City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Board of Public Works

Monday, January 12, 2026 | **10:00 AM** | **Council Chambers, City Hall, First Floor**

The Board of Public Works meeting is open for in-person attendance and will also be conducted through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed by visiting the Legislative Information Center (https://cityoflacrosse.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx) and clicking on the video link to the far right in the meeting list.)

Call to Order

Roll Call

Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Tamra Dickinson, Erin Goggin, Matt Gallager, Andrea Trane.

Annual Review of Code of Ethics

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 5, 2026.

Agenda Items:

25-1443	Presentation: Sanitary Sewer Utility and Stormwater Utility Quarterly Update
26-0008	Construction Contract Change Orders.
26-0024	Request of La Crosse Farmers Market Association to close Pearl St (between 2nd and 4th) every Friday 2PM-9PM, May to October 2026, for the Pearl Street Market (contingent on required approvals and issuance of city and county permits, including Special Event Permit through City Clerk's Office).

Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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STORMWATER UTILITY UPDATES

JANUARY 2026

MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

- March 31st Deadline
- 2024 Audit follow-up, updates to:
  - SWMP
  - Utility Map
  - SWPPPs
- Ongoing efforts to meet 20% TSS reduction
  - Currently at 17.2%

PERMIT CONDITIONS

- Public Education & Outreach
- Public Involvement & Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination
- Construction Site Pollution Control
- Post-Construction Stormwater Management
- Pollution Prevention
- Stormwater Quality Management

2025 STORMWATER UTILITY OVERVIEW

- 391 BMPs Inspected
- Maintenance Completed on 39 BMPs
  - Inlet Sediment Removal
  - Pond Inlet Dredging
  - Vegetation Management
- 8 Illicit Discharges Reported
- 8 Construction Projects Completed
  - New BMPs Approved

SEASONAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

In Collaboration with Parks & Rec and La Crosse Area Waters:

- Salt Smart
- Grow Green
  - Previously No-Mow May
- Soak It Up
  - Rain Barrel Workshop
- Leaf It

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: RENEW THE BLOCK

- LAW / Habitat for Humanity

  https://www.lacrosseareawaters.org

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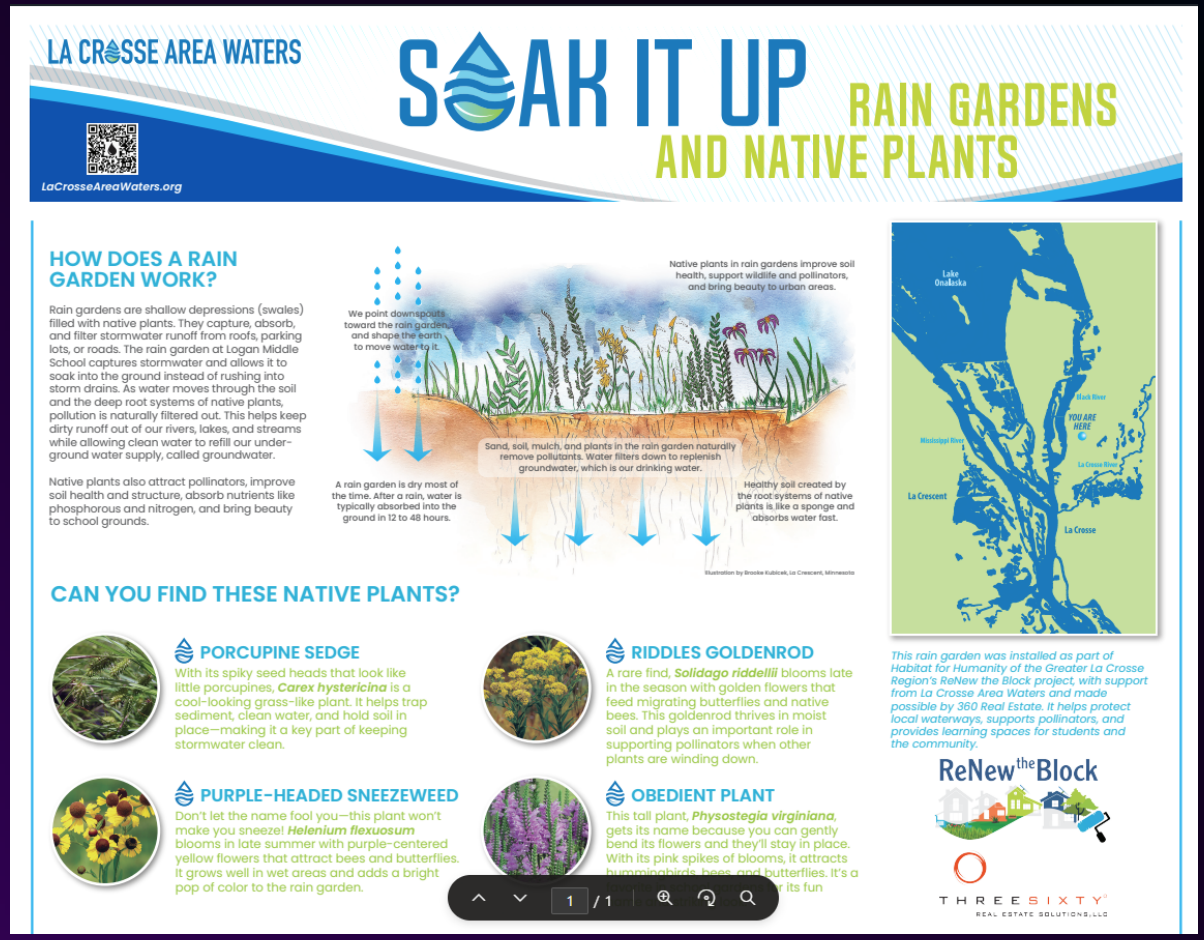
- Logan Middle School & Avon Street Homes
- Rain Garden, Fruit Trees, Outdoor Classroom Space
- Student & Staff Participation

