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# Not Just Another Leak in the Pipe City of Haverhill, Massachusetts

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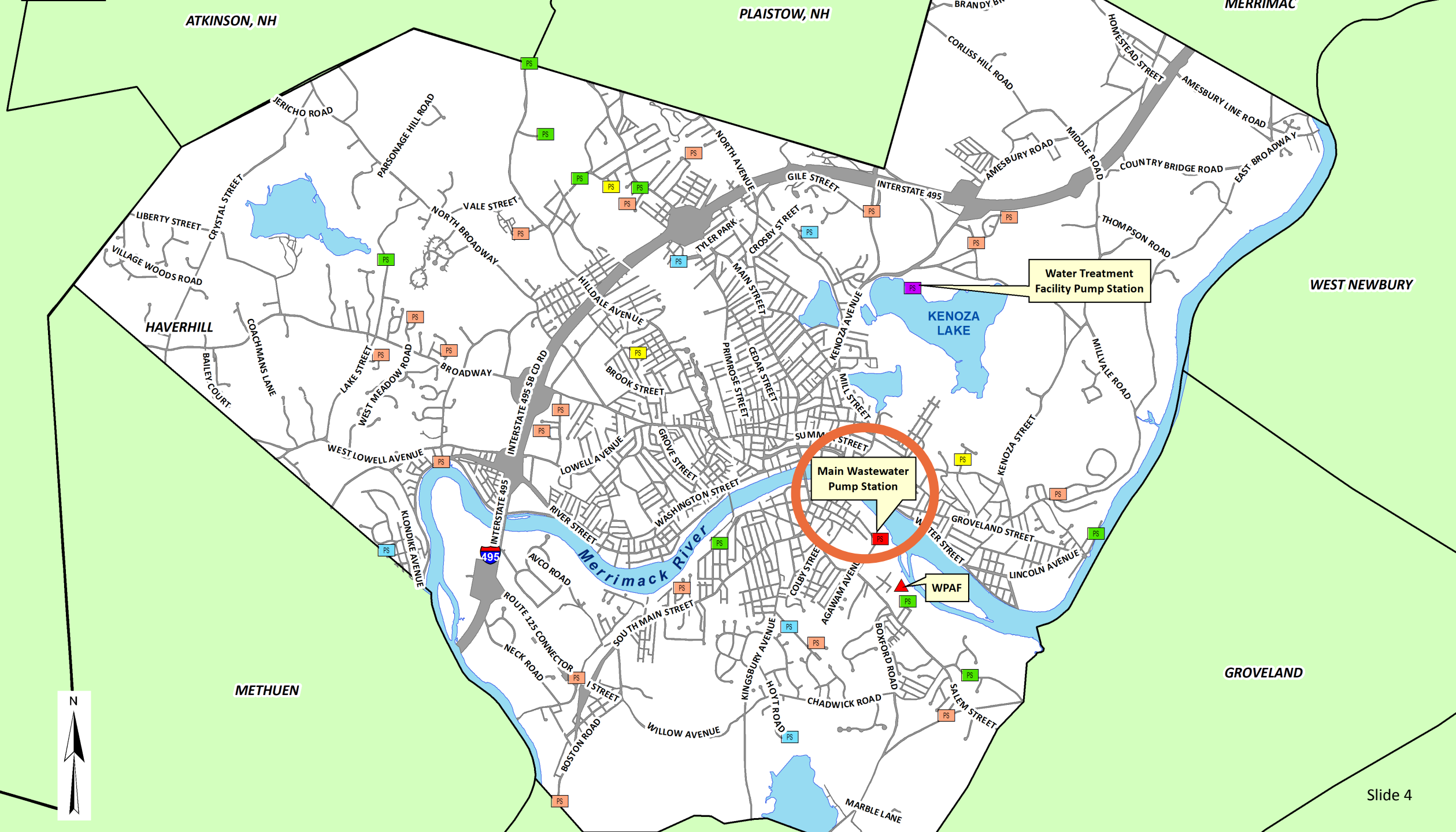
- Background
- Main Wastewater Pump Station
- Challenges
- Investigation
- Solutions





