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## Wastewater Network Asset & Model Data Review and New Irish Water Standards

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2. What data coverage and quality do we presently have
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  - \* Irish Water Standards

# 1. Why We Need Reliable Asset Information and Models

Many reasons including:

- \* Need to understand performance **RISKS**
- \* Need to understand **CAPACITY** availability
- \* Need to identify appropriate **INTERVENTION STRATEGY**
- \* Benefits for **OPERATIONS** & service to the **CUSTOMER!**

# 1. Why We Need Reliable Asset Information and Models

## RISKS

- \* Hydraulic – flooding
  - \* Verified historic?
  - \* Model predicted?
  - \* Root cause?
- \* Environmental
  - \* interaction with water bodies
- \* Operational, Service
  - \* blockages, m&e failure
- \* Structural
  - \* collapses

Reliable Asset and Model Data  
essential for event frequency &  
consequence estimation

# 1. Why We Need Reliable Asset Information and Models

## **CAPACITY**

- \* Availability
  - \* Short term, long term planning
  - \* Impact of Growth, Climate Change, Urban Creep, Inflow & Infiltration

## **INTERVENTION STRATEGY**

- \* Need to better understand wastewater flow
  - \* Domestic, Commercial
  - \* Infiltration – groundwater, rainfall induced, tidal
  - \* Inflow

Reliable Asset & Model Data essential for existing & future capacity estimations and determining intervention strategy.

## 2. What data coverage and quality do we presently have

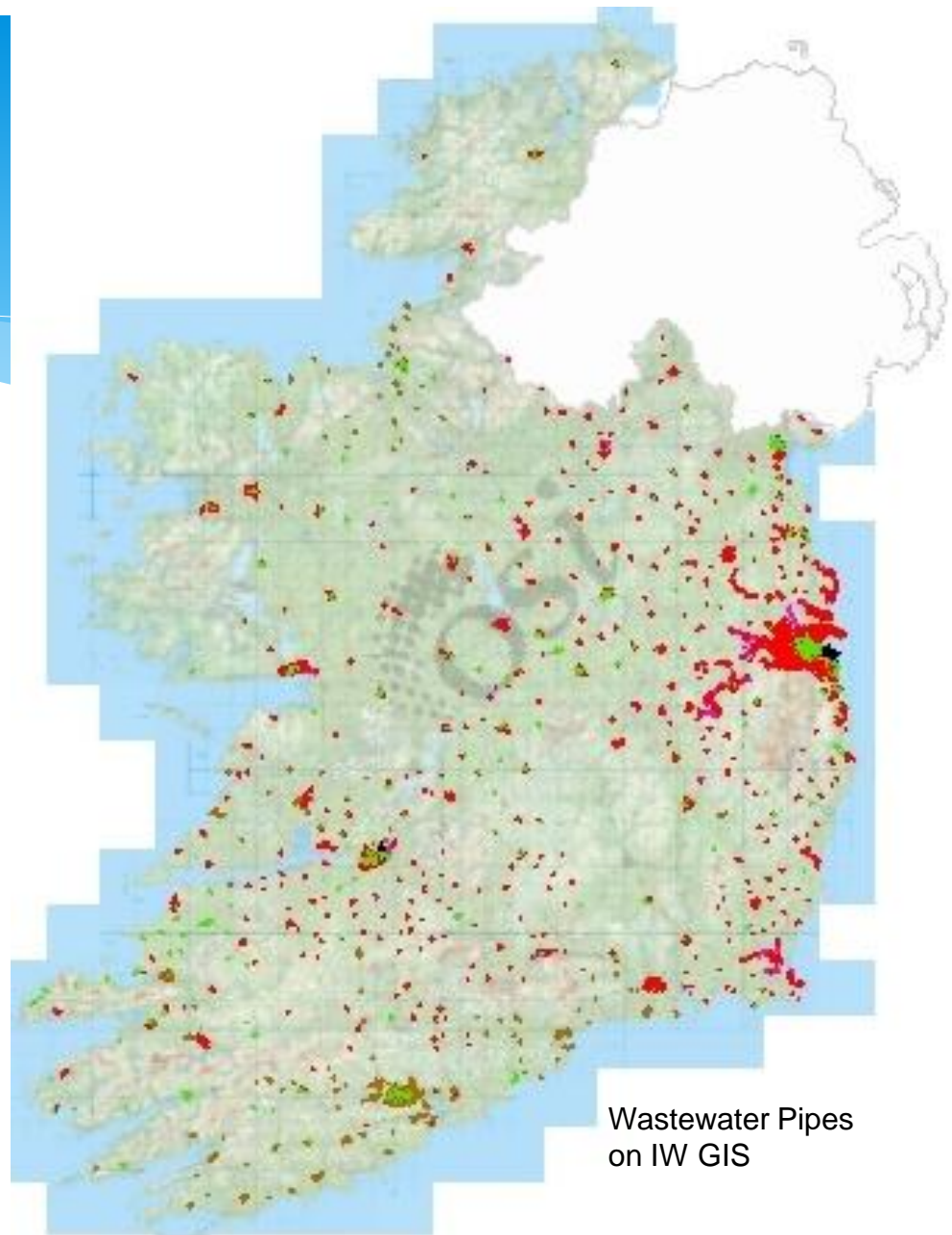
Overview of:

A. GIS Coverage and Confidence levels

B. Hydraulic Models – Coverage and Confidence levels

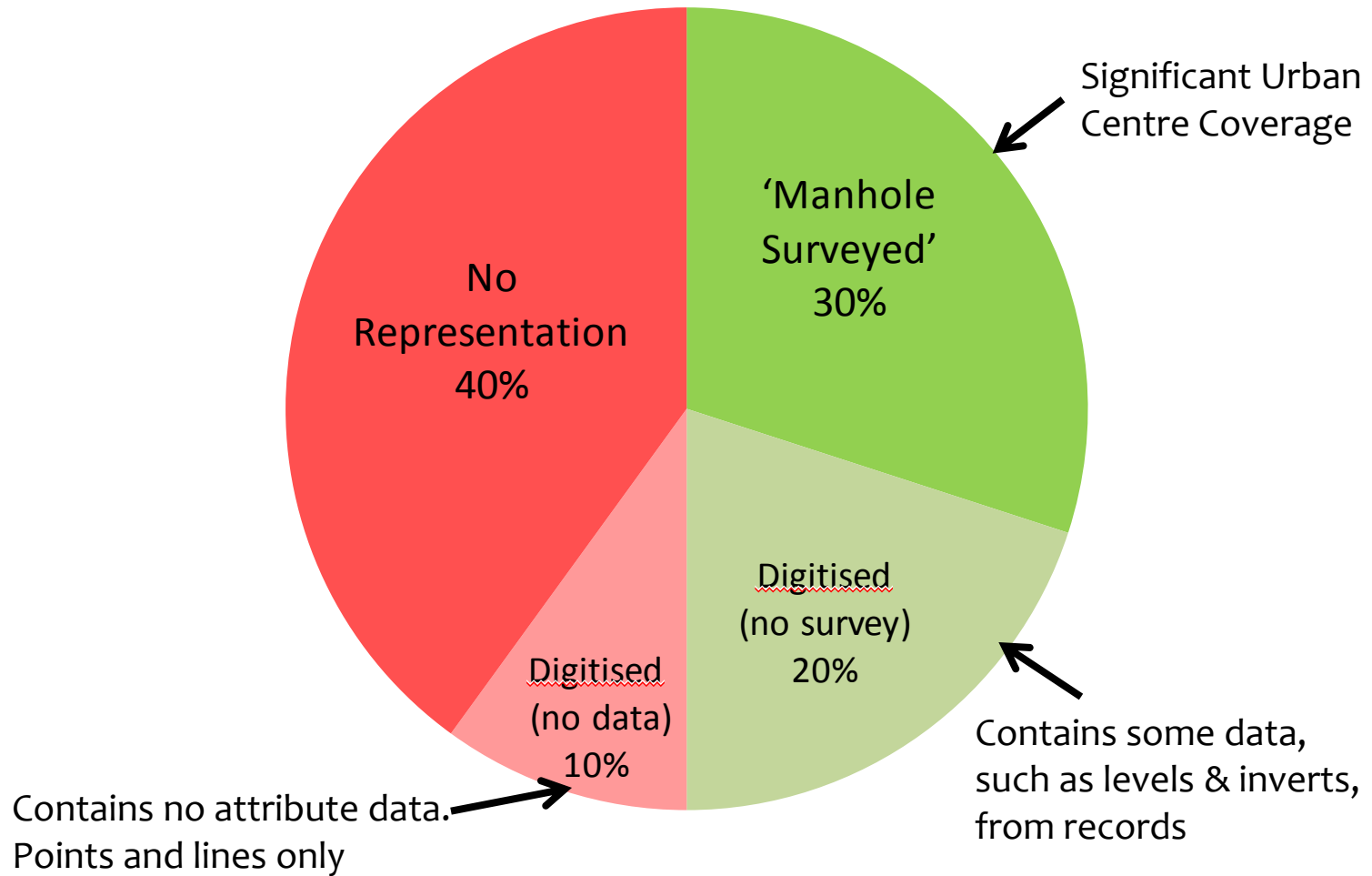
## 2. GIS Review

- \* Multiple data sources
- \* National assessment now possible
- \* 270,000 nodes
- \* 11,000km pipe