RENEW PHOTOS

SOAK IT UP AWARD, EDUCATIONAL SIGN



LA CROSSE AREA WATERS

LaCrosseAreaWaters.org

SOAK IT UP RAIN GARDENS AND NATIVE PLANTS

HOW DOES A RAIN GARDEN WORK?

Rain gardens are shallow depressions (swales) filled with native plants. They capture, absorb, and filter stormwater runoff from roofs, parking lots, or roads. The rain garden at Logan Middle School captures stormwater and allows it to soak into the ground instead of rushing into storm drains. As water moves through the soil and the deep root systems of native plants, pollution is naturally filtered out. This helps keep dirty runoff out of our rivers, lakes, and streams while allowing clean water to refill our underground water supply, called groundwater.

Native plants also attract pollinators, improve soil health and structure, absorb nutrients like phosphorous and nitrogen, and bring beauty to school grounds.

Illustration by Brooke Kubicek, La Crescent, Minnesota

This rain garden was installed as part of Habitat for Humanity of the Greater La Crosse Region's ReNew the Block project, with support from La Crosse Area Waters and made possible by 360 Real Estate. It helps protect local waterways, supports pollinators, and provides learning spaces for students and the community.

ReNew the Block

THREESIXTY REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS, LLC

CAN YOU FIND THESE NATIVE PLANTS?

PORCUPINE SEDGE

With its spiky seed heads that look like little porcupines, ***Carex hystericina*** is a cool-looking grass-like plant. It helps trap sediment, clean water, and hold soil in place—making it a key part of keeping stormwater clean.

RIDDLES GOLDENROD

A rare find, ***Solidago riddellii*** blooms late in the season with golden flowers that feed migrating butterflies and native bees. This goldenrod thrives in moist soil and plays an important role in supporting pollinators when other plants are winding down.

PURPLE-HEADED SNEEZEWEED

Don't let the name fool you—this plant won't make you sneeze! ***Helenium flexuosum*** blooms in late summer with purple-centered yellow flowers that attract bees and butterflies. It grows well in wet areas and adds a bright pop of color to the rain garden.

OBEDIENT PLANT

This tall plant, ***Physostegia virginiana***, gets its name because you can gently bend its flowers and they'll stay in place. With its pink spikes of blooms, it attracts hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. It's a its fun

2026 PROJECTS AND GOALS

- Continue Working with Consultant on Utility GIS Upgrades
- Raise Awareness & Encourage SW Credit Applications for Green Infrastructure
- Increase SW Social Media Outreach

