



**ACES Conference – Pay For Success** 

# DC Water's Environmental Impact Bond: Overview, lessons and the implications on PFS



#### Quantified Ventures is organized principally around three verticals, with a focus on matching impact capital to solutions that work



Healthcare

- 10 active transactions
- Focused on population health, social determinants of health, Medicare, Medicaid and payment reform
- 40% of current pipeline



**Environment** 

- 5 active transactions
- Focused on green infrastructure, Ag BMPs and stormwater management
- 40% of current pipeline

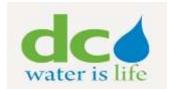


Education and Workforce Development

- 2 active transactions
- Focused on ed tech, charter schools, K-12 and job placement
- 20% of current pipeline

#### DC Water green infrastructure pay for success deal closed in Sept 2016

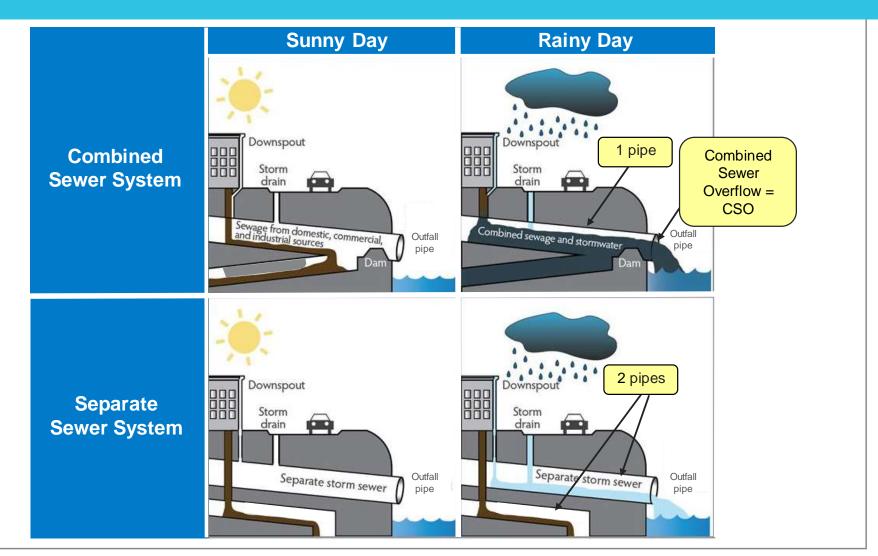
- Advised, structured DC Water's Green Infrastructure PFS Project
- Largest PFS project in US (\$25 million)
- Fastest PFS transaction closed in US
- Lowest PFS transaction cost in US
- Highly customizable financial structure
- Impact investors (Goldman Sachs, Calvert Foundation) "betting" on outcomes of green infrastructure







#### Along with 772 communities, DC Water faces a combined sewer overflow (CSO) challenge due to antiquated stormwater infrastructure





#### Despite the evidence base behind green infrastructure, we were confronted with the same problem: "What if it doesn't work?"





#### Through our touchpoints with key stakeholders, we have heard consistent feedback preventing broader adoption of PFS

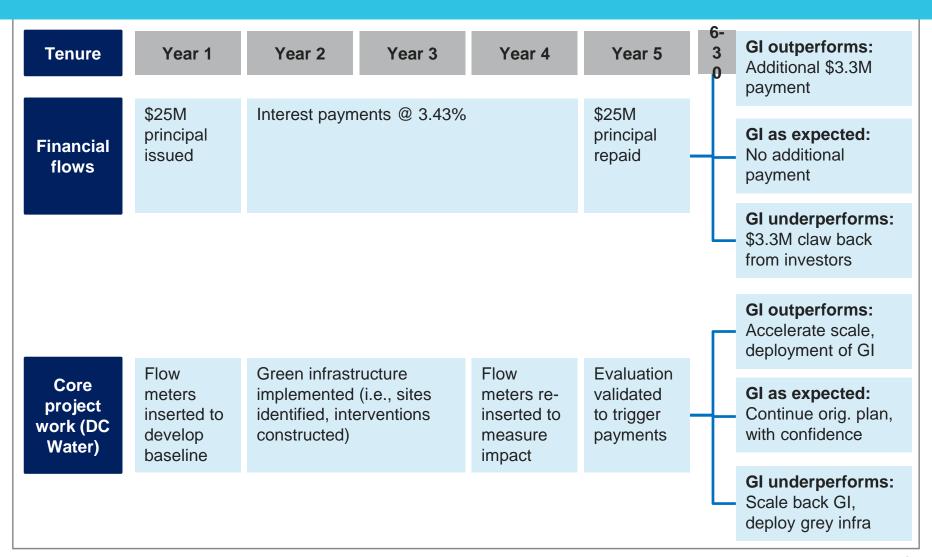
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Service providers	<ul><li>Lack resources and capital to scale</li><li>Lack strong data</li></ul>	

We were intentional in structuring DC Water's impact bond to address these challenges

The resulting DC Water impact bond was recently recognized by Bond Buyer as an innovative tool for municipal financing



#### We structured the DC Water impact bond with real bond characteristics while maintaining a PFS / outcomes-oriented success measure





### The DC Water transaction helps us solve the challenges in impact investing (especially for environmental) that we have heard to date

	The challenge	The solution from DC Water EIB
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Government payors	<ul> <li>Measuring outcomes is hard</li> <li>Investor return concerns</li> <li>Dis-incentived to innovate</li> <li>Lack of legislative frameworks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Financed a proxy, with established link to outcome</li> <li>Investors negotiated on bond terms</li> <li>Implicitly structured as free insurance policy to innovate</li> <li>No legislation required, but consent decrees can drive demand for EIBs</li> </ul>
Foundations and philanthropy	<ul><li>Unclear role</li><li>Balancing evaluation approaches</li></ul>	<ul> <li>No role required beyond initial EIB Feasibility         Assessment, but demonstrates opportunity they can play to enable fast followers     </li> </ul>
Service providers	<ul><li>Lack resources and access to capital to scale</li><li>Lack data infrastructure</li></ul>	Competitive market already exists, but firms are waiting for the demand from public sector



#### We believe the PFS industry will need to evolve to attract and retain market interest to be truly sustainable

## PFS 3.0 PFS 2.0

#### **PFS 1.0**

- Philanthropy seeds nonprofits to do deals
- Academia heavily engaged
- Little focus on efficiency
- Focus on high-evidence programs
- Significant investment in PFS community and awareness building

- True market competition amongst intermediaries who are paid for outcomes, and not by philanthropic subsidies
- Government lifts not-forprofit requirement for intermediaries
- Focus on transaction efficiencies and cost reduction
- Repeatability and scalability
- Focus on tools and technologies to productize

- Payor outcome rate cards established
- Federal and State outcome success pools established
- Intermediary brokerage models
- Automated transactions