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