QUESTIONS & CONTACT INFO

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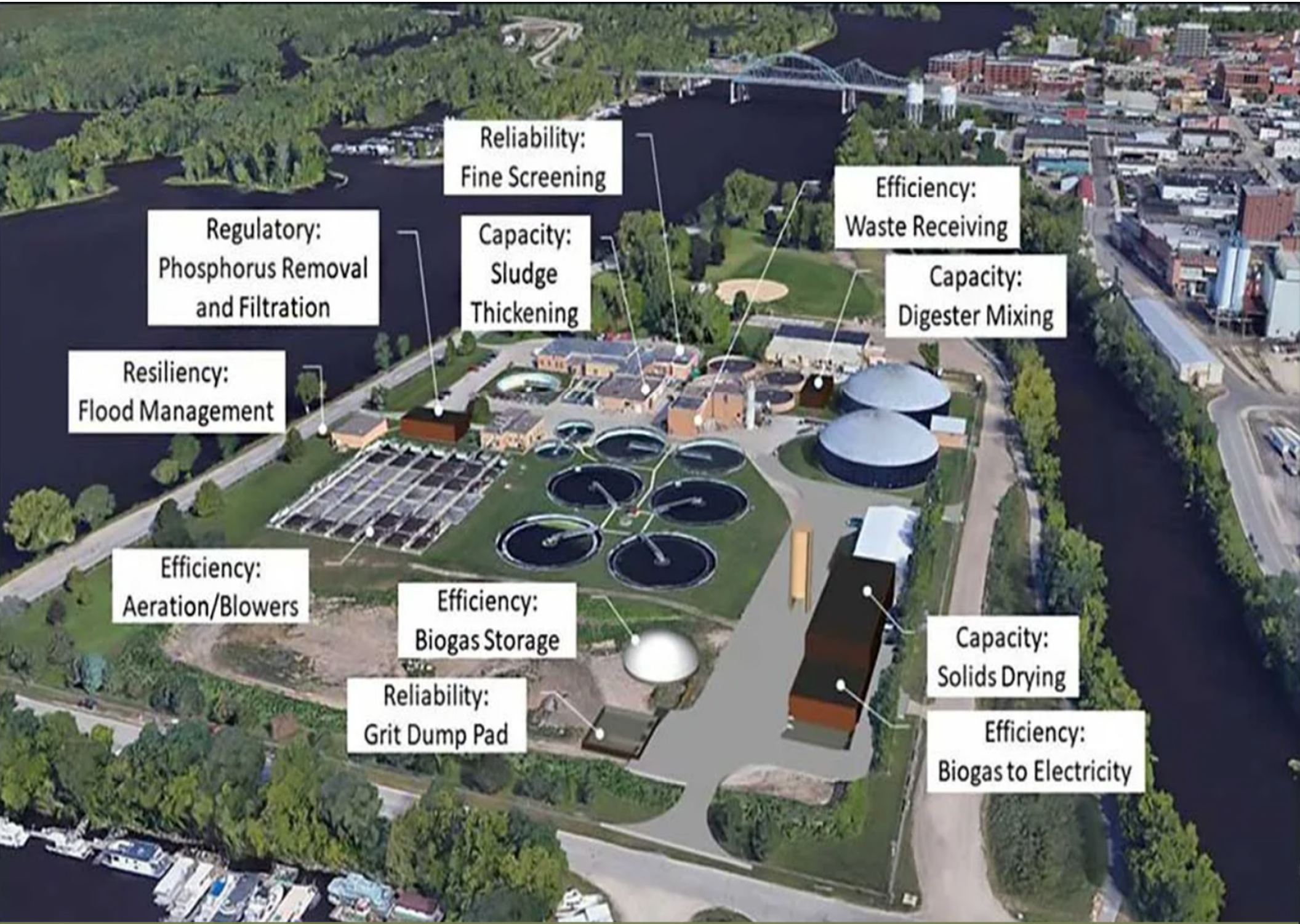
Wastewater Utility Updates
January 2026 1st Quarter

The La Crosse Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) receives and treats 10 million gallons per day of sewage from the City of La Crosse, contracted communities, trucked waste haulers, and 12 large industries.

The design capacity for sewage is 20 million gallons per day. The design capacity for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) loading is 30,000 of BOD/day.

Upgraded WWTP 2021-2025

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is located on the bank of the Mississippi River. At one point, moving the facility to higher ground was considered, but the cost to move was estimated at 440 million dollars. Instead, stop logs with bypass pumping capacity were installed to prevent flooding at the 100 year flood stage.



4.5-year Project to Upgrade the La Crosse Wastewater Treatment Plan

Upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Include:

- A unique numbering sequence for each building to help identify the building's location
- Identify treatment process location
  - This helps with tracking the cost to operate each process for budgeting purposes.
  - The building ID will help with enhanced asset management as it relates to types of treatments.
- A QR Code System was installed on all new equipment
  - QR Codes will be linked to a handheld scanning device which will lead staff to operation and maintenance manuals and records and standard operating procedures.
  - The QR Code System is also tied to our asset management for future use.

Backup emergency power, creating redundancy when we lose Utility power.

This creates a more reliable power supply to each building ensuring that all processes do not go out when transformers are lost.

