Property Acquisition

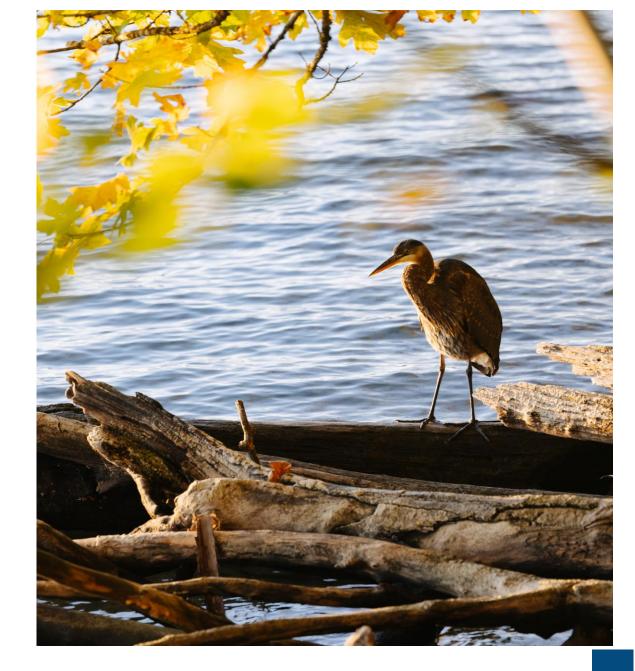
Condemnation authority to efficiently deliver schedule-driven capital projects

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Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act

- Ensures property owners are treated fairly and consistently.
- Encourages and expedites agreements with property owners.
- Provides for efficient and effective implementation of the regulations in the Act.
- Prohibits coercive actions.



Brightwater Treatment Plant

- Ordinance 14699 (2003) authorized condemnation, if necessary, for the construction a third regional wastewater treatment plant.
 - 29 properties acquired for the treatment plant site
 - 4 property acquisitions for the portal locations
 - ~ 150 subsurface easements acquired for the project
- Reached agreement on nearly all properties and easements.
- Only four acquisitions required filing for condemnation, and only one went to trial.



Summary

Up-front Council authorization for condemnation:

- Protects property owner interests, ensures a fair and consistent outcome across parties.
- Helps with **timely delivery of essential facilities** like a Combined Sewer Overflow treatment facility required under a federal consent decree.
- Aligns with standard **federal and state acquisition procedures**.

Thank you

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