IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF AN EXISTING GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION SYSTEM

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## **CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY CREATES VALUE**

 Corporate sustainability creates value

 Improve the efficiency, costeffectiveness and sustainability of environmental remedies





## SITE BACKGROUND

- The Shoreham Facility
- 230 acres
- Northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Railroad operations by CP and its predecessors from the late 1880s.





## **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: SOIL**

- 1926-1972-Wood treating lessee
- PCP release
- Soil Corrective actions included:
  - Excavation
  - On-site soil treatment





## **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: GROUNDWATER**

 The selected groundwater remedy included 2 groundwater recovery wells





## **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: GROUNDWATER**

 Groundwater is treated with Granular Activated Carbon (GAC).

 Treated water was discharged under permit to the municipal sewage treatment plant.







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Groundwater flow

 The two groundwater recovery wells are screened 155-175 ft bgs





## **GROUNDWATER REMEDY ASSESSMENT**

- Monitoring demonstrated that the treatment system is effective
- Depleted the groundwater resource
- Incurred unnecessary cost
- Long term use of energy resources





## **REMEDY ENHANCEMENT OBJECTIVES**

#### Reduce

- The impact on the groundwater resource
- The load on the municipal infrastructure
- The cost of the system's operations and maintenance
- Maintain the same remedial effectiveness





## **GROUNDWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

- Objectives achieved
- Constructed an infiltration basin:
  - Regulatory agency support
  - Provided recharge
  - Reduced the load on municipal infrastructure
  - O&M costs significantly reduced









# **GROUNDWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

- Treated water discharged under NPDES permit
- Advantages
  - Space available on property
  - Lithology allows for easy infiltration
- Challenges
  - Directional drilling
  - Procedural changes to maintain water flow in pipes
  - Establish vegetation in sand







## **GROUNDWATER SYSTEM ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS**

- Took advantage of available rebates to install solar panels
  - Southern Solar Array: 60 panel system (11.7 kilowatt total)





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– Northern Solar Array: 56 panel system (10.9 kilowatt total)





#### **ENERGY IMPROVEMENT BENEFITS**





#### **RETURN ON INVESTMENT: SOLAR PANELS**





## CONCLUSION

- Infiltration basin created a sustainable groundwater remediation system
- Reduced consumption of grid energy with solar panel arrays
- Long-term operations and maintenance costs were significantly reduced







#### Questions?



