



**Case Study**  
**1994 CIR Project**  
**Newport, Delaware**



# Topics to be Covered

- Project Introduction
- Why was CIR selected?
- Project Evaluation
- 15 Years Later
- Comparison with Mill/Patch/Overlay Project
- Ensuring Quality



# Project Location

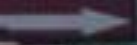
- An industrial Park in Newport, DE
- Serves more than 40 Businesses including
  - Trash Transfer Station
    - 300+ trash Trucks/per day/6 days a week
    - 30+ Trucks to the landfill
  - Concrete Plant
  - Warehouses
  - Manufacturing Plants
  - Crane Rental

# Aerial Map

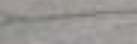




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# Project Background

- In Spring 1994, the municipality rehabilitated one of the side streets
  - 4-inch Mill, Patch and Fill
  - Extensive base patching
  - Expensive
- In Summer 1994, the municipality was planning to do the same type of project to the main road into the industrial park in the Fall.

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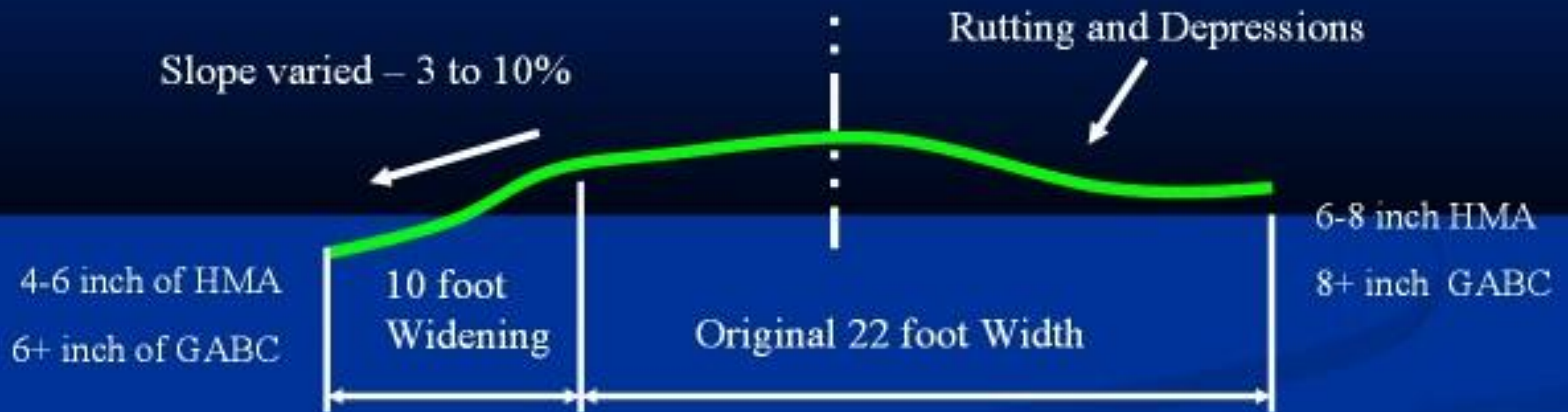
- Pavement Distresses
  - Extensive Fatigue Cracking (HS - HE)
  - Significant Transverse Cracking (HS – ME)
  - Significant Raveling (MS/HS)
- Poor Cross-Slope
- Poor Drainage
- Curb repairs







# Existing X-Section



## Original Cross-Section

# Project Background

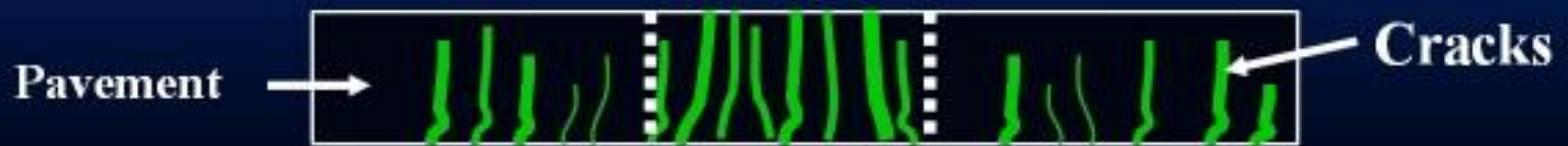
- Concerned about the long-term performance of a “Patch/Mill/Fill” approach
  - There had been many repairs on the entrance road over the years
- However, a consultant was in the process of designing a patch/mill/fill project (June 1994)



