# Clean Smarter, Not Harder: FreeFlowH2O

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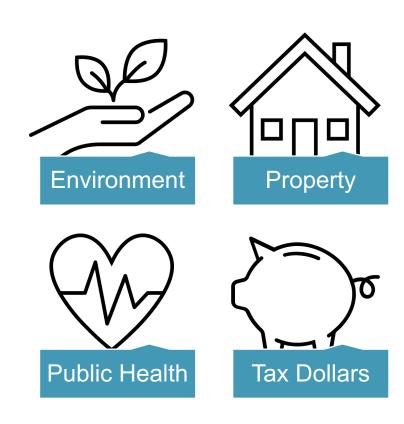
### What are we talking about?

What is the challenge in sewer cleaning?

How can we manage operations to address this challenge?

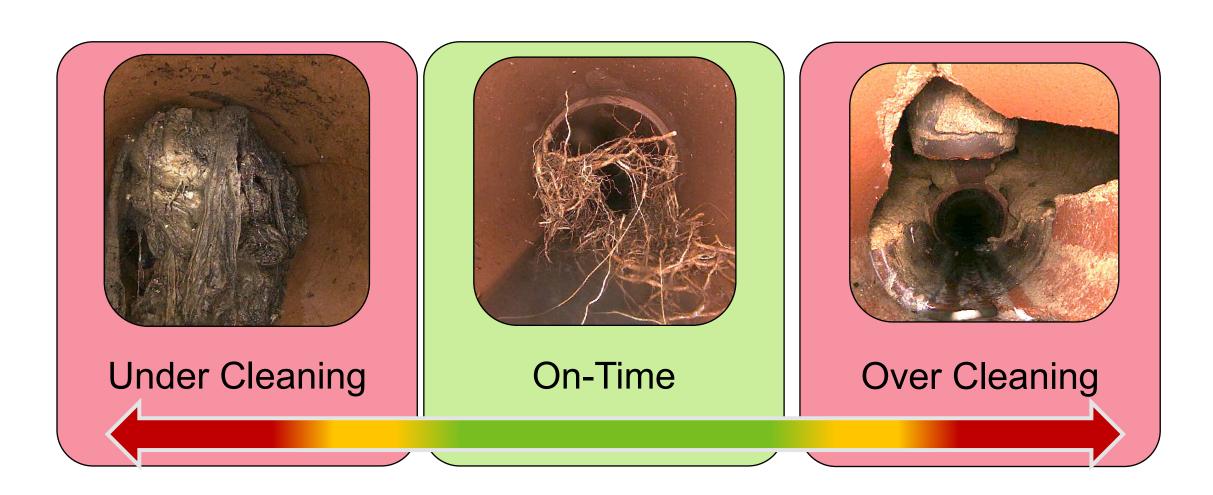
How does being successful benefit utilities?

### Sewer cleaning is the primary way to maintain collection system assets.



- Over \$1 trillion of US sewer infrastructure in service
- Between 23,000 and 75,000 SSOs are estimated to occur each year
- Between 3 billion and 10 billion gallons of untreated wastewater reach the natural environment
- On average, communities spend ~\$8,000
   per mile in collection system O&M
- Sewer cleaning is a significant component of this cost.

### Cleaning pipes at the right time allows for optimized resource allocation.



## Developing an effective cleaning program involves 3 key parts.

Which pipes should be cleaned?