# Irish Water Wastewater Network GIS Estimated Coverage and Survey Status



# 2. Model Collection & Review

## Summary

- \* 130 agglomeration/sub-catchment hydraulic models in library
  - \* Some large urban agglomerations have no model
  - \* 80% over 10 years old
  - \* Model maintenance generally not undertaken
  - \* Inconsistent modelling approaches
  - \* Auditing – a rare occurrence

## 2. GIS and Model Review Conclusion

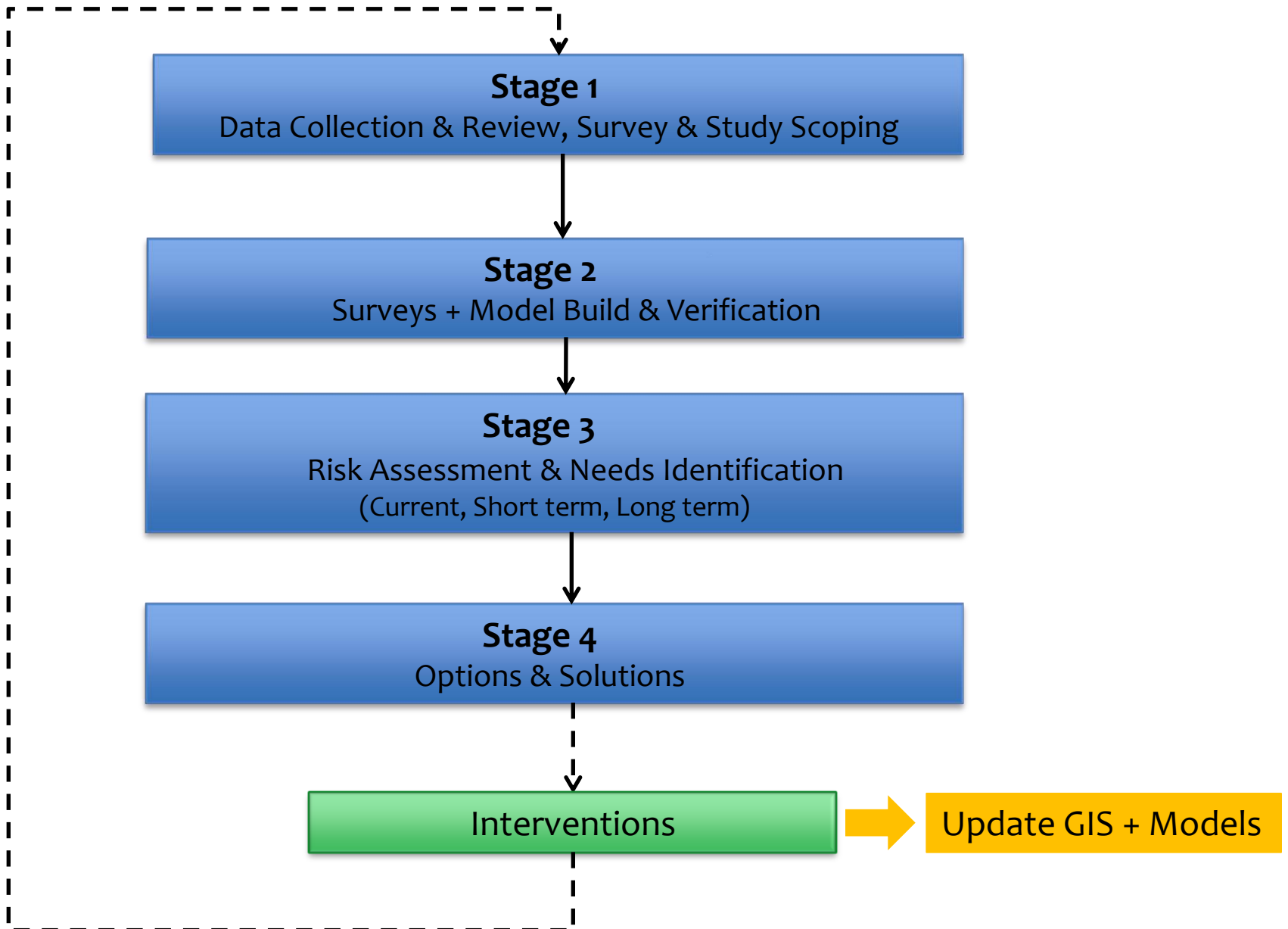
### **DEFICIT IN UNDERSTANDING OF WASTEWATER NETWORK ASSETS, RISKS AND PERFORMANCE**