# Project Background

- Late Summer 1994 (August 1994), the Town Manager read an LTAP (T2 Center) Newsletter article about CIR and then attended CIR/FDR training course
- Meeting to discuss the possibility of CIR
- Steps to determine if it is a good candidate
  - Test Pits
  - Utilities/Drainage/Curbs/Driveway Entrances
  - Geometry (Cross-slope and profile) issues
  - Construction Time – Concerned about interference with traffic
  - Costs

# Prior to Overlay



Section View



Plan View

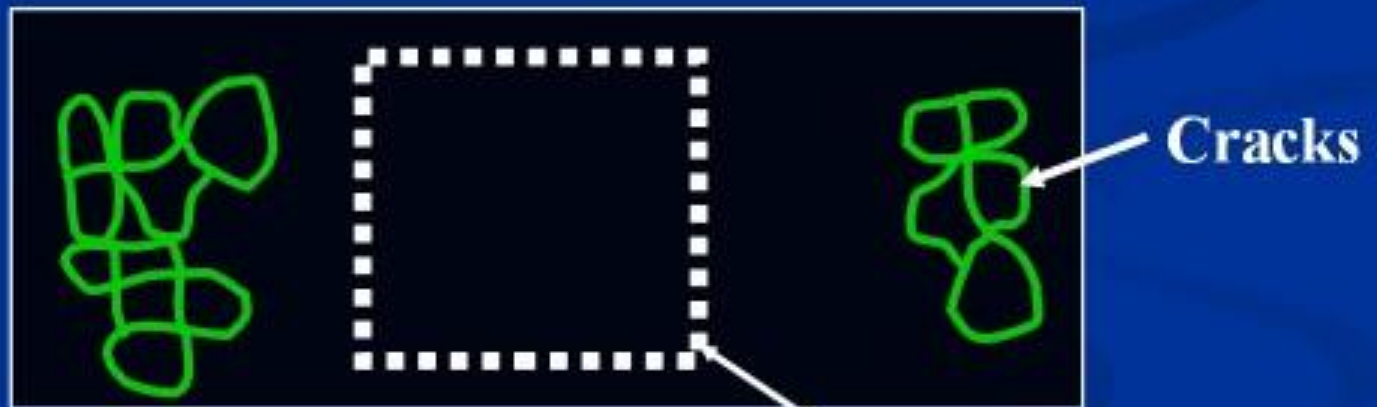
