
Corporate Globalization's Great Water Theft: How TPP would mean greater water insecurity at home and abroad

Speakers

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Mitch Jones – Food and Water Watch

Adam Weissman – Global Justice for Animals and the Environment
Trade Justice

Mara Cohen – People Demanding Action

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Introduction and Welcome

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Monica Lewis Patrick, an educator, entrepreneur and human rights activist is the co-founder and current President and CEO of We the People of Detroit, an organization that works for human rights for the people of Detroit. Known as the Water Warrior, she is active on the People's Water Board Coalition and the World Water Justice Council.

Monica was a former Legislative Policy analyst for the Detroit City Council, and has authored legislation, conducted research, and constituency services to Detroit city residents. She is at the forefront of the water rights struggle in Detroit, and most recently presented before the *United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation-DESA* in New York City, along with several other national and international leaders addressing the global water crisis.

We the People of Detroit co-hosted the United Nations Rapporteurs on Water / Sanitation and Housing in Detroit in October 2014, challenging the denial of clean, safe, affordable water to city residents. Through the Community Research Collective, a project of We the People of Detroit, the group is publishing a 3-part series documenting the effects of austerity and its relationship to race in Detroit. She has appeared on numerous local and national media outlets related to her work.

Monica Lewis-Patrick, attended historic Bennett College, is a graduate of East Tennessee State University with a Bachelors in General Studies in Social Work and Sociology and a Masters in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Criminal Justice/Sociology and Public Management.



Race and Municipal Emergency Management in Michigan

10,00 Black People
● 1,000 White People

Data Sources

Race: US Census American
Community Survey 2009-2013,
by Zip Codes Zip Code
Boundaries: US Census
Tiger/Line Data
Emergency Management: Michigan
Department of Treasury Emergency
Manager Information
http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1751_51556-201116--,00.html Accessed
12/3/2015

Muskegon Heights School District
Emergency Manager 4/2012-Present

City of Benton Harbor Emergency Manager 4/2010-3/2014

Benton Harbor Area Schools Consent Agreement 9/2014-Present

City of Flint Emergency Manager 6/2002-6/2004, 12/2011-4-2015

City of Pontiac Emergency Manager 8/2010-8/2013

Pontiac City School District Consent Agreement 8/2013-Present

Royal Oak Township Consent Agreement 4/2014-Present

City of Detroit Emergency Manager 3/2013-12/2014

Detroit Public Schools Emergency Manager 3/2009-Present

City of Hamtramck Emergency Manager 12/2000-2/2007, 7/2013-12/2014

City of Highland Park Emergency Manager 12/2000-7/2009, Under Evaluation

Highland Park School District Emergency Manager 1/2012-Present

Wayne County Consent Agreement 8/2015-Present

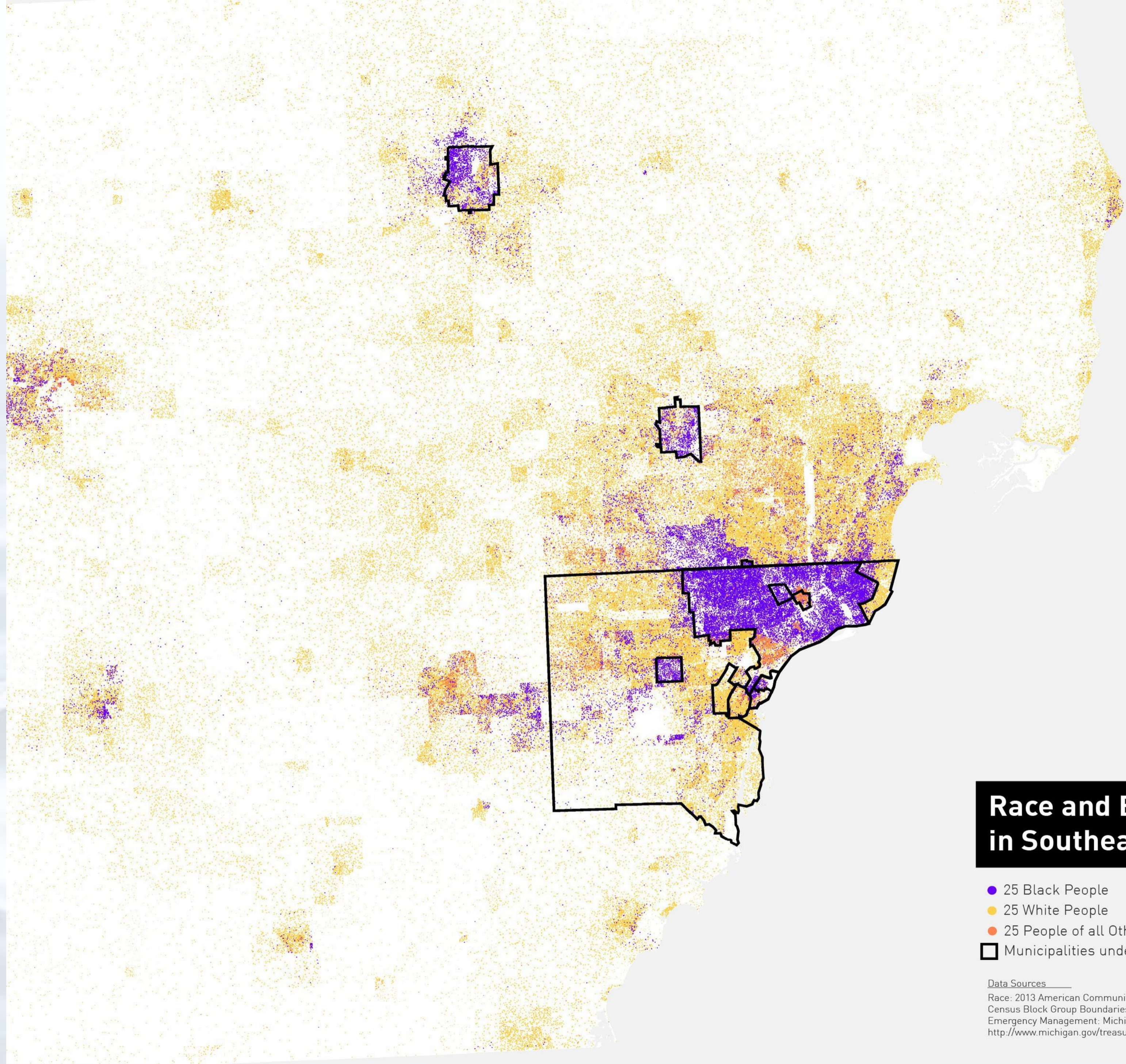
City of River Rouge Consent Agreement 12/2009-Present

