# Silver Lake Golden Township Sewer Options

Planning for the future of Silver Lake

August 2017

### Algae Blooms







### **Fish Kill**

3,000 dead fish, just on the north shore alone







### Water Quality



Hunter's Creek May 15, 2012



### Bill's House – June 6, 2012



9360 W Silver Lake Rd June 6, 2012





## **Previous Studies**

- 1979 Kroft
- 1993 Progressive
- 2001 Wally Fusilier
- 2003 Prein & Newhof
- 2006 MSU
- 2009 Voogt

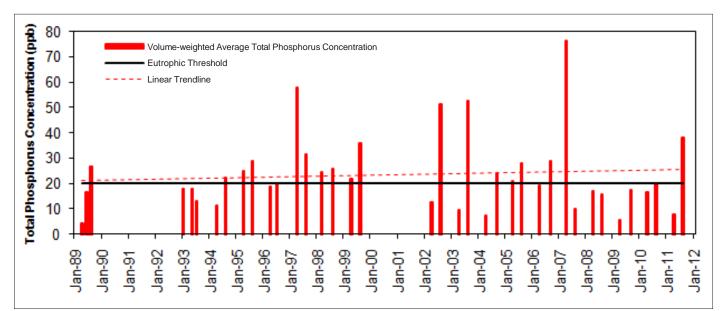
All had Same conclusion: Sewer are needed

### The **Quality** of the Lake has **Deteriorated**

### **20 years of Data have shown worsening conditions.**

- Increased Phosphorous Level
- Decreased Water Clarity

<u>Progressive Engineering: in September 2011 stated:</u> *"…recent and historical sampling data indicate that Silver Lake is undergoing accelerated eutrophication.* 







# Silver Lake Nutrient Loading Study, Oceana Co., MI 2012-2015

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#### In cooperation with the Silver Lake Improvement Board

U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey



## **Project Problem**

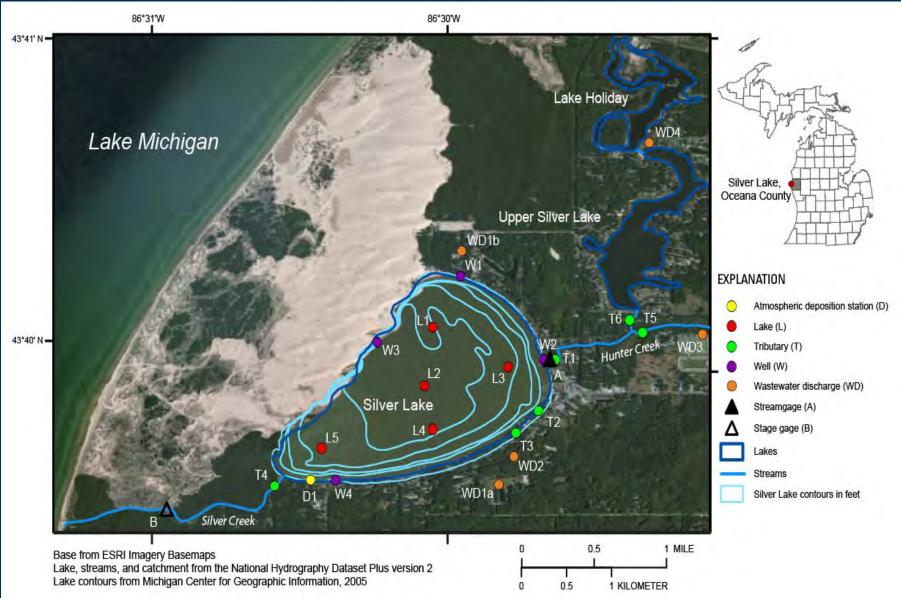
 In 2011, Progressive AE published the "Silver Lake 2011 Water Quality Monitoring Report"



