

# Advancing Your MOM Program Beyond FOG Source Control with Gravity Sewer Acoustic Monitoring

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# Agenda

- About the Speaker
- About Virginia Beach
- About Virginia Beach Public Utilities
- Implementation of Acoustic Technology
- Successes and Challenges
- Other applications for the technology



# About Me

- Virginia Licensed Engineer
- FOG Program Manager Since 2013
- Wet Well Cleaning Program Manager
- Hot-Spot & Acoustic Testing Program Manager
- Construction Project Manager
- Application Programmer / Creator

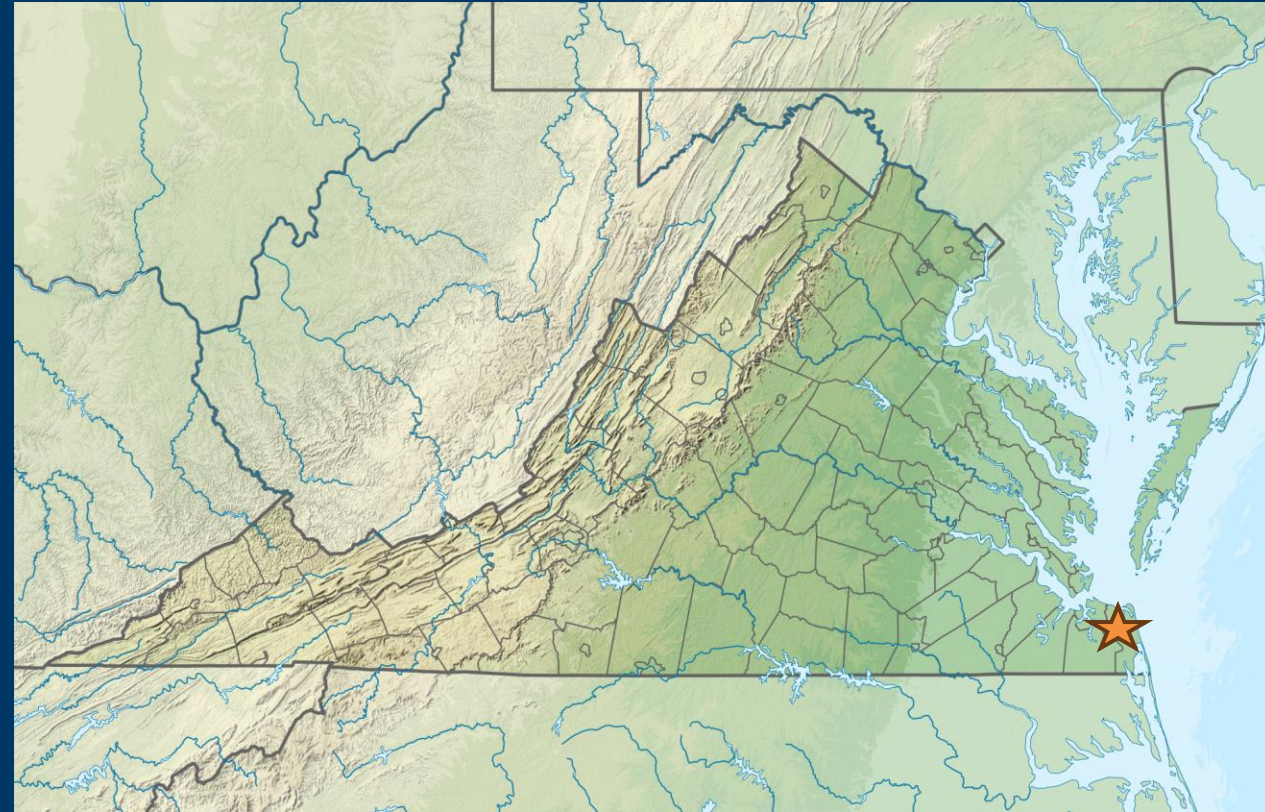


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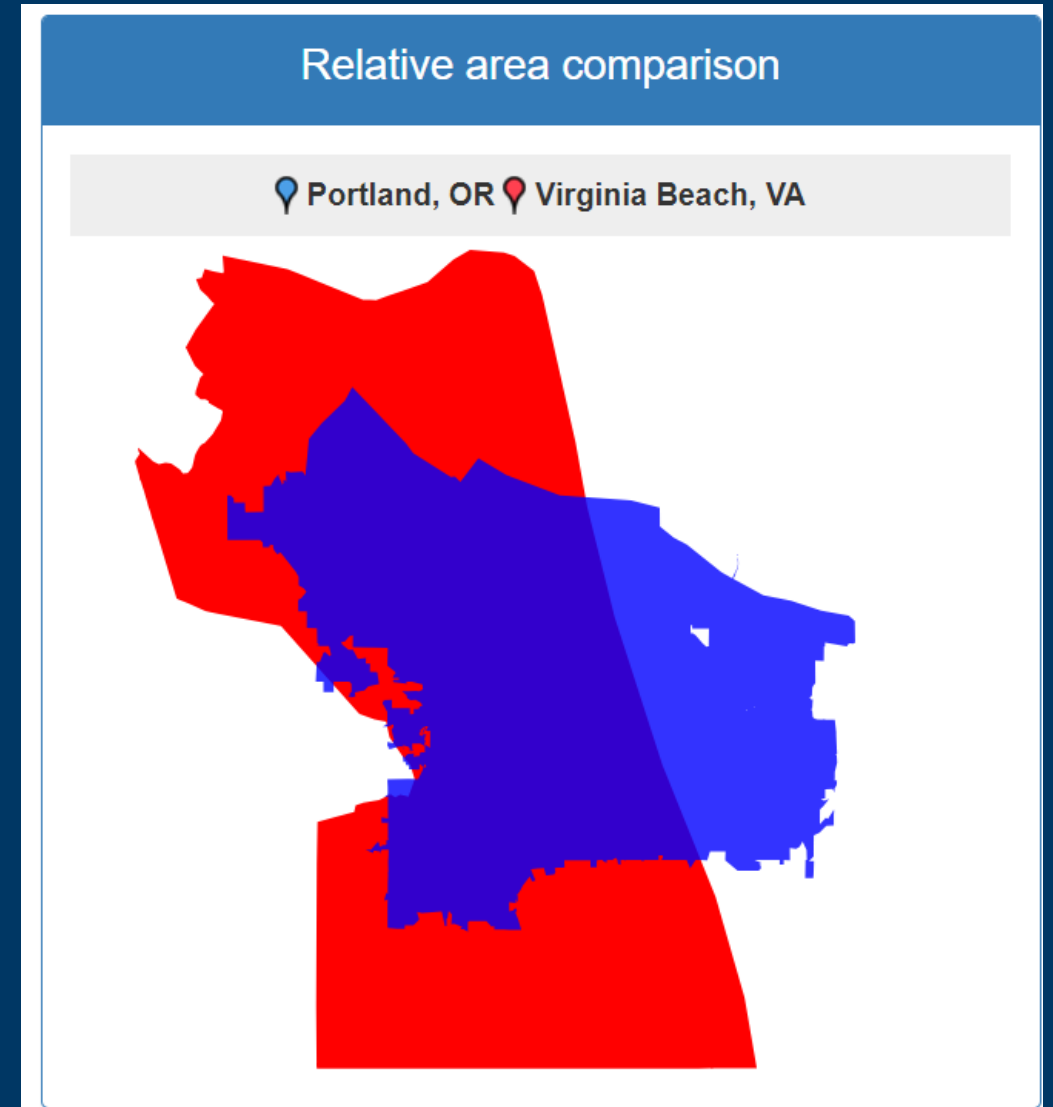
# About Virginia Beach

- ❑ Population of 459,000 people, making it the largest city in Virginia
- ❑ More than 190,000 households
- ❑ Median age of 37.1 years old
- ❑ Average commute time of 24 minutes
- ❑ 38 miles of beaches
- ❑ 23,000 acres of farmland