City of Ecorse Emergency Manager 10/2009-4/2013

City of Lincoln Park Emergency Manager 7/2014-12/2015

City of Allen Park Emergency Manager 10/2012-9/2014

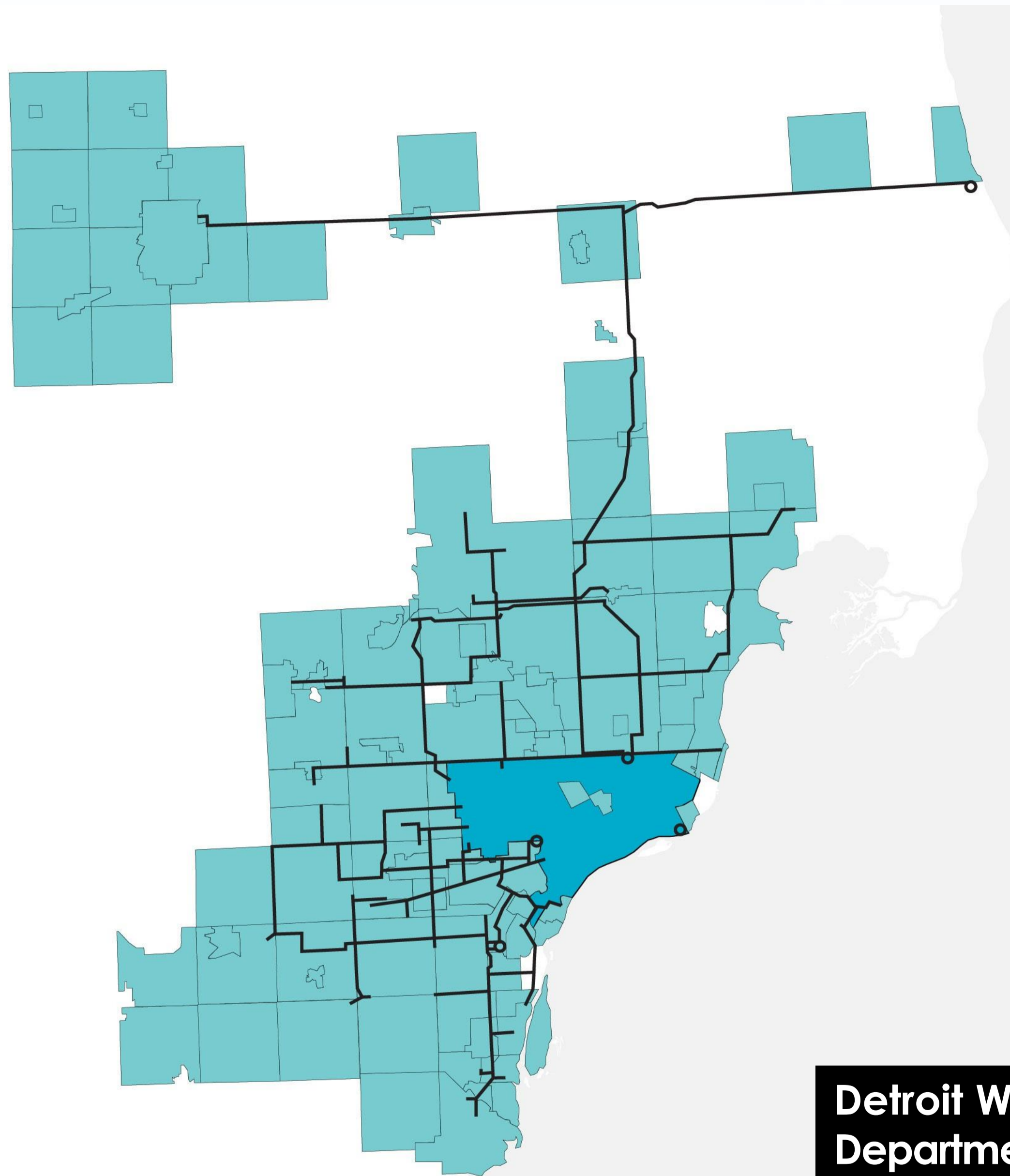
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Race and Emergency Management in Southeast Michigan

- 25 Black People
- 25 White People
- 25 People of all Other Races
- Municipalities under current or past Emergency Management

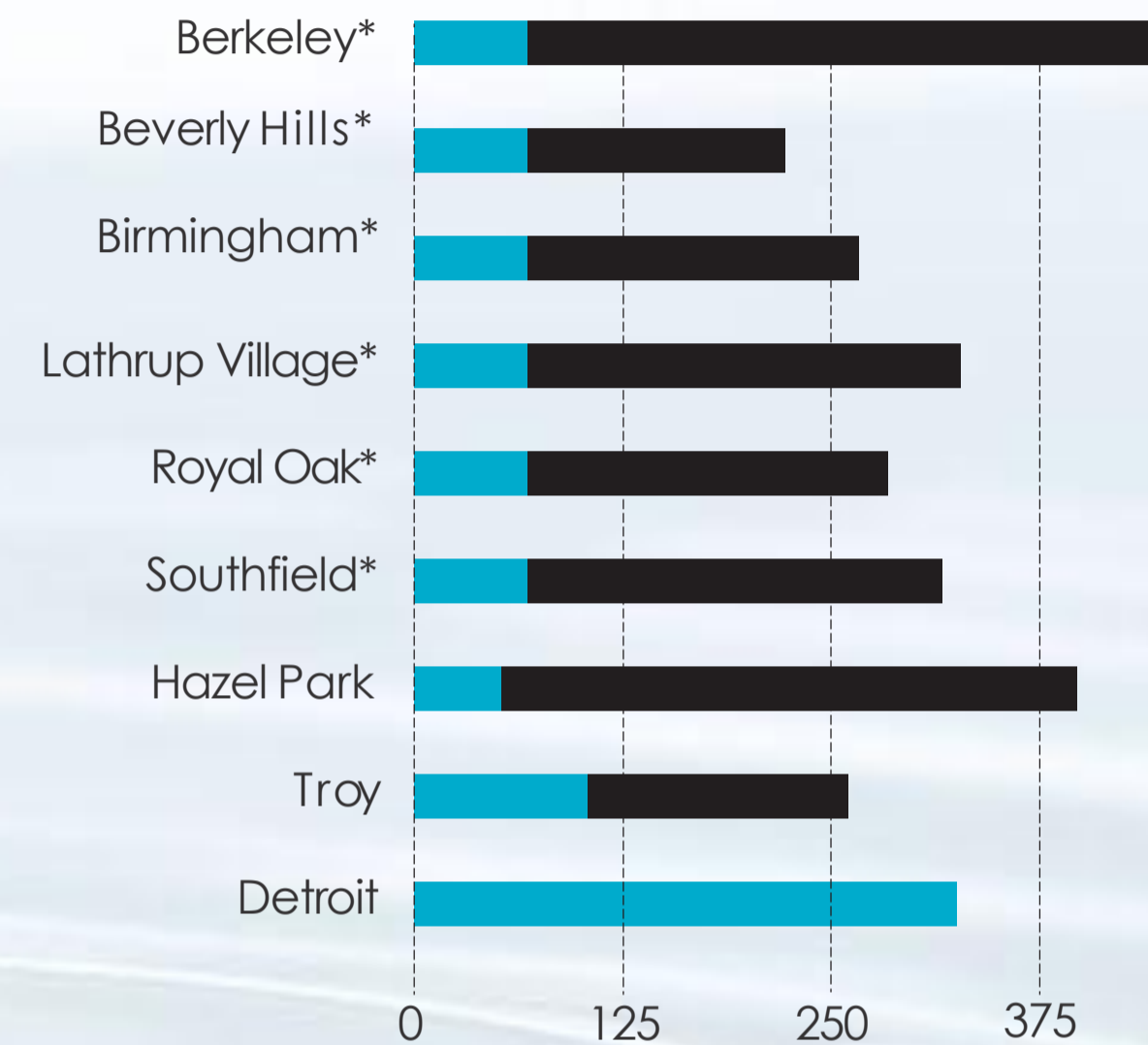
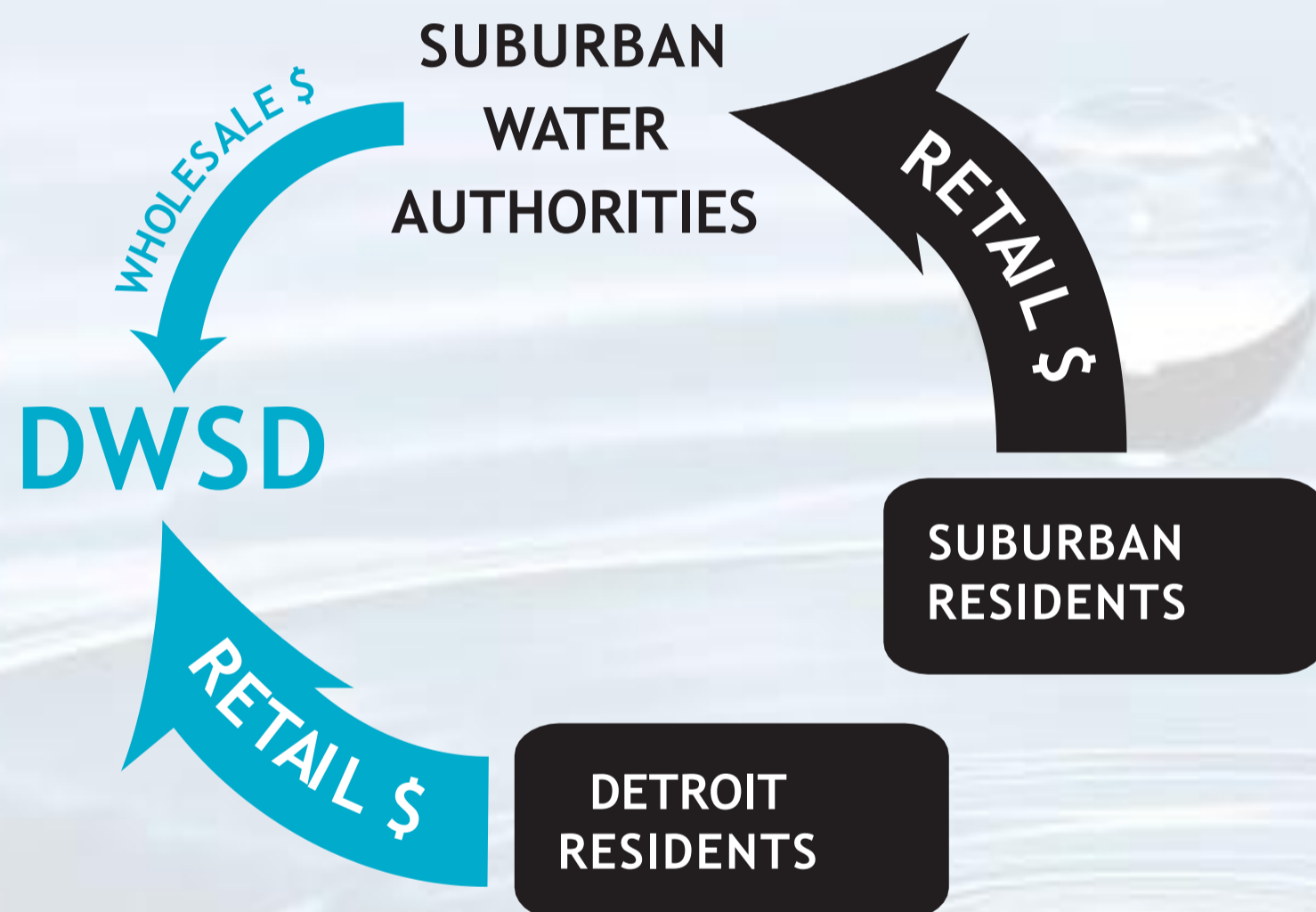
Data Sources
Race: 2013 American Community Survey: 5-Year Data [2009-2013, Block Groups & Larger Areas]
Census Block Group Boundaries: US Census Tiger/Line Data
Emergency Management: Michigan Department of Treasury Emergency Manager Information
http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1751_51556-201116--,00.html Accessed 12/3/2015



