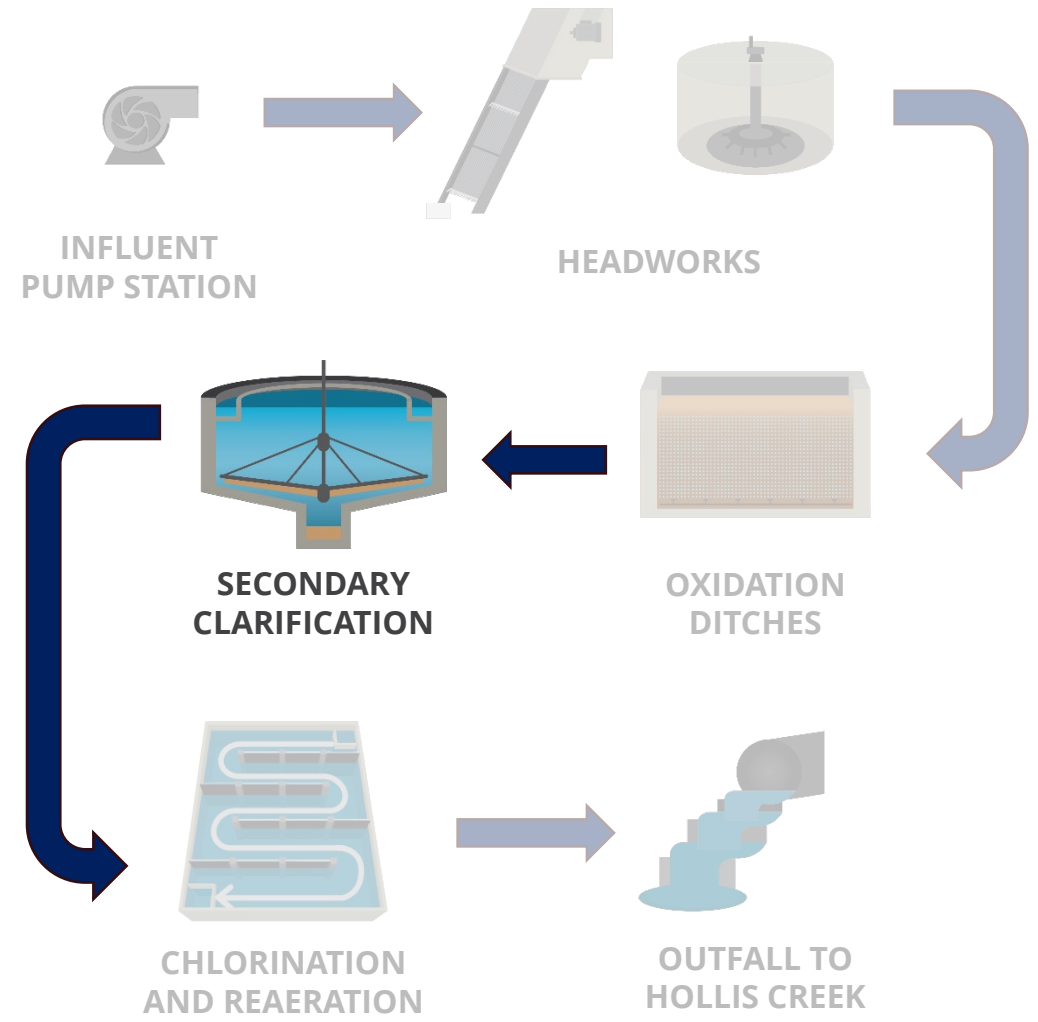
Grit Equipment (S&L)

Fabrication: 400 Calendar Days

Screening Equipment (Kusters)

