



**WESTMINSTER**  
COLORADO

**Water 2025 | Community Working  
Group**

Meeting #1

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Wednesday, May 23, 2018

## Agenda

- Meeting Guidelines & Purpose
- Introductions
- Community Working Group Process
- Project Overview
- Visioning Workgroups
- Closing

## Meeting Guidelines

- Demonstrate courtesy and respect
- Maintain order and support a civil process - this is a safe environment
- Be considerate, do not engage in side conversations
- Actively listen, keep an open mind and refrain from interrupting
- Help us stay on agenda
- Adhere to the above guidelines at all times

## Meeting Purpose

- Establish roles and responsibilities of the Community Working Group
- Gain a common understanding of the project purpose and why it is needed, schedule and decision-making process
- Identify community values to inform the site selection process

## Introductions

- Water 2025 Project Team Members
- Community Working Group Members

## CWG Roles and Responsibilities

- Act as a representative of my community
- Bring ideas and actively participate
- Respect the ideas of others
- Be available
- Focus on the task at hand
- Serve as a project partner
- Share information

# Site Selection Decision-Making Process

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- **Role of community input**
  - How input is used in the decision-making process
  - How community input informs the technical and operational requirements throughout the process
- **Final decision**
  - Ultimately, option(s) are presented to City Council for a final decision/approval