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Water Supply

- Detroit Suburbs on DWSD Water System
- City of Detroit
- DWSD Infrastructure

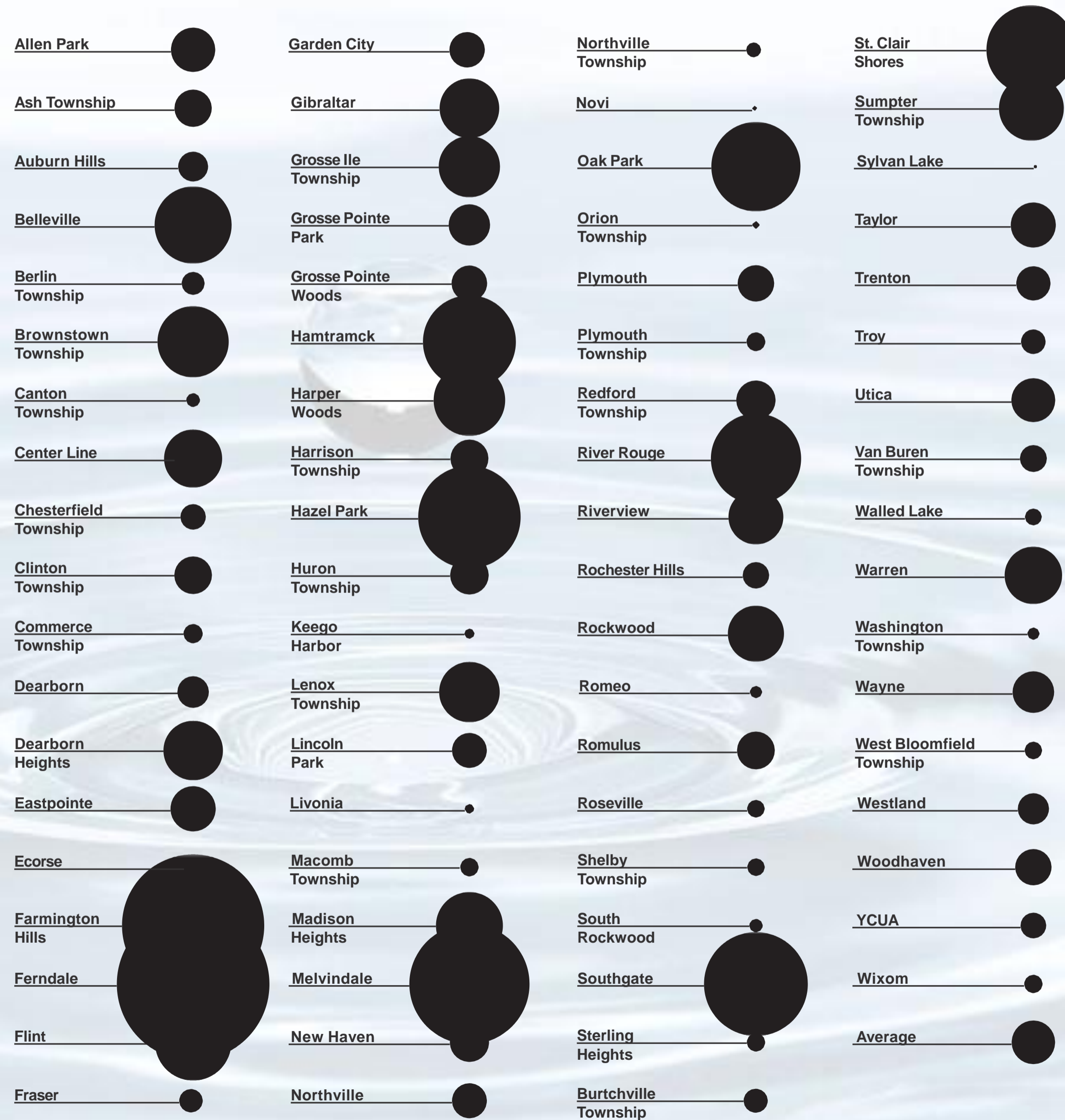
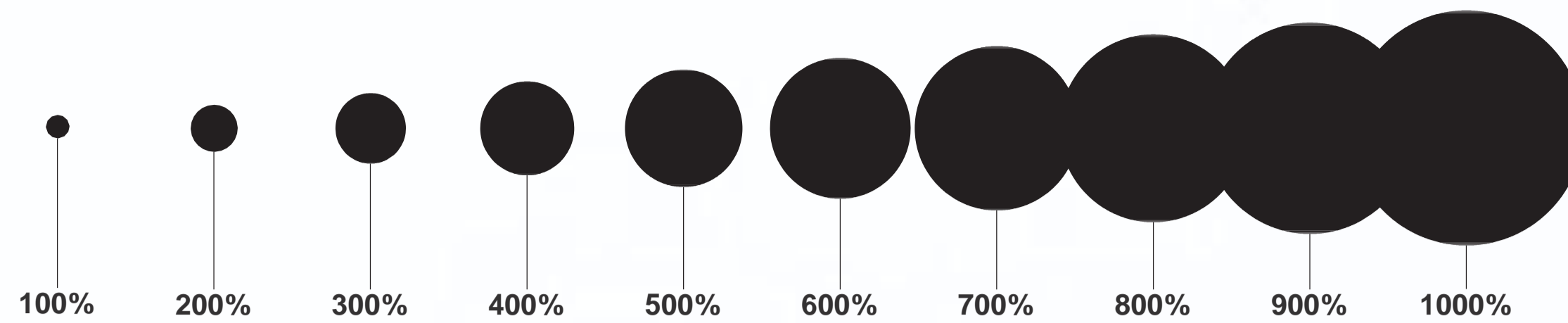
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Map of Communities Supplied with Water by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department:
http://dwsd.org/pages_n/map_water_supply.html (Accessed 12/16/2015)

