

# DC Water Carbon Footprint:

## *Current Modeling and Future Projections*



**370 MGD plant capacity**  
**Largest AWTP in the world**

# NUTRIENTS and CARBON RECYCLING

## FARMING



Provides carbon and nutrients valued at \$300.00 per acre.

## SILVICULTURE



Increases yield and improves understory.

## RECLAMATION



Restoring mines to their natural state and providing wildlife habitats.

## URBAN RESTORATION

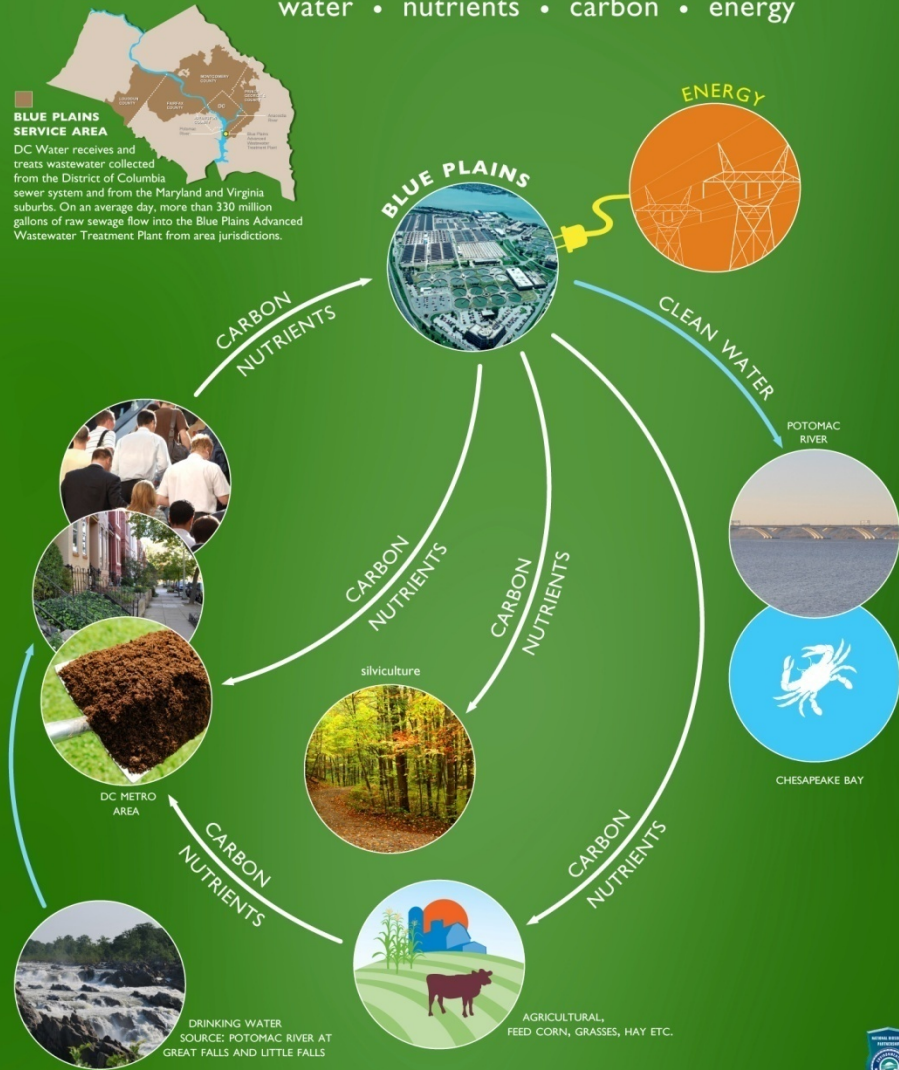


Grow trees and reduce runoff.



# BLUE PLAINS ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: A RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY

water • nutrients • carbon • energy



# GREEN ENERGY BIORENEWABLES



## THERMAL HYDROLYSIS PROCESS (THP) AND DIGESTION FACILITY



DC Water will be the first in North America to use thermal hydrolysis for wastewater treatment. When completed, this facility will be the largest plant of its kind in the world.

### GREEN BENEFITS:

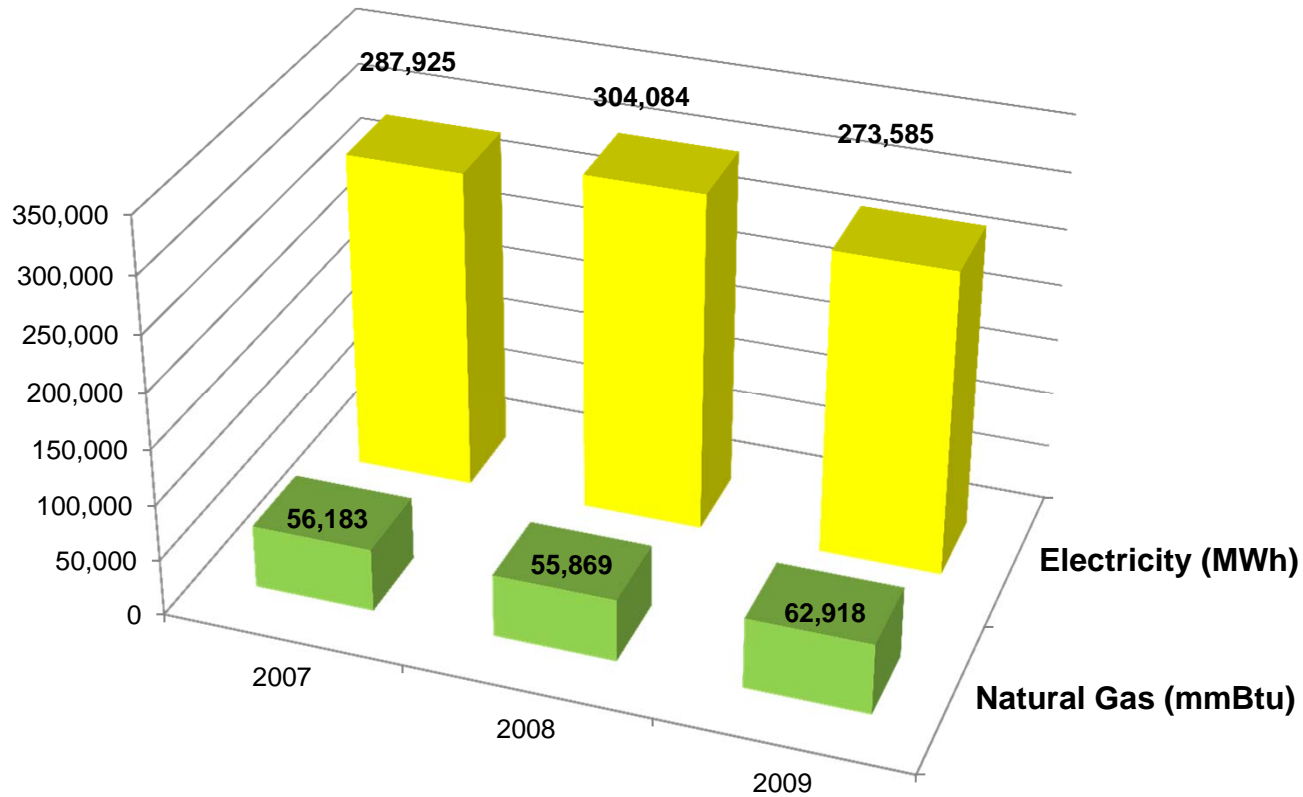
- Produce combined heat and power, generating 13 MW of electricity
- Save DC Water \$10 million annually cutting grid demand by a third (DC Water is the largest consumer of electricity in the District)
- Reduce carbon emissions by approximately 50,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year.
- Reduce trucking by 1.7 million miles per year.
- Save \$10 million in biosolids trucking costs
- Produce Class A biosolids to grow trees, sequester carbon and reduce runoff

[dcwater.com/biosolids](http://dcwater.com/biosolids)