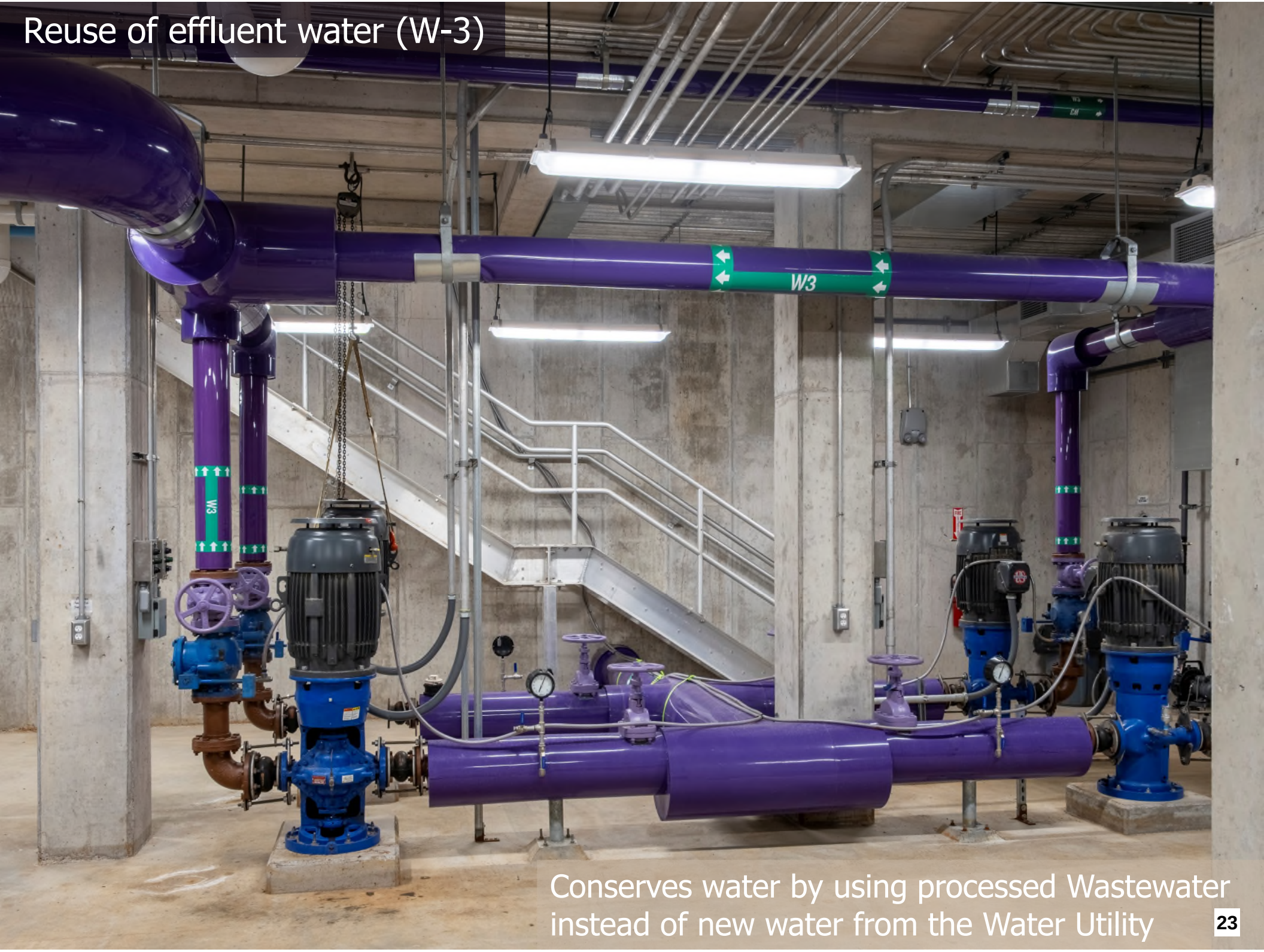
Redundancy built into Head Works. Second influent fine screen added for backup.

Second influent fine screen and additional compactor.

Extended aeration to enhance the biological nutrient removal of Phosphorus and Nitrogen

Installation of effluent disc filters to remove solids/TSS to meet low level phosphorus limits of 0.01mg/L

Reuse of effluent water (W-3)



Conserves water by using processed Wastewater instead of new water from the Water Utility

Solids Processing Enhanced

Solids thicken to reduce the volume of sludge by removing water. This increases the capacity of the digesters to increase solids loading and methane gas production. This French Technology is one of the first installed in the USA.

Additional sludge screening before digesters and Biosolids Heat Dryer

High Strength Waste Receiving Station
Repurposed Centrifuge Garage

High Strength Waste is made up restaurant grease trap waste and dairy waste of the service area. A specific amount of high strength waste is needed to produce a volume of methane gas production.

Anerobic digestion is where sludge is heated to 95 degrees and the reduction of solids occurs.