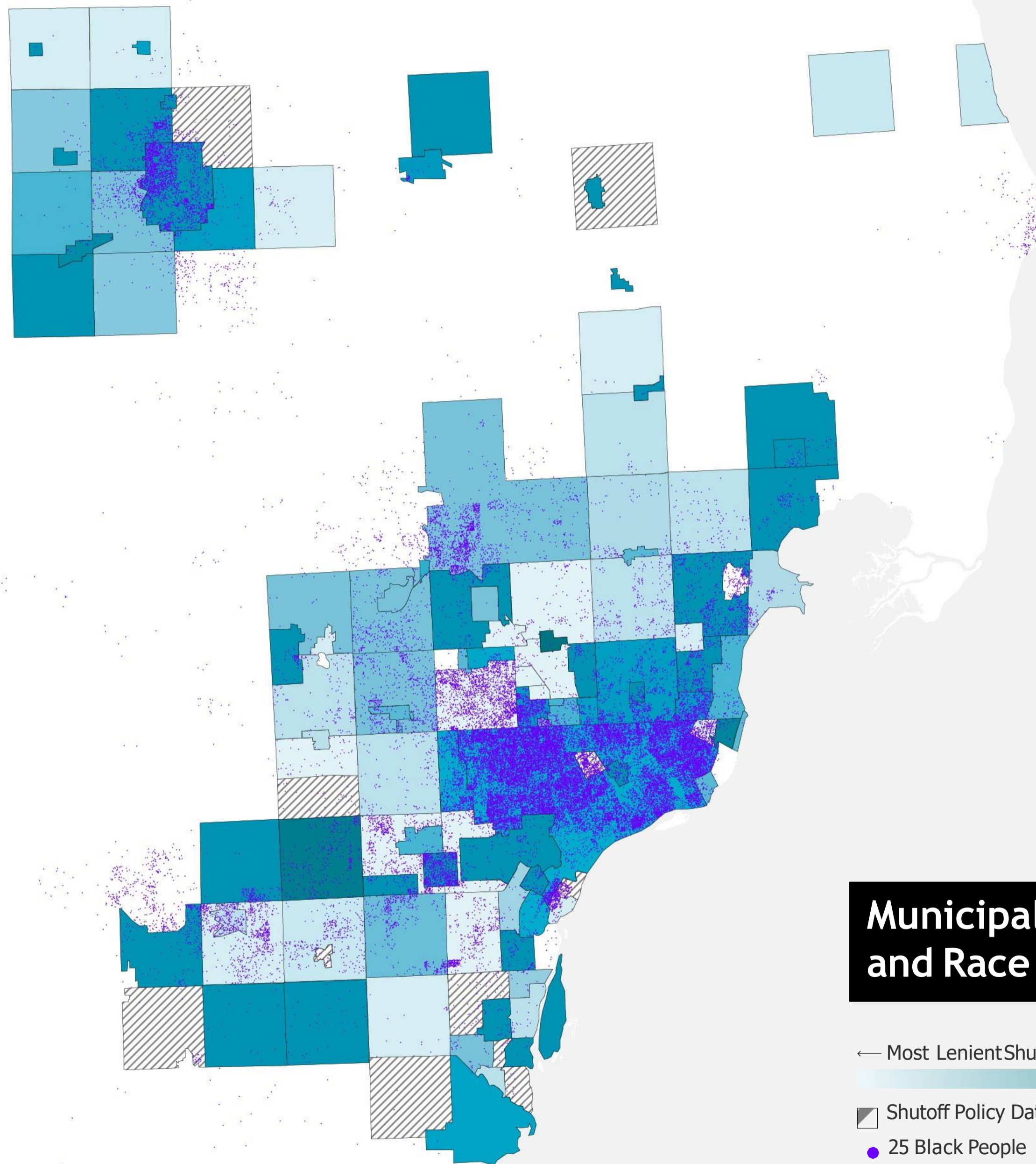


■ Money paid to DWSD
■ Money paid to suburban community
 *South Oakland County Water Authority Members

of water a year with a 5/8" meter. Does not include Annual water service bill of residential customer using 8,400 cubic-feet wastewater.

Data Source
 South Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) rate study:
<http://www.socwa.org/documents/WATRATE%20SURVEY.pdf>
 SOCWA budget, 2014-2015:
<http://www.socwa.org/documents/WABudget2014.pdf>
 DWSD rates:
http://www.dwsd.org/pages_n/rate_information.html

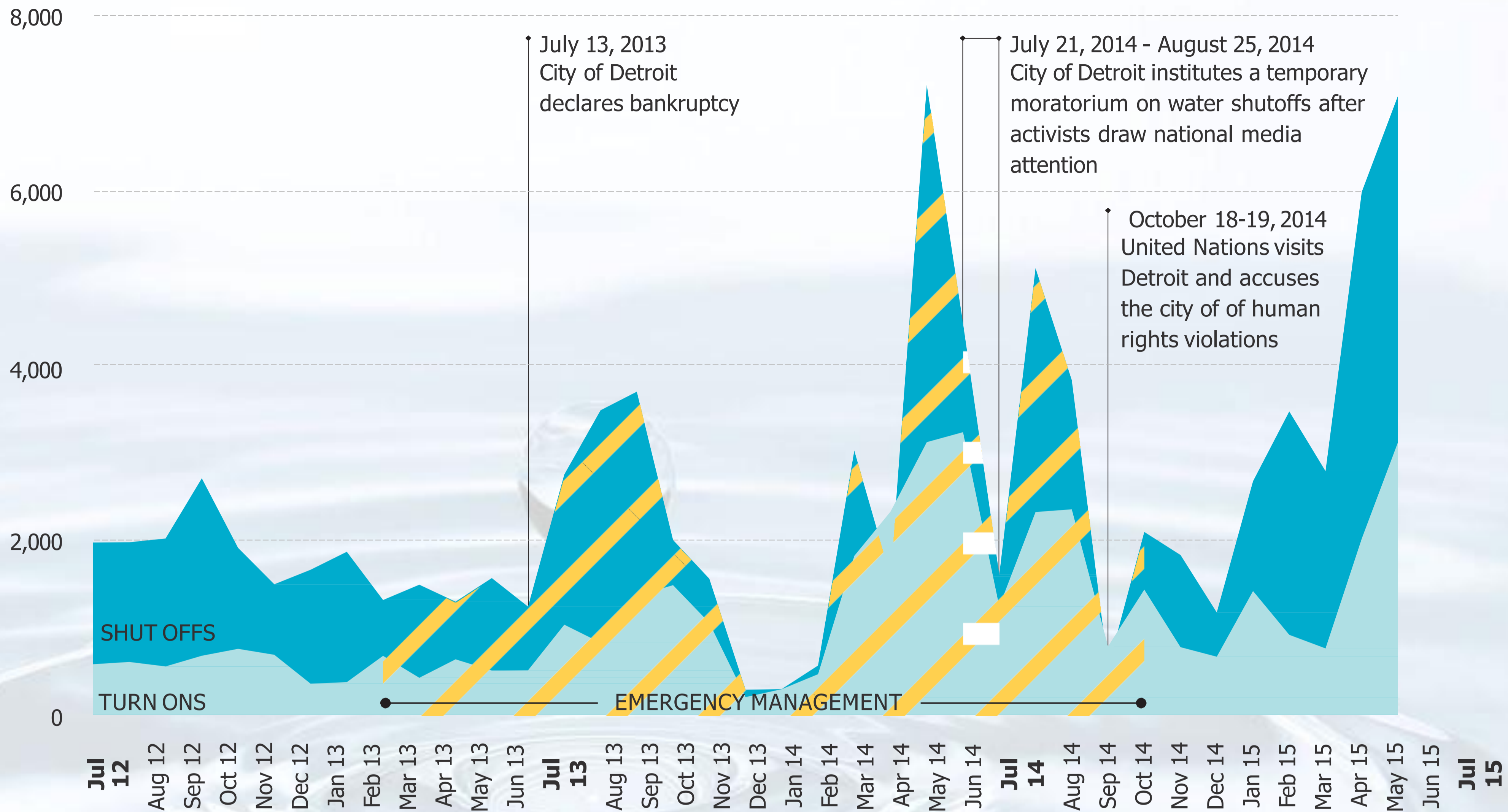




Municipal Water Shutoff Policies and Race in Southeast Michigan

- ← Most Lenient Shutoff Policy Harshest Shutoff Policy →
- █ Shutoff Policy Data Not Available
- 25 Black People

Data Sources
 Race: US Census American Community Survey 2009-2013, by Census Blocks
 Census Block Boundaries: US Census Tiger/Line Data
 Map of Communities Supplied with Water by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department: http://dwsd.org/pages_n/map_water_supply.html (Accessed 12/16/2015)
 Shutoff Policies: Municipal ordinances and government websites of all communities listed on DWSD Water Supply Map (Accessed 12/12/2015-12/15/2015)



Monthly Water Shutoffs and Emergency Management in Detroit, July 2012-July 2015

Data Sources

Water Shutoffs: Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Board of Water Commissioners Finance Committee Meeting Binders, July 14, 2014 (page 29) and August 26, 2015 (page 21); http://dwsd.org/pages_n/financials.html; Accessed 12/15/2015

Emergency Management: Michigan Department of Treasury Emergency Manager Information; http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1751_51556-201116--,00.html; Accessed 12/3/2015

DWSD DEBT AND THE BANKRUPTCY

CITY RETIREE HEALTH CARE \$5.4-6.4 BILLION

Retirees are only expected to recover 10% of their claims from the city.