Fabrication: 320 Calendar Days

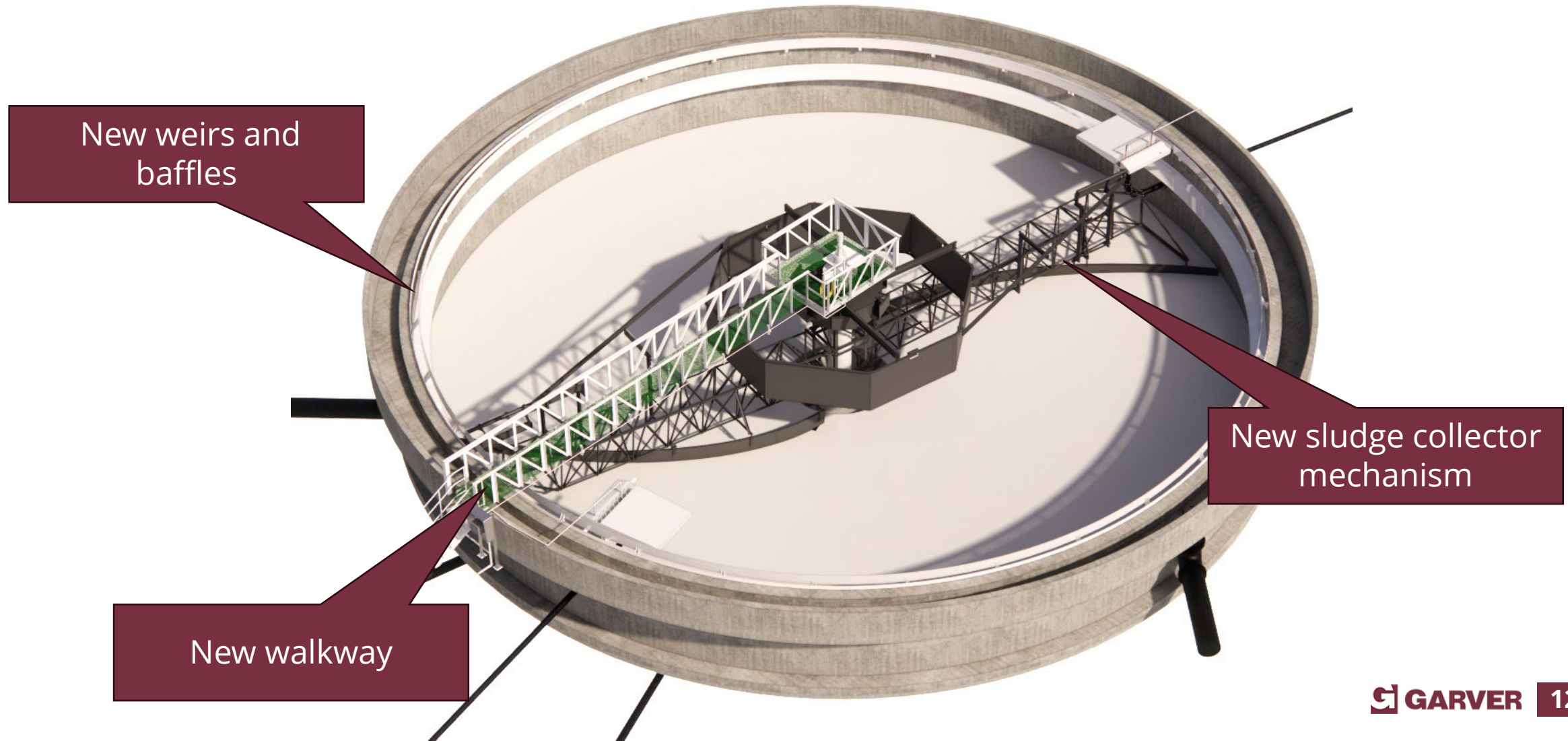
Secondary clarification performance is required for consistent permit compliance.



