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Draft Updated Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Plan
Fall 2026 Public Hearings Timing and Agenda

The City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville, and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) are proud to present the Draft Updated Combined Sewer Overflow Control Plan (Draft Plan). With an estimated investment of $1.3 billion to be paid for by all 43 Sewer Service Area communities, the Draft Plan will dramatically reduce CSOs across Alewife Brook, the Mystic River and the Charles River and, even in the face of increased precipitation driven by climate change, is projected to eliminate CSOs in a 2050 Typical Year.

The Draft Plan is available online (https://us.planengage.com/updatedcsocontrolplan/page/home) and in library main branches across the MWRA service basin.

Three public hearings have been scheduled to provide people with the opportunity to provide oral comment on the Draft Plan. Comments are also accepted in writing via an online comment portal, email, or mail. More information on how to comment is on the project website: https://voice.somervillema.gov/joint-cso-planning.

Date & Time	Format	Location	Zoom links for virtual participants
Thurs, Sept. 17, 6-8 PM	Hybrid	Online and in person at Cambridge City Hall Sullivan Chambers 795 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA	Zoom registration link for 9/17/26
Thurs, Sept. 24, 1-3 PM	Virtual	Online on Zoom	Zoom registration link for 9/24/26
Wed, Oct. 28, 6-8 PM	Hybrid	Online and in person at Somerville City Hall Council Chambers 93 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA	Zoom registration link for 10/28/26

Public Hearing Agenda

Each of the three fall 2026 public hearings will follow the same format:

- **Welcome** and overview of how the hearing will work
- **Project context** and information on how to provide public comment
- **Public comment**
    - Each person will receive two minutes to share their public comment per public hearing.
    - For hybrid meetings, we will alternate between virtual and in-person commenters in groups of five.
    - Commenters will sign up at the beginning of the public hearing to share comments by raising their Zoom hand or by adding their name to a piece of paper.
    - If your comments will take more than two minutes, please submit them in writing instead (or in addition). See how to submit written comments here: https://voice.somervillema.gov/joint-cso-planning.
    - (There will be occasional stretch breaks.)

These hearings will be recorded.