Area to be  
Patched



# After Overlay



Section View



Plan View

More on this later

# Results of Investigation

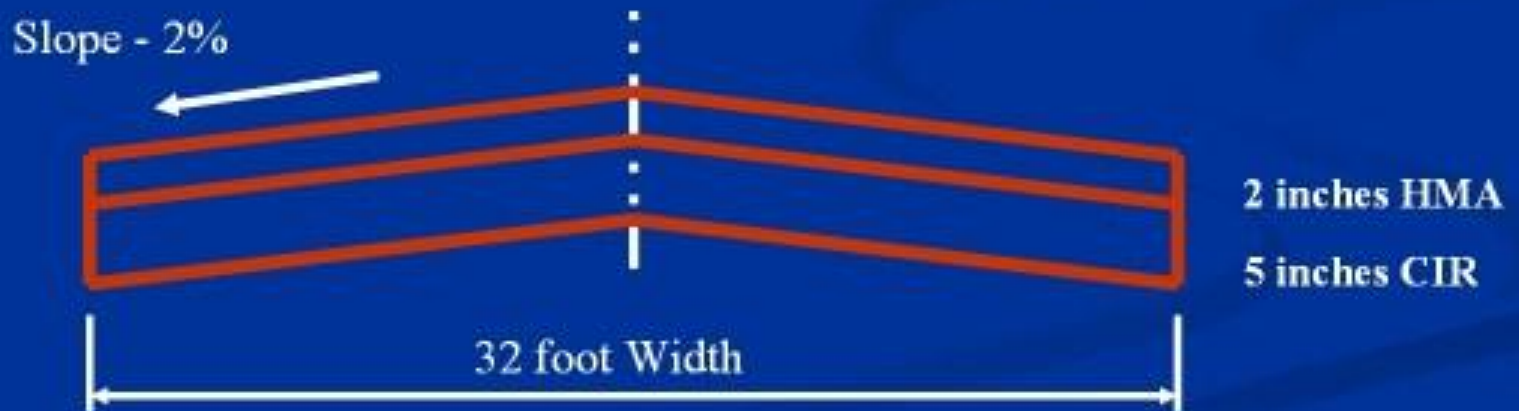
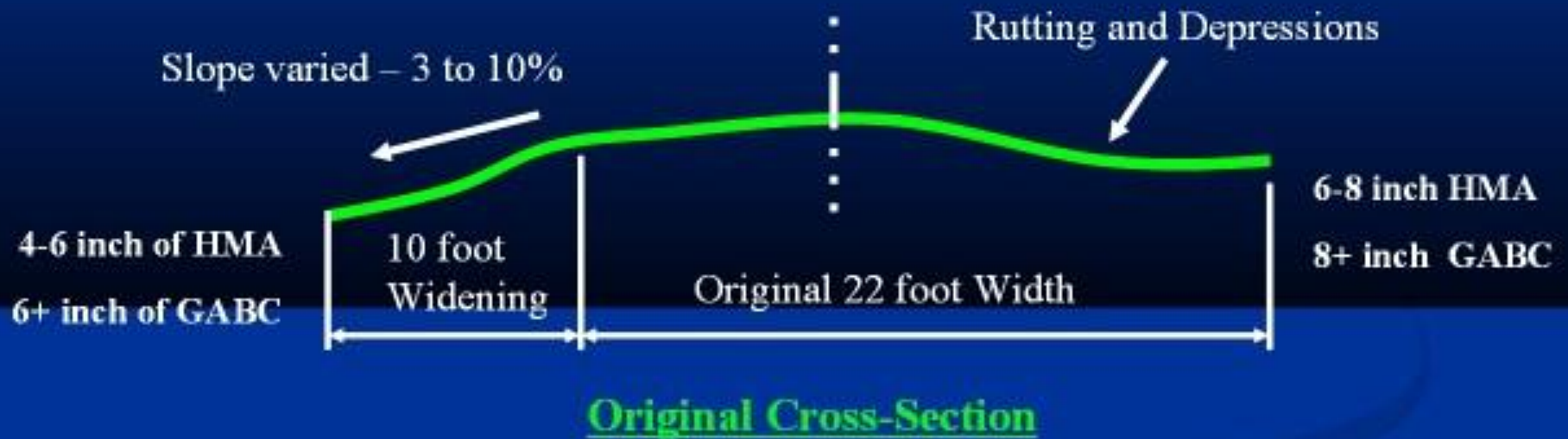
- Test Pits
  - Confirmed that adequate material existed for CIR
- Other Identified Benefits
  - Reshape the roadway easily with the CIR process
    - Time/Cost savings
  - Greatly reduce the amount of patching
  - Quick in-out – minimal disruption to businesses
  - Utilize existing in-place materials





