



**Davis Shores  
Tide Check Valve Program –  
Project Status Update**

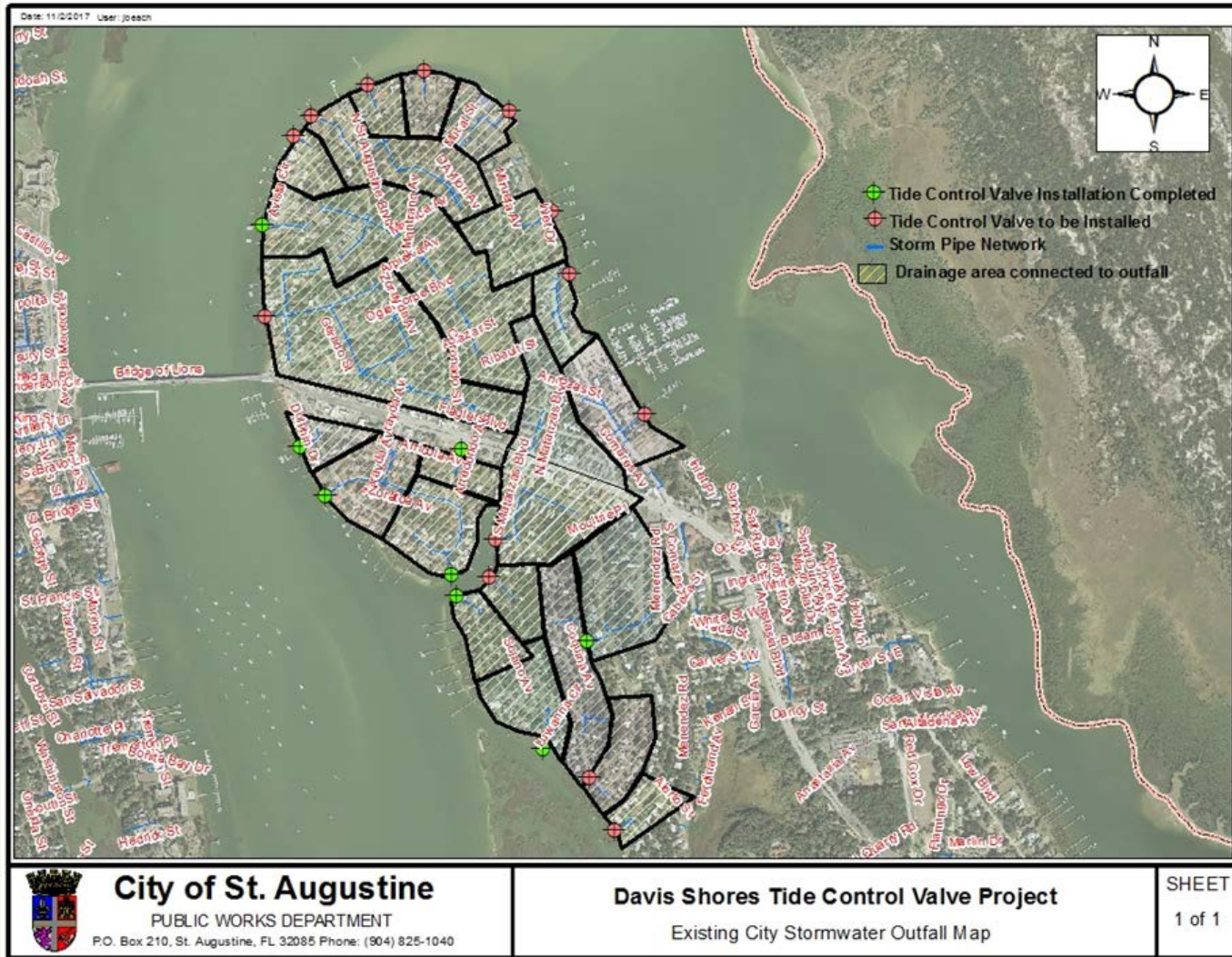
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# Existing Stormwater Outfall Map for Davis Shores

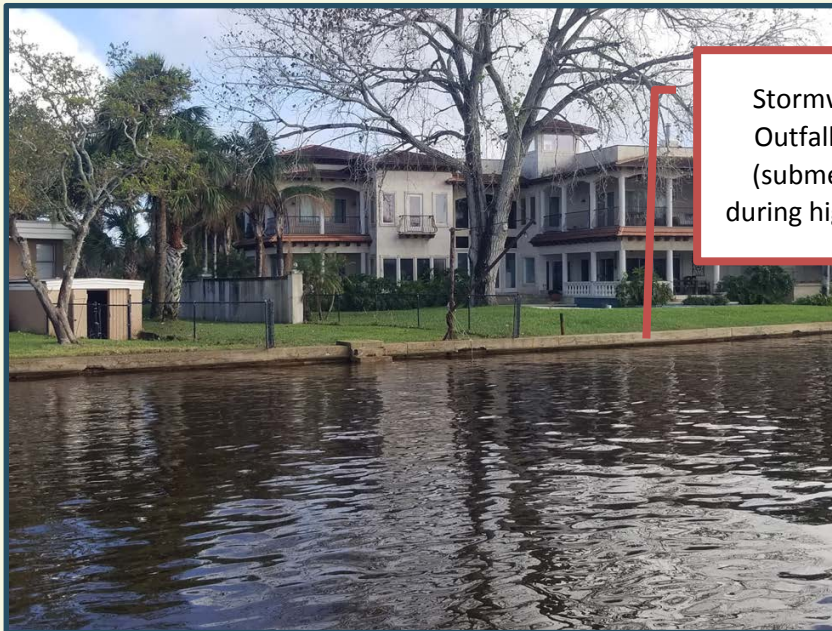


- 21 total outfalls (represented by green and red dots)
  - 17 outfalls as part of SJRWMD cost share
- “Blue” lines are storm pipe network
- Cross-hatched areas represent drainage areas connected to outfalls



## Example of Existing City Outfall – High vs. Low Tide

- The City's stormwater system will gravity discharge through its underground pipe network and into the Matanzas Inlet or Salt Run when the tides are low (or below) the bottom of the outfall pipe. As the tide rises, especially during higher than normal tide events, the salt water can back up and into the pipe network, and in extreme conditions, cause street flooding.