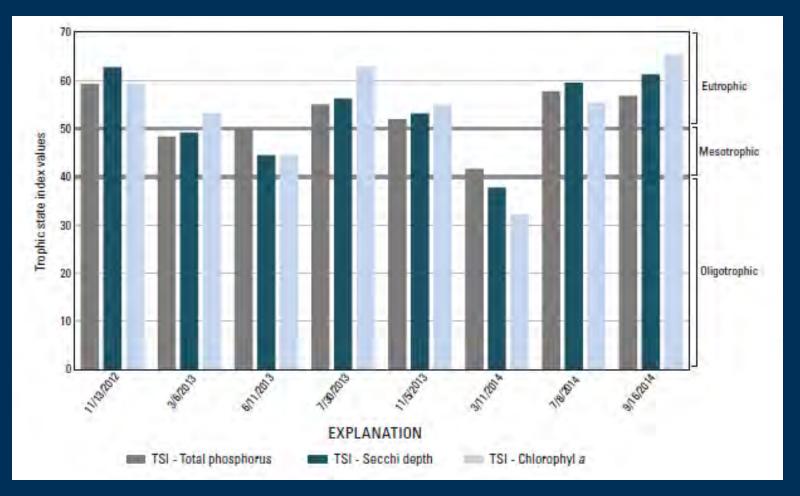
Study results indicated Silver Lake appeared to be undergoing more accelerated eutrophication and if the trend continued, that there would be more frequent and prolonged algal blooms, reduced transparency, and a decline in overall water quality.



### Silver Lake, Oceana County, MI



### **Project results – Trophic Status**





Trophic status of Silver Lake, Oceana County, Michigan, based on Carlson's Trophic State Index. (TSI, trophic state index; less than 40 represents oligotrophic conditions, 40-50 mesotrophic, greater than 50 represents eutrophic conditions).

### **Project results**

- Concluded that internal loading is not a major source of P to Silver Lake
- Algal growth appears to be co-limited by P and N



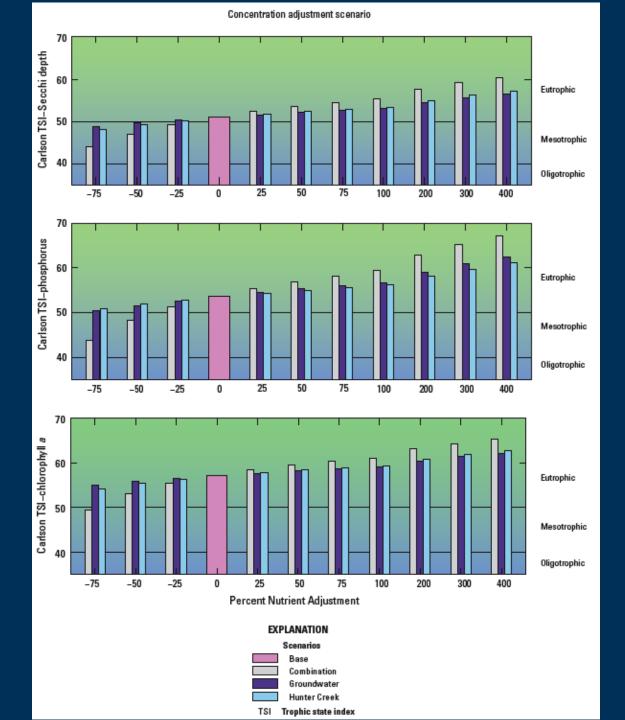
Cyanotoxin levels are not an issue to date



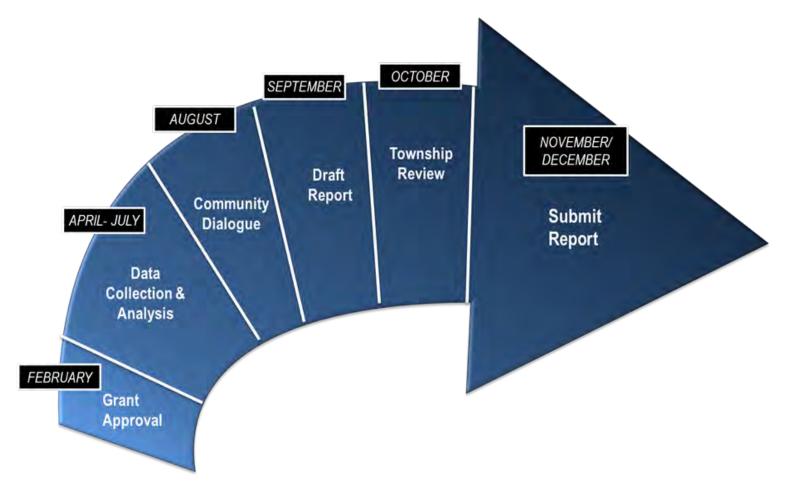
### Predicting future lake conditions

 Nutrient adjustment scenarios of phosphorus and nitrogen to Silver Lake were processed using the BATHTUB model.