- City of Haverhill, Massachusetts
  - Population 60,879 (per 2010 census)
  - Area 35.6 sq. miles
- Collection System
  - 337 miles sewer/stormwater/combined
  - 36 Pump Stations
- Main Wastewater Pump Station
- Water Pollution Abatement Facility
  - Conventional Secondary Treatment Facility
  - Average 10 MGD/Peak 60+ MGD







**Main Pump Station**

**Water Pollution  
Abatement Facility**

**42" PCCP Force Main**

**SOUTH KIMBALL STREET**

**PEABODY STREET**

**CURTIS AVENUE**

**SALEM STREET**

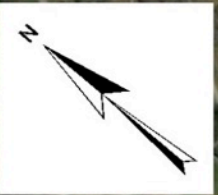
**ORCHARD HILL**

**FORD ROAD**

**SOUTH PORTER STREET**

**MAYNARD STREET**

**VALLEYVIEW AVENUE**





# Main Wastewater Pump Station

- Constructed in 1973
- Divided Wet Well with Influent Screening
- Four Vertical Non-Clog Pumps
  - 400 HP/712 RPM
  - Rated 13,860gpm (20 MGD)
- 2003 Upgrades



## Force Main Piping

- Interior
  - Carbon Steel, Schedule 20, Cement-lined
  - Pump Discharge 24" Dia. (0.375" Thick)
  - Manifold 36" Dia. (0.500" Thick)
- Exterior
  - 42" Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP)
  - Approximately 3,000 linear feet