- \* Further Asset Surveys Required
- \* New Models Required

# 3. Strategy to improve wastewater network data

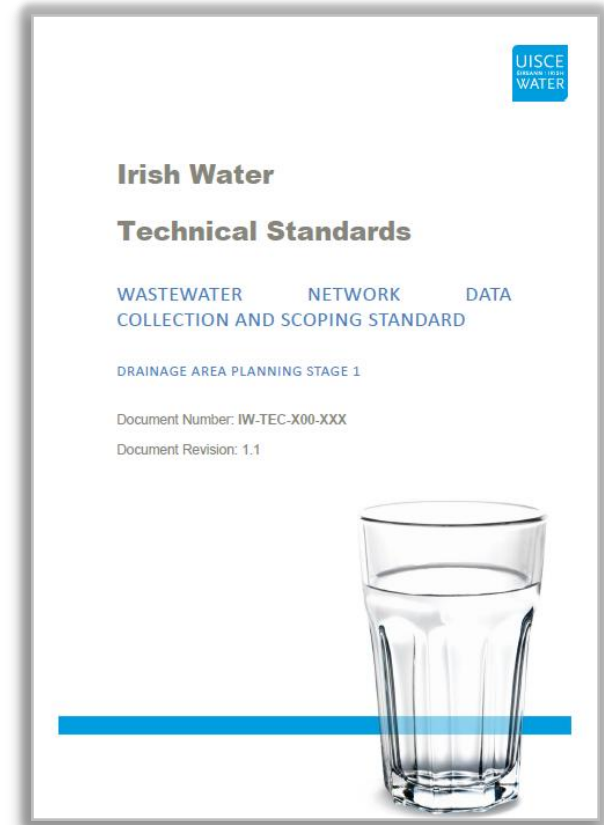
- \* Use of the staged Drainage Area Plan process
- \* **New** Irish Water Standards
  - \* Drainage Area Plan
  - \* Asset Surveys
  - \* Hydraulic Modelling

# Drainage Area Plan (DAP) - Stages



# DAP Stage 1

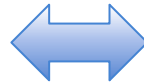
- \* Data Collection
- \* Data Review
- \* Scoping
  - \* Study Requirements
  - \* Survey Requirements
- \* **New** Stage 1 Report Template developed



# DAP Stage 2

## \* Asset Surveys

- \* CCTV
- \* Manhole
- \* Ancillaries – CSOs
- \* Pumping Station



## **New Standards**

- Sewer Pipe CCTV Standard (Draft)
- Below Ground Asset Survey Standard (Draft)

## \* Model Build

- \* Flow & Rainfall Survey
- \* Model Verification

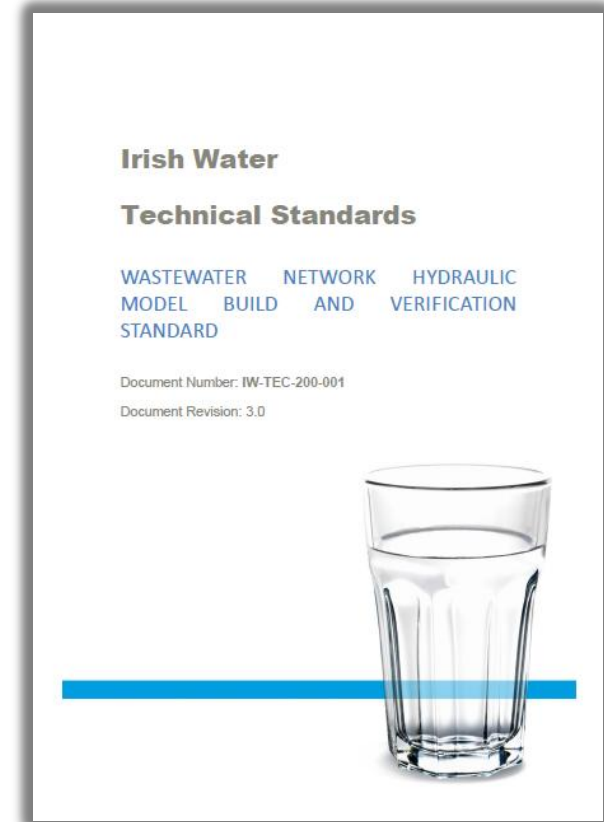


- Hydraulic Model Build and Verification Standard

# Stage 2 - Model Build & Verification Standard

## Key Requirements

- Build & Verification to facilitate an **AUDIT**
- Build and Verification must be based on **EVIDENCE**
  - Historical Verification
  - Survey Verification – short term surveys, long term monitoring, impermeable area analysis
- Reporting must detail **CONFIDENCE** levels for all areas of the network

