



# Long Term Control Plan Goal Statement

**On March 8, 2012, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and DEP signed a groundbreaking agreement to reduce CSOs using a hybrid green and grey infrastructure approach. As part of this agreement, DEP will develop LTCPs, or comprehensive evaluations of long term solutions, to reduce CSOs and improve water quality in NYC's waterbodies and waterways. The goal statement of this agreement is:**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection submits this Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) in furtherance of the water quality goals of the federal Clean Water Act and the state Environmental Conservation Law. We recognize the importance of working with our local, state, and federal partners to improve water quality within all city-wide drainage basins and remain committed to this goal.

After undertaking a robust public process, the enclosed LTCP contains water quality improvement projects, consisting of both grey and green infrastructure, which will build upon the implementation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Nine Minimum Controls and the existing Waterbody/Watershed Facility Plan projects. As per EPA's CSO Control Policy, communities with combined sewer systems are expected to develop and implement LTCPs that provide for attainment of water quality standards and compliance with other Clean Water Act requirements. The goal of this LTCP is to identify appropriate CSO controls necessary to achieve waterbody-specific water quality standards, consistent with EPA's 1994 CSO Policy and subsequent guidance. Where existing water quality standards do not meet the Section 101(a)(2) goals of the Clean Water Act, or where the proposed alternative set forth in the LTCP will not achieve existing water quality standards or the Section 101(a)(2) goals, the LTCP will include a Use Attainability Analysis examining whether applicable waterbody classifications, criteria, or standards should be adjusted by the State. The Use Attainability Analysis will assess the waterbody's highest attainable use, which the State will consider in adjusting water quality standards, classifications, or criteria and developing waterbody-specific criteria. Any alternative selected by a LTCP will be developed with public input to meet the goals listed above.

On January 14, 2005, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is a companion document to the 2005 CSO Order also executed by the parties and the City of New York. The MOU outlines a framework for coordinating CSO long-term planning with water quality standards reviews. We remain committed to this process outlined in the MOU and understand that approval of this LTCP is contingent upon our state and federal partners' satisfaction with the progress made in achieving water quality standards, reducing CSO impacts, and meeting our obligations under the CSO Orders on Consent.

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