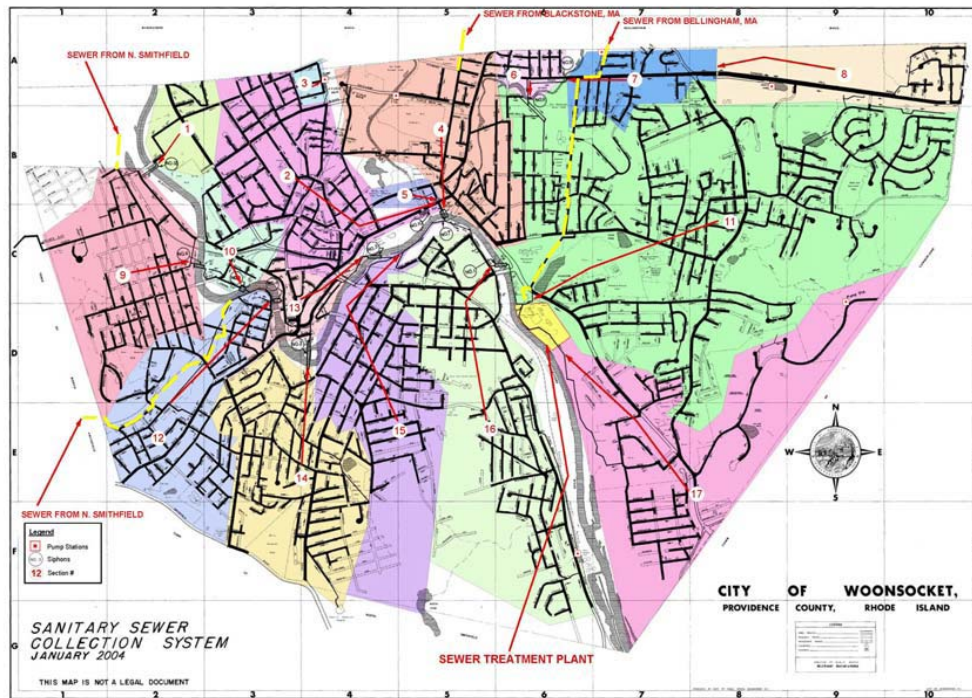


## THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM:

The sewer system consists of approximately 111 miles or over 600,120 feet of gravity sewers. The sewer pipes range in size from 6 inch diameter collector pipes to 60 inch diameter interceptor pipe.

The City's Sewer System area contains 18 pumping stations and 13 inverted siphons. Seven of these stations are owned by the City; with one being owned by the Town of Bellingham and 11 stations/grinder pumps are privately owned.

The City's Sewer System also has over 3,400 manholes



## SEWER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:

In July 2009 the City signed contract with Veolia Water North America to operate and maintain the City's Sewer System.

As per contract between the City and Veolia, Veolia will do the following:

- 1 Clean and flush the entire system every five (5) years. The benefit of cleaning and flushing the entire system is to reduce the overflow of sewer due to blocking the sewer line to the streets or to the basements.
- 2 Close Circuit TV (CCTV) the entire system every ten (10) years. The benefit from that is to allow the City to determine the defects in the Sewer System

and help the City in to budget and repairs the defects which may pose danger to the system or the health and welfare of the residents of the City.

3 Inspect all the manholes in the Sewer System every ten (10) years.

**HOW YOUR SEWER TAXES ARE SPENT:**

In FY 2010-2011, the sewer taxes will generate \$6,204,716. The City will spend \$1,204,716 or 23% on Sewer Maintenance and the remaining \$4,799,072 or 77% to pay for the treatment of the City’s waste at the Woonsocket Regional Wastewater Commission facility.