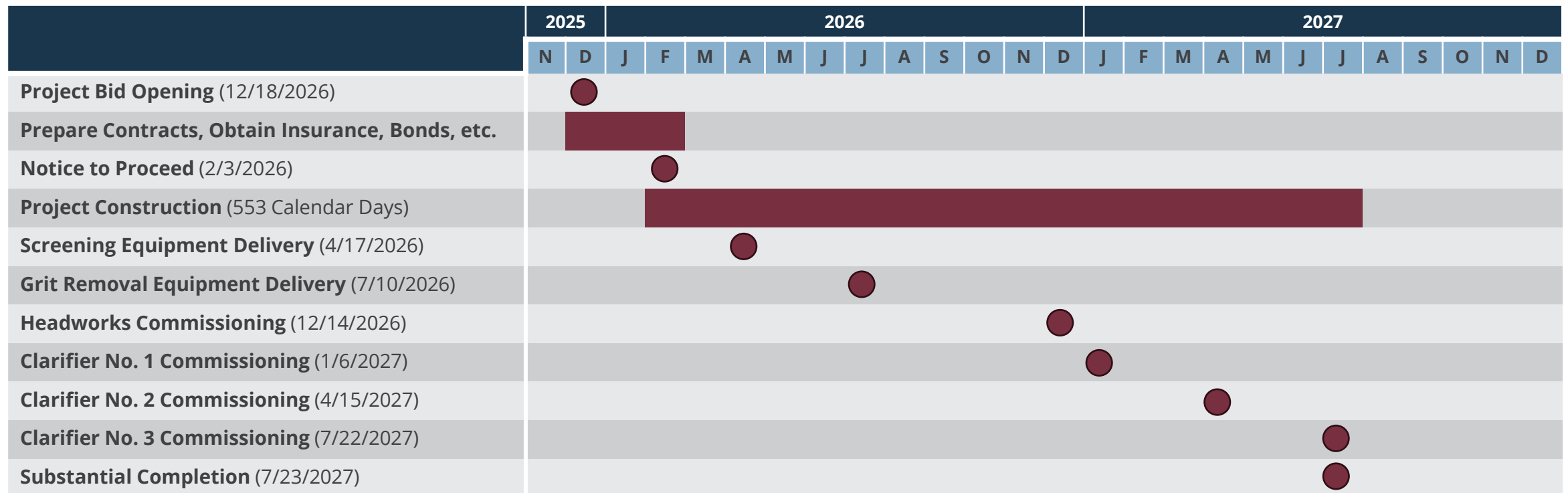
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Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2026 with a target completion date in Summer 2027.



Ernest E. Jones WWTP Aeration Improvements

Construction Update

**The Ernest E. Jones
WWTP Aeration
rehab project
includes
replacement of the
existing aerators and
associated electrical
rehabilitation.**



While the project bid in August 2024, on-site construction could not begin until June 2025.



**Oxidation Ditch No. 1
was the first unit
taken out of service
and is currently being
rehabilitated.**



Currently, Oxidation Ditch No. 1 has been drained and cleaned out, with work ongoing to install the piers.