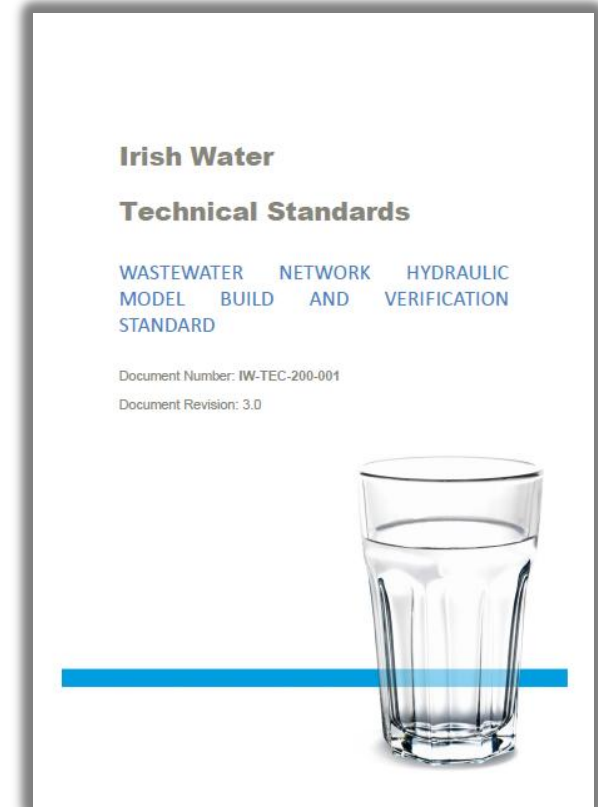




# Stage 2 - Model Build & Verification Standard

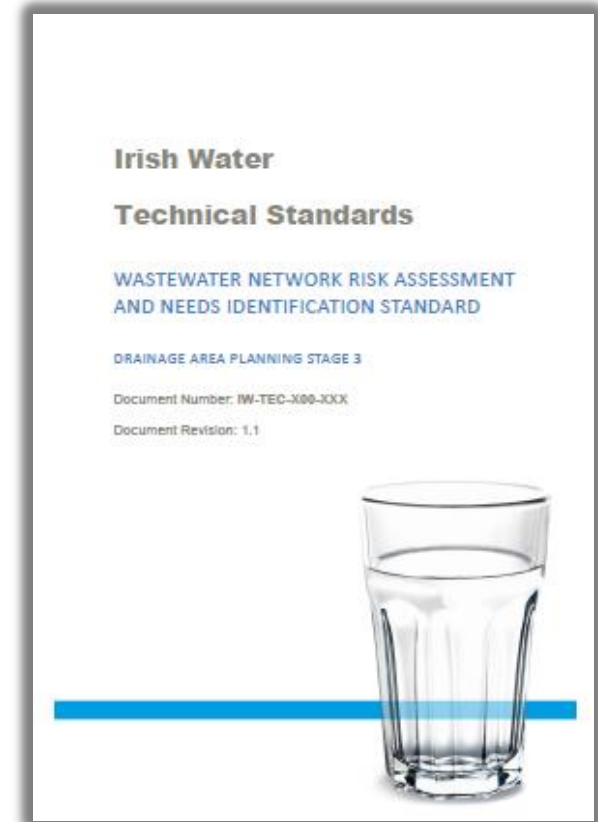
## Contents Include:

- QA Information Notes for model build
- Model build process guidance – e.g. boundary conditions, roughness, flow components etc.
- Application of runoff equations
- Planning & management of flow surveys
- Acceptable calibration and verification
- Deliverables to Irish Water
  - Flow monitor verification sheets
  - Outputs for corporate GIS



# Stage 3 Risk Assessment & Needs Identification

- \* **New Standard** (draft)
- \* Risk assessment
- \* Needs Identification
  - \* Current, Short term & long term development scenarios
- \* Policies under development include:
  - \* Climate Change
  - \* Urban Creep
  - \* Basements
  - \* Environmental
  - \* Hydraulic, Design Rainfall



# Summary

## 1. We need reliable Asset Information and Models

To understand Risk, Capacity and Intervention Strategies are three reasons

2. **GIS:** 40% of our wastewater network is not represented. A further 30% is low to medium confidence data.

**Hydraulic Models:** Variable coverage and many are outdated

## 3. Strategy to improve wastewater network data includes

- \*Drainage Area Plans
- \***New** Irish Water Standards
- \*Model and GIS Maintenance