CITY RETIREE PENSIONS \$3.5 BILLION

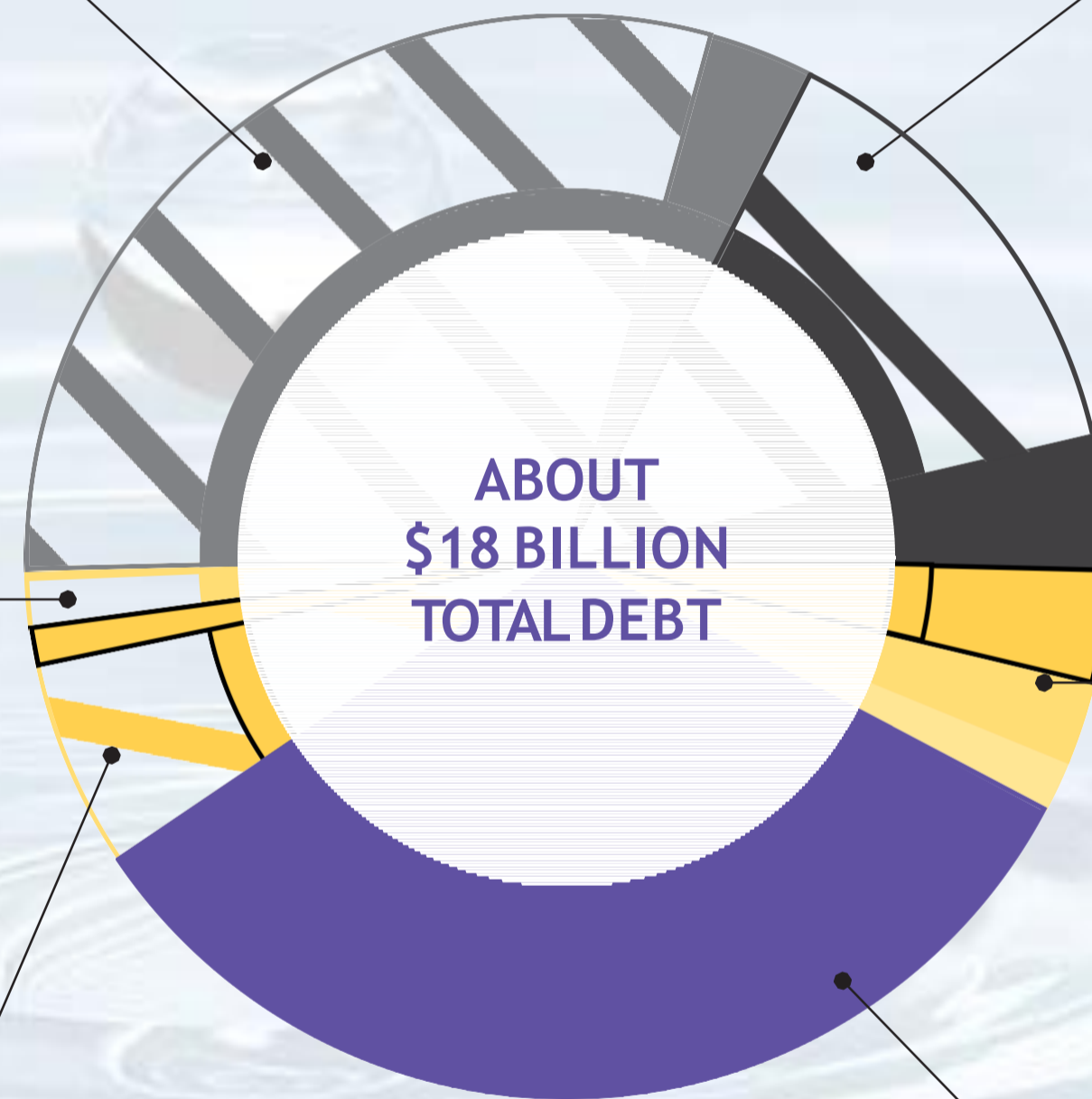
A collection of nonprofit foundations, the State of Michigan, and the Detroit Institute of Arts raise \$816 million to cover 23% of Detroit's underfunded pensions and turn the DIA into a private nonprofit.

INTEREST RATE SWAPS \$343.6 MILLION

Owed to Syncora, via Bank of America and Merrill Lynch.

PENSION-RELATED BONDS \$1.43 BILLION

Owed to FGIC, via an unknown number of "COPS" owners.



GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AND OTHER LIABILITIES \$1.43 BILLION