Stormwater  
Outfall Pipe  
(submerged  
during high tide)



Same  
stormwater  
outfall pipe  
exposed during  
low tide

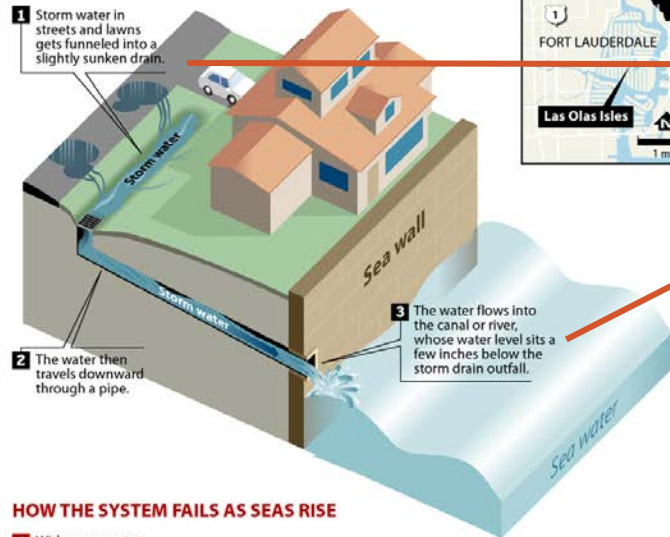


# Schematic showing how the City Drainage System Works [3]

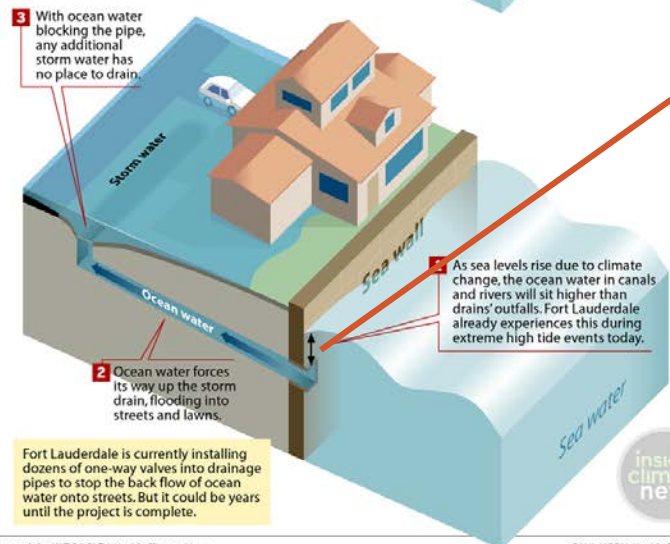
## Surging Seas Inundate Ft. Lauderdale's Drainage System

Ft. Lauderdale's 165 miles of canals and rivers once functioned reliably as the city's drainage system. But rising seas and heavier floods are rendering it useless—overwhelming the infrastructure and causing backflooding in the streets.

### HOW IT WAS DESIGNED TO WORK



### HOW THE SYSTEM FAILS AS SEAS RISE



Fort Lauderdale is currently installing dozens of one-way valves into drainage pipes to stop the back flow of ocean water onto streets. But it could be years until the project is complete.

inside climate news

The City of St. Augustine's drainage system functions similarly to the City of Ft. Lauderdale's system.

During rainfall events, stormwater is collected within the streets either through a drainage swale or drainage inlet.

Under low tide conditions, stormwater can gravity discharge through the existing pipe and into the Matanzas River or Salt Run.

During high tide events, sea water can enter into the pipe network and cause street flooding. If rainfall also occurs during this time, it becomes "trapped" and cannot gravity drain until the tide falls, this can worsen street flooding conditions.

Source: Inside Climate News [3]



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## Recent Nor'easter + “King Tide” Effects

- In addition to tidal flooding events, if weather conditions persist concurrently with tidal flooding (such as rainfall or Nor'easter winds), this can significantly amplify the flooding effects. It is not uncommon during these Nor'easter events, that the winds push tide water further up into the storm water collection system, resulting in more extensive road flooding.



Documented King Tide + Nor'easter Conditions – October 2017



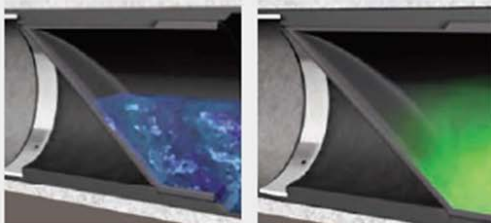
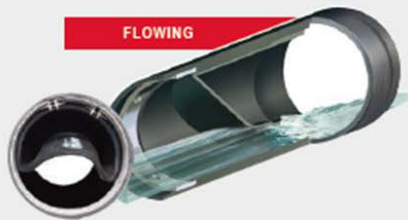
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## Example of Non-functioning Outfall Valve

- The City has several locations where there are non-functioning valves
- Once these valves reach their life expectancy, they must be replaced
- Documented tidal street flooding where either there is no valve or a non-functioning valve
- New design option – valve that is located inside the pipe (or “in- line”)
- Two types of in-line valves the City is testing



