

Integrating Sewer System Evaluation Surveys and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination... And Helping the Community Understand Why They Matter

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EPA Region 1 Perspective

- EPA Region 1 Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and 10 Tribal Nations.
- NH and MA are non-delegated states
- Small MS4 Permit Regulated Communities
 ~ 450 Municipalities
- MA, CT, RI, NH operating on original 2003 Small MS4 permit – 2017 renewal for MA, CT
- CSO Regulated Communities ~75 permittees
- MA DEP Northeast Region: 84 Communities 20 Under High Level Enforcement for SSOs





New England: A Complex Municipal Landscape

- MA 351 jurisdictions
- RI 39 jurisdictions
- CT 169 jurisdictions
- NH 234 jurisdictions
- VT 246 jurisdictions
- ME 488 jurisdictions





Population of Top 100 New England Cities

- Boston, MA: 645,966
- Worcester, MA: 182,544
- Lexington, MA: 31,394
- Average with Boston included: 66,388
- Total New England Population: 14,444,865









AMERICAS WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRADE

Our nation's aging wastewater infrastructure is aging and at risk.

- \$298 billion What we need to invest over the next twenty years to keep our wastewater and stormwater drainage systems functioning. This is twice what we currently invest.
- Sewer pipes represent the largest costs. Wastewater treatment facilities only represent 20%.
- 800,000 miles of public sewer pipes in the U.S.
- \$100 \$200 per linear foot for sewer rehab

Source: American Society of Civil Engineers





New England's Wastewater (and Stormwater) Infrastructure is Old!

average AGE of sewer pipes in the US

(92)

average AGE of sewer pipes in Quincy, MA





Average AGE of sewer pipes in Lawrence, MA

miles of Portland, ME sewer pipe that are greater than 70 years old





Aging Sewer Systems Leak

During the past 30 years in greater Boston, correction of leaking sewers has ensured that over 800,000 gallons per day of untreated wastewater has been removed from stormwater drainage systems in the Boston Harbor, through the correction of aging and incorrectly connected sewer systems.

~ EPA Region 1







What are we required to do? Municipal Stormwater Compliance ILLICIT Discharge

Detection and Elimination

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Post-Construction Stormwater Management
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What are we required to do? MS4 Investigations

- Mapping of the full SW system not just outfalls
- Dry & wet weather monitoring of all outfalls
- Intensive IDDE program including investigation of every catchment key junction manhole sampling
 - ➢Outfall Screening
 - Manhole Inspections
 - ➤CCTV Inspections
 - ➢ Dye Testing
 - Building Inspections
- Extensive Data Management and Reporting
- Compliance with TMDLs and Impaired Waters: pollutant specific!





What are we required to do? Massachusetts Sewer Requirements

"All sewer system authorities shall develop and implement an ongoing plan to control infiltration and inflow (I/I) to the sewer system" 314 CMR 12.04

- Authorities shall conduct a phased evaluation of the sewer system to identify structural and O&M deficiencies in the system that may contribute to SSOs and I/I.
- Based on SSES findings, authorities must implement recommendations for system rehabilitation and improvement.
- >Authorities must include budget and funding sources for phased system assessment and rehabilitation work.
- ➢Plans must be submitted for MassDEP review and approval.





What are we required to do? Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Surveys

- Asset Management and System Mapping
- Flow metering
- Manhole Inspections
- CCTV Inspection
- Dye Tracing
- Rainfall Simulations
- Flow Isolation
- Building Inspections
- Smoke Testing
- Data Management









Why should we integrate SSES and IDDE efforts?





Clean Water Challenges

- Clean Water Act
 - ► Wastewater Treatment
 - ➢Collection System
 - Separate Storm Sewer
 - ➤Combined Sewer
- Impaired Waters/TMDLS
- Residual Designation Authority
- All are adding to requirements and new infrastructure to already burdened municipal utility operations and infrastructure







Comparison Of Investigation Programs

IDDE **Base Flow Monitoring** Manhole Grab Sampling Structural and **O&M** Condition Assessment **Visual Inspection For Illicit Connections Pipe or Illicit Repair**

SSES Flow Monitoring Manhole Inspections Structural and **O&M** Condition Assessment Visual Inspection For **Inflow and Infiltration** Sources **Pipe/Manhole Repair**





Comparison Of Investigation Prioritization

IDDE

- Outfall Sampling Results
- Sewer System Age and Materials
- SSO Reports
- Stormwater
 Drain/Sewer
 Collection Crossings
- Proximity of Discharges Public Water Bodies

SSES

- Consequence of Failure Analysis
- Sewer System Age and Materials
- SSO Reports
- Known Hydraulic Limitations
- Proximity of Sewer to Tidal/Groundwater Areas



Integrated Sewer and Stormwater Investigations

- Enhanced Planning
- Improved Prioritization
- Efficient Use of Technology
- Compelling Public Outreach?