# Total DC WATER Energy Consumption



Based on invoices  
2009 electricity based on PEPCO metering data

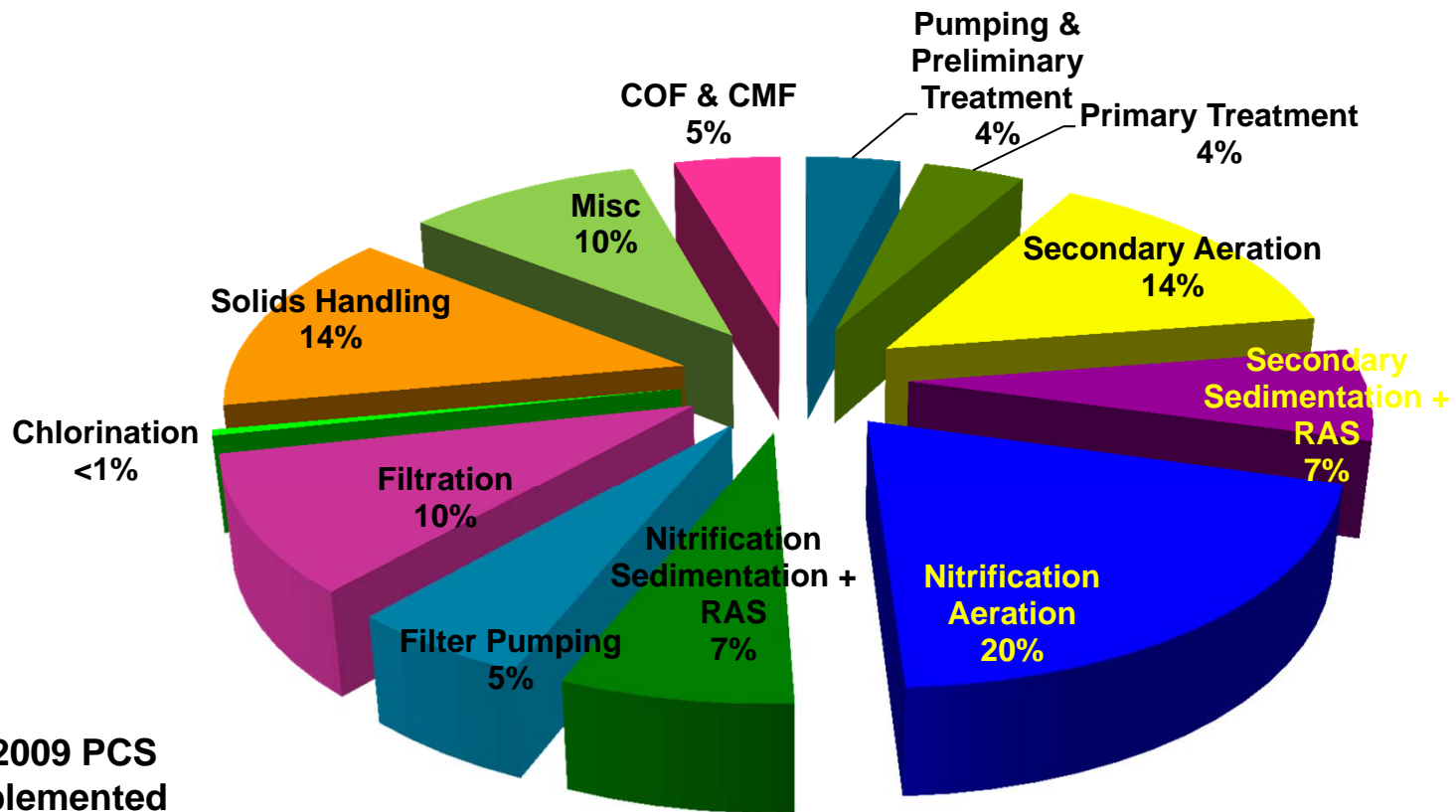


Table 1. Summary of Annual Emission Estimates, Calendar Year: 2008

| Emission Source   | Annual Emissions Estimate |                                    |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | Metric Tons CO2e          | Scope 1 and 2 Percent Contribution |
| <b>Scope 2</b>  |                           |                                    |
| Electricity   | 146,920                   | 88%                                |
| DSS   | 11,053                    | 7%                                 |
| DWS   | 9,163                     | 5%                                 |
| DWT   | 126,704                   | 76%                                |
| <b>Scope 1</b>  |                           |                                    |
| Natural Gas   | 2,967                     | 2%                                 |
| CS  | 197                       | 0.1%                               |
| DSS   | 371                       | 0.2%                               |
| DWS   | 441                       | 0.3%                               |
| DWT   | 1,924                     | 1%                                 |
| FLEET   | 34                        | 0.02%                              |
| Vehicle (fuel usage)  | 2,586                     | 2%                                 |
| Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)                                    | 0.064                     | 0.00004%                           |
| Diesel Fuel No. 1 and 2   | 1041                      | 0.6%                               |
| Motor Gasoline  | 1545                      | 0.9%                               |
| Refrigerants  | 142                       | 0.08%                              |
| Nitrification/Denitrification (process emissions)               |                           |                                    |
| CO2 from Addition of Methanol                                   | 12,007                    | 7%                                 |
| N2O from Denitrification  | 443                       | 0.3%                               |
| Effluent Discharge (process emissions)                          |                           |                                    |
| <b>Total with Scope 1 and 2</b>                                 | <b>167,074</b>            |                                    |
| <b>Scope 3</b>  |                           |                                    |
| Biosolids Hauling (fuel usage/distance travelled)               | 4,107                     |                                    |
| Chemical Hauling (distance travelled)                           | 1,450                     |                                    |
| Lime Production   | 14,883                    |                                    |
| Methanol Production   | 6,747                     |                                    |
| N2O Emissions from Land Application of Biosolids                | 52,548                    |                                    |
| Methane Emissions from Landfilling Biosolids                    | 7                         |                                    |
| <b>Total with Scope 3</b>                                       | <b>246,815</b>            |                                    |
| <b>Carbon Credits</b>   |                           |                                    |
| Carbon Sequestration Land Application                           | 26,844                    |                                    |
| Carbon Sequestration Land Application with Composting           | 13,576                    |                                    |
| Carbon Sequestration Landfill                                   | 2                         |                                    |
| Avoided N2O Emissions from Replacement of Inorganic Fertilizers | 52,548                    |                                    |
| Fertilizer Credits Direct Applied Biosolids (N and P)           | 9,006                     |                                    |
| Fertilizer Credits Composted Biosolids (N and P)                | 1,692                     |                                    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>103,668</b>            |                                    |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>  | <b>143,147</b>            |                                    |