# Types of Valves being Tested to Reduce Nuisance Flooding



For an animated demonstration of the CheckMate® in operation, please visit: <http://www.tideflex.com/checkmate>

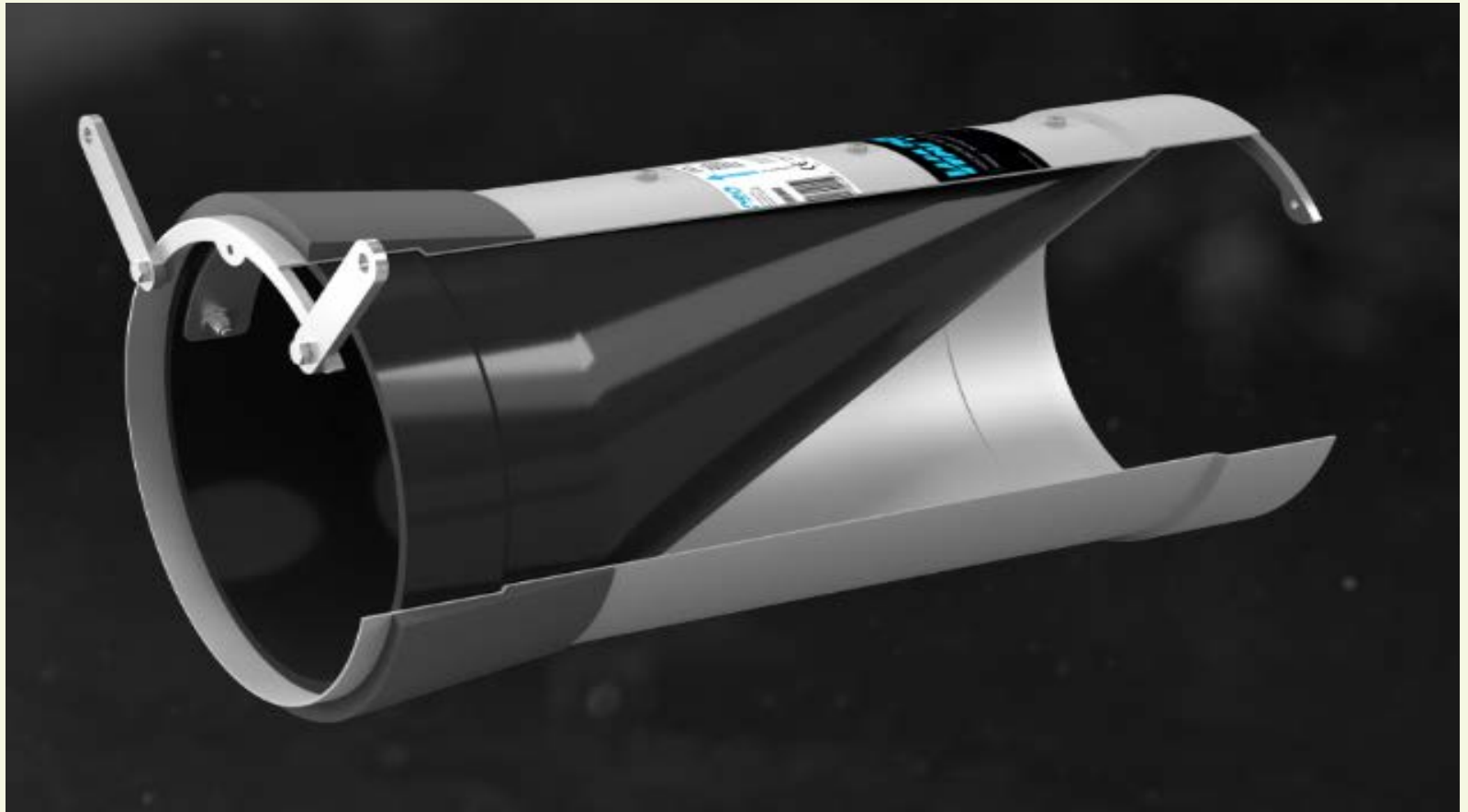


One type of tide check valve, Tideflex CheckMate Inline Check Valve<sup>[6]</sup> will allow stormwater to drain out under lower tide conditions. During high tide, the valve will prevent sea water from backing up into the stormwater pipe network.