Understanding **System Flows** Analytical Sampling Manhole Inspection **Pipeline** Inspection **Targeted Repairs**







Consequences for Lack of Integration













Compelling Integrated Outreach?

Utilities 101









Why Is This Important?

Essential for Economy

- Fix things before they break!
- It is much less disruptive and expensive.



Reduce Inflow – Pay Less



Flood Planning & Prevention



"You can't build a vibrant economy on crumbling infrastructure"





A Part Of Our Quality of Life:

Clean water generates billions of dollars nationwide



\$50 billion/year in recreation



\$225 billion/year in coastal tourism

\$29 billion/year in commercial fishing Clean water retains and improves the market value of properties near water bodies





Critical to Public Health...



Aging and leaking sewer pipes can result in increased waterborne illness do to unsafe swimming and closed beaches



Street collapse and infrastructure failure are dangerous

"Floods cause \$6 billion worth of damage and kill about 140 people every year."

~ National Geographic



Intense rainfall and coastal storm surge can overwhelm drainage systems and result in threats to public safety





What areas should the City prioritize?

Public Infrastructure Upgrades

MAPC Climate Impacts and Resiliency (2015) Survey of Quincy Residents

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Wetlands and Coastal Restoration and Protection



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Why the City of Quincy is Tackling This Problem

Short-term Benefits:

Medium-term Benefits:

Long-term Benefits:

Fixing leaky wastewater systems reduce costs to ratepayers by reducing inflow of seawater and stormwater. We don't need to treat this water!

Reduce likelihood of sewer and stormwater pipe failures (sinkholes) and more costly repairs. Reduce sewer blockages and flood risks.

Healthy waters, protected flood prone areas, safe swimming, smart investments.





Integrated Public Outreach: "Give us something we can buy"

- Targeted Mailings In Infrastructure Assessment Areas
 Invitation to Informational Public Meetings
- Doorhangers Prior to Work
- Quarterly DPW Info Letter
- Department of Public Works Calendar
- Public Service Announcements on Local Cable TV
- All Focused on Showing the Public What They Are Getting For Their Investment!





Integrated Public Outreach: Informational Meetings



Integrated Public Outreach:

Targeted Mailings and Doorhangers



NEWE

Sewer and Drain Assessments in Your Area



What does this mean for you?

Private contractors hired by the City will be in your area accessing city manholes.

Contractors may need access to interior

If you have a manhole on your property, contractors may need access to it.

No equipment will be placed on private

property without the owner's authorization. Work is anticipated to begin on

and continue until

Questions? Contact Deirdre Hall, DPW Compliance Manager at 617-376-1525

Sewer and Drain Facts

- The City of Quincy Water/Sewer/Drain Operations maintains 205 miles of sanitary sewer pipe and 150 miles of stormwater pipe to ensure proper and efficient utility
- Quincy sewer customers send 13.7 million ٠ gallons of sewage to the MWRA treatment plant every day. Sewer customers are charged for this sewage in their water and
- · Any rainwater, sea water, and groundwater that enters the City's sewer system through cracked or leaky pipes is also sent to the MWRA. Sewer customers also pay to treat this infiltration and inflow ("I&I").
- The City spends thousands of your dollars . annually to find and fix I&I. Fixing I&I stabilizes sewer costs and protects the environment.

THOMAS P. KOCH

MAYOR



DANIEL G. RAYMONDI

COMMISSIONER

Integrated Public Outreach: Branding Everywhere!





The "Clean Water is Everybody's Business" awareness campaign is an effort to brand the DPW's clean water programs. As part of our best

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Integrated Public Outreach: Branding Everywhere!



proposal to distribute uniform trash and recycling cares to all eligible households. Subject to Council approval, the new trash program will take effect July 1, 2017.