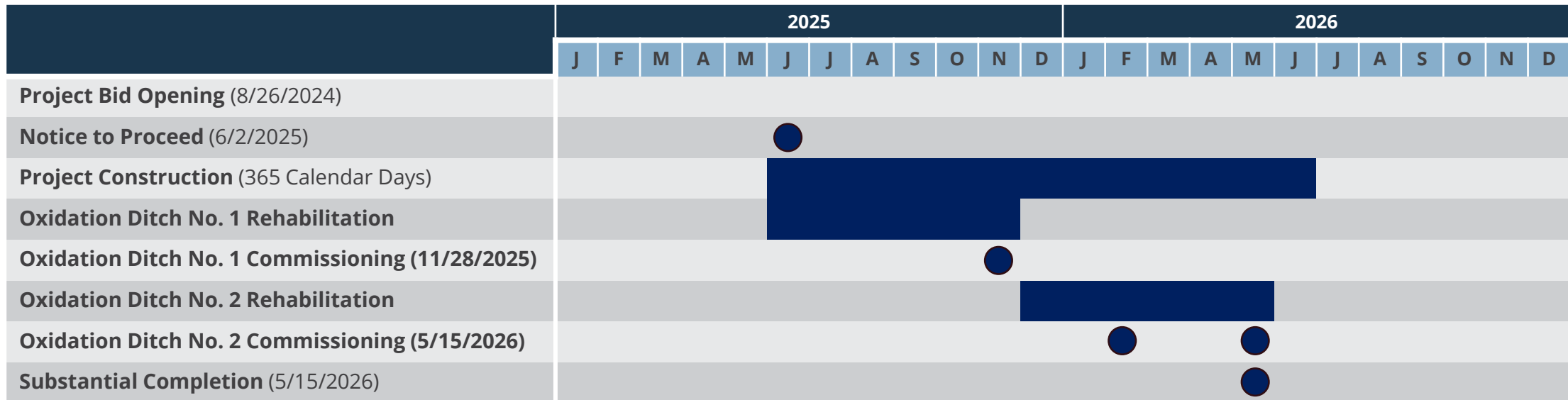
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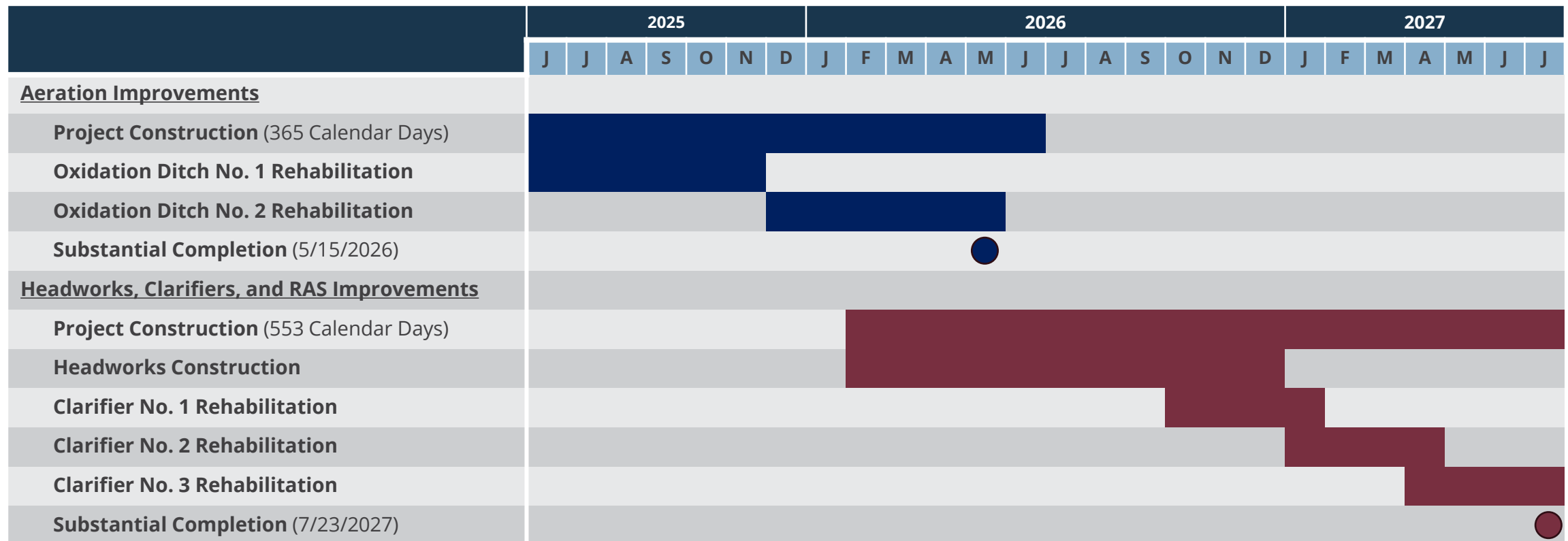