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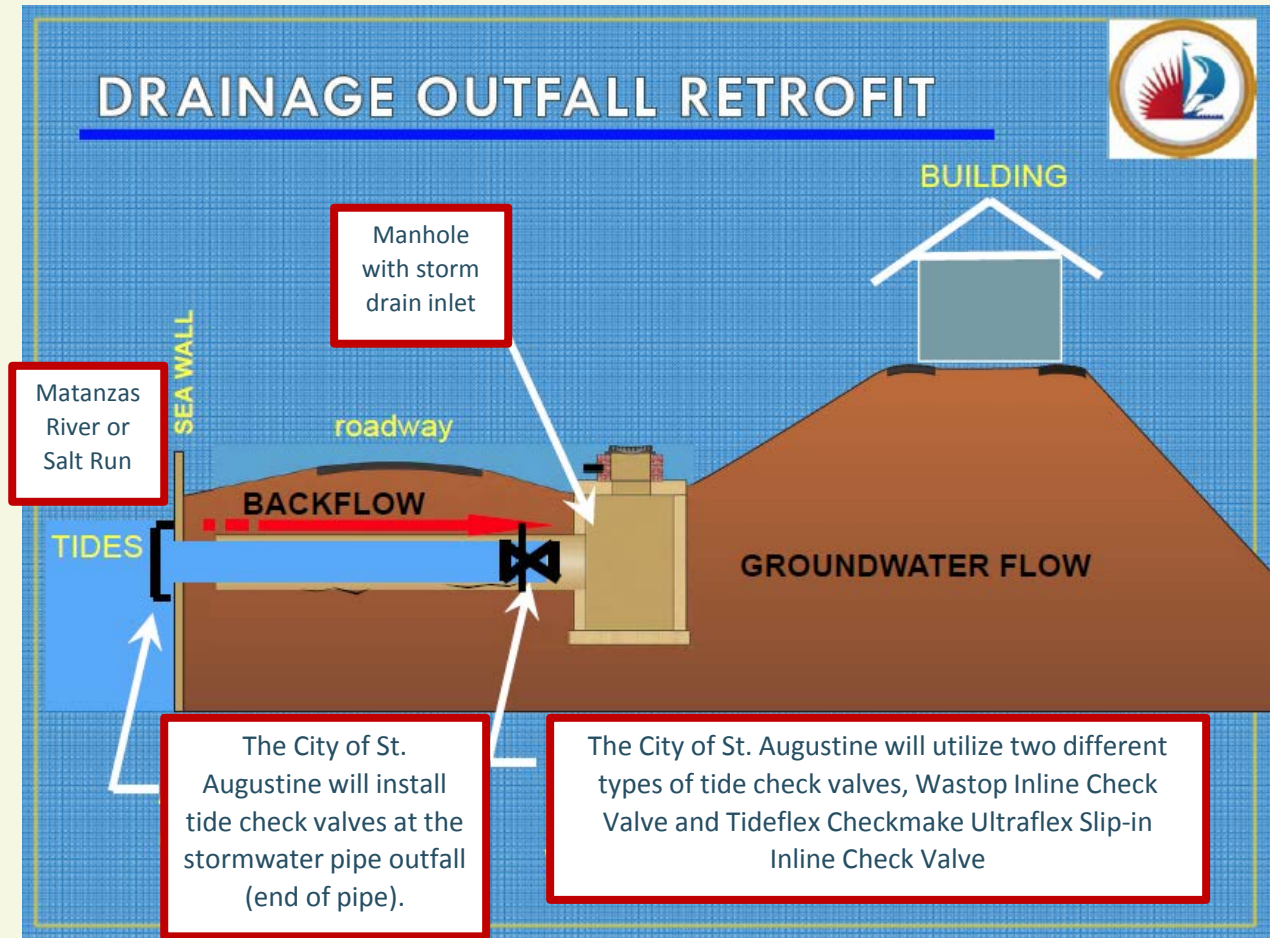
Another type of tide check valve, WAPRO Wastop Inline Check Valve<sup>[5]</sup> functions similarly to the Tideflex but is manufactured out of different material and has a lower head loss differential.





# How the valves will help reduce nuisance tidal flooding

- Valves will be installed at existing storm pipe outfalls
- Valves will prevent tidal waters from entering the storm drain system and reduce street flooding
- This addresses tidal flooding but does not prevent storm surge due to a Hurricane or Tropical Storm



Drainage Outfall Retrofit Schematic provided by the City of Ft. Lauderdale<sup>[4]</sup> and adopted by the City of St. Augustine.



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## Installed Valves – Dolphin Drive – Non SJRWMD Cost Share Valves

- Before SJRWMD Cost Share Funding became available, the City has installed (4) Tideflex Checkmate Ultraflex Slip-in Inline Check Valves (3 on Dolphin Drive; 1 on Arricola Ave), which were monitored during the king tide event + Nor'easter in October. It was noted that the streets where these valves were installed were dry, whereas other areas that did not have a valve or a non-functioning valve had flooding.