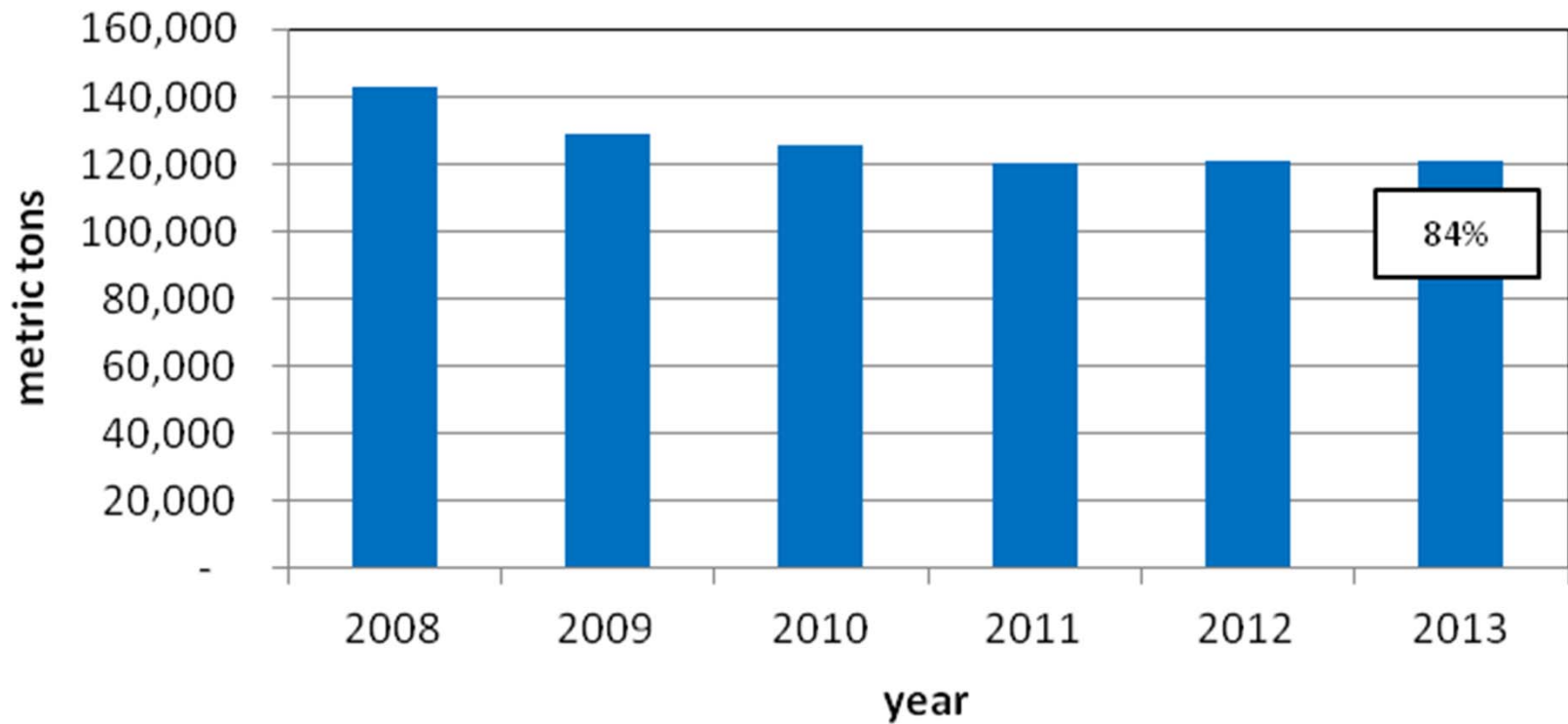


# Breakdown of Electricity Consumption Blue Plains



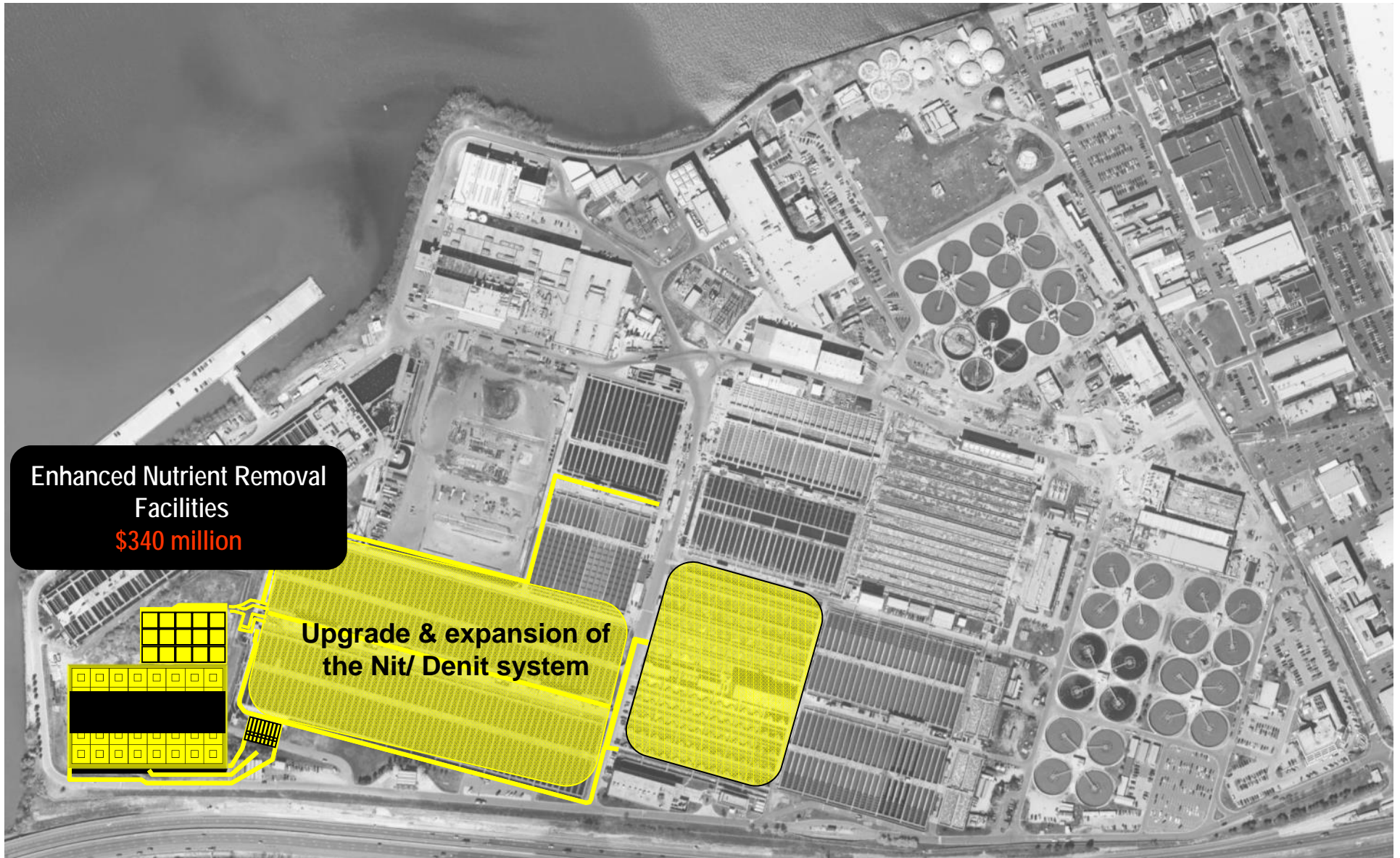
Source: 2009 PCS data supplemented with estimates