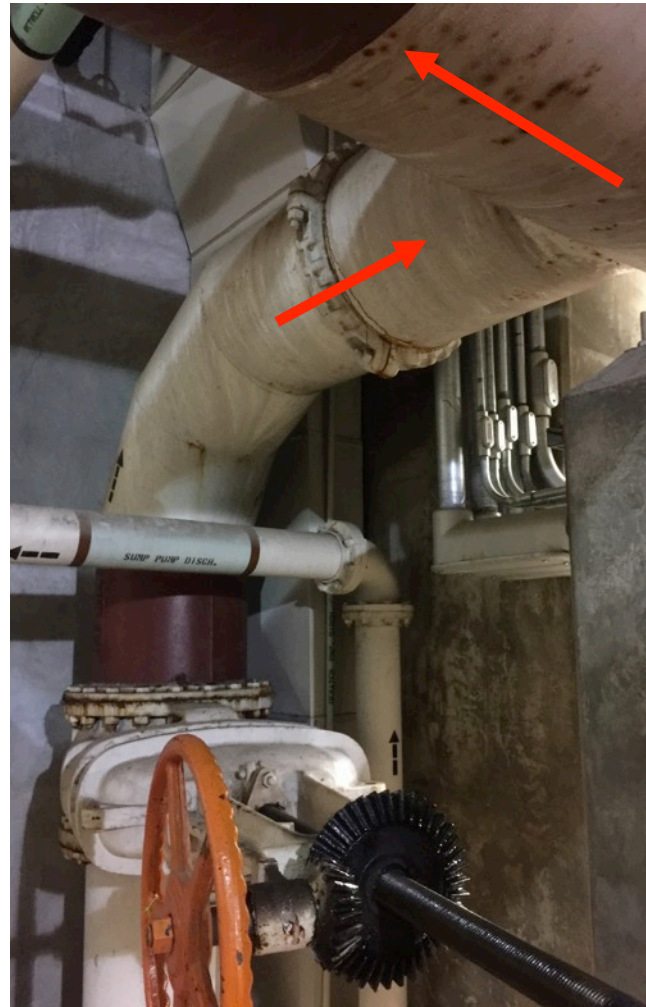




# Main Wastewater Pump Station



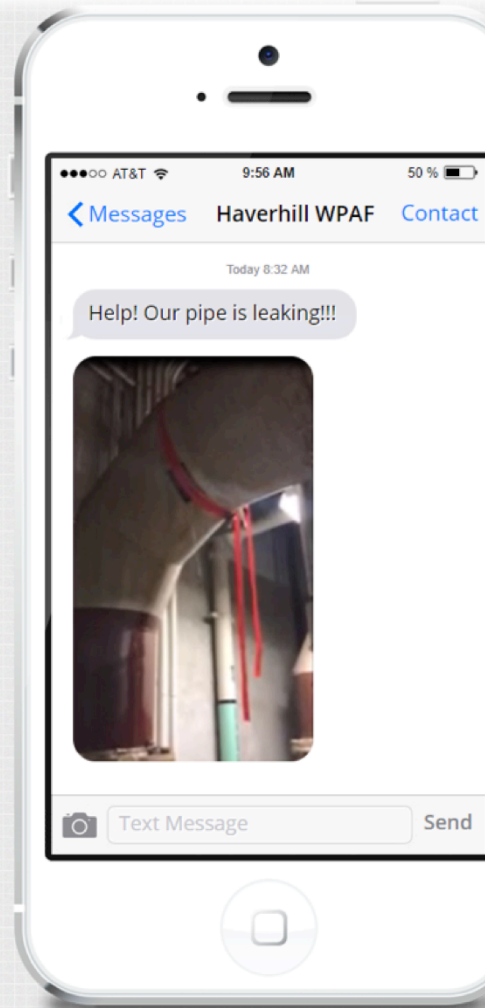
24" DIA. DISCHARGE PIPING



36" DIA. HEADER



# Help!



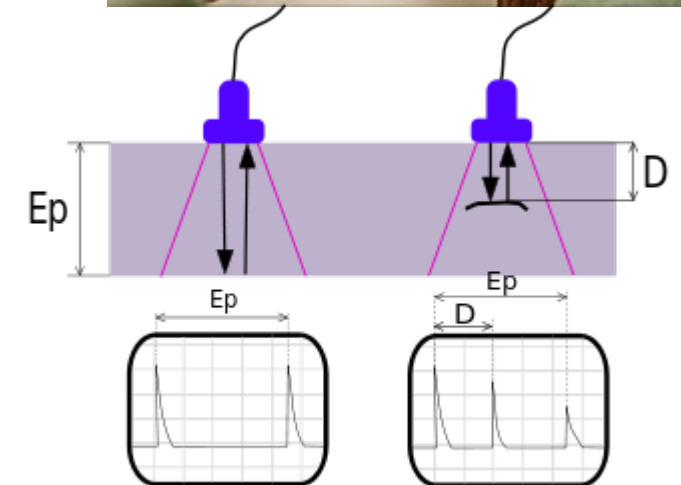


- Leak located on a mitered elbow joint
- No way to isolate
- Fix needed to be done quickly
  - Weld a patch?
  - Epoxy, rubber patch, ratchet strap?
- How extensive was the corrosion?



