Using GIS to Manage and Visualize Sewer System Inspections

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Presentation Outline

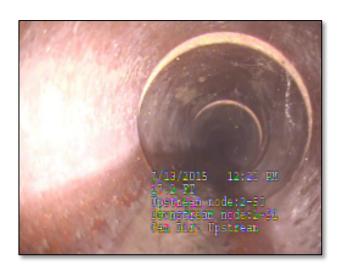
- Background
- Previous data management
- New electronic system
 - Collector app
 - Survey123 app
 - ArcGIS online web application
- Benefits

Background

- Sanitary (separated) sewer system
- 145 miles of gravity sewer pipe
- 13 pumping stations
- Dry weather overflows



Consent Decree (CD)



- Overflows dispersed throughout City
- EPA issued CD in 2014
- CD requirements include:
 - Mapping overflows
 - Clean 20% of system annually
 - CCTV inspect 10% of system annually
 - Manhole inspections for 10% of system annually
- A need to organize and map data

Types of Inspection Data

CCTV Insp.

- CCTV summary log and database
- Videos with observations
- Data reviewed given recommendation and priority



Cleaning

- Routine and plug-up related cleaning
- Different crews complete two types
- All data on paper forms
- Tracked by street name and footage



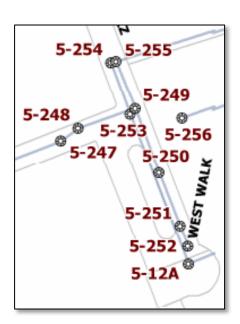
Manhole Insp.

- Inspections on paper form
- Photos taken on camera and attached to forms



Challenges from Previous System

- Difficulty keeping paper maps up-to-date
- Hard to distinguish nearby manholes and labeling
- Receiving incomplete forms from City
- City wanted system that was accessible to everyone
- Historical data not linked to location (pipe, manhole)



Previous Paper-based System Not Connected

Cleaning records

CENTER STREET		
Center Street	CENTER STREET	150 FEET
CENTER STREET - 1 Total:		150

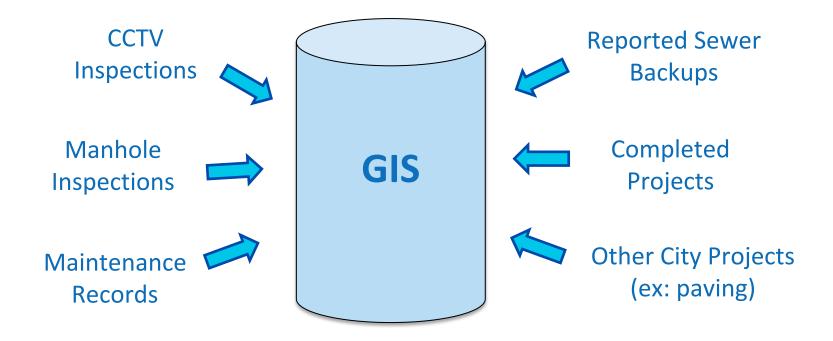
	STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER MANAGEMENT BUREAU BY-PASS REPORT FORM	
City or Town:	<u> </u>	Date: 1/12/2014
x	f By-pass Raw Sewage Disinfected Raw Sewage Partially Treated Sewage Disinfected Partially Treated Sewage Sludge Spill Other on of Bypass Treatment Plant Pump Station Manhole, Lateral, Basement Main, Private	Cause of By-Pass Weather Condition Mechanical Equipment Failure Electric Utility Failure Electrical Equipment Failure Approved Shutdown Limited Capacity: Dry Weather Wet Weather Blockage of Sewer Line due to: x Grease Roots Other