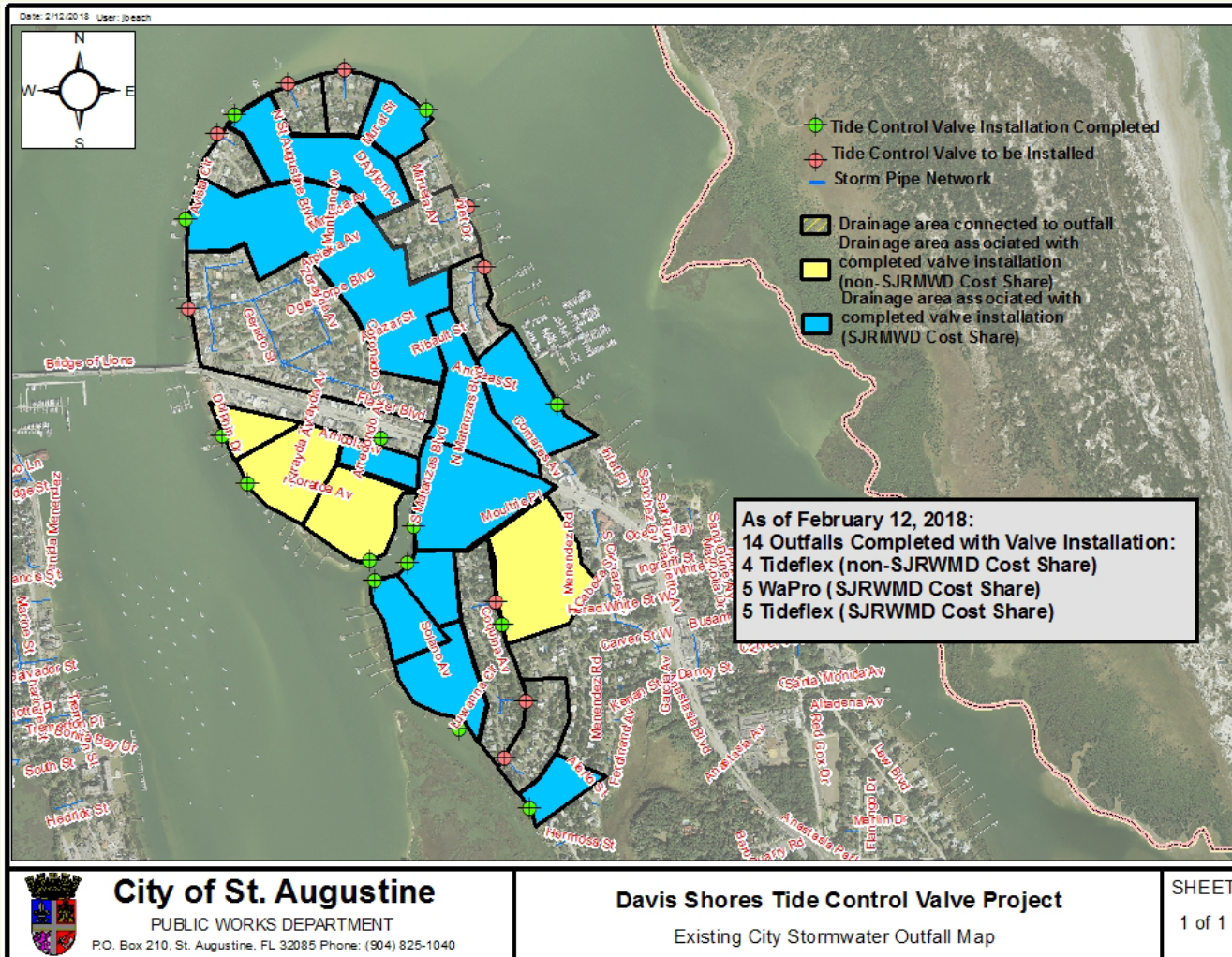


Dolphin Drive during King Tide + Nor'easter Conditions –  
October 2017 (with valves installed)



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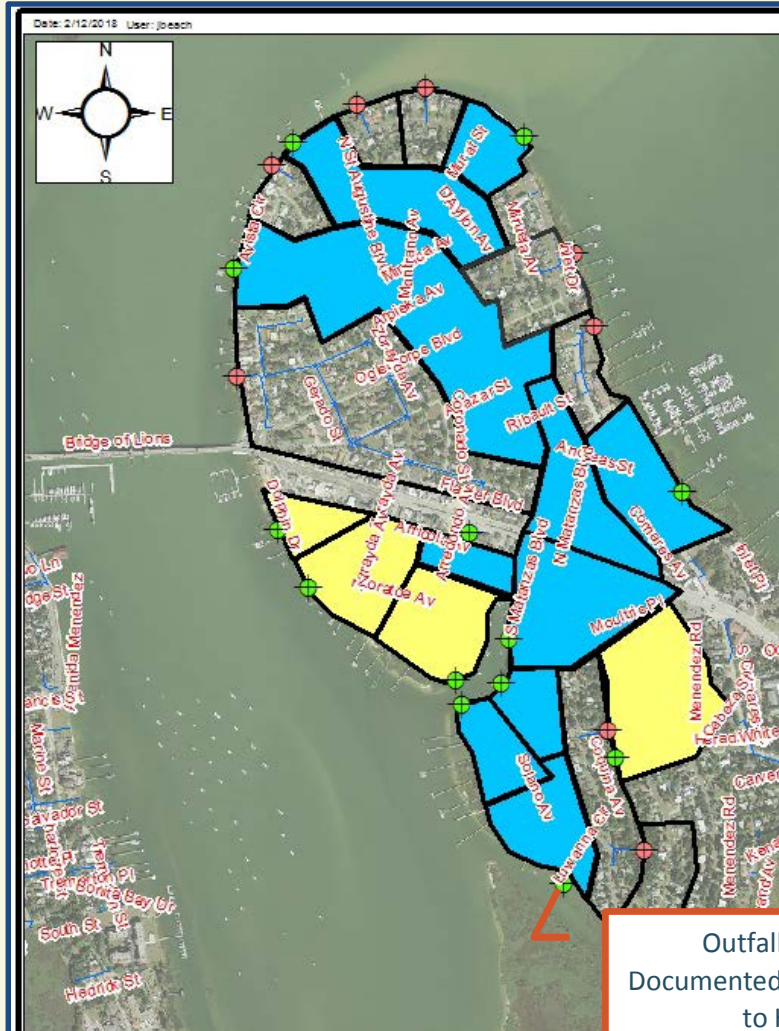
# Installed Valves To Date – Project Map



- As of February 12, 2018, the City has installed a **total of 14 valves**
  - 4 non SJRWMD Cost Share
  - 10 SJRWMD Cost Share
- 3 more scheduled for installation within the next 2 weeks
- 6 more valves to be ordered to complete the project (more complicated outfalls)