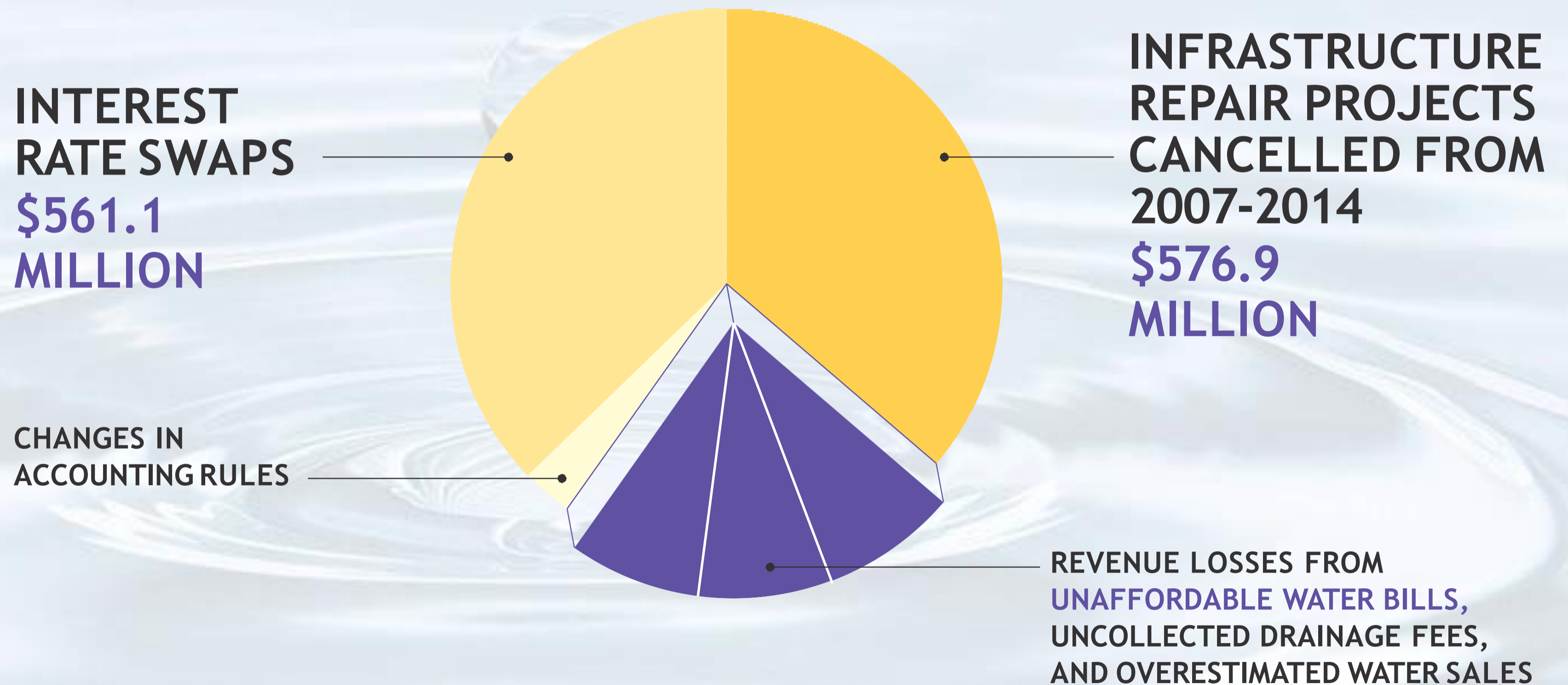
DWSD DEBT \$6.4 BILLION

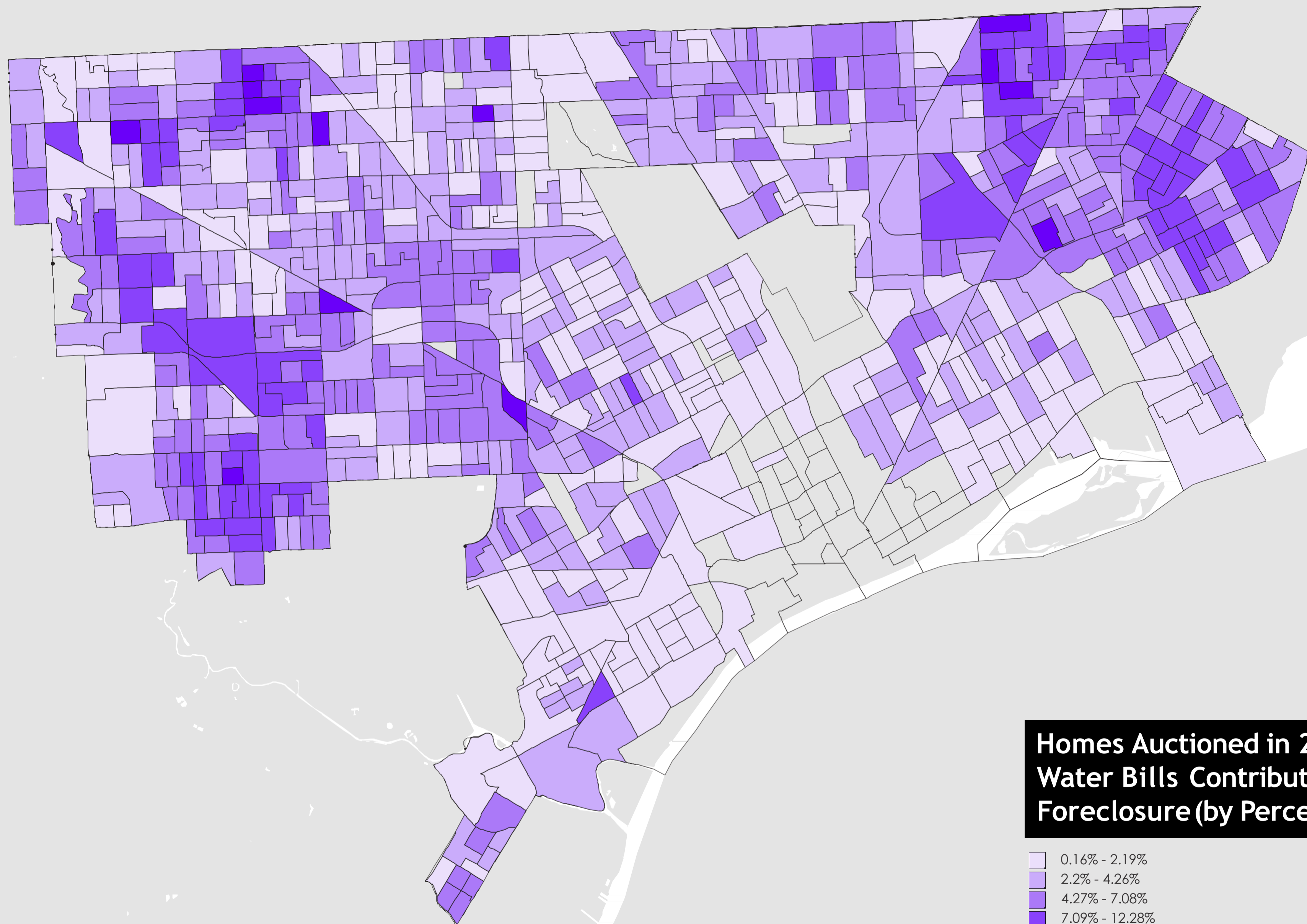
None of DWSD's debt is reduced in the bankruptcy. Instead, the Great Lakes Water Authority is created, placing the water system under regional control. The GWLA will lease DWSD's extensive water infrastructure for \$50 Million/year.

THE REAL SOURCES OF DWSD DEBT

Data Source _____

"DWSD Equity Analysis" by The Foster Group, LLC dated May 1, 2015





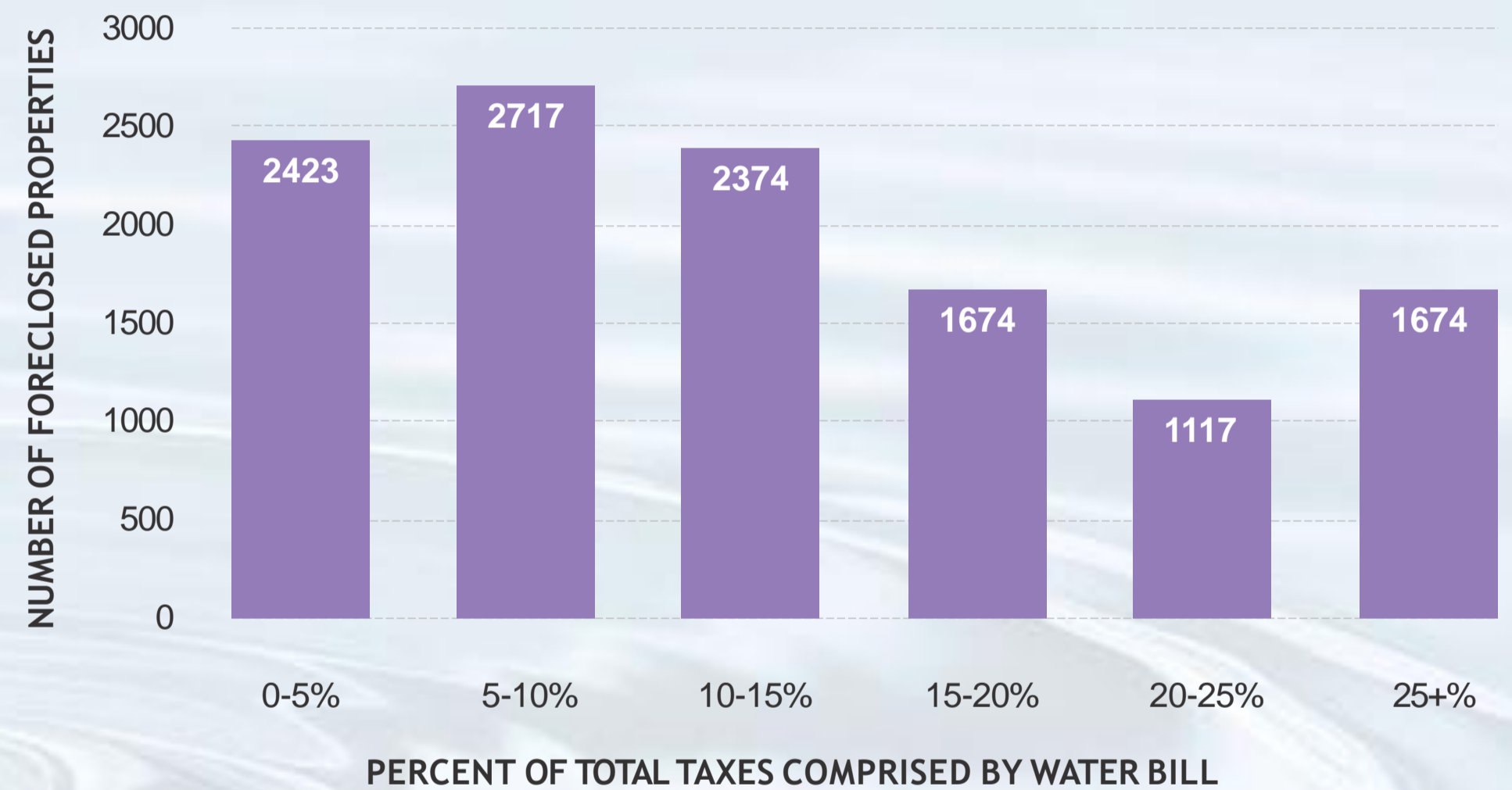
Homes Auctioned in 2014 where Water Bills Contributed to Tax Foreclosure (by Percent of Houses)

- 0.16% - 2.19%
- 2.2% - 4.26%
- 4.27% - 7.08%
- 7.09% - 12.28%
- 12.29% - 26.41%

Data Sources:
Foreclosures and Delinquent Water Bill Data: Wayne County Treasurer, 2014 September Auction, Detroit Properties Having Delinquent Water Levy
Housing Stock: US Census American Community Survey 2009-2013 5 Year Estimates

Total Foreclosed Properties in 2014 with Delinquent Water Bills added to Property Taxes: 11,979
Average Water Bill Due at Time of Auction: \$1,903
Average Minimum Bid at Auction*: \$13,438

*The minimum bid at the Wayne County Tax Auction consists of all delinquent taxes, penalties and interest.



Foreclosed Properties in 2014 with Delinquent Water Bills added to Property Taxes, by Total Amount of Water Bill Owed

Foreclosed Properties in 2014 with Delinquent Water Bills added to Property Taxes, by Percent of Total Taxes Comprised by Water Bill

Data Source.....

Foreclosures and Delinquent Water Bill Data: Wayne County Treasurer, 2014 September Auction, Detroit Properties Having Delinquent Water Levy

MITCH JONES

Mitch Jones is a Senior Policy Advocate at Food & Water Watch. He represents the organization in Congress and in Maryland on a range of issues including fracking, water infrastructure, and agricultural policy.

He was previously the Director of the Common Resources program and the Fish program at Food & Water Watch, and also worked as the Senior Legislative and Policy Analyst for Food & Water Watch's Water program.

Prior to joining Food & Water Watch, he worked at the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, focusing on issues related to food safety and renewable fuel policy.

Mitch holds a B.A. in history and philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Masters of Liberal Arts from St. John's College, Santa Fe. Mitch can be reached mjones@fwwatch.org.