Cleaning Criteria

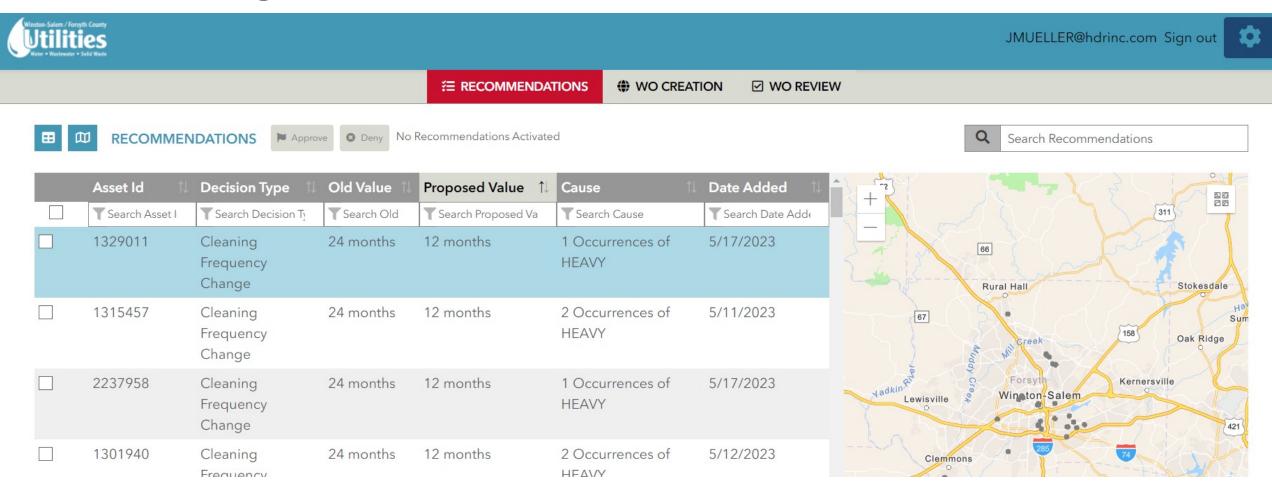
How often should pipes be cleaned?

Cleaning Frequency

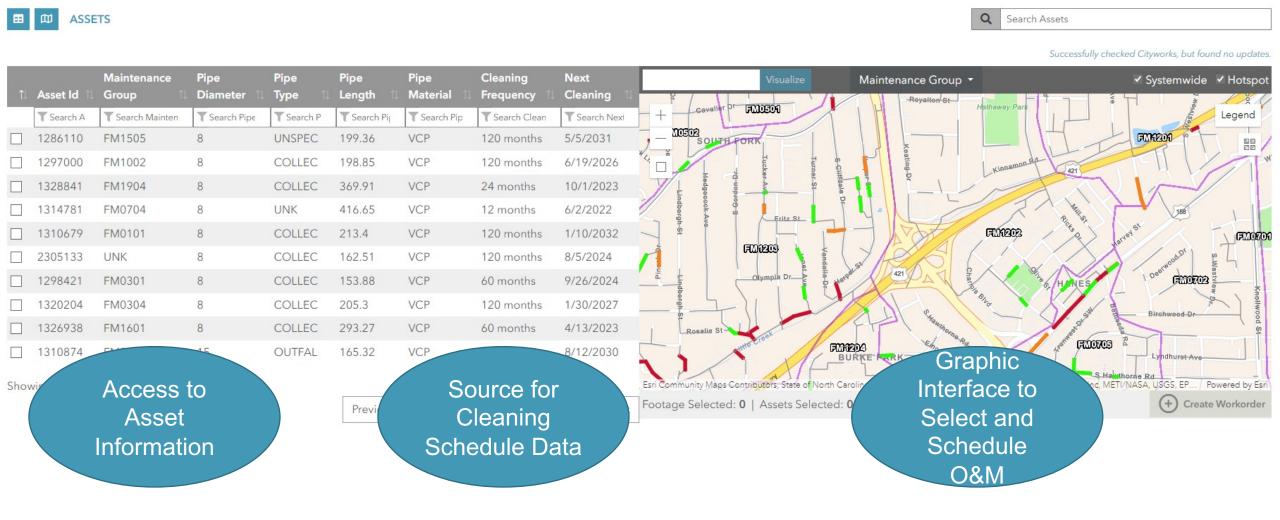
When should cleaning frequency be changed?

Cleaning Algorithm

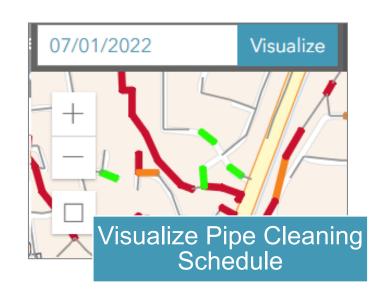
## FreeFlowH2O combines elements of cleaning programs into a single tool.