This process has been enhanced by better mixing, adding heating loops, and having thicker sludge by removing water.
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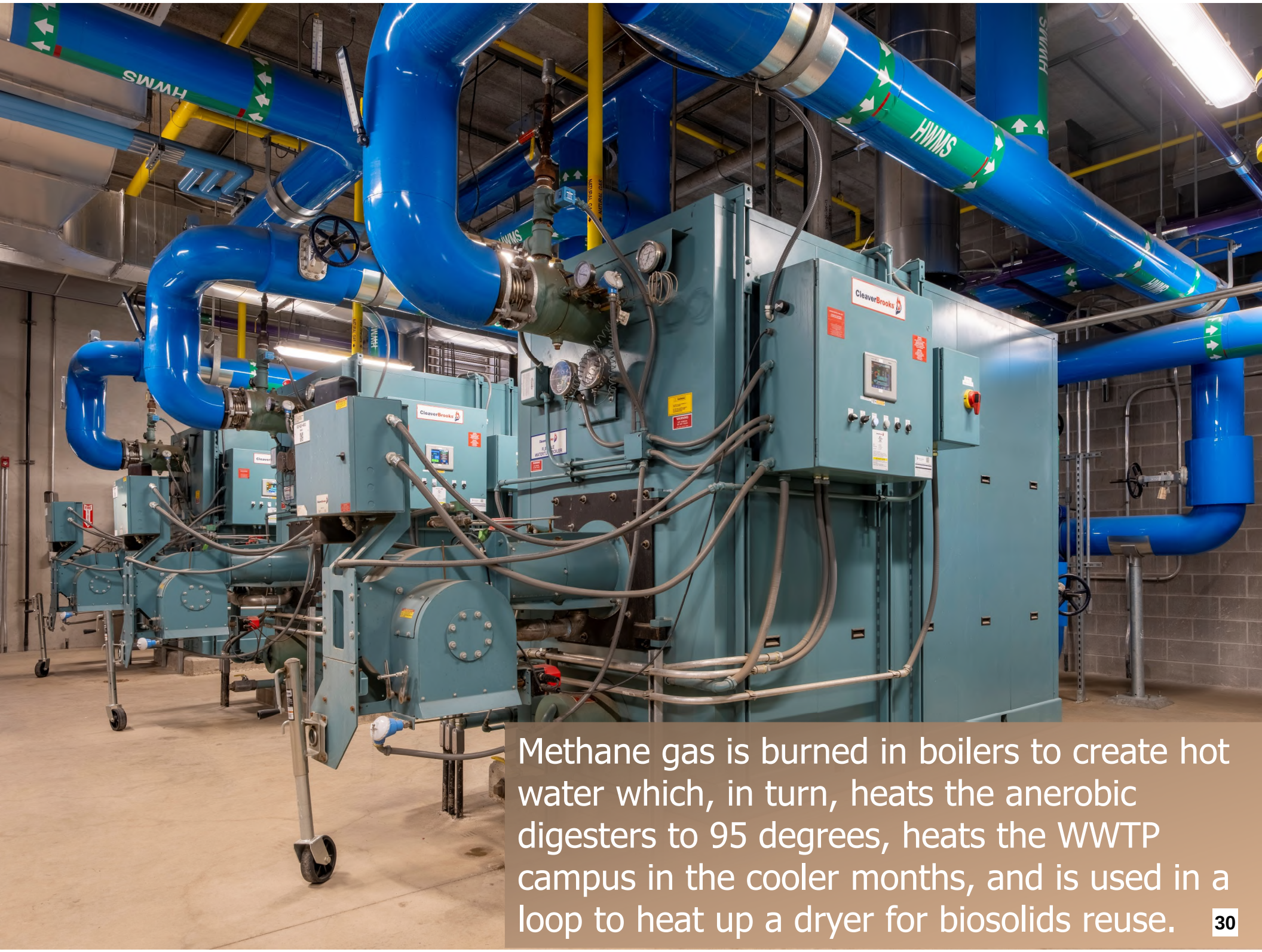
Mix pumps and heat pumps dedicated to each of the four anerobic digesters