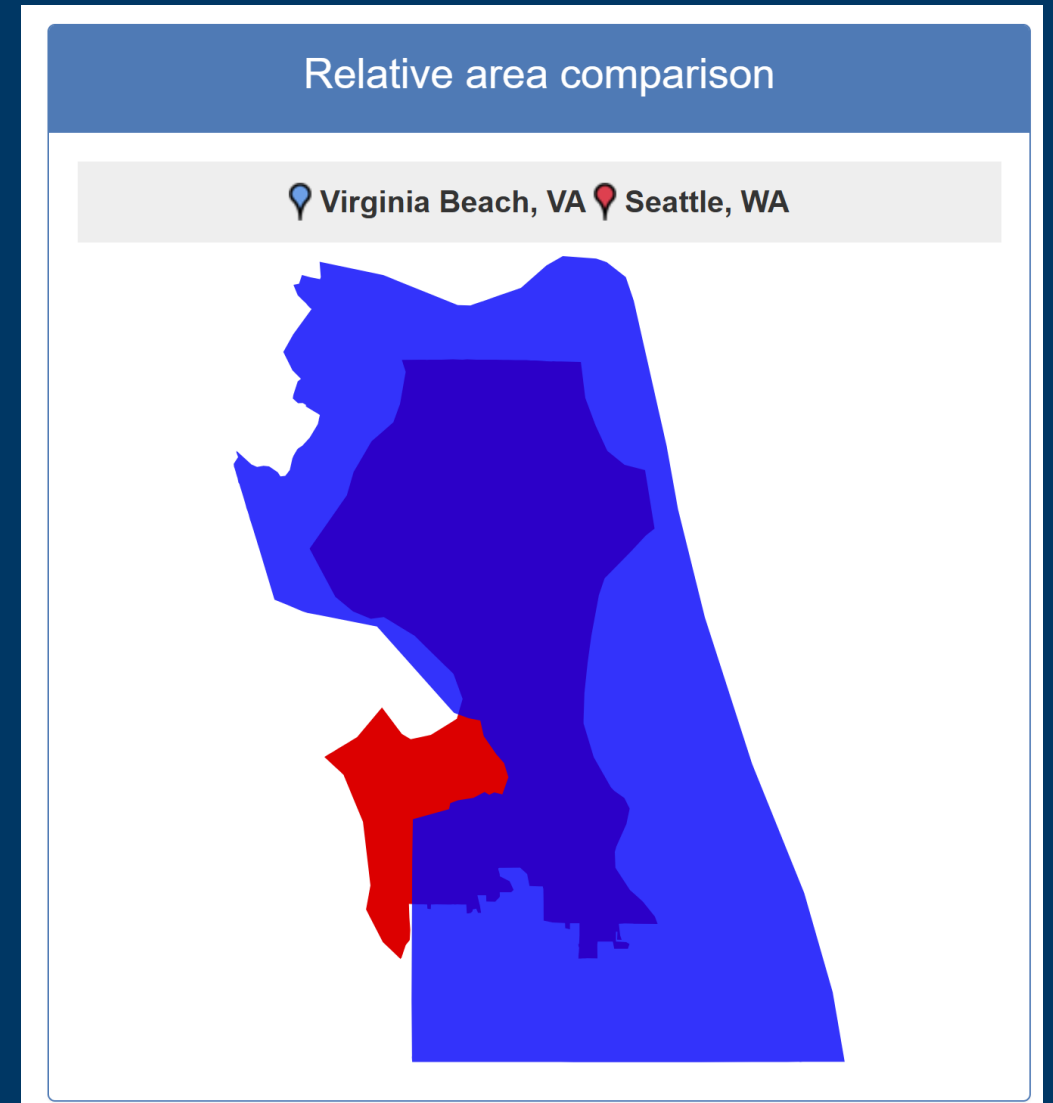
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# Virginia Beach Public Utilities

- 414 sewer pumping station
- 1,800 miles of sewer mains
- 32,000 sewer manholes
  
- 11 potable water storage tanks
- 8 potable water pump stations
- 2 raw water pump stations
- 1,700 miles of water distribution pipes
- 76 miles of Lake Gaston Water Supply Pipeline
  
- Do not own any drinking or wastewater treatment plants
- Distribution and collection system only
  
- CMOM Program Began in 2008



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# Virginia Beach CMOM

- Capacity
- Management
- Operations
- Maintenance



# Virginia Beach eMOM

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