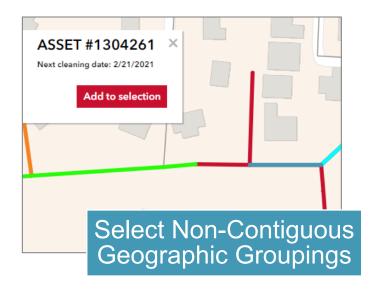


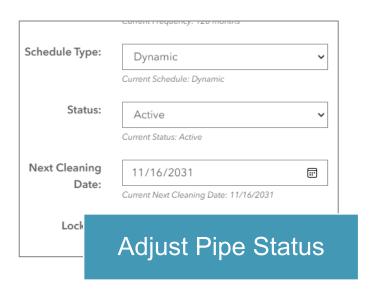
## FFH2O automates cleaning logic for an organized way to manage O&M programs.

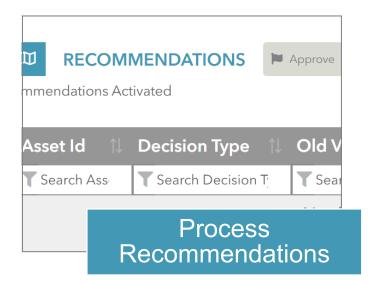


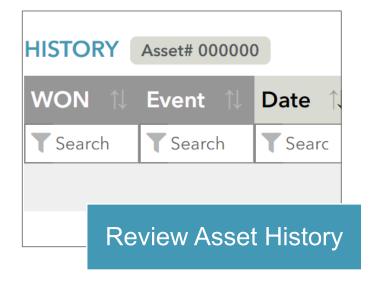
### This simplifies cleaning decisions for collection system O&M programs.