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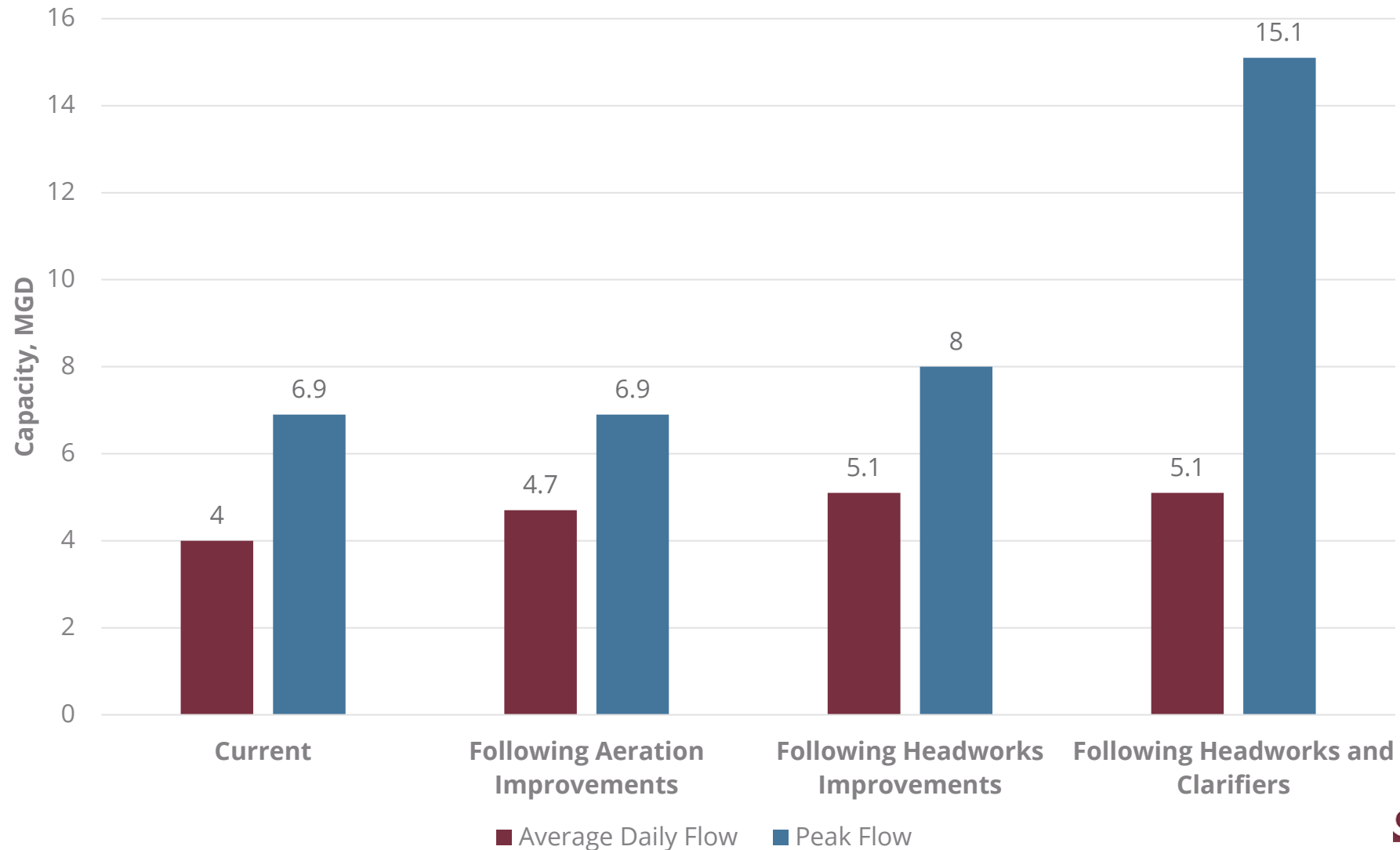
Construction is on schedule and anticipated to be complete in mid- to late-2026.