CCTV inspections



Sewer overflow reporting

Centralized Data Management System



Transition from Paper to New Electronic Forms

Started with paper form

- Decide what info, is needed
- Create consistency

Developed an electronic inspection form

- Tablet application or web browser
- Linked to the City's GIS

Trained City staff to enter information

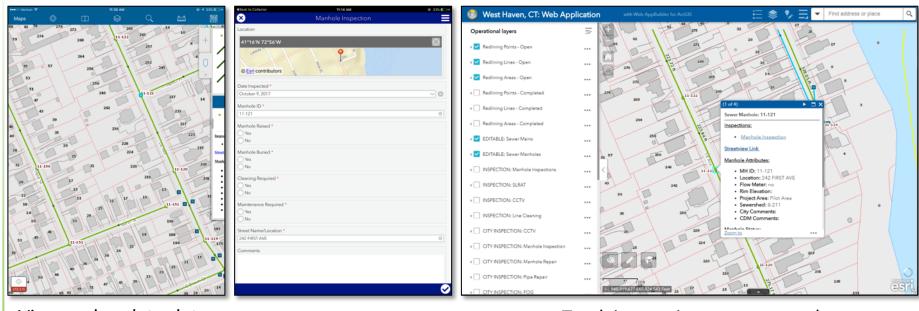
- Simple to learn
- Easy and fast to modify form, based on requests

City enters data directly

- More accurate data
- Organized and paperless system
- Visual history

Creating an Electronic Inspection System

Sewer inspections have multiple components:



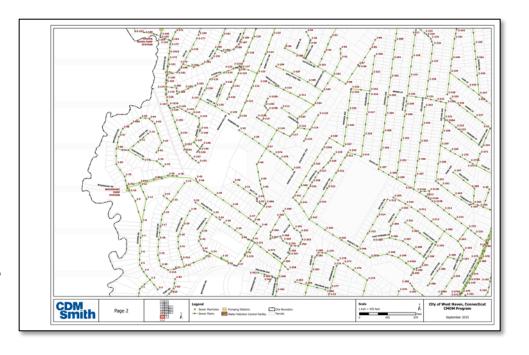
View and update data from the field

Perform inspections on assets

Track inspection progress and manage inspection data from the office

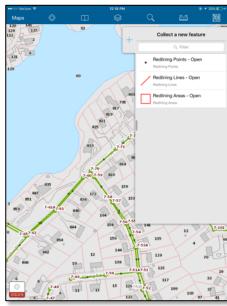
Bringing Data into the Field with Collector App

- Old System:
 - Paper field map books
- Difficulties:
 - Map readability
 - Limited information
 - Data in map out of date
 - Collaboration with office staff



Bringing Data into the Field with Collector App





- New System:
 - Digital maps in Collector
- Benefits:
 - Versatile and smart interface
 - Information accessible without cluttering the map
 - Data is up-to-date
 - Easier collaboration

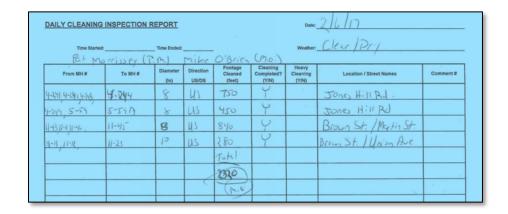
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Old System:

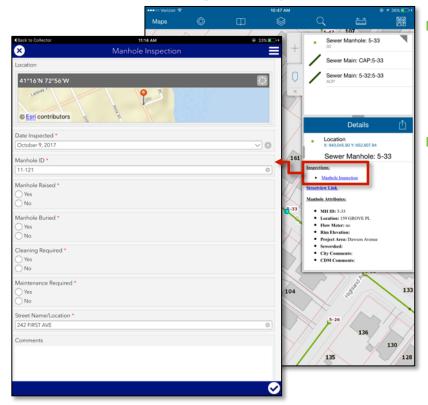
- Paper inspection forms
- Manually entered into spreadsheet or database

Difficulties:

- Incomplete or inaccurate forms
- Inefficient
- Data organization and management