## Pavement Coring

# Existing and Proposed X-Section





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**Fill**

**Cut**

..... Existing Cross-Section

———— Proposed Cross-Section



During Recycling Process

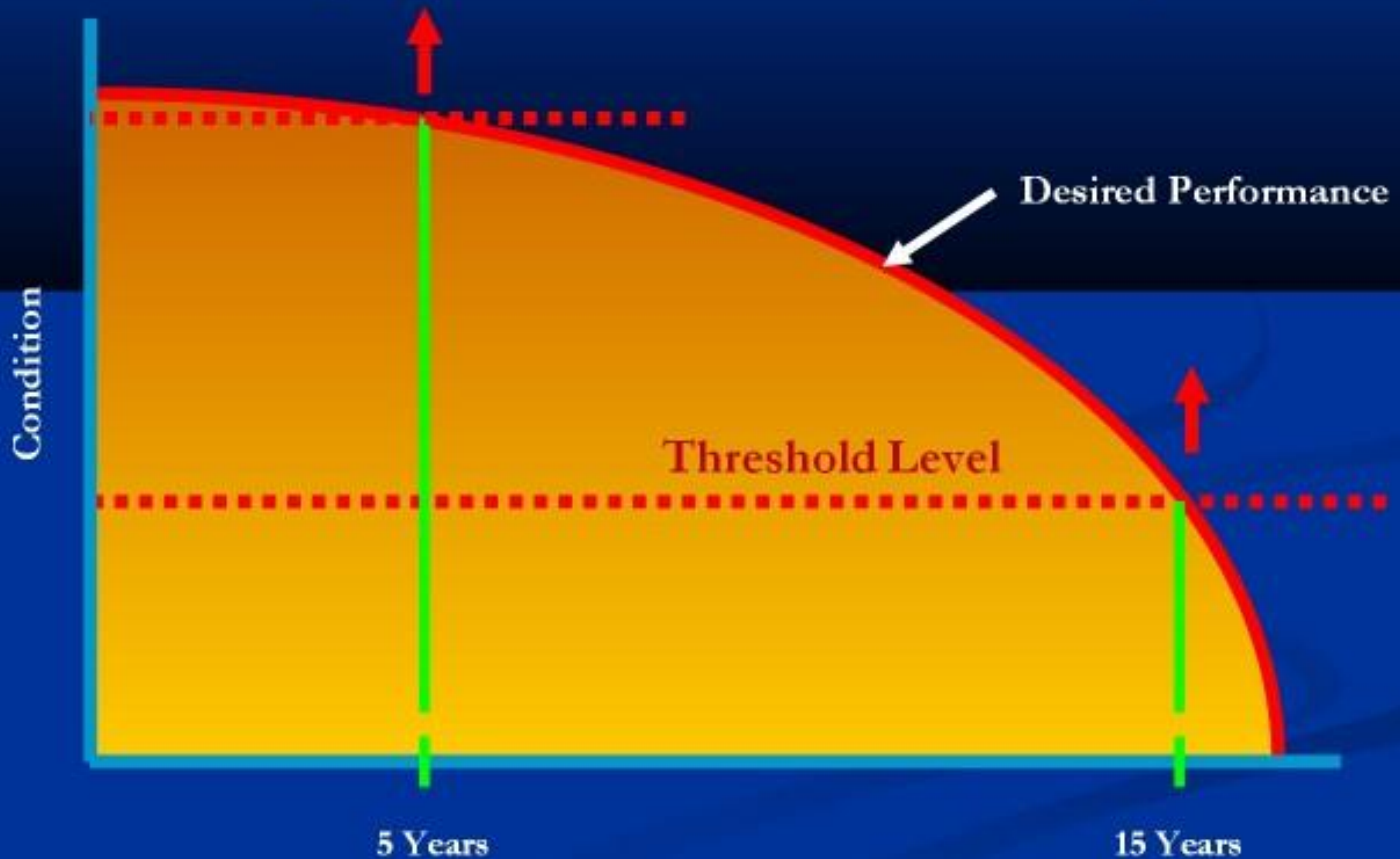


# Performance Specification

- Warranty Clause
  - 5 years “free of defects”
    - Minimal amount of low severity distresses allowed
  - Repairable Defects were defined
  - Required Repairs were defined
- Problems not covered by the warranty
  - Weak Subbase/Mositure/Overlay Issues



# Why not 15 Year Warranty



# Cost Comparison

Bid Prices (1994):

- Traditional Thick Overlay: \$375,000
  - Deep Patching, Milling & 4 inch Overlay
  - Minimal Slope/Grade Correction
- CIR/2" Overlay: \$230,000
  - 5 inch CIR Base & 2 inch Overlay
  - Significant Correction of Slope/Grade

**Note: Does not include the cost of drainage and curb work**

# Current Condition

*16 Years Later*



# The Good!!!

*For a 16-year old Road – Pretty darn Good*









# It's Not all Perfect

*A Few Spots with Distress*











# One Significant Issue

Serious Rutting Occurred Early On in Two Locations

A Subgrade Moisture Problem





# Comparison

*1994 Patch and Overlay*

*Side Street*

# Patch and Overlay Street

- Side Road in the Industrial Park
- Receives approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  the traffic loading as the Main Road
- Pavement Structure
  - Slightly less asphalt
  - Similar aggregate base
  - Similar subgrade