### DC Water Total CO<sub>2</sub> e 2008 - 2014 fine bubble diffusers and mixers





# Enhanced Nutrient Removal

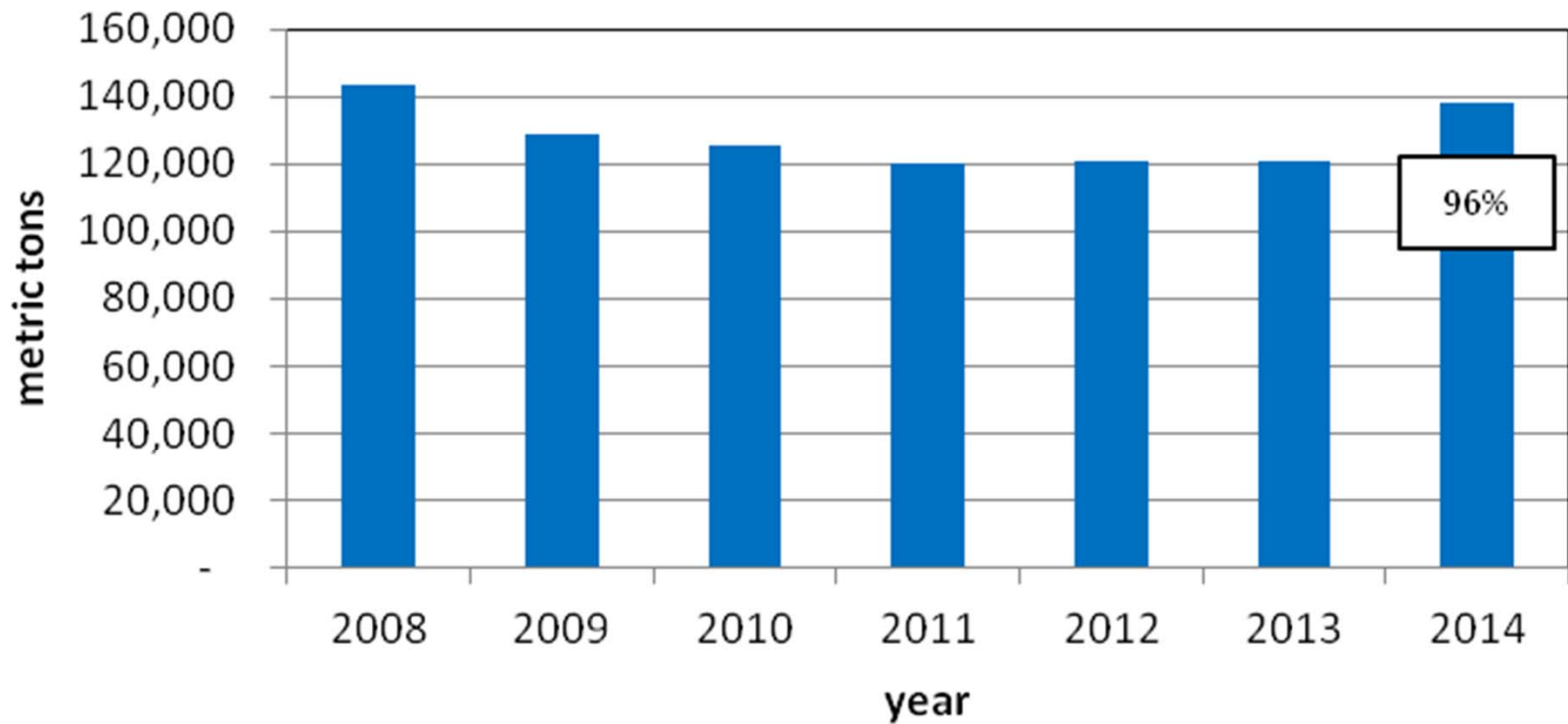


Enhanced Nutrient Removal  
Facilities  
\$340 million

Upgrade & expansion of  
the Nit/ Denit system



### DC Water Total CO<sub>2</sub> e 2008 - 2014 ENR