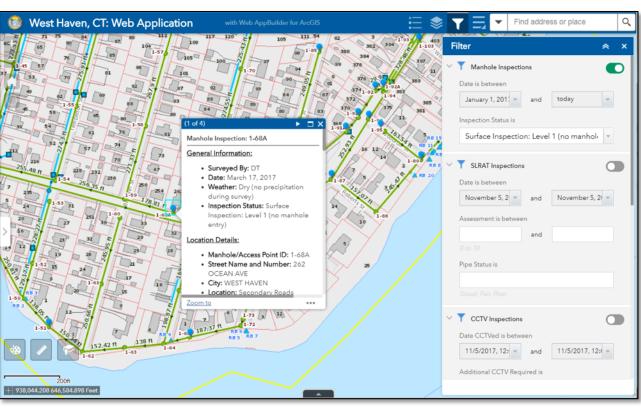
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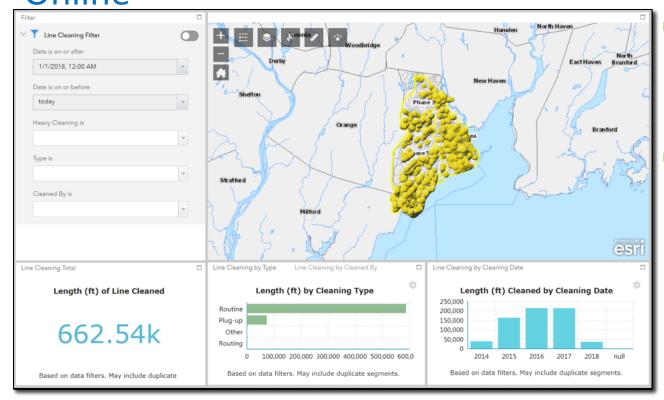
- New System:
 - Digital inspection forms in Survey123
- Benefits:
 - User friendly interface
 - Quick and simple data input
 - Improved accuracy and completeness
 - Data centralized and easy to access

Tracking and Managing Inspections in ArcGIS Online

- Data Management:
 - Applications in ArcGIS Online
- Benefits:
 - Manage and explore data
 - Data centralized
 - Improved collaboration

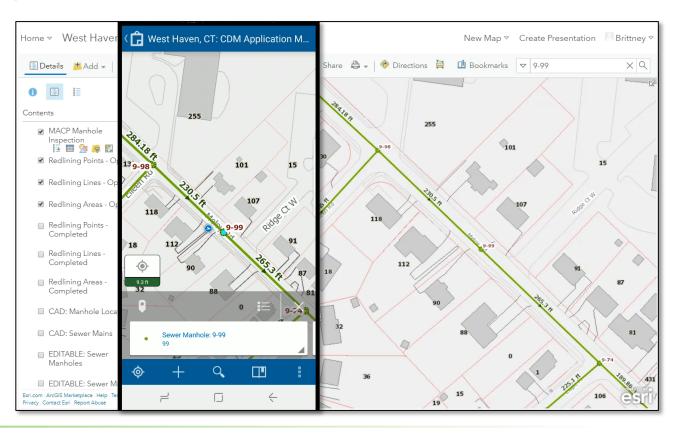


Tracking and Managing Inspections in ArcGIS Online



- Data Management:
 - Dashboards in ArcGIS Online
- Benefits:
 - Easy to create and intuitive to use
 - Easily track key performance metrics

Inspection System Demonstration



Consent Decree Reporting Benefits

- Data easily accessible to City and CDM Smith
 - Simple to filter and total completed inspections
 - Can check ongoing progress of requirements
- Quickly create maps for reporting
- Data is live and up-to-date, doesn't need to be entered/ compiled for report
- Historical data for location (pipe, manhole) is available to make past comparisons

Additional Benefits

- Confirm required data is collected
- Reduce the amount of equipment needed to perform inspections
- Improve accuracy by providing field staff with current data on mobile devices (phone, tablet)
- Ability to use maps and apps offline
- Improve efficiency by creating maps and applications for specific purposes (ex: cleaning and CCTV)
- Increase collaboration by having data accessible to multiple users immediately



Questions and Answers