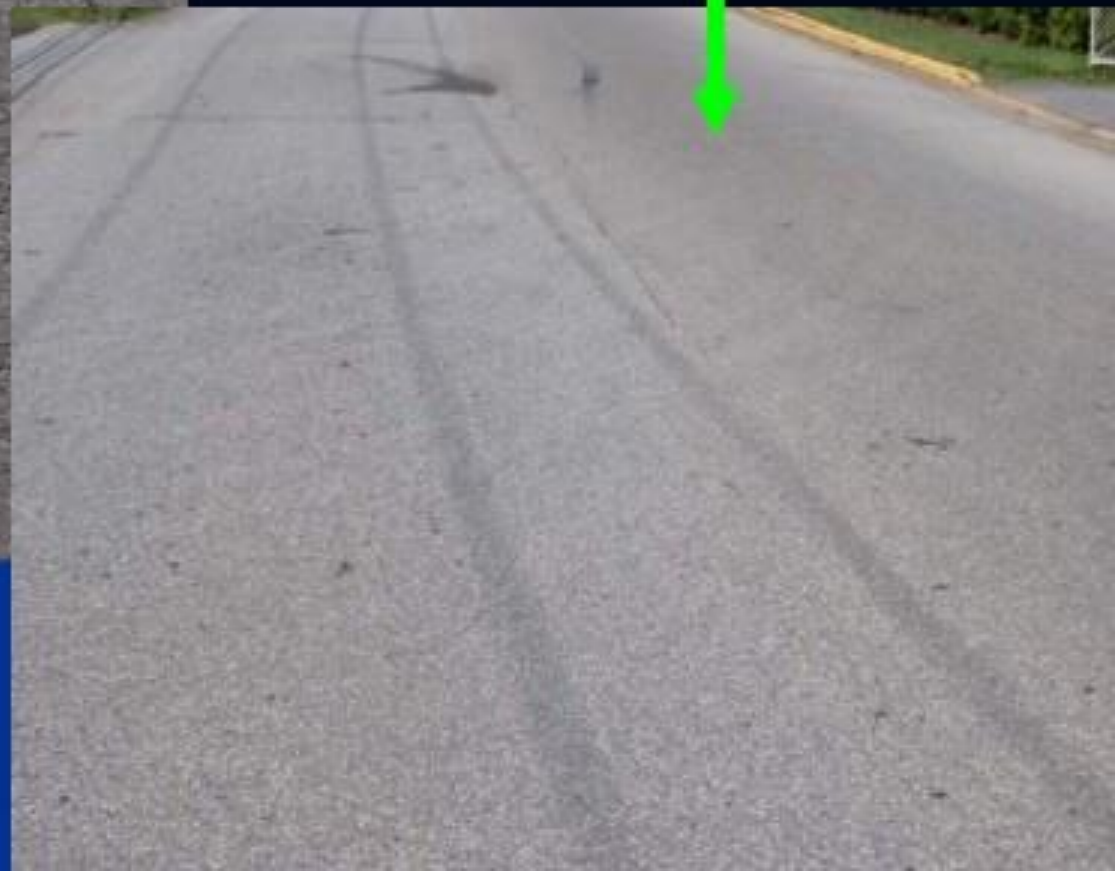






# Comparison

1994 Cold In-place Recycling



1994 Patch, Mill & Fill



# Quality Control

# Quality Product

- **To attain Quality/Long-Term Performance**
  - **Field Testing**
  - **Geometric/Drainage Design**
  - **Pavement Design**
  - **Mix Design**
  - **In-depth Contract Documents**
  - **Thorough Inspection**
    - **Verifying Application Rates, Gradation, Depth, Density, Moisture, Weather, etc.**



# Specifications

- **In-depth Specifications are Imperative**
- **Required for:**
  - **Competitive Bidding**
    - **Level playing field**
  - **Inspection**
    - **Enforcement**
  - **Conflict resolution**
    - **Legal document**

# Specifications

## Different Approaches:

- **Recipe/Method Specifications**
- **Performance Specifications**
- **Combination Specifications**

**Must be enforced !!!!!**

# Remaining Streets in the Ind. Park

- The remaining streets did not have adequate HMA thickness for CIR
- Significant Aggregate Base
  - Granular material with minimal fines
  - Asphalt Emulsion Binder
- Rehabilitated in 2001 using FDR





# After Construction



# Last Week











# 9 Years Later





**Thank You**

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