implementation





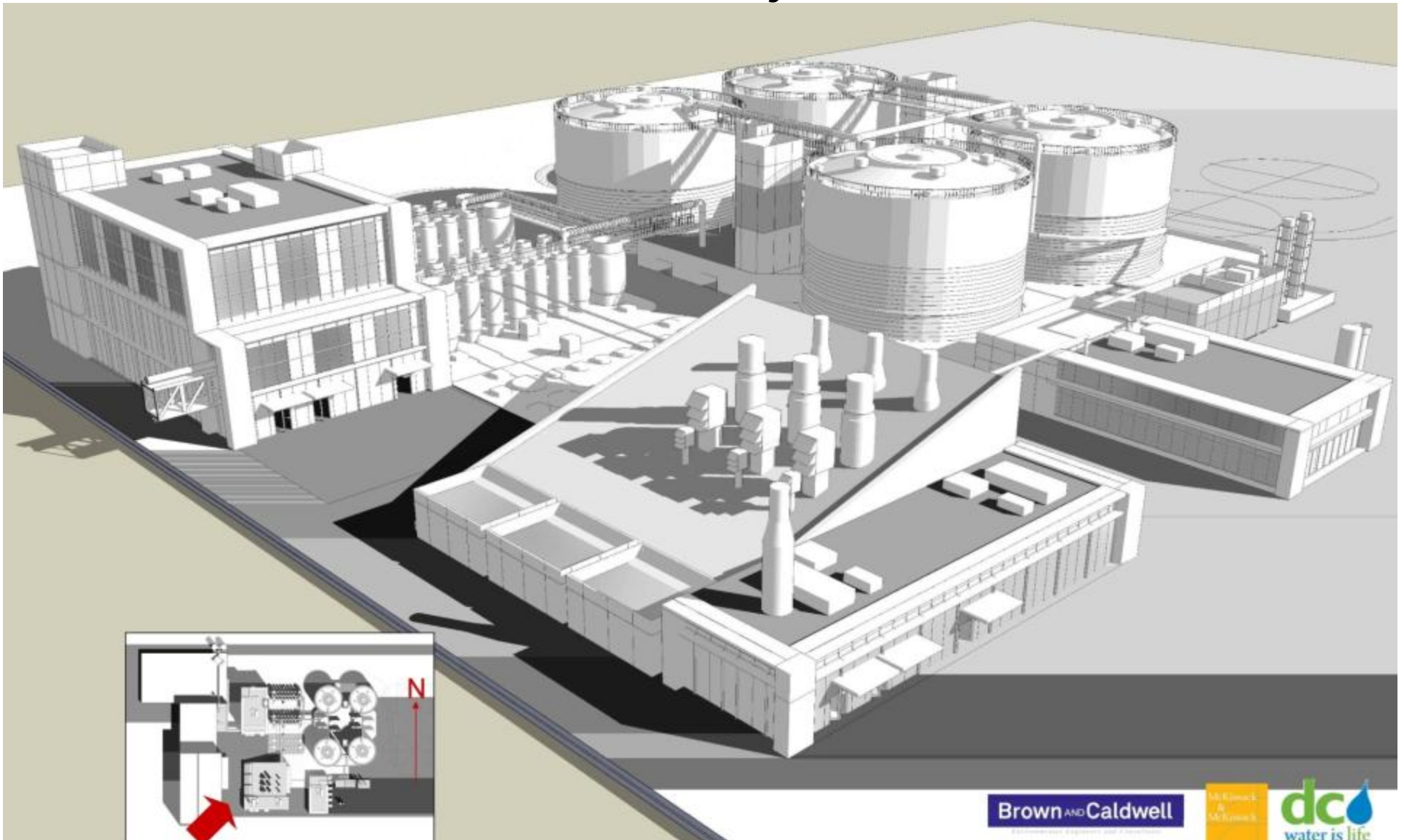
# Digestion and CHP

**New Biosolids  
Management Program**  
**\$450 million**



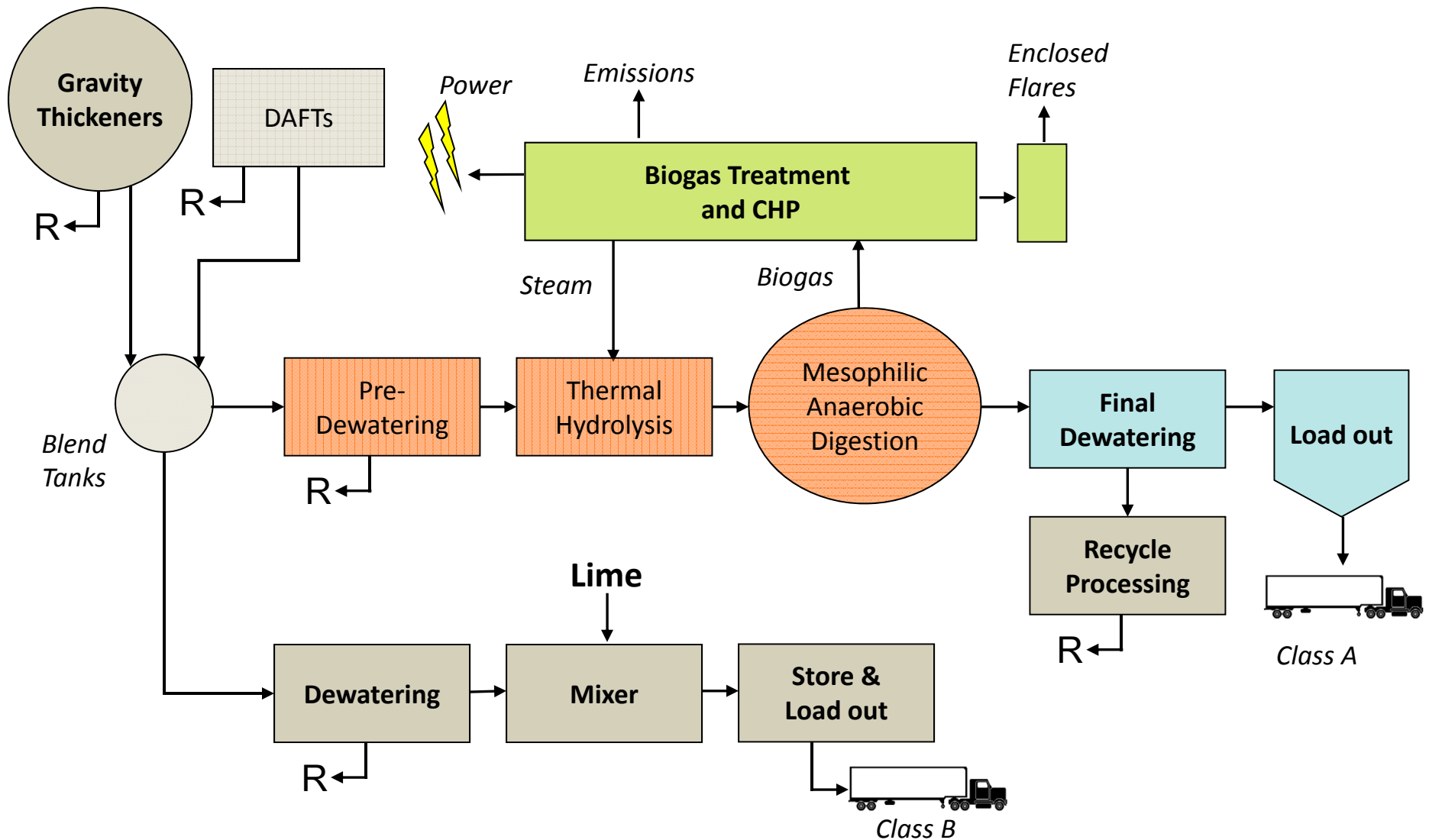


# Digestion and Thermal Hydrolysis Project





# Biosolids Management Plan





# Thermal Hydrolysis Vessels

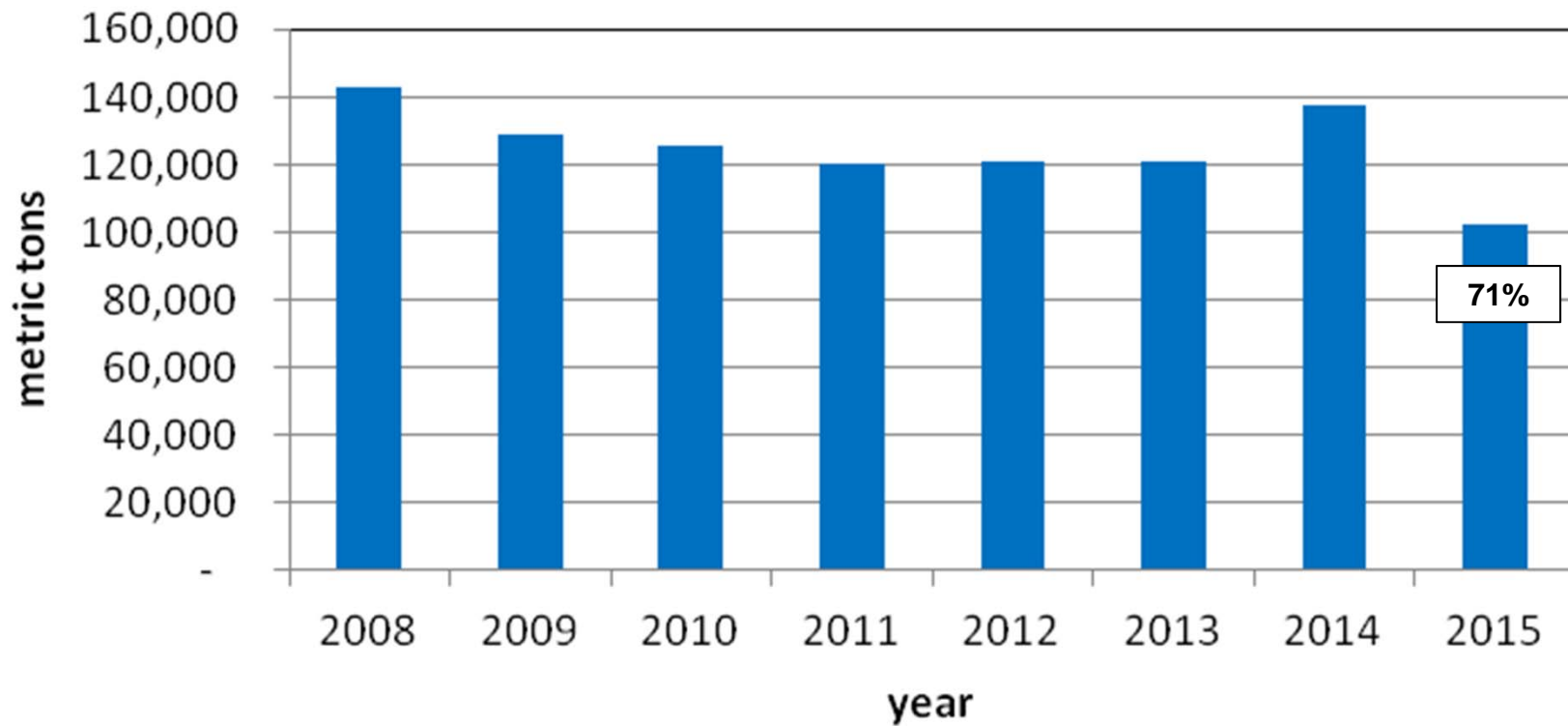