Dedicated heat exchangers for each anerobic digeste



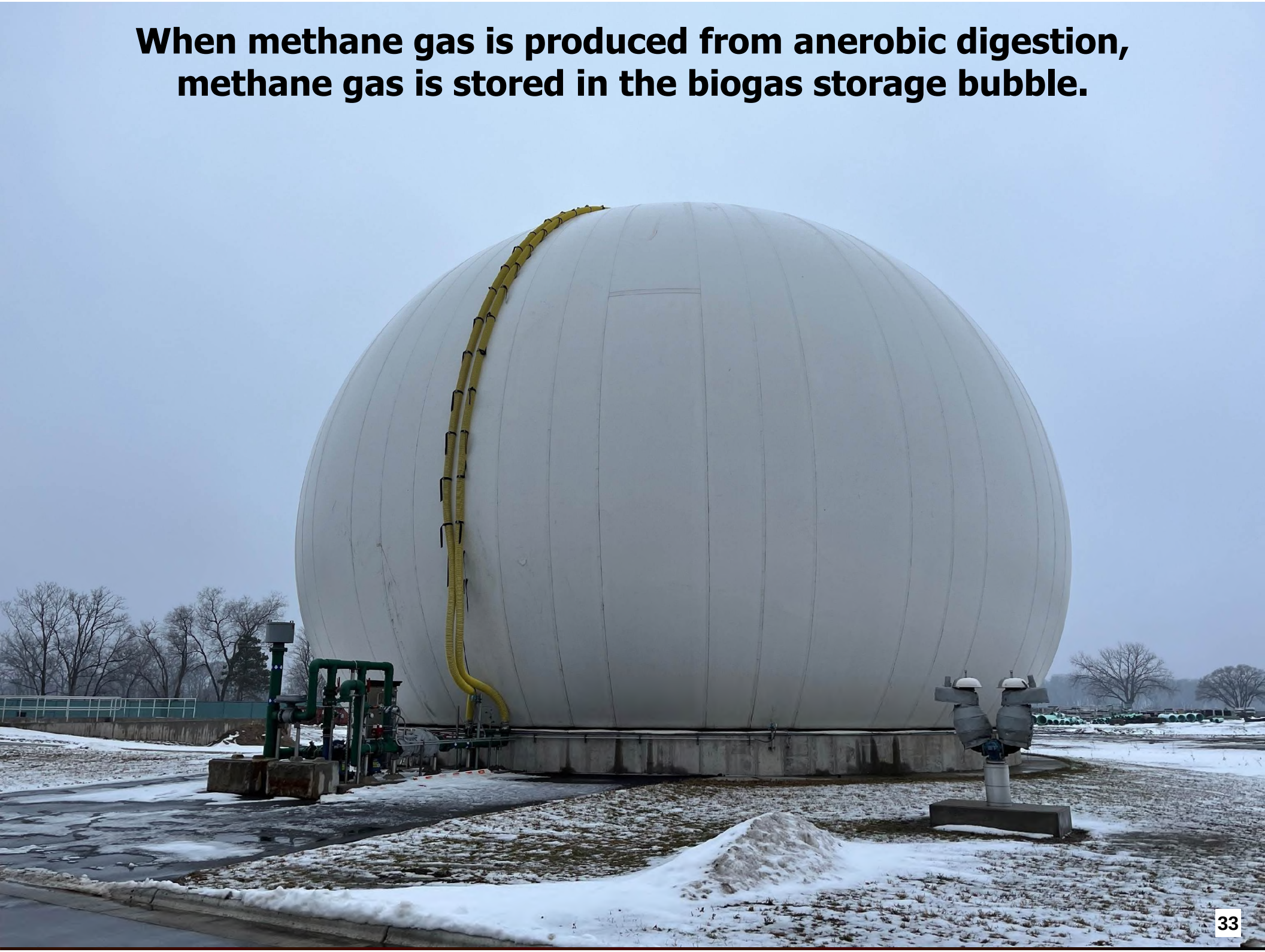
Methane gas is burned in boilers to create hot water which, in turn, heats the anerobic digesters to 95 degrees, heats the WWTP campus in the cooler months, and is used in a loop to heat up a dryer for biosolids reuse.

Hot Water Loops

One low temp. loop for heating the digesters and WWTP campus.
One medium temp. loop dedicated to dry biosolids.