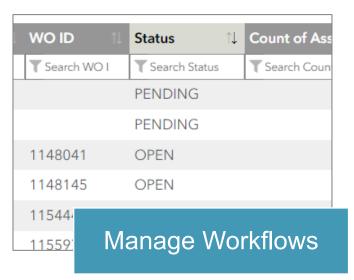




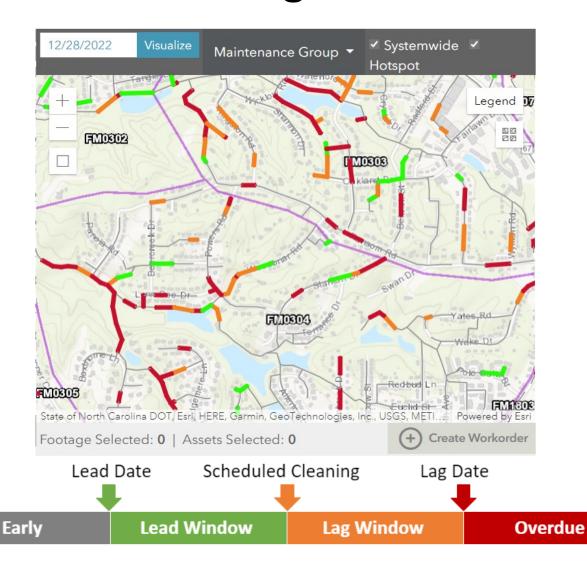






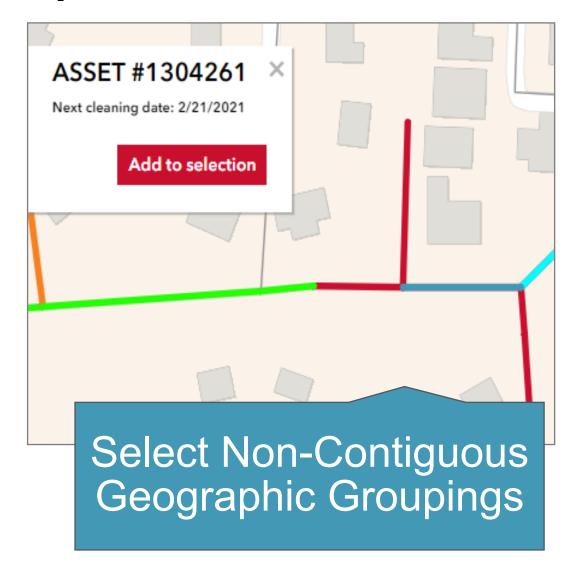


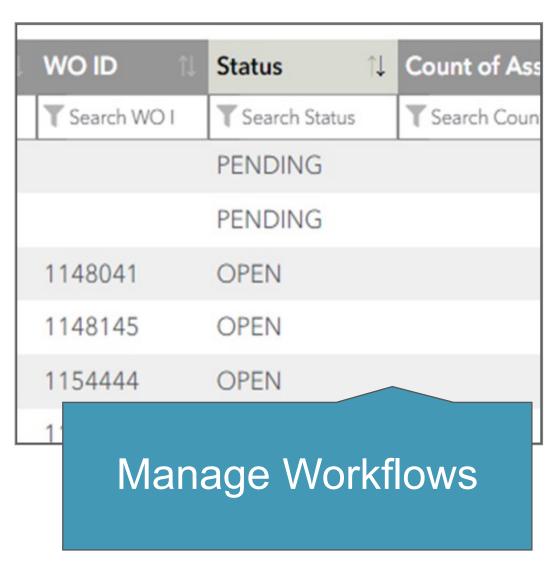
### Visualizing the pipe schedule allows for intuitive decision making.



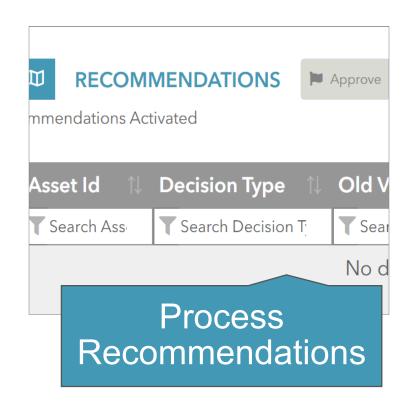
Cleaning Frequency	Lead Days	Lag Days
None	0	0
1 month	-7	7
3 months	-21	21
6 months	-42	42
12 months	-84	84
24 months	-168	168
60 months	-180	180
120 months	-180	180

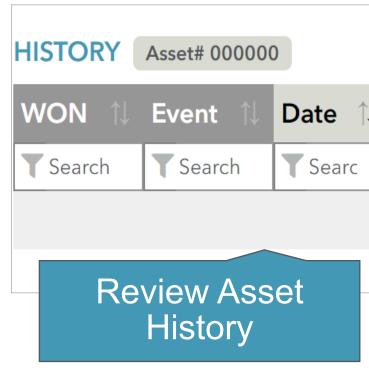
### Streamlining work order creations improves implementation.