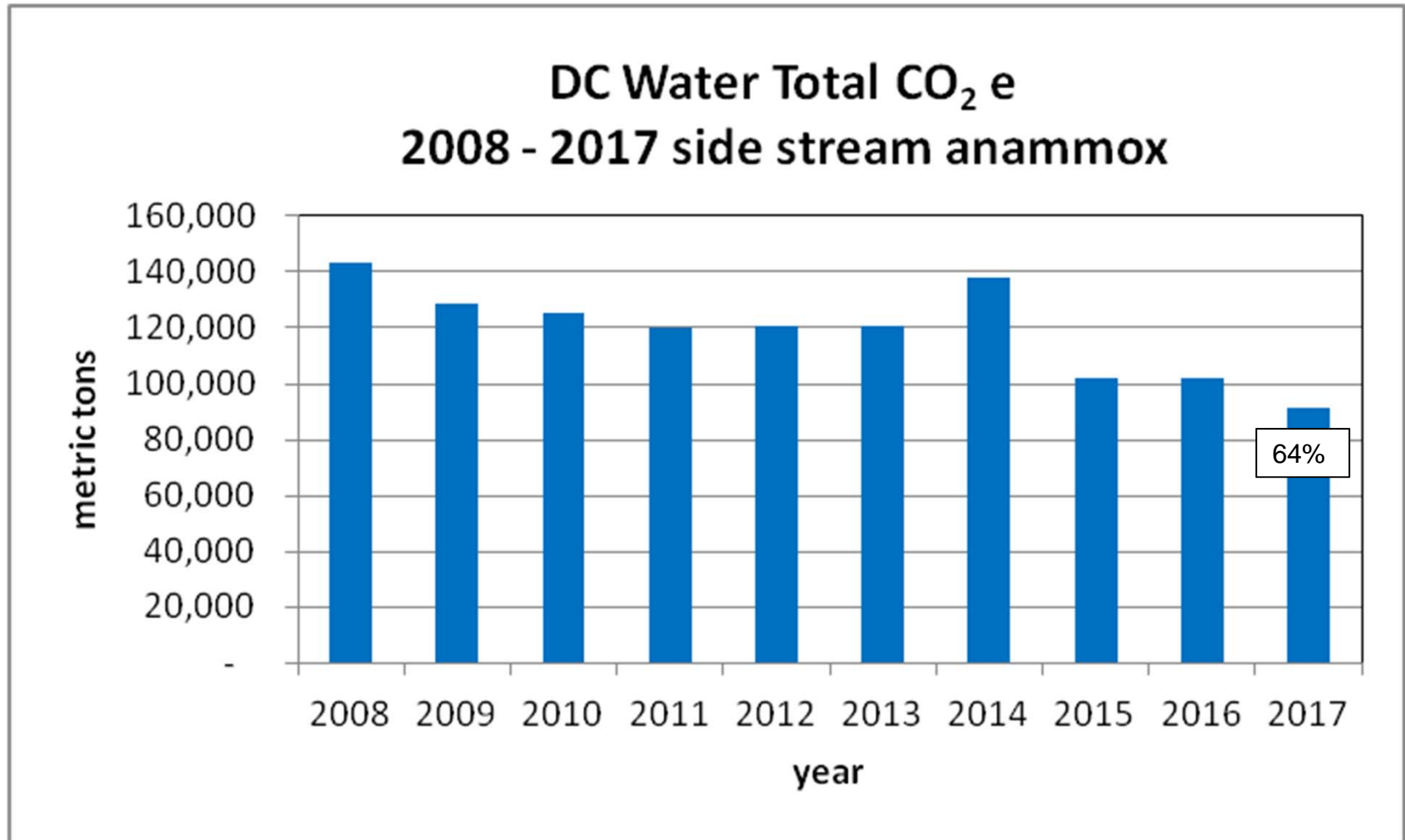


# Digester Vessels



### DC Water Total CO<sub>2</sub> e 2008 - 2015 digestion and CHP









# Clean Rivers Phase I – TDPS & ECF

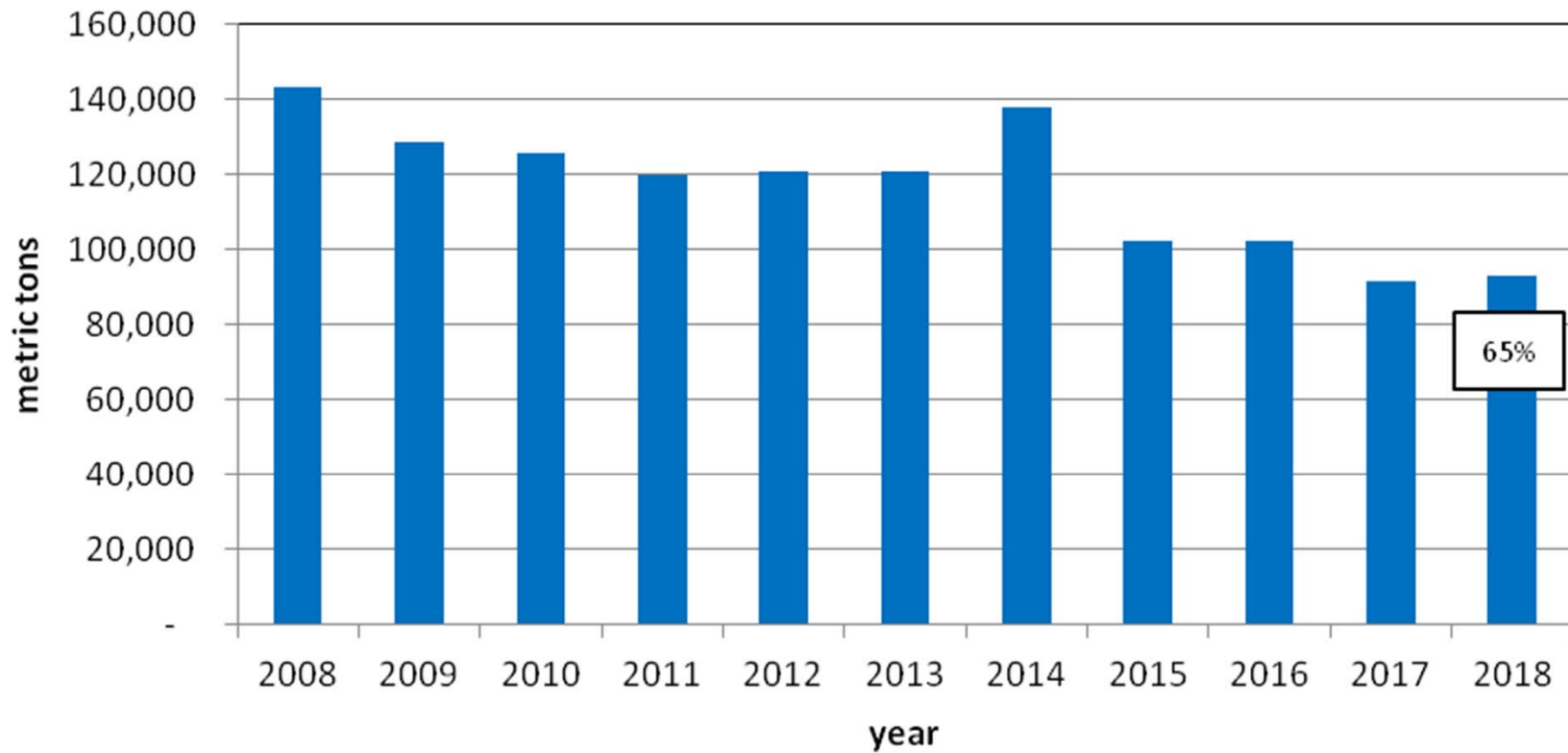
BP Tunnel Dewatering Pump Station &  
Enhanced Clarification Facility