Trans-Pacific Partnership: Undermining Water Access

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Senior Policy Advocate

Trade Justice Alliance
TPP Sunday Webinar

April 17, 2016



TPP Impacts on Water Quality & Access



Fracking



**Water
Privatization**



**Bottled
Water**

TPP Promotes Privatized Wastewater

- **TPP Services Cover Wastewater/Sewerage**
- **TPP ISDS:** Foreign water companies can sue over rate hikes, water quality oversight, upkeep/repairs and even universal service.
- **TTIP/TISA likely also include drinking water**



Privatized TPP Wastewater Systems

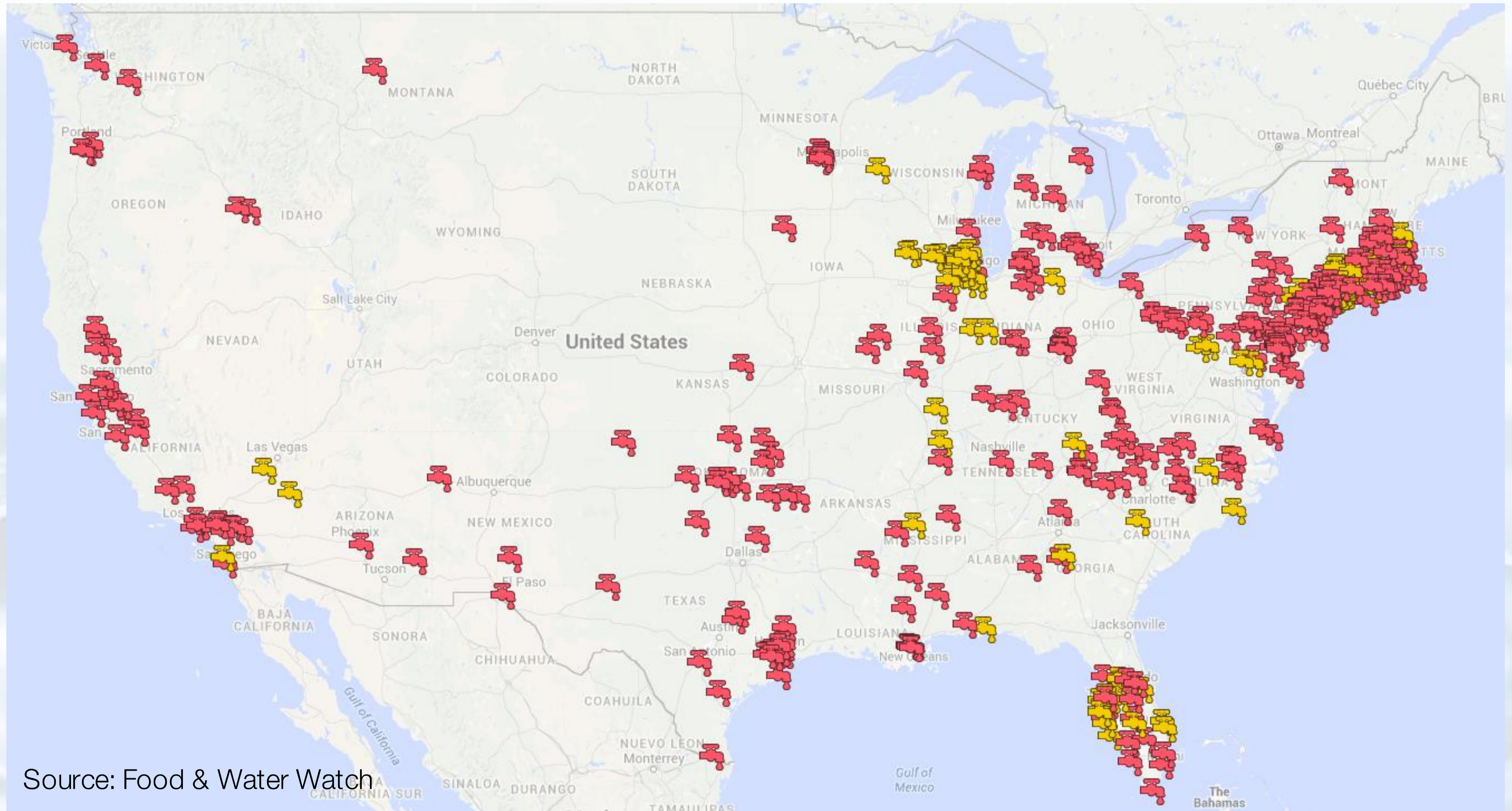


Trade Services Rules & TPP

- **One-way privatization push:** Already privatized U.S. sewer services sector; harder to block future future privatization or re-municipalize.
- **Domestic services regulation subject to trade disputes:** State-to-state disputes over broad swath of regs.
- **Window dressing protections:** Procurement exemption doesn't cover utilities; need "legitimate" public interest objective.



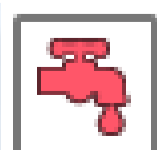
Privatized TPP/TTIP Water Systems



Source: Food & Water Watch

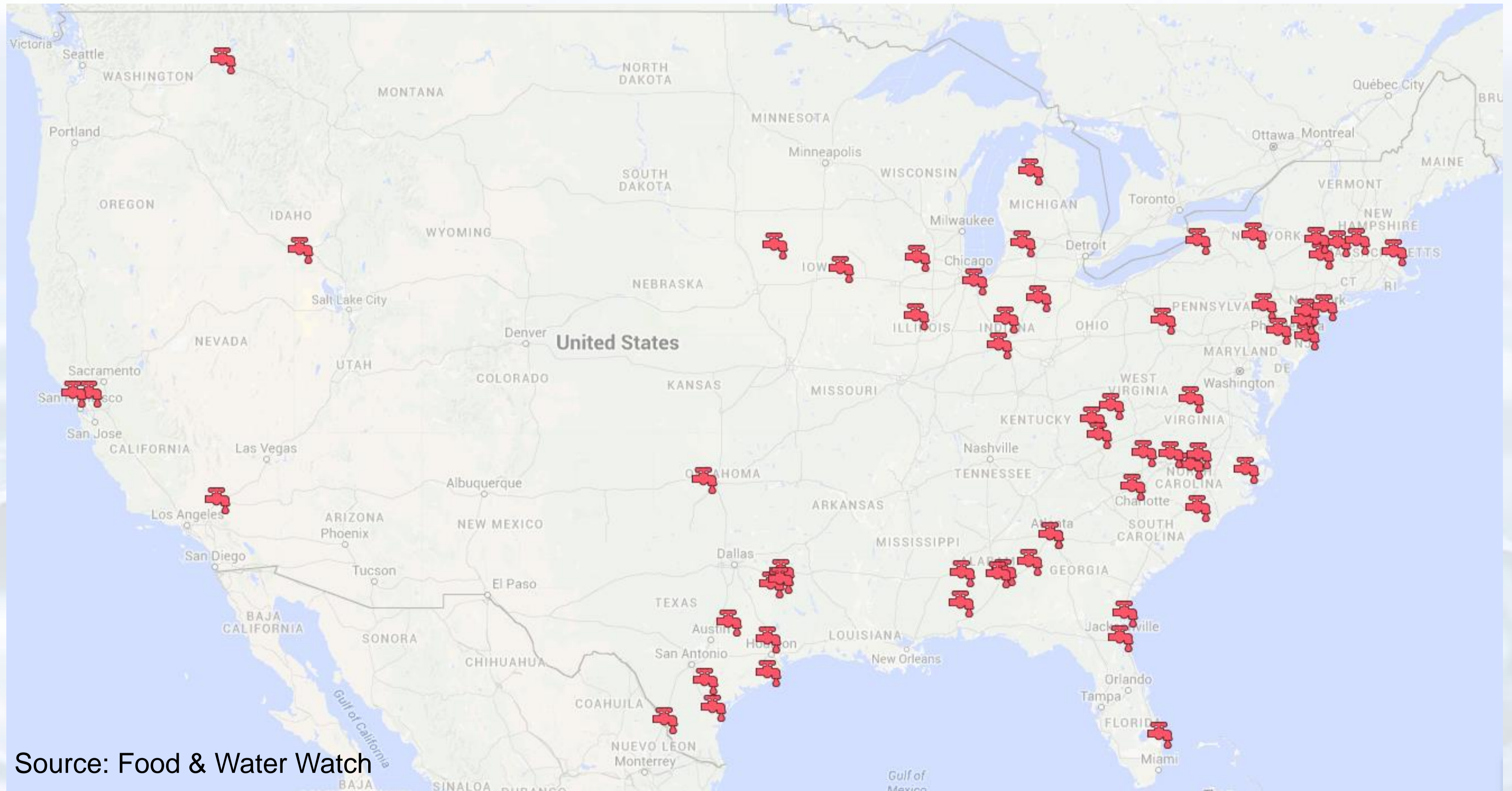


>100 water/sewer systems own/operated by firms from TPP countries



>300 water/sewer systems own/operated by firms from TTIP countries

Re-Municipalized TTIP Water Systems



Source: Food & Water Watch

Investor-State Water Privatization Cases

Cochabamba Bolivia: Bechtel abandoned a \$50M challenge town's response to destructive water privatization only after years of protests and international attention.