Map showing currently installed valves and drainage areas served by that valve

# Installed Valves – Stormwater Crew in Action



Outfall ID# OF-0117  
Documented Road Flooding Due to High Tides

# Installed Valves – Before and After



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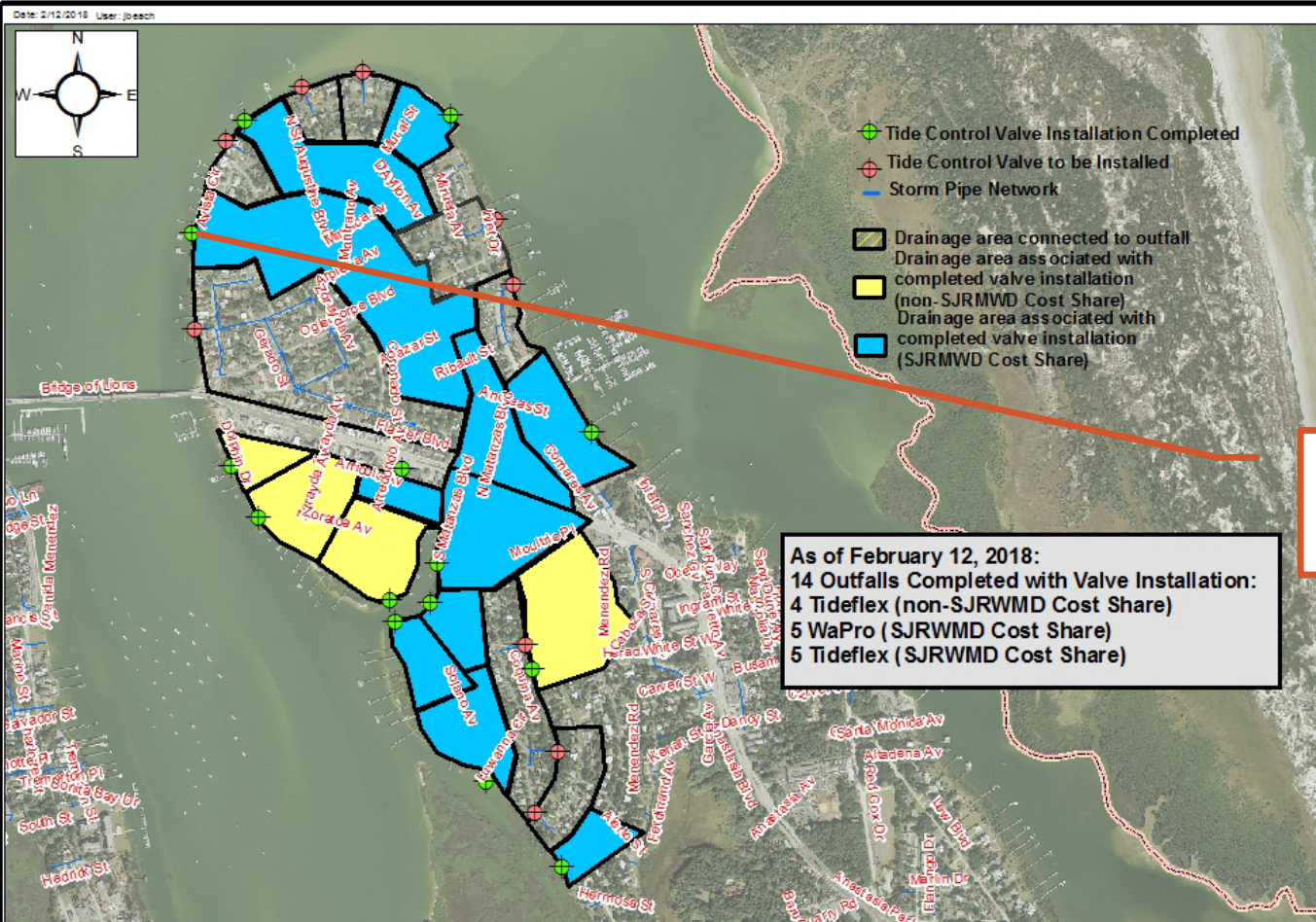
OF-0117 (Before): street flooding during King Tide event (October 2017) due to non-functioning valve



OF-0117 (After): no street flooding during King Tide event (December 2017) - tidal flooding eliminated



# Installed Valves – Stormwater Crew in Action



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**Davis Shores Tide Control Valve Project**