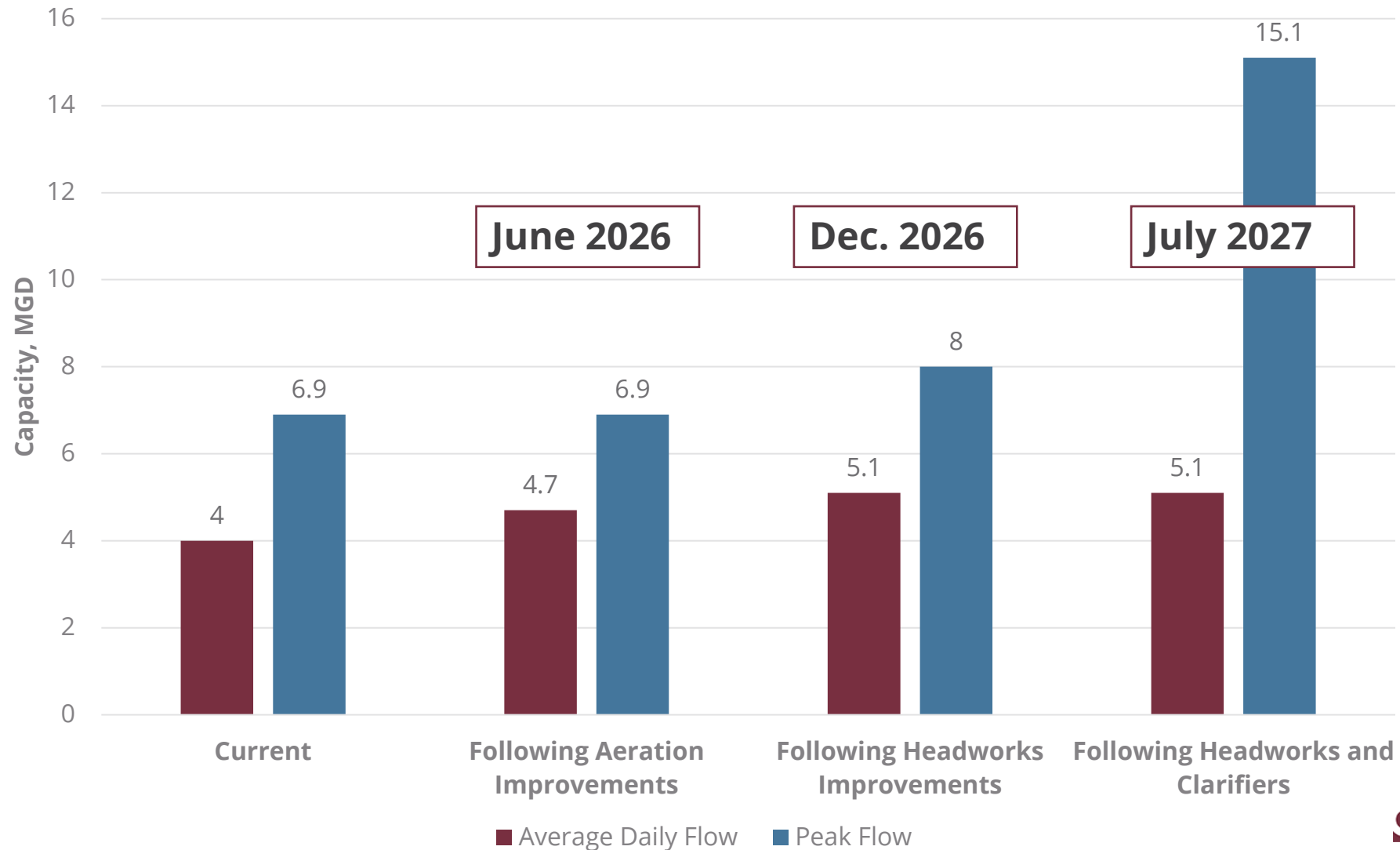
Each project is independent and can be completed without impacting the other.



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What does this capacity mean for the system?

For every 100,000 gallons of wastewater, at average day conditions...

220 Homes

(Family of 4 using historical per capita flow rate)

1,100 Apartments

(2 people living in each)

330 Offices

(Assuming a staff of 25 people)

35 Hotels

(Assuming 50 guests and 5 workers)



**THERE WILL BE A WORK SESSION OF THE
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025.**

**AT 11:00 AM IN THE STARKVILLE CITY HALL
LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET
IN THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

The public and media are invited to attend.

The City of Starkville is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please call the ADA Coordinator at (662) 323-2525 ext. 3119, in advance for any services requested.