\$300 million

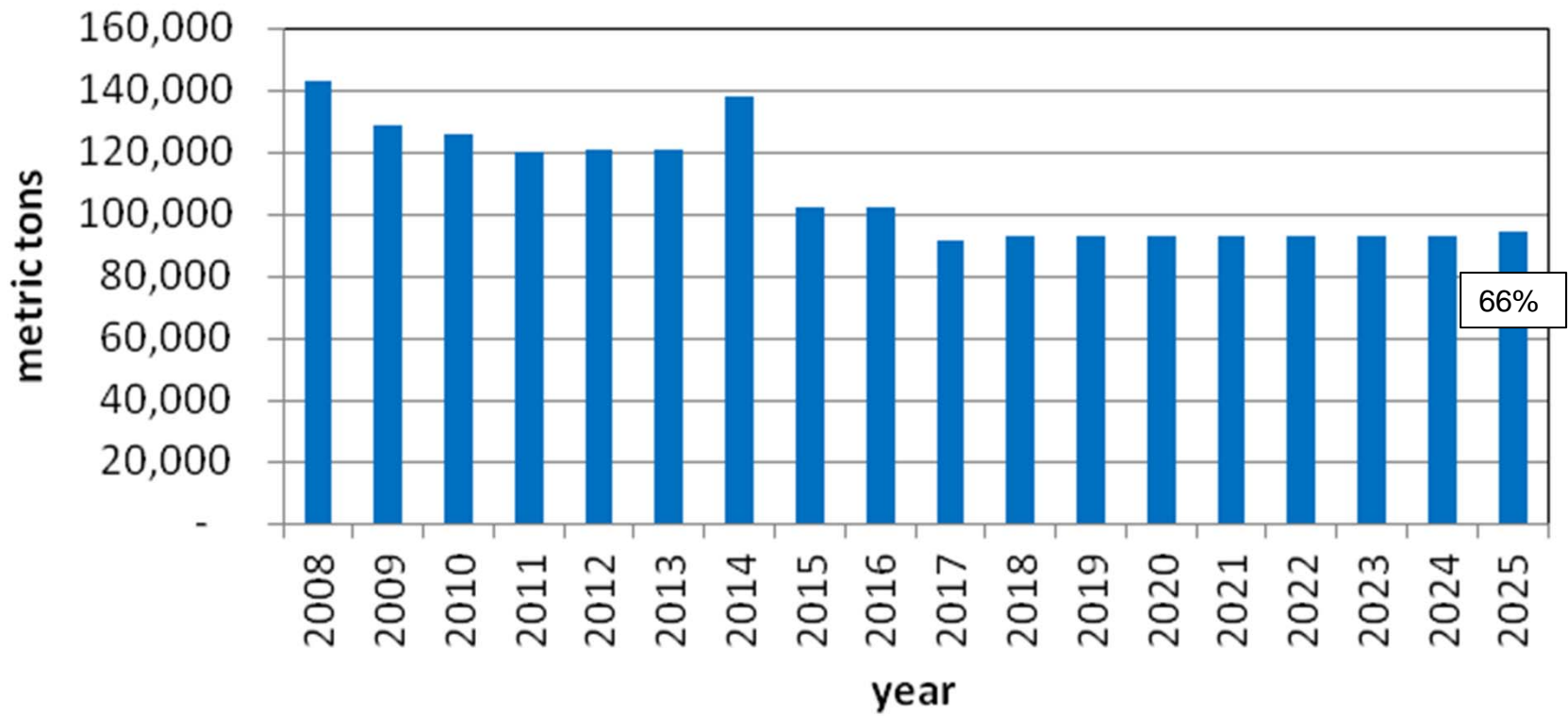




**DC Water Total CO<sub>2</sub> e  
2008 - 2018 Clean Rivers Phase I**



### DC Water Total CO<sub>2</sub> e 2008 - 2025 Clean Rivers Phase II



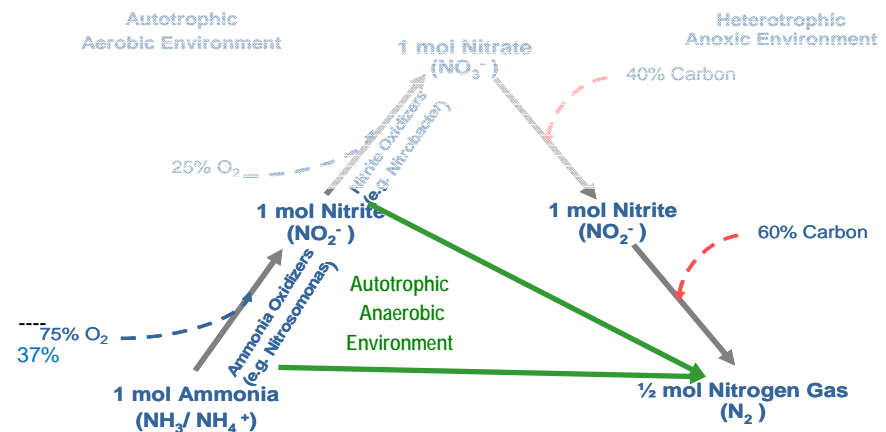
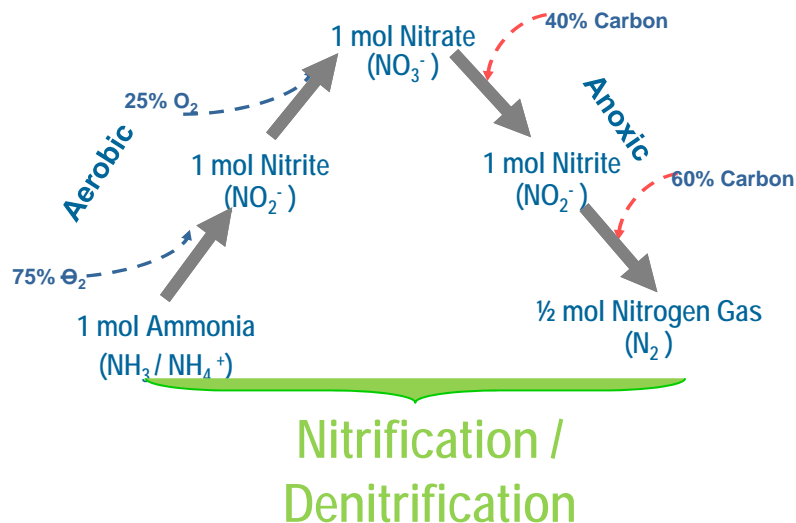


# Discretionary Projects that Could Reduce Carbon Footprint

- Main stream anammox nutrient removal
- Co-digestion of foodwaste, fats/oils/grease, and other high strength wastes
- Solar power at Blue Plains

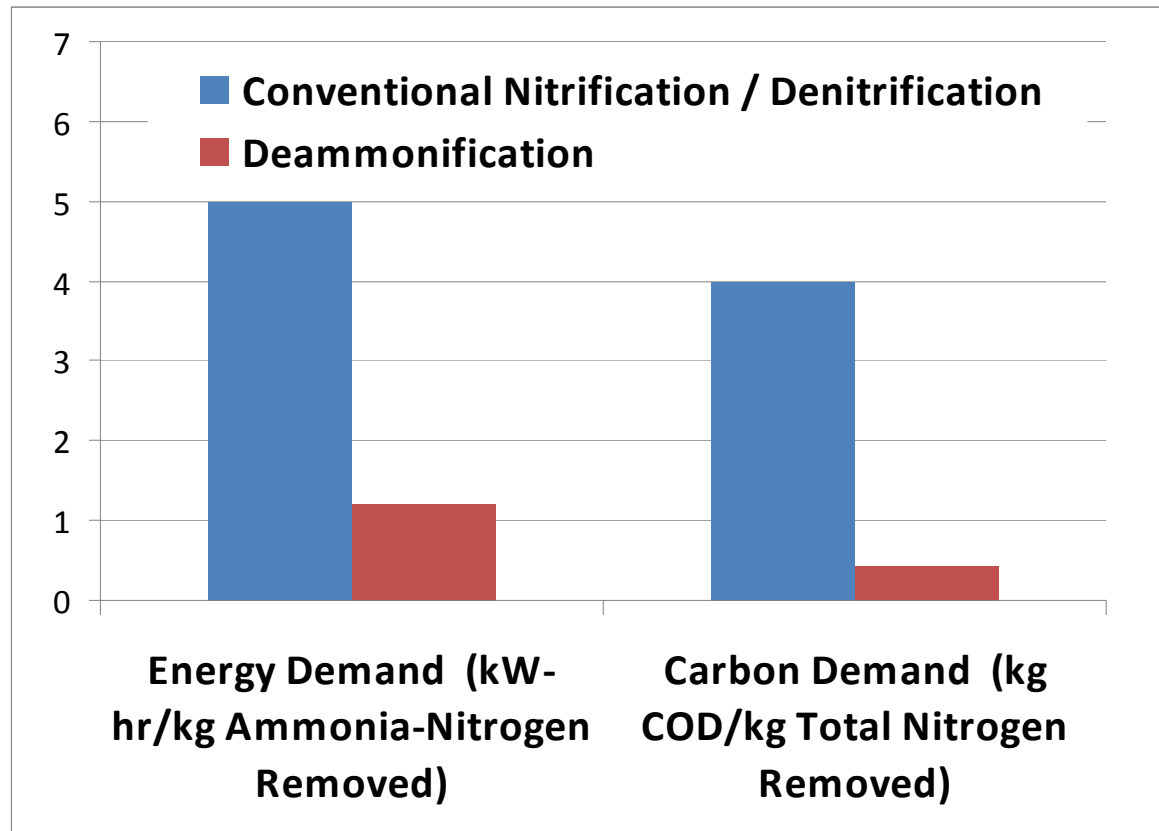
# Biological Nitrogen Removal Technologies

- **Traditional** – Requires use of blowers (to aerate) and use of additional chemicals (methanol) – Both are energy intensive, have large carbon footprints, and are expensive
- **Innovative** - (Anammox) – Reduces aeration and methanol addition – Results in significant reductions in energy use and carbon footprint
  - 63% reduction in Oxygen demand
  - Almost 100% reduction in Carbon demand
  - Reduced biomass production
  - Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions





# Benefits of Innovative Nitrogen Removal Technology





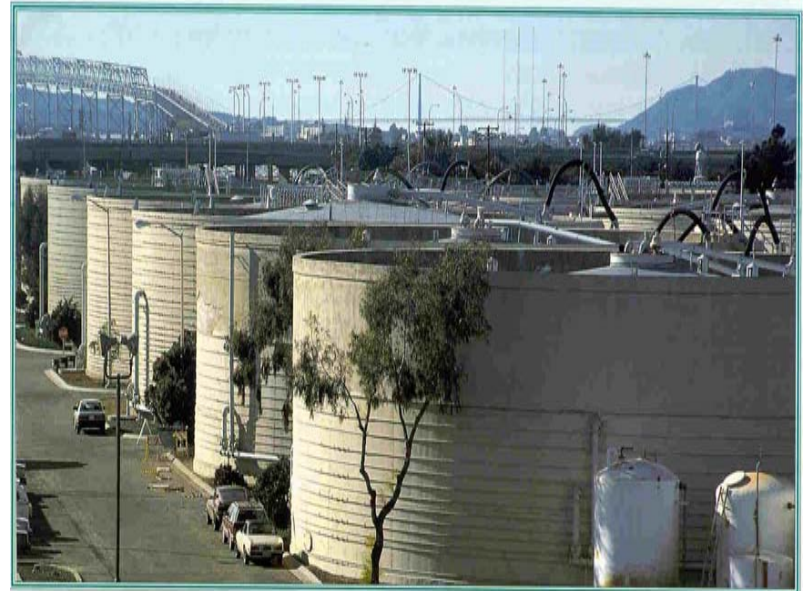
## Co-Digestion and energy production has led utilities toward energy neutrality

East Bay MUD (Calif) announced April 3<sup>rd</sup> that with its new 4.6 MW gas turbine on-line, it is the 1<sup>st</sup> water/ww utility in the US to produce more power than it uses (EBMUD now sells power to the grid).