**≈USGS** 



### USDA: Rural Development SEARCH GRANT



### **Financial Information**

#### **Type of Financing**

- Municipal Bonds
- USDA Rural Development
  - -Low Interest Loans
  - -Grants

Type of Financing	*Approximate Annual Cost Per Household
Conventional Municipal Financing	\$1,000 + Operating cost
USDA: Water & Waste	
Disposal	\$600 + Operating cost
Loan & Grant Progrm	

\*Rough Estimate

#### **Operational Cost**

Oceana County	Monthly Operating Fees
Hart City	\$30
New Era Village	\$20
Walkerville Village	\$18
Shelby Village	\$22

### **USDA Grant Deliverables**

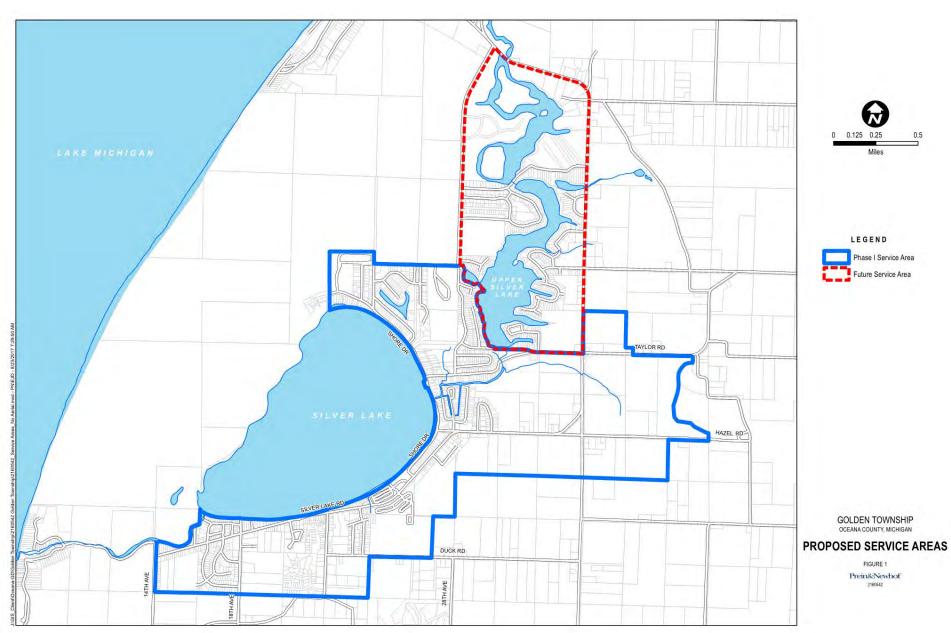
#### **Preliminary Engineering Report**

- Define Need
- Evaluate Alternatives
- Estimate Costs

#### **Environmental Report**

- Review potential environmental impacts of selected alternative
- Define mitigation if needed

### **Service Area**



## **Sewer Flows**

- Sewer flows calculated from State and Federal guidance for Campgrounds, Hotels, Businesses and Residences
- Residence Assumes: 2.3 People x 100 gpd/person = 230 gpd/residence (REU)
- Campground's flow based on number of sites and type of sites
- Projected flow during Summer months = 430,000 gpd

## What is a REU?

- REU is a <u>Residential Equivalent Unit</u>
- 1 House = 1 REU (For us REU = 230 gpd)
- REUs for businesses and campgrounds = Projected Flow ÷ 230 gpd
- Example: Flow is 23,000 gpd ÷ 230 gpd = 100 REUs
- Preliminary Total REUs = 1,865





### **Sanitary Sewer Options**

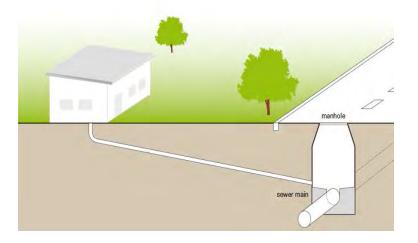
### Gravity

#### or

## STEP (<u>Septic Tank Effluent Pump</u>)

# **Gravity System**

- Utilizes Gravity to minimize moving parts, water flows downhill
- Three pump stations to reduce depth of sewers
- For the Owner it is Flush and Forget