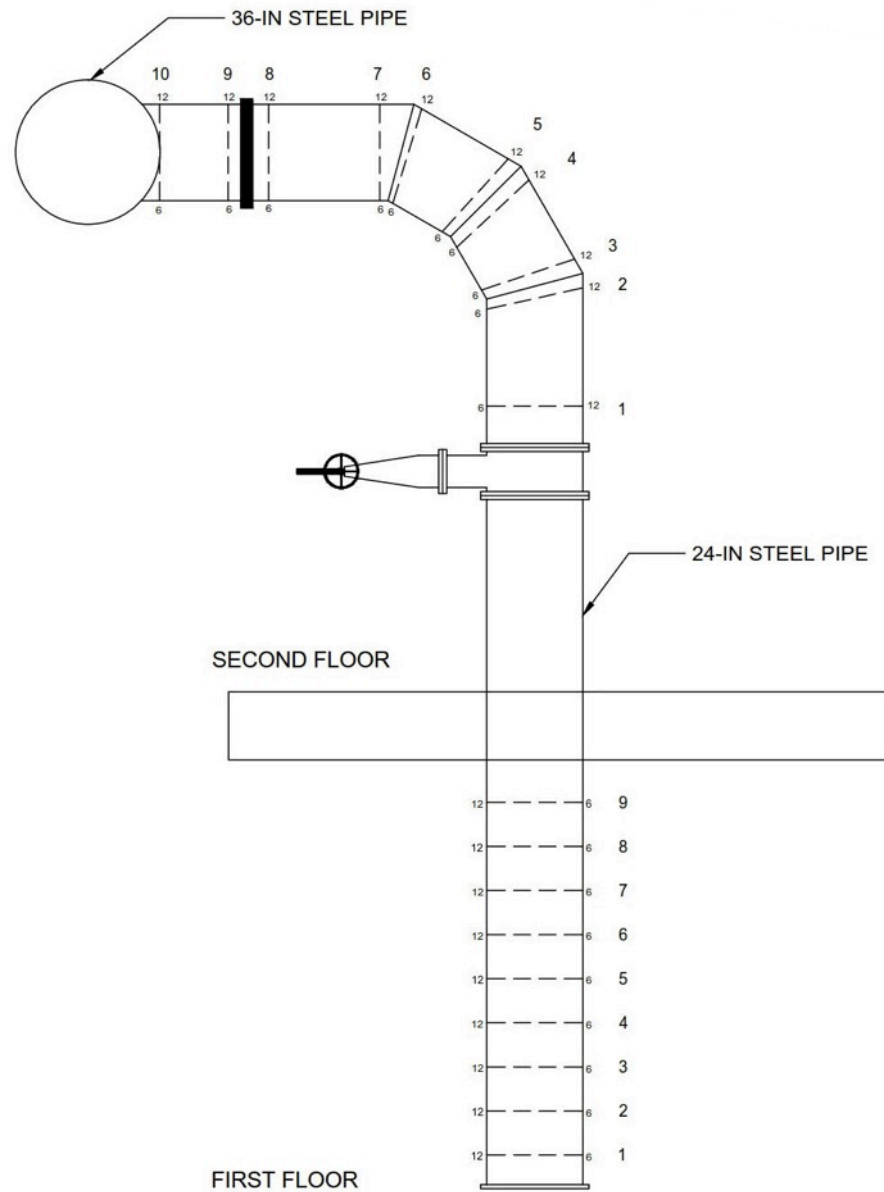


- Determine the extent of corrosion
- Ultrasonic Thickness Testing
  - Non Destructive
  - Steel & Cement Lining Thickness
  - Full Inspection of 24" and 36" force mains
  - Two Technicians/Two Days