Existing City Stormwater Outfall Map

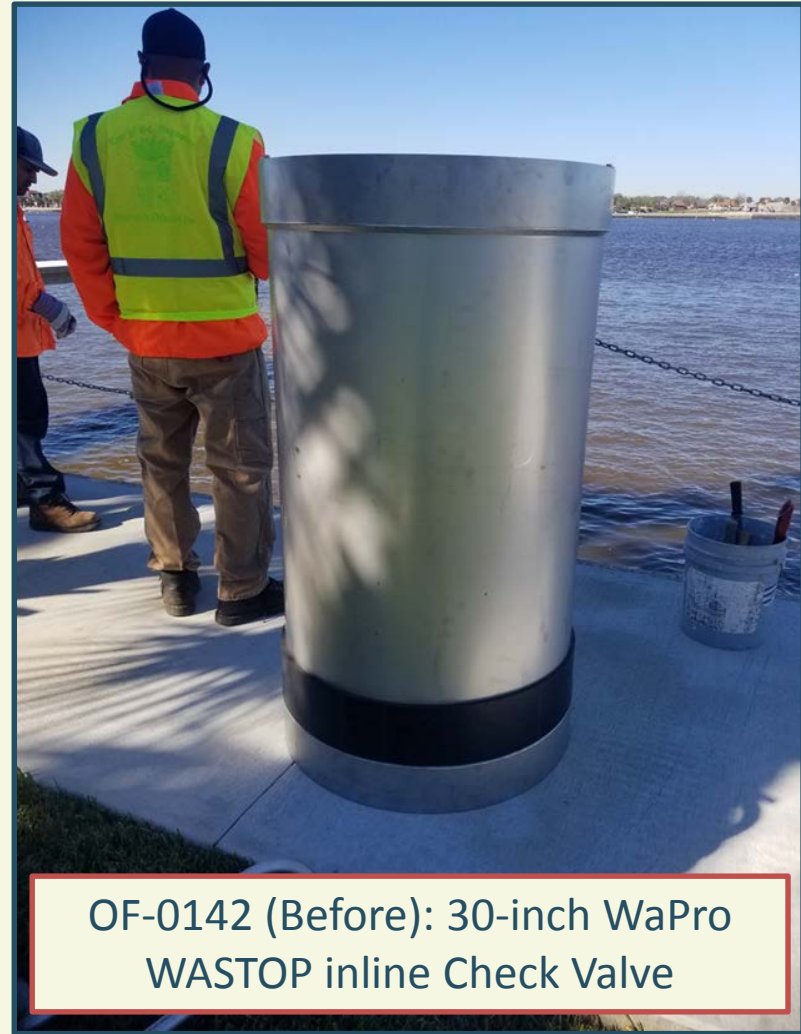
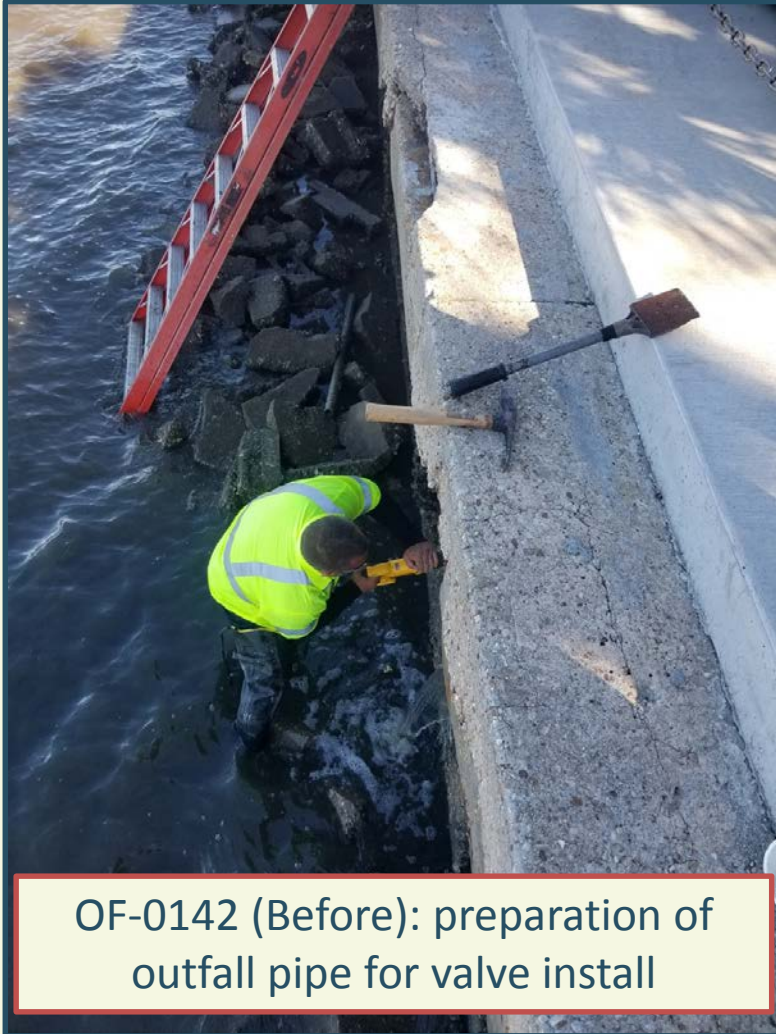
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## Installed Valves – Stormwater Crew in Action





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OF-0142 (After): valve has to be secured and lowered to outfall pipe for installation



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# Installed Valves – Stormwater Crew in Action