- Low lying houses will still need a pump & tank
- Solids travel with the water

## **Gravity System**

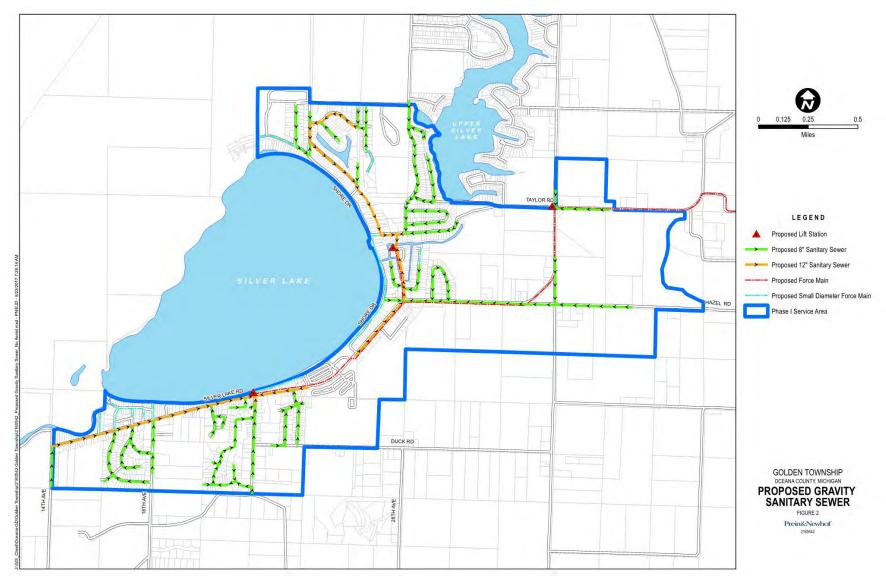
- Gravity pipe constructed with open cut method, 5 to 16 ft. deep
- Will require replacement of many streets
- Force mains installed with directional drill method





- Estimated Construction cost: \$22 million.
- Estimated annual Operation and Maintenance costs: \$84,000

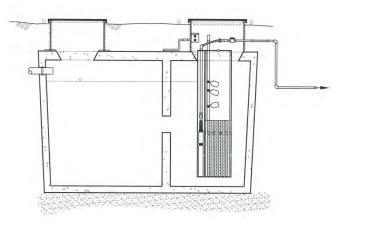
### **Preliminary Layout**



## STEP

- <u>Septic Tank Effluent Pump</u>
- Pressurized system with small diameter pipe
- Uses a pump and new septic tank at each property





- Pumps away the effluent and leaves the solids
- System Operator has ownership of tank and pumps on private property.

# STEP

- Pipe is installed by horizontal directional drilling thus minimizing restoration costs and disturbance
- Septic tank lids and small control panel are visible on the property
- Tanks pumped every 6 to 8 years and pump maintenance by Township





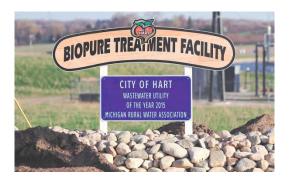
- Estimated Construction cost: \$15 million.
- Estimated annual Operation and Maintenance costs: \$110,000

## **Treatment Options**

## **City of Hart**

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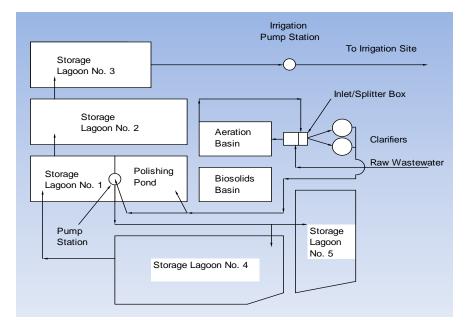
# **Golden Township**



# **City of Hart**

- Has Excess Capacity
- Eight mile force main & pump station
  - Township has no responsibility to treat & meet discharge requirements

- Long term contract and user fee to be negotiated
- Estimated cost \$3,900,000 +
- Estimated O&M \$40,000 +



## **Golden Township**



- Expandable to meet future capacity needs
- Lagoon Treatment System with mulch media
- Removes majority of Nitrogen and Phosphorous prior to discharge to groundwater
- Can take both collection systems with modifications
- Township sets all user rates
- Township is responsible for operating and with a licensed Operator
- Township must meet discharge requirements set by State
- Estimated Cost \$4,300,000
- Estimated O&M \$120,000