Argentina Already Paid >\$600M in ISDS Penalties: Argentina has lost six water privatization cases, including paying an Enron subsidiary \$165M after canceling its contract for failing to provide clean drinking water.

Estonia: A private water company is suing Estonia for \$114M for resisting price hikes for ratepayers.



Investor-State Water Bottling Cases

Sun Belt NAFTA Case: In 1999, U.S. firm filed \$10.5B case over British Columbia's bulk water export moratorium. Technically pending but inactive for years.

European Bottled Water Cases: Disputes were brought against Slovakia and Czech Republic reticence over commercial water extraction. Both cases dropped but Czech Republic paid unknown legal fees.

Nine TPP Water Bottling Firms: 6 Japanese and 3 Canadian firms that manufacture bottled water, mineral water or ice have subsidiaries in the United States and could bring cases against measures to block extraction.



We Can Do It!



**STOP
the
TPP**

TAKE ACTION



- Send a message, call and visit your Representative's office
- Text **TRADE** to **69866**
- Call **877-852-4710** to get connected to your Representative's office
- Contact katy@fwwatch.org to get connected to others in your community

Tell them:

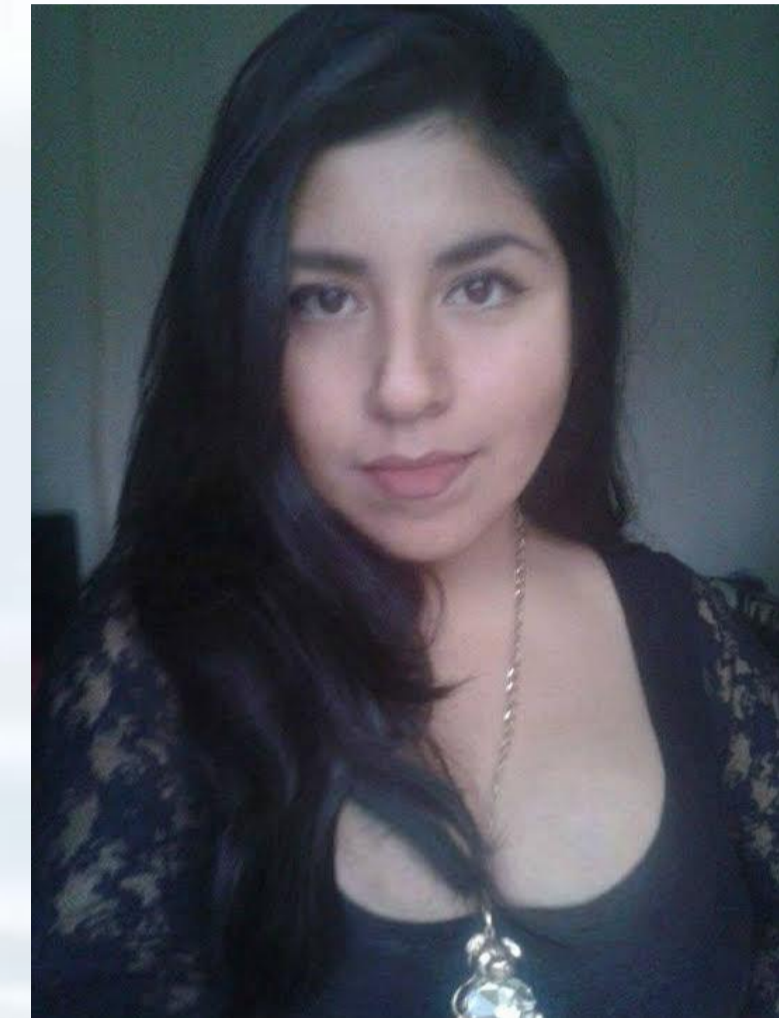
“Vote **NO** on the TPP!”

Q&A – Monica Patrick and Mitch Jones



Wendy Stephany - Peru

Wendy Stephany was born Lima, Peru in 1992. She is 24 years old, and has worked as a teacher since she was 17. She taught herself English and after some time, won a position as an Elementary School Teacher. An autodidact, she spends her free time reading, singing, writing poems, painting, but most of all in activism because she believes you must encourage people to take actions, especially in Peru. She is not part of any group because she thinks being free, you can share with all of them. She is against mining, against any form of domination to all species, against industry, and against the terrible system in her country.



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DR. MARGARET FLOWERS

Dr. Margaret Flowers is a pediatrician and co-chair of the Maryland chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP). Margaret is also Co-Director of PopularResistance.org and It's Our Economy, Co-Organizer of Flush the TPP (flushthetpp.org).

**Its Our Economy (www.itsoureconomy.US)
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Democratize the Media / Forces of Greed
Radio: <http://www.ClearingtheFOGRadio.org>
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[US Labor Department Report Raises Concerns About Peru's Textile and Apparel Industries \(Sourcing Journal, 3/23/16\)](#)

- [Pro-TPP Op-Eds Remarkably Similar to Drafts by Foreign Government Lobbyists \(The Intercept, 4/10/16\)](#)

[226 Agricultural, food groups urge support for TPP \(National Hog Farmer, 4/11/16\)](#)

[More than 50 health, religious and labor groups urge Congress to reject TPP trade deal \(The Washington Post, 4/12/16\)](#)

[Did Administration Offer New Balance A Big Contract For TPP Silence? \(Common Dreams, 4/15/16\)](#)

[Administration Signals TPP Financial Services Fix Near; Ag Pushes 2016 Vote \(Inside US Trade, 4/16/16\)](#)

Many more News stories at <http://tradejustice.net/news>





NY State Assemblymember Felix Ortiz

US Representative Grace Meng

US Representative Nydia Velazquez

US Representative Hakeem Jeffries

NY State Senator Jesse Hamilton

Mayor Bill de Blasio

Councilmember Helen Rosenthal

US Representative Elliot Engel

US Representative Dan Donovan

US Representative Jerrold Nadler

Pete Sikora (Communication Workers of America, MC)

**Press Conference
Against TPP
City Hall, New York City
Thursday,
April 7, 2016
more info at
tradejustice.net**

[Mayor de Blasio, Members of Congress, State and Local Elected Officials Rally vs. TPP at NYC City Hall \(TradeJustice Alliance, 4/8/16\)](#)

TPP Activism in the NY Primary

- leafleting Bernie rallies-Vigil at debate, Earth Day outreach, speaking to local groups



Upcoming Actions:

Monday, April 18, 4-6:30 PM: [Leaflet @ Bernie Sanders Rally in Hunters Point South Park, Long Island City, Queens](#)

Tuesday, April 19, 6-8 AM (and on!): [Primary Day Leafleting in Rep. Crowley's District](#)



Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Wed, April 20, 3 PM-4 PM: [National TPP Briefing Call: Briefing Call on the TPP, China & Currency](#)

Thurs, April 21, 6:30-7:30 PM: [The Politics of Investment Treaties](#)



NYC Convergence! Apr 28 & 29

[April 20, 5PM: Registration Deadline for Stakeholder Forum at 13th TTIP Negotiating Round](#)

[April 28, 11AM-4:30 PM: TTIP Coming Back To NYC! Stakeholder Session and Chief Negotiator Briefing](#)

[April 28, 6:30-8:30 PM: Screening of "Fire in the Blood" and conversation with activist Jamie Love](#)

[April 29, 9AM-6PM: Rules, Rights and Resistance: The Battle Over TPP and TTIP w/ Joseph Stiglitz, Lori Wallach, Ilana Solomon, Frank Ackerman, Bill McKibben, & More!](#)

May Webinars

- [May 1st: May Day! TPP vs. Labor Rights](#)
- May 15: John Perkins, Author, *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*
- May 22: International Day of Biodiversity: TPP vs. Wildlife w/ Ben Beachy (Sierra Club Responsible Trade Program). Email adam@tradejustice.net to be an outreach coordinator for one of these webinars.



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Resource Hub

Sunday, 03 April 2016 00:00

Welcome to the Resource Hub

Written by The Resource Hub Team

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End-to-end personal assistance for all of your organizing needs

Who We Are

Experienced organizers who have created many actions and events, as well as mentored others in creating their own. Each of us has our own unique organizing skills to contribute as needed. The team of mentors and support people here at the Resource Hub are creative and cooperative folks who have reached out to one another to give and receive organizing support. We all realize the value and necessity of working together for the greater good of people and the planet.

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