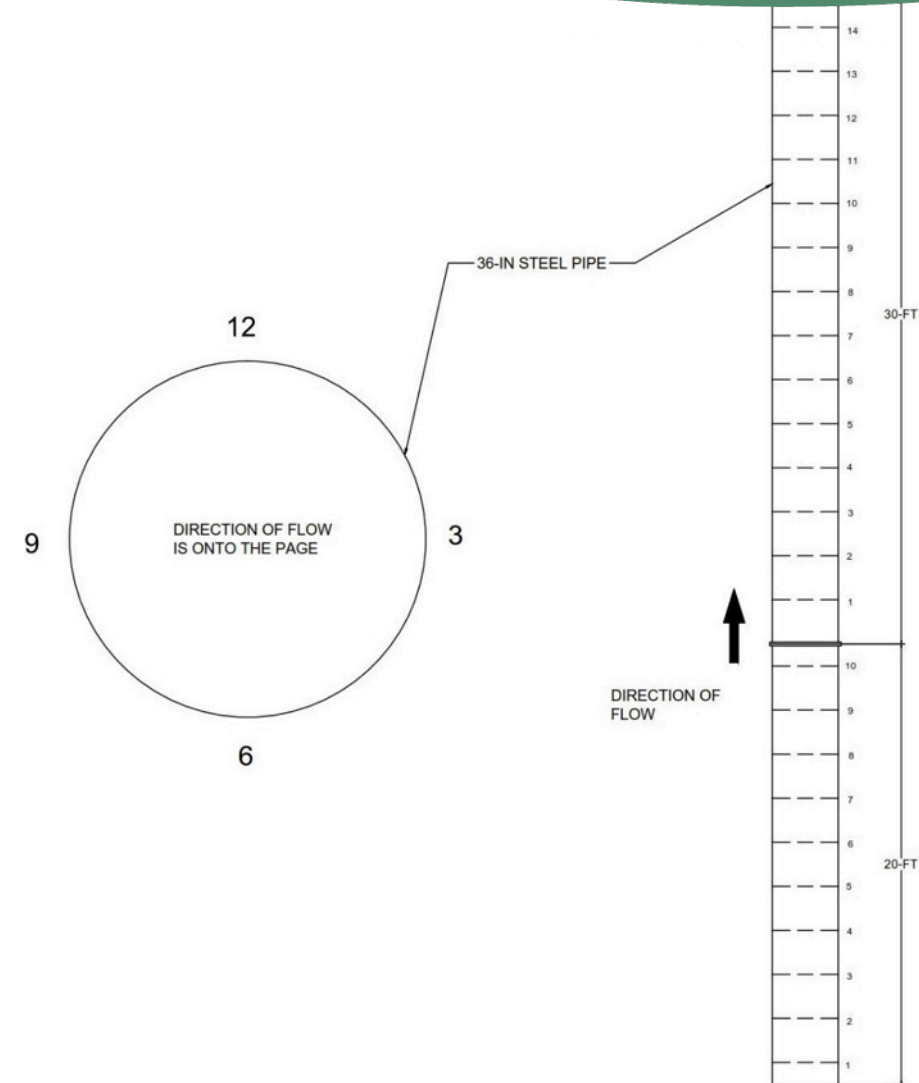




# Investigation



24" Piping Testing Locations



36" Piping Testing Locations

- Ultrasonic Testing Results
  - Extensive Corrosion Throughout Steel Piping System
  - Cement Lining Essentially Gone
  - Exposed Steel Throughout
- Increased Urgency





# Investigation

Pump No. 2											
Location	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	Average Thickness	Size	Nominal	Deviation*	Comment
1	301	312	293	277	296	294	296	24"	375	-21.20%	Vertical
2	298	281	282	276	280	310	288	24"	375	-23.24%	Vertical
3	284	295	292	296	266	293	288	24"	375	-23.29%	Vertical
4	282	293	268	304	286	267	283	24"	375	-24.44%	Vertical
5	290	289	256	305	290	301	289	24"	375	-23.07%	Vertical
6	293	291	294	283	279	298	290	24"	375	-22.76%	Vertical
7	302	269	256	282	290	276	279	24"	375	-25.56%	Vertical
8	288	274	277	316	305	268	288	24"	375	-23.20%	Vertical
9	304	306	280	319	290	282	297	24"	375	-20.84%	Vertical
1	275	255	276	283	277	283	275	24"	375	-26.71%	Vertical
2	275	285	305	258	250	268	274	24"	375	-27.07%	Vertical
3	245	262	267	251	254	261	257	24"	375	-31.56%	Elbow
4	280	270	264	266	272	258	268	24"	375	-28.44%	Elbow
5	261	256	271	246	251	231	253	24"	375	-32.62%	Elbow
6	248	258	258	233	221	266	247	24"	375	-34.04%	Elbow
7	471	466	448	472	473	473	467	24"	375	24.58%	Horizontal; Unknown Thickness
8	484	453	433	398	364	523	443	24"	375	18.00%	Horizontal; Unknown Thickness
9	508	515	486	391	454	522	479	24"	375	27.82%	Horizontal; Unknown Thickness
10	492	517	348	324	310	505	416	24"	375	10.93%	Horizontal; Unknown Thickness