Mayor Koch stated, "Quincy hopes to join thousands of cities and towns across America and dozens of its neighbors in switching to a cleaner, more efficient, semi-automatic waste collection system." Based on the experiences of

from the MA Department of Environmental Protection Quincy can expect to double its recycling

According to DPW Commissioner Dan Raymondi, "This important initiative will divert thousands of tons of trash into our recycling

stream, thereby reducing our trash disposal costs." That

neighboring communities and data DPW Welcomes Two New Managers



Michael Norton is the newly appointed Highway Operations Manager at the DPW. He comes to the Department after 19 years in the automotive and fleet management

industry. Most recently, Mike worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Operational Services Division as an auditor to the Office of Vehicle Management. A life-long resident of Quincy. Mike graduated from Quincy High School where he captained both the basketball & cross country seams. He also attended Eastern Nazarene College & Bridgewater State University where he studied account management. In his spare time Mike likes to spend time with his family.

the Department with a B.A. in Management from Boston College. Paul spent the first 20 years of his work experience in the financial services industry employed by State Street Corporation, Wellington Management and Fidelity Investments. For the past

perspective."

three years Paul served as Water Inspector in Water/Sewer Operations. His educational experience and financial background will enable him to be a successful manager and he states, "My years spent in Quincy's Water Operations were well spent and will provide me with a unique

Paul Della Barba, new Manager of Water/Sewer Operations, comes to

City to pay \$0 per-ton for

recycling for the next several

Containing trash in a durable cart

with a tight-fitting lid will reduce

litter and keep our neighborhoods

clean. Wheeled carts also make it

easier to roll trash and recycling

not to purchase new trash or

recycling containers unless

absolutely necessary.

to the curb. Residents are advised

CLEAN WATER

Have you seen these bumper stickers? You Can Make A Difference awareness campaign to educate the public about the importance of clean water, sanitary sewers and storm

There is a BIG difference between stormwater drains and sanitary sewers. Both systems are separate and distinct, both are underground and both play crucial roles in the health and safety of our residents. The sanitary sewer system starts

inside your home and carries waste from your sinks, tubs and toilets to the Deer Island treatment facility in East Boston.

Storm drains, on the other hand, are designed to mitigate flooding and carry rain water from driveways, lawns, streets and sidewalks directly into our beaches, ponds, rivers and creeks. Storm drains are not connected to treatment facilities and should not be used to dispose of pet waste, oil, gasoline, trash or anything else.

Medallion Program

Another facet of our awareness campaign, the city-wide Medallion Placement Program is designed to educate the public about the vital role our storm drains play in the safety and health of our community. Crews placed another 2,000 medallions this



stormdrains.

- Direct downspouts into gardens.
- · Pick up after your pet.
- · Bring hazardous waste to our

Catch Basin Cleaning Program

cleaning, evaluation and

repair program is the keystone to efficient flood control and

preventing pollutants from entering our waterways. This year DPW

Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) All of the city's wastewater is collected from your sinks, tubs and toilets and sent to the MWRA for processing and treatment. Any rainwater, sea water and groundwater that enters our sewer system through leaky or cracked pipes is also sent to the MWRA and



- Never dump anything down
- Use fertilizers sparingly.
- · Use non-toxic pesticides and
- · Check your car for leaks.
- · Don't litter.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off events.

Our comprehensive drain/catch basin

crews removed over 879 tons of debris from over 2,000 catch basins

billed to the City. This additional wastewater is called I&I. Utilizing grants and no-interest loans from the MWRA, Sewer Operations investigates and makes needed repairs to our sewer mains and man holes. Removal of I&I from our system helps stabilize our sewer costs. This

important initiative was started by Mayor Koch in 2009

Fats, Oils and Grease

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) poured into sinks, drains and toilets is a significant problem for the City's sewer system. As FOG hardens, it decreases pipe capacity requiring systems to be cleaned more often and replaced sooner. FOG can shut down a sewer pump station or cause messy backups in your home or business. FOG costs rate payers tens of thousands of dollars annually and may pose environmental hazards resulting from sewer overflows. Residents should store fats, oils and grease in a container until it hardens and then dispose of the contents in your regular trash.

Flushable Wipes Clog Sewer

Many products labelled "disposable" or "flushable" actually are not and can clog sewer pipes. You can prevent costly and unhealthy sewer back-ups in your home by flushing ONLY toilet paper and human waste in your toilet. Throw everything else in the trash!









In Summary

- Municipal SW/WW Integrated Planning is a Hot Topic – SSES and IDDE are a natural fit
- New England region Aging infrastructure, combined sewer systems and SSO issues are driving IDDE and SSES requirements
- Integrated Programs, Planning and Outreach will drive efficiencies and increase public support







Questions? Thank you!

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