OF-0142 (After): valve inserted into outfall pipe



OF-0142 (After): completing valve installation



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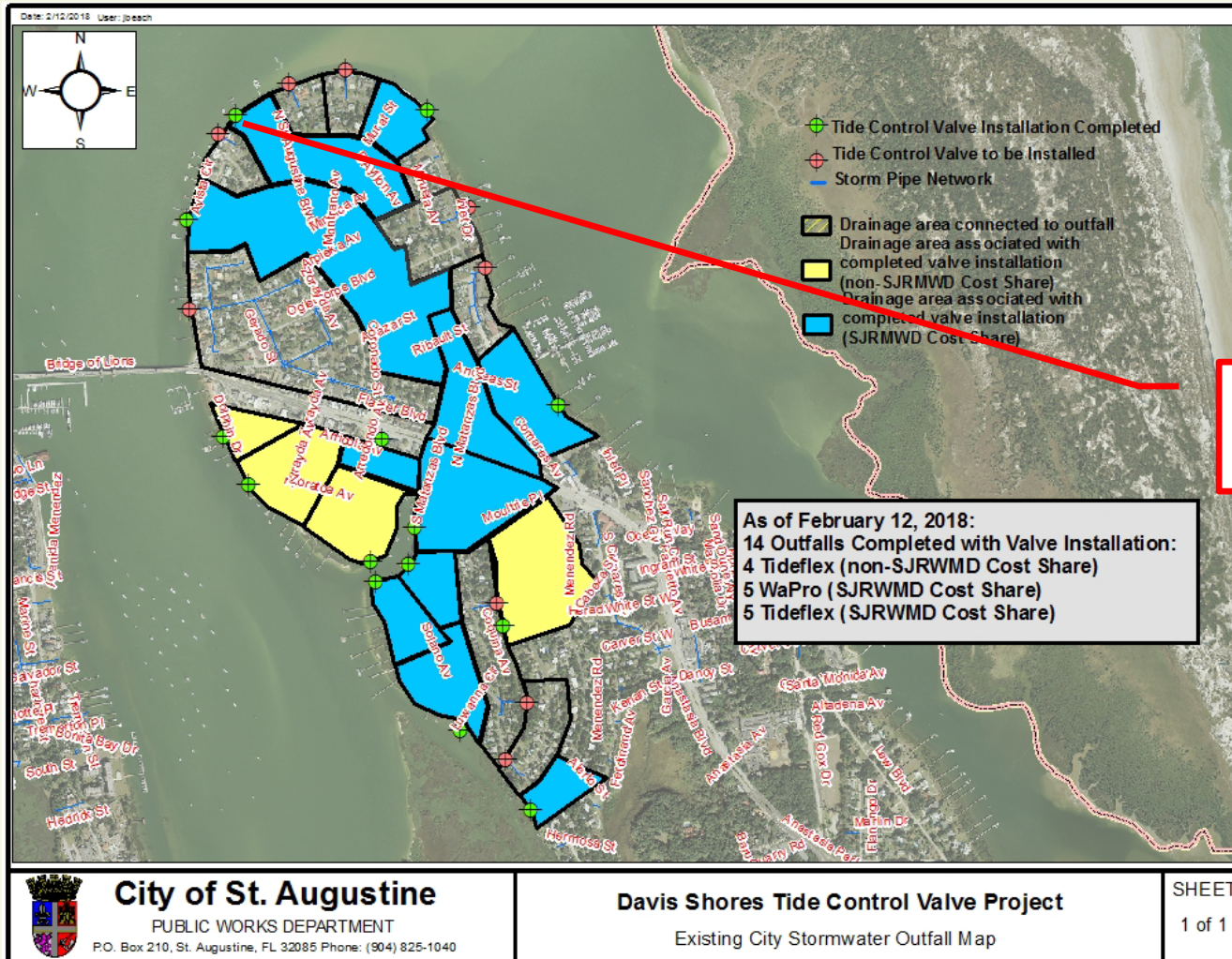
OF-0142 (Before): street flooding during King Tide event (October 2017) due to no valve in outfall

OF-0142 (After): no street flooding during King Tide event (December 2017) - tidal flooding eliminated



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# Installed Valves – Stormwater Crew in Action



Outfall ID# OF-0139 Documented Road Flooding Due to High Tides

## Installed Valves – Stormwater Crew in Action



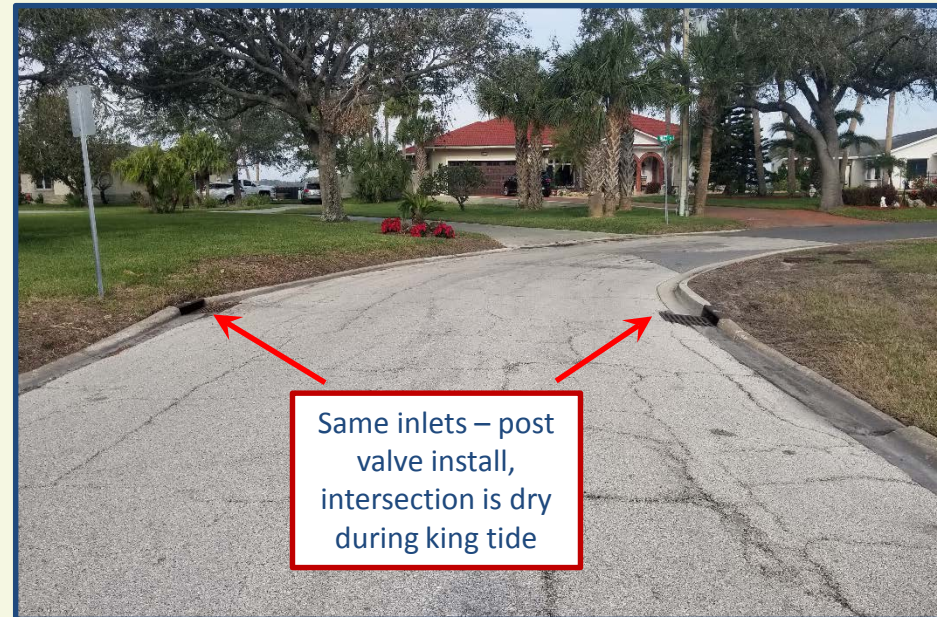
OF-0142 (After): Crew installing valve into outfall pipe



OF-0142 (After): Crew securing valve with straps onto outfall pipe



# Installed Valves – Before and After



OF-0139 (Before): street flooding during King Tide event (October 2017) due to no valve in outfall

OF-0139 (After): no street flooding during King Tide event (December 2017) - tidal flooding eliminated



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# Limitations of the Tide Check Valves



If the system is “breached” there will be street flooding:

1. Overtopping of the bulkhead or lowest elevation
2. Entry into storm system where there is no valve
3. Once it enters the streets, it flows to other areas

Example shown here: street was dry (blue circle) where it was isolated; streets were flooded (red circle) where there was entry through an outfall with no valve (FDOT Outfall, red arrow).



## Limitations of the Tide Check Valves



### King Tide + Nor'easter Conditions – January 2, 2018

- High tide at 5.8 feet (City Docks)
- Winds – sustained 20 + mph
- Added **2-feet** to high tide elevation





# Limitations of the Tide Check Valves



# Limitations of the Tide Check Valves - City system connects with FDOT Outfalls



- The City (purple lines) connects to FDOT storm system (yellow lines)
- The FDOT outfall is not owned/controlled by the City
- Cooperatively working with FDOT to address problematic flooding areas:
  - South Davis Shores – flooding caused at Arredondo/Arricola
  - Bayfront – North of Bridge of Lions (under way right now)



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