\*Thickness of Sch. 20 Pipe (375/1000 Inches) plus Specified Thickness of Cement Lining (125/1000 Inches) Results in a Original Deviation of 50%

	Less than 50% Cement Lining Remains (Assume 125/1000 Inches Thickness)				
	Less than or Equal to 375/1000 Inches (Exposed Steel)				

**Immediate**

**Short-Term**

**Long-Term**



- More permanent fix for leak
- WP recommended a knitted fiberglass wrap with urethane resin
- Pipe retains its pressure rating
- Contractor, RH White, installed over the course of 1 day





“Oh no! Not again!”

## Pump No. 2 develops a second leak!





## Pipe Replacement

- Pumps No. 2 and 4 Discharge Piping
- Ability to Isolate (Below 24" Gate Valve)
- Type of Pipe?
  - Ductile Iron
  - Carbon Steel
- Type of Lining?
  - Cement
  - Glass
  - Ceramic Epoxy

# Short-Term Solution

- Bid August 2017
- Construction January 2018
  - Contractor: Kinsmen Corporation





## Existing Pipe

- Discovery: 24" Pipe is actually Schedule 10 NOT Schedule 20
- 0.25" vs. 0.375"



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7	302	269	256	282	290	276	279	24"	250	11.67%	Vertical - Replaced
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## Overall Station – Pipe Evaluation

- Ductile Iron vs. Carbon Steel



## Overall Station Evaluation

- Interior Lining



Cement



Glass

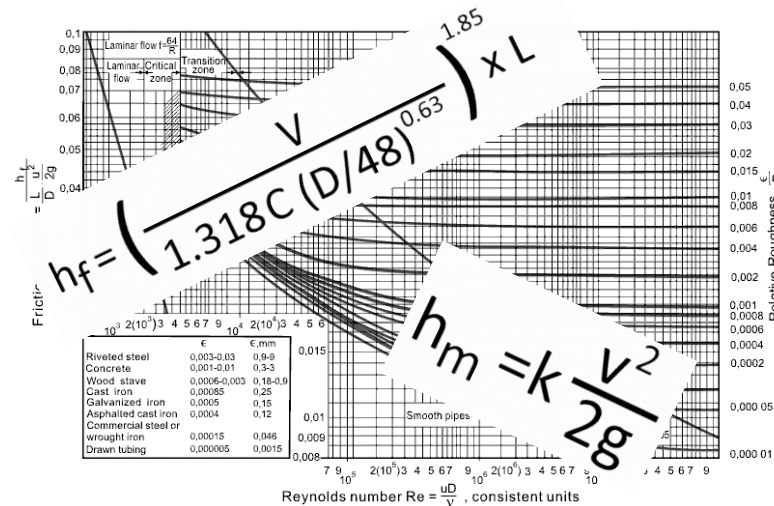


Ceramic Epoxy



## Overall Station – Pipe Evaluation

- Increased Flexibility
  - Isolation Capabilities
  - Additional Flange/Grooved Coupling Joints
- Hydraulic Evaluation





## Overall Station – Bypass Evaluation

- Temporary Bypass Pump and Piping Setup
  - Previous Experience (Mother's Day Storm of 2006)
  - Diesel Pumps and HDPE Piping Cross Country to WPAF



## Overall Station – Bypass Evaluation

- Permanent Bypass Pump Connections
  - Suction Connection at Modulating Gate Structure
  - Discharge Connection into 42" PCCP Force Main
- Cost Saving Measures
  - Potential use of City-Owned Diesel Pumps
  - Pre-purchase HDPE Piping



- Not Just Another Leak in the Pipe
- Reactive and Proactive
- Short-and Long-Term Planning
- Effectively Budget



# Acknowledgements



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**ANY QUESTIONS?**