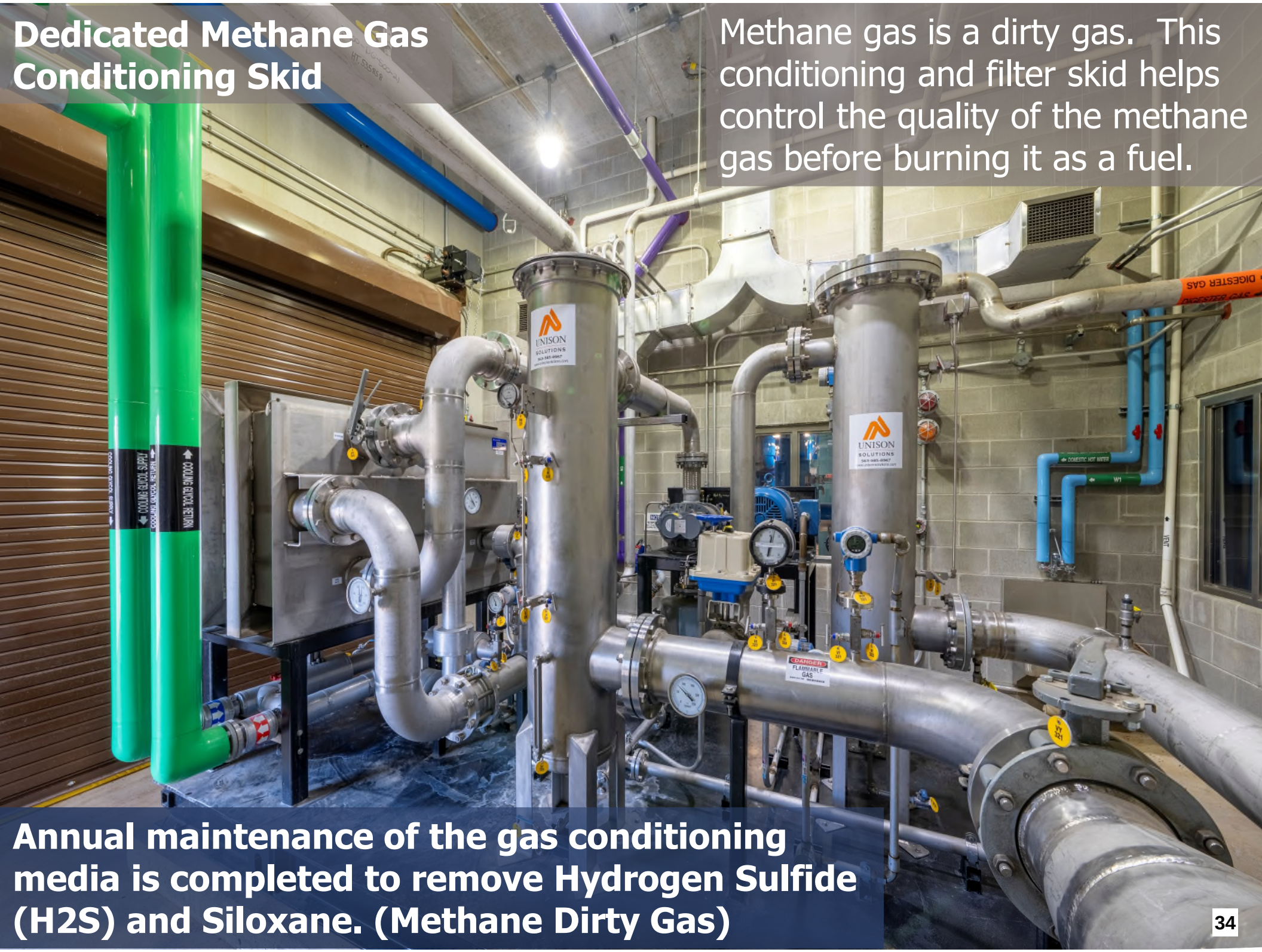
Pumps for the two hot water loops

When methane gas is produced from anerobic digestion, methane gas is stored in the biogas storage bubble.

