

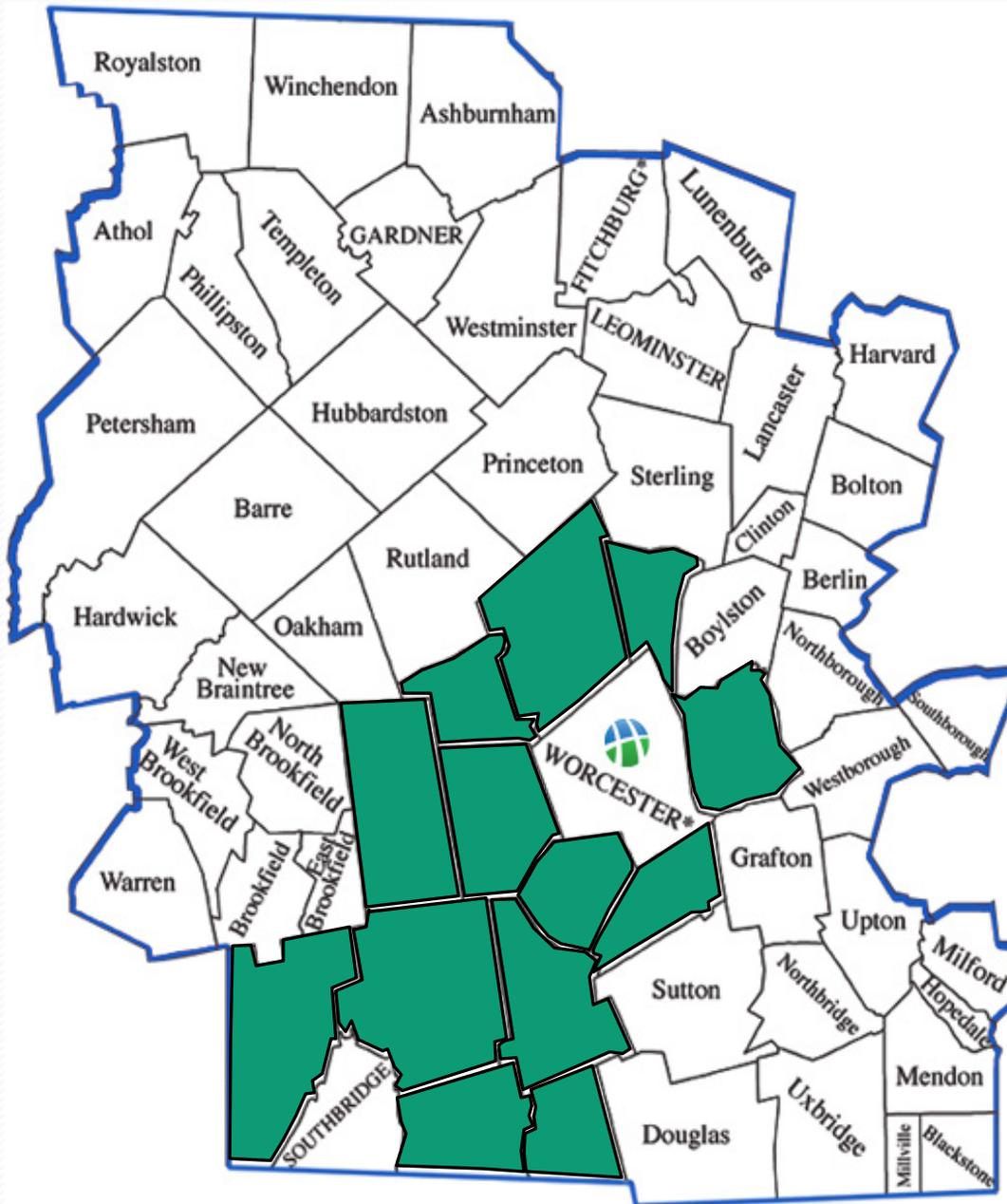
Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Collaborative