Having excess digester capacity available, EBMUD has operated like a business to allow fats, greases, and various food and beverage wastes to be trucked in and co-digested at the plant.

Other WWTPs use a similar approach:

1. Reduce plant power use (conservation)
2. Greatly expand renewable power production, normally via co-digestion.





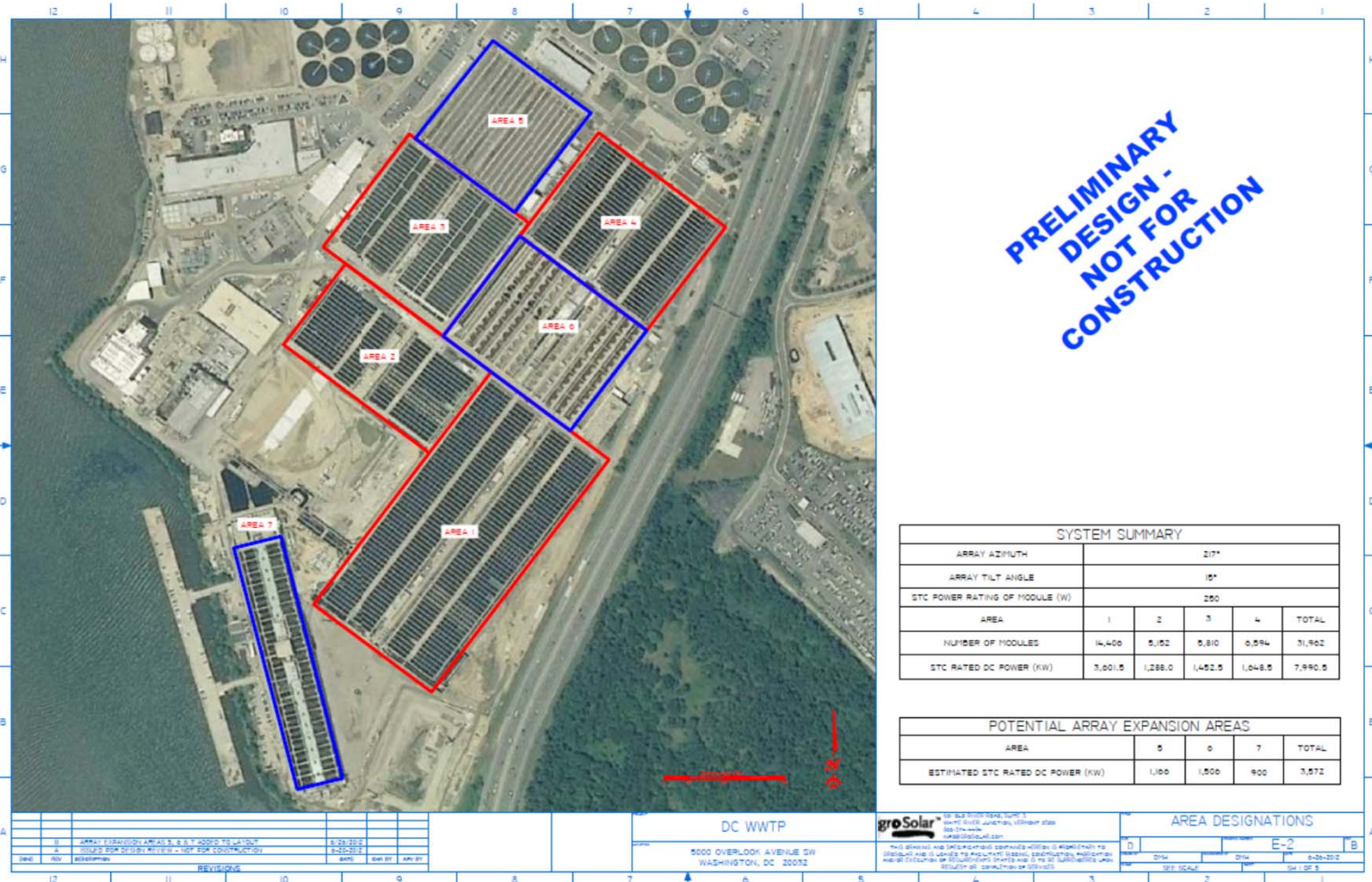
# Camden County (NJ) Solar Center



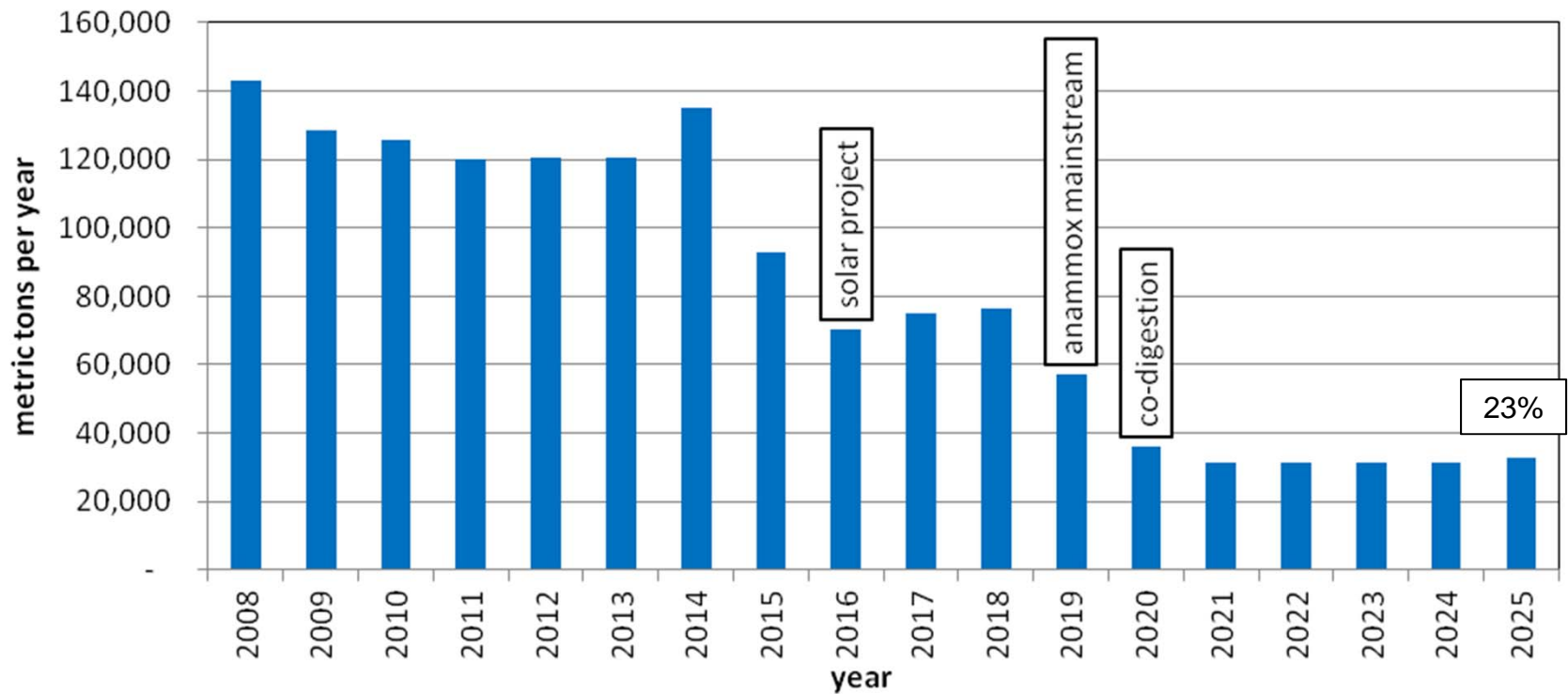




# Potential array locations for Blue Plains



## DC Water CO<sub>2</sub> e emissions and projections w/future optional projects





# Summary and Recommendations

- The decision process for all new projects should consider carbon footprint implications.
- Future discharge permit reductions should consider carbon intensity – may spawn discussion of less intensive options.
- Consider permit leniency when implementing innovative technologies.
- Consider discretionary projects that can reduce budget and carbon footprint.



**THERE IS NO SUCH THING  
AS WASTE, ONLY WASTED  
RESOURCES**