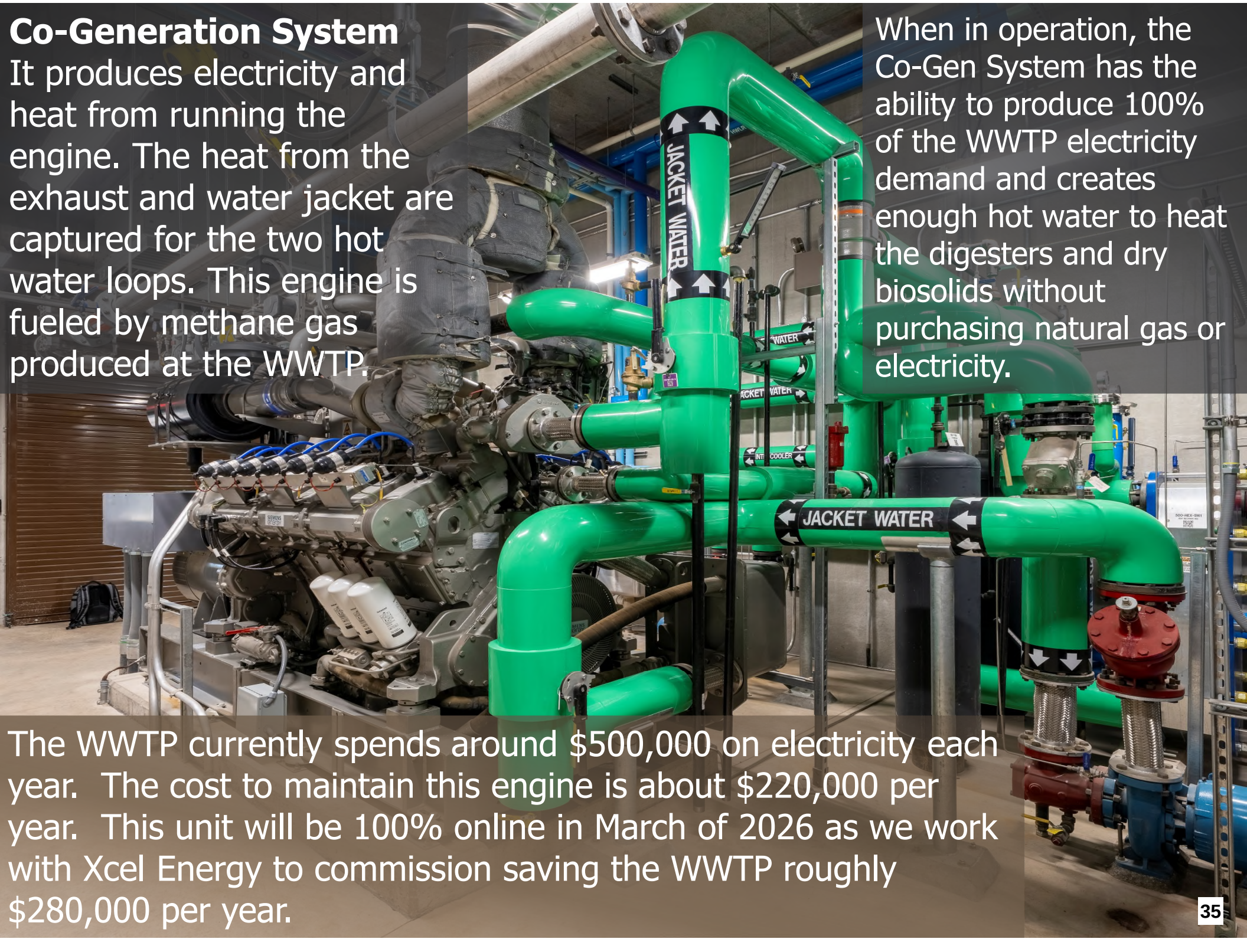


Dedicated Methane Gas Conditioning Skid

Methane gas is a dirty gas. This conditioning and filter skid helps control the quality of the methane gas before burning it as a fuel.



Annual maintenance of the gas conditioning media is completed to remove Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) and Siloxane. (Methane Dirty Gas)



Co-Generation System
It produces electricity and heat from running the engine. The heat from the exhaust and water jacket are captured for the two hot water loops. This engine is fueled by methane gas produced at the WWTP.

When in operation, the Co-Gen System has the ability to produce 100% of the WWTP electricity demand and creates enough hot water to heat the digesters and dry biosolids without purchasing natural gas or electricity.

The WWTP currently spends around $500,000 on electricity each year. The cost to maintain this engine is about $220,000 per year. This unit will be 100% online in March of 2026 as we work with Xcel Energy to commission saving the WWTP roughly $280,000 per year.

Huber Biosolids Heat Dryer

Dries biosolids for reuse.

If we produced liquid biosolids for reuse, typically used on agricultural land in La Crosse County, we would produce 13 million gallons per year or 2,400 semi tanker loads per year.

When we produce dry biosolids for reuse as Class A Biosolids, which can be used in various applications, we produce 365 semi tanker loads per year.

By producing dry biosolids vs. liquid biosolids, we drastically reduce the volume produced, reduce our environmental footprint, and expand the market for reuse.

Silo for storage of heat dried biosolids. As a truck pulls in, it fills and then exits the facility.

Heat dried biosolids can be reused Class A biosolid fertilizer. In the future, there is a possibility it could be burned as biomass energy to produce electricity.

Goals

- Continue to track the actual cost to operate the upgraded WWTP
  - Meeting Low level Phosphorus limits, Operation and 24/7 operation of Co Gen to produce electricity and heat.
- Continue to maintain and operate this large WWTP ensuring its success
- Continue to understand and navigate new and stricter limits coming from the State DNR
  - PFOS
- Continue to work on best practice to fund CIP Projects as construction costs increase at alarming rates
- Continue condition assessment of sanitary sewer collection for future rehabilitation projects

Projects

- Current: GIS reimplementation and Building out the mapping attributes.
- 2026: WWTP Office Space and Admin. Remodel
- 2026: Hagar and Pammel Creek sanitary lift station upgrades
  - Pumps and controls
  - The Hagar Lift Station pumps all the sewage from the North Side of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, Industrial Park/Kwik Trip production, and the Town of Campbell.
- 2027: UV Disinfection upgrade at the WWTP
  - To start after disinfection season 2027 and be completed before May 1, 2028 disinfection season.
- 2028: Finish Sewer Interceptor rehabilitation from Division Street to Isle La Plume/WWTP

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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

No. 11

Date 12/30/2025

EDF # 25-056
Contract No. BLDG-2025-019 for the following public work: La Crosse Public Library Interior Renovation
between Market and Johnson and the City of La Crosse, dated
12/16/2025, is hereby changed in the following particulars, to-wit:

The following specific work is hereby eliminated from such contract:

- N/A

The following specific work is hereby added to such contract:

- Proposal 25 – Hydronic Piping VAV Tie-in

By virtue of such changes in the contract, the following revisions shall be made:

Contract		$ 1,693,500.00
Contingency		$ 254,025.00
Net Previous Change Orders		$ 145,368.40
Decrease by eliminations (this C.O.)	$ 0.00	
Increase by additions (this C.O.)	$ 2,367.59	
Net ~~Deductions~~ or Additions (Strike out one)		$ 147,735.99
Revised Contract Total		$ 1,841,235.99

Market & Johnson
NAME OF CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that there are sufficient funds in the treasury to meet the liability assumed by the foregoing addenda to contract, or that provision has been made to pay the liability that will accrue thereunder. (WS 62.15-12; 62.09-10-f)

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To:

Contractor
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Owner
Dawn Wacek
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800 Main Street
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The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be	$1,841,235.99

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The adjustment, if any, is 0 Days
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SIGNATURES:

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By	By	By
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