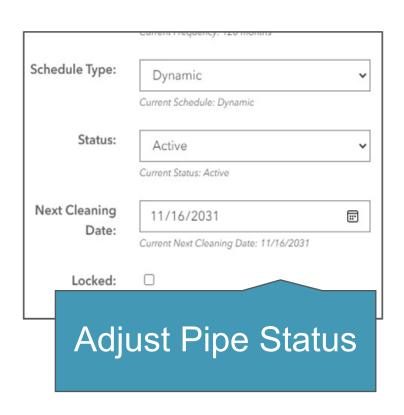




#### Managing schedule adjustment optimizes effectiveness.







### FreeFlowH2O is one tool to help optimize collection system O&M.

#### Asset Information

- Location
- Diameter
- Work History

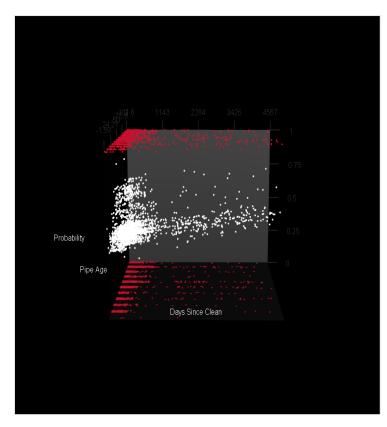
#### Cleaning Strategy

- Criteria
- Frequency
- Algorithm

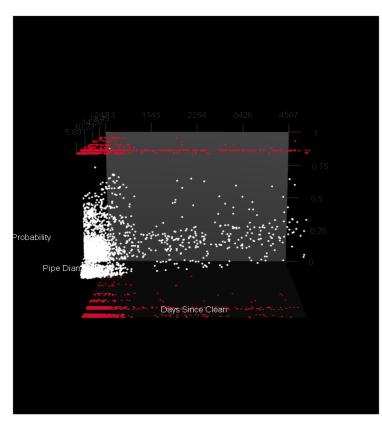
#### Human Resources

- Planner
- Field Staff
- IT Support

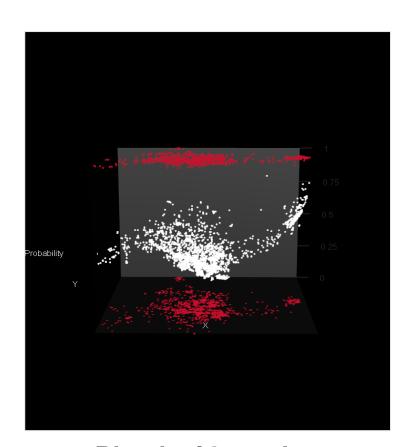
### Future versions of the tool will leverage predictive analytics.



**Last Cleaned & Asset Age** 

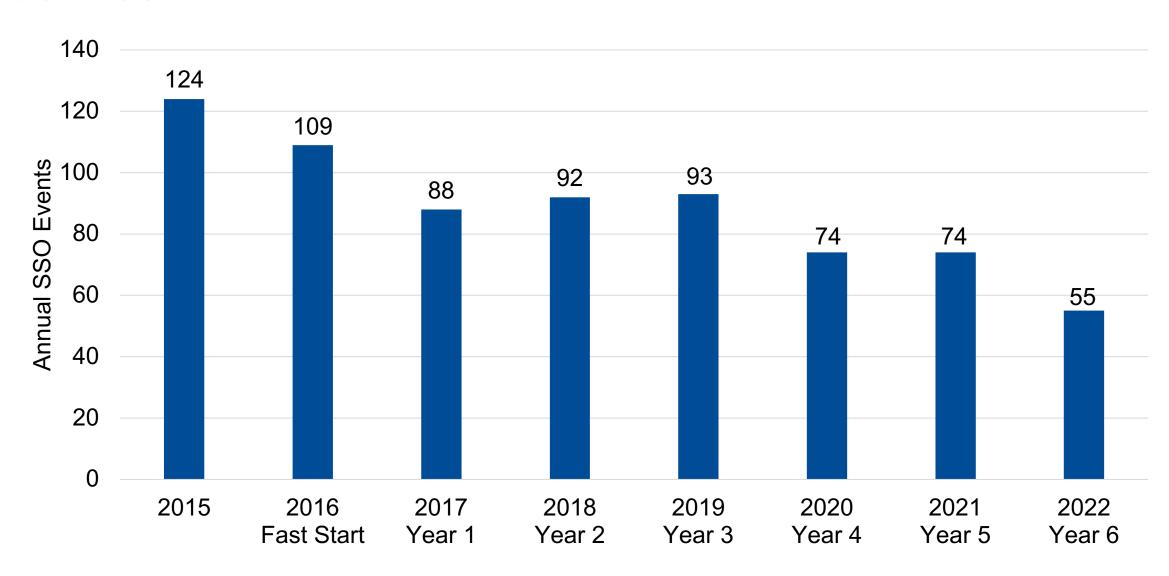


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**Physical Location** 

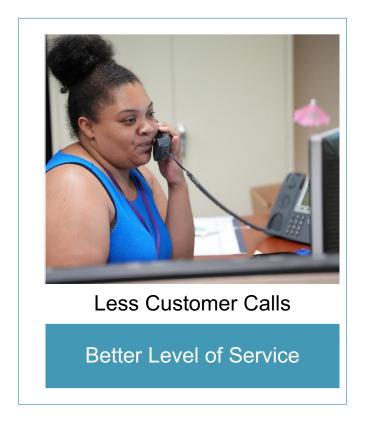
### FFH2O has resulted in a drastic decrease in SSOs for utilities.



### Utilities can generate meaningful value by optimizing O&M programs.







#### **Questions?**

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