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CMRSC Communities

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Holden
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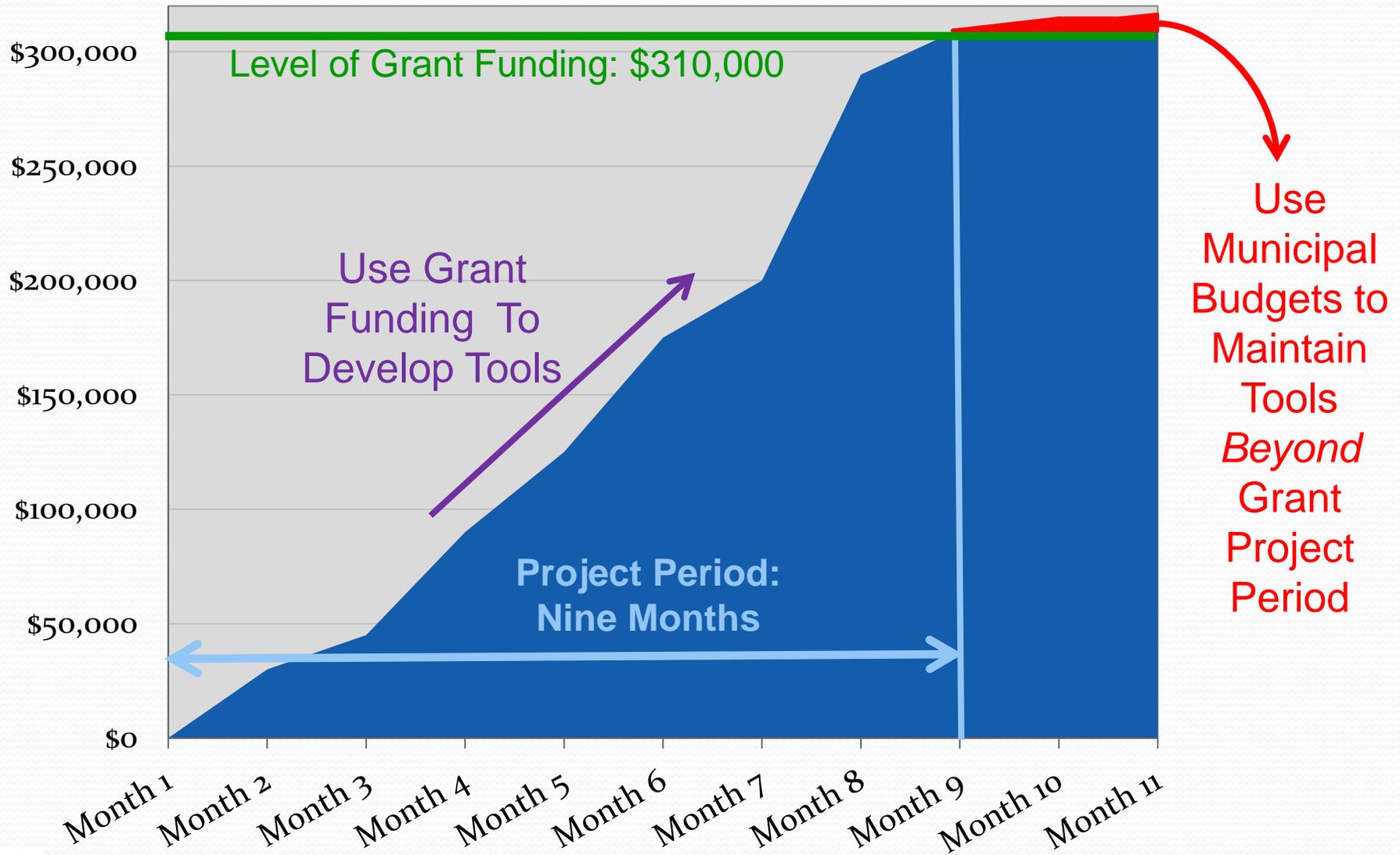


Establishment of the Project

- USEPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit is an unfunded mandate.
- MS4 Permit requirements will soon increase and expand to more communities.
- All 13 communities in this project agree that they presently underfund stormwater management activities. Some have no funding earmarked specifically for stormwater management.
- \$310,000 CIC Grant to develop and implement the following stormwater tasks:
 1. Collaborative Education and Training
 2. Regionalized Data Management Systems
 3. Standardized Policies and Procedures



Benefit of the Project



Goals and Objectives

- Select scope with regionalization as the primary driver. Work products need to be easily transferrable to more communities.
- Identify and get buy-in from other communities needing to develop stormwater management tools.
- Expand on work done by the Greater Leicester Water Resource Project Report team (2010).
- Get all 13 communities to comply with the requirements of the MS4 Permit and get to a common benchmark.
- Develop tools that will prepare communities for future permit requirements (“grow with the needs”).



Project Challenges

- How to coordinate administrative and technical staff for so many communities.
- How to channel feedback in an effective manner.
- How to have “something for everyone”.

How were these accomplished?

1. Consistent core leadership: spearhead grant; reach out to communities; finalize scope; and implement work.
2. Get a professional involved early to identify common successes and common challenges.
3. Define a Steering Committee to represent the best interest of all 13 communities.
4. Focus on personal communication and networking.



Results

- Ten powerful stormwater tools are developed or in development. *See handout for details*
- New/larger/more partnerships emerging!!