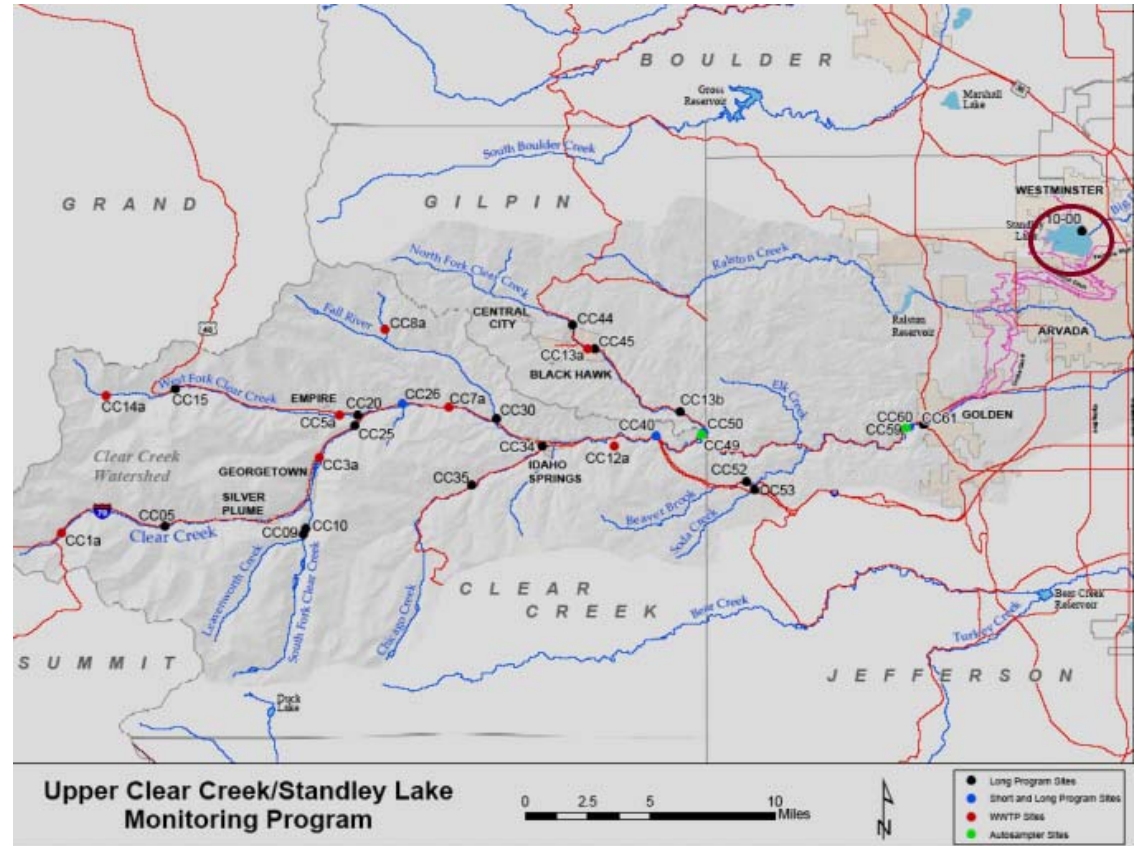
# Westminster's Water History

- **1950s**
  - Westminster relies on ditch and well water
  - 1956 - England Water Treatment Facility opens
- **1960s**
  - Long Hot Summer of 1962
  - Mother's March on City Hall
- **Westminster secures Standley Lake**
  - 1969 - Westminster builds Semper Water Treatment Facility
- **1990s - England Facility decommissioned**
- **Early 2000s**
  - Northwest Water Treatment Facility comes online



# Existing Water System

- Westminster’s water system:
  - Treats up to 59 million gallons of water a day
  - Includes 600 miles of pipe, storage facilities, and Standley Lake



# 2019 is the Semper Water Treatment Facility's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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## Project Need

- **Aging drinking water system**
  - Repair and replacement is always needed to maintain safe, high quality drinking water
  - Vulnerable to threats posed by drought and wildfire
- **Proactive planning**
  - Important for major infrastructure projects
  - Incorporates new water treatment technologies
- **Cost-effectiveness**
  - Aging system costs more to maintain
  - A new treatment plant is more efficient and cost-effective than upgrades to existing facilities

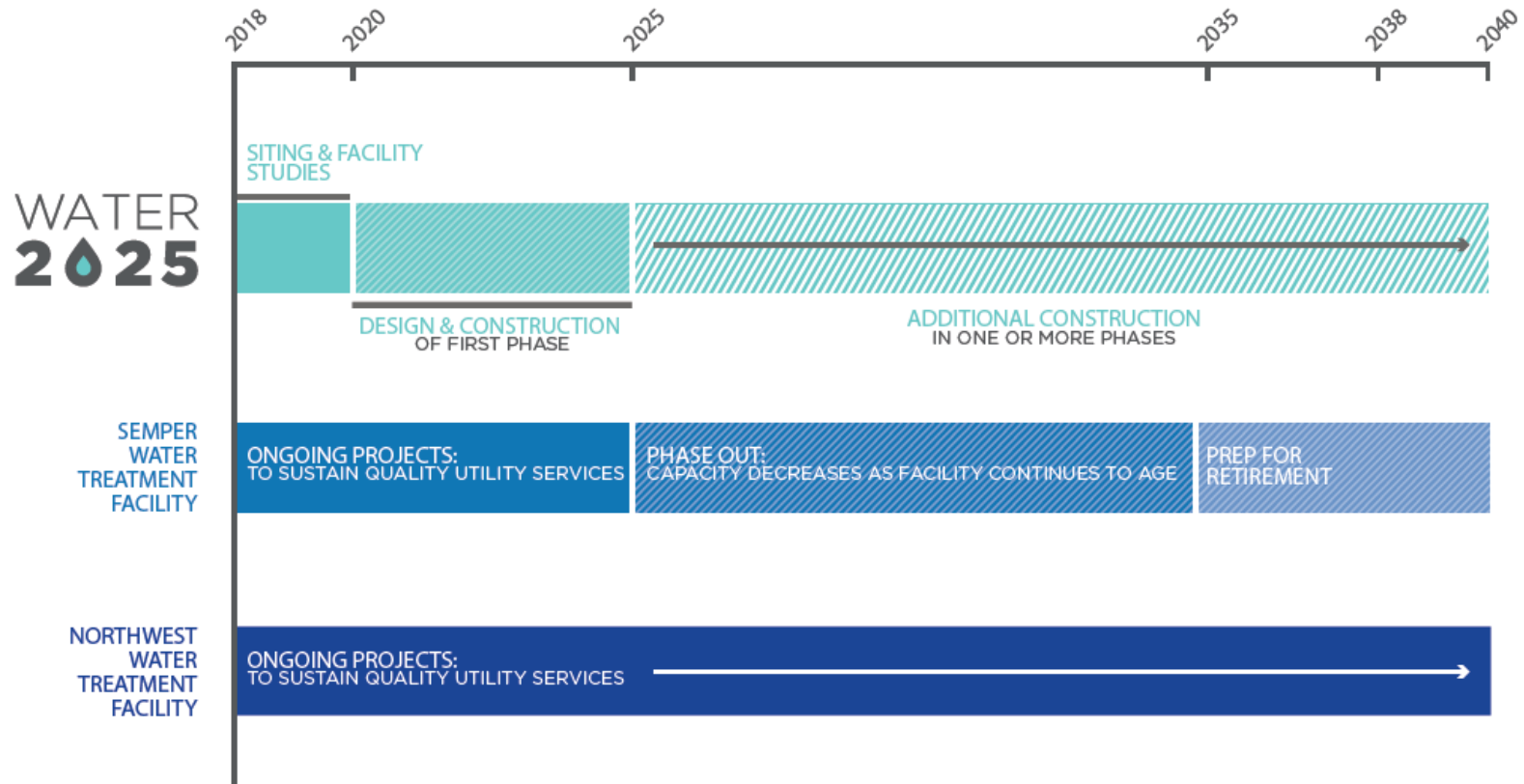
# Water 2025 is a long-term planning project to replace the City of Westminster's aging Semper Water Treatment Facility

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- **Siting project goal**
  - Identify the best site for the new facility using a systematic review process that is based on technical and operational requirements, as well as significant community engagement.
- **Siting project process**
  - National model used on many projects across the U.S.A.

# City's Plan to Maintain Safe, High Quality Drinking Water

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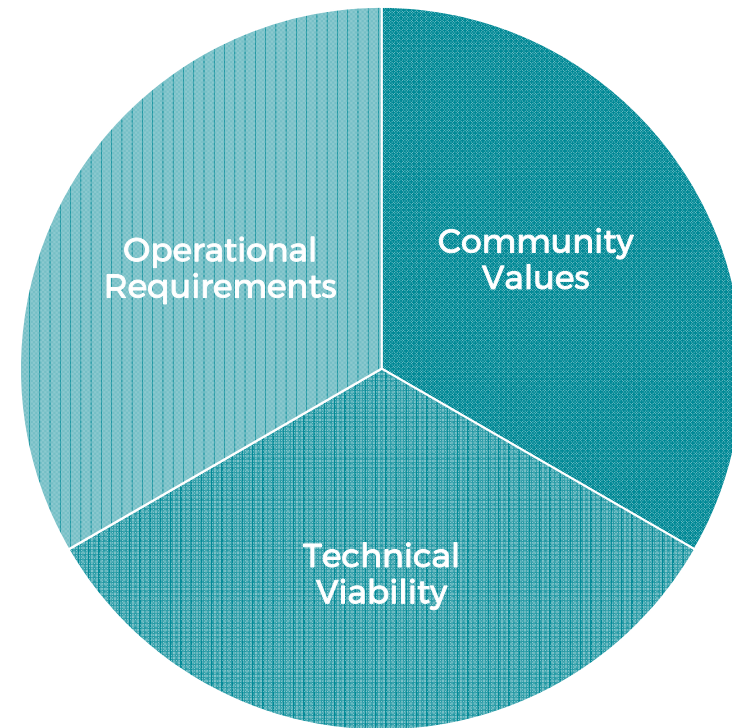
# Site Selection Process and Schedule





## Community Engagement Process

- Milestone-driven approach
- Preliminary interviews
- Community Working Group
- Community-wide events
- Digital
- Media



## Preliminary Interview Themes

- Community-focused communication
  - Proactive public education
  - Inclusive and diverse stakeholder views
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  - Revitalizing underutilized space
  - Creating placemaking and community amenity opportunities
  - Environmental stewardship and sustainability

## Visioning Exercise

- Small group discussion



Issues/  
Concerns



Values



Prioritization

## Closing

- Schedule water plant tour
- Upcoming meeting dates

**Questions?**

# Public Q&A

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# Summary of Preliminary Interview Themes

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