

# Legal Authority

- Key to Blueprint Columbus is controlling excessive water from private property
  - Majority of excess water coming from private property
  - Cannot eliminate overflows without addressing
- A comprehensive program is needed
  - Individual permission too uncertain
  - Need to guarantee certain participation levels

# Two Pillars Relate to Private Property

- Private home lateral relining
  - Relining machine is inside the city sewer
  - Relining sock goes up lateral from city sewer
  - May need access to basement
  - Will usually need to install cleanout in yard
- Stormwater redirection
  - Very much a house by house effort
  - Will usually involve installing a storm pipe from house

# Nuisance Theory

- City Council has broad authority to declare nuisance
  - Engineer's report will provide facts linking excessive water in sewers to overflows and basement back-ups
  - Also link excessive water to private homes
  - Sewage in rivers and basements creates public health threat
- City Council has authority to abate a nuisance
  - Grass mowing

# Process

- Still working on details
- City Council to set conditions for finding that an area is creating a nuisance
- Authorize Director of DPU to take certain action
  - Define and prioritize areas
  - Establish rules for how nuisance will be abated
  - Authorize employees or agents to enter onto private property to abate

# Timing

- Plan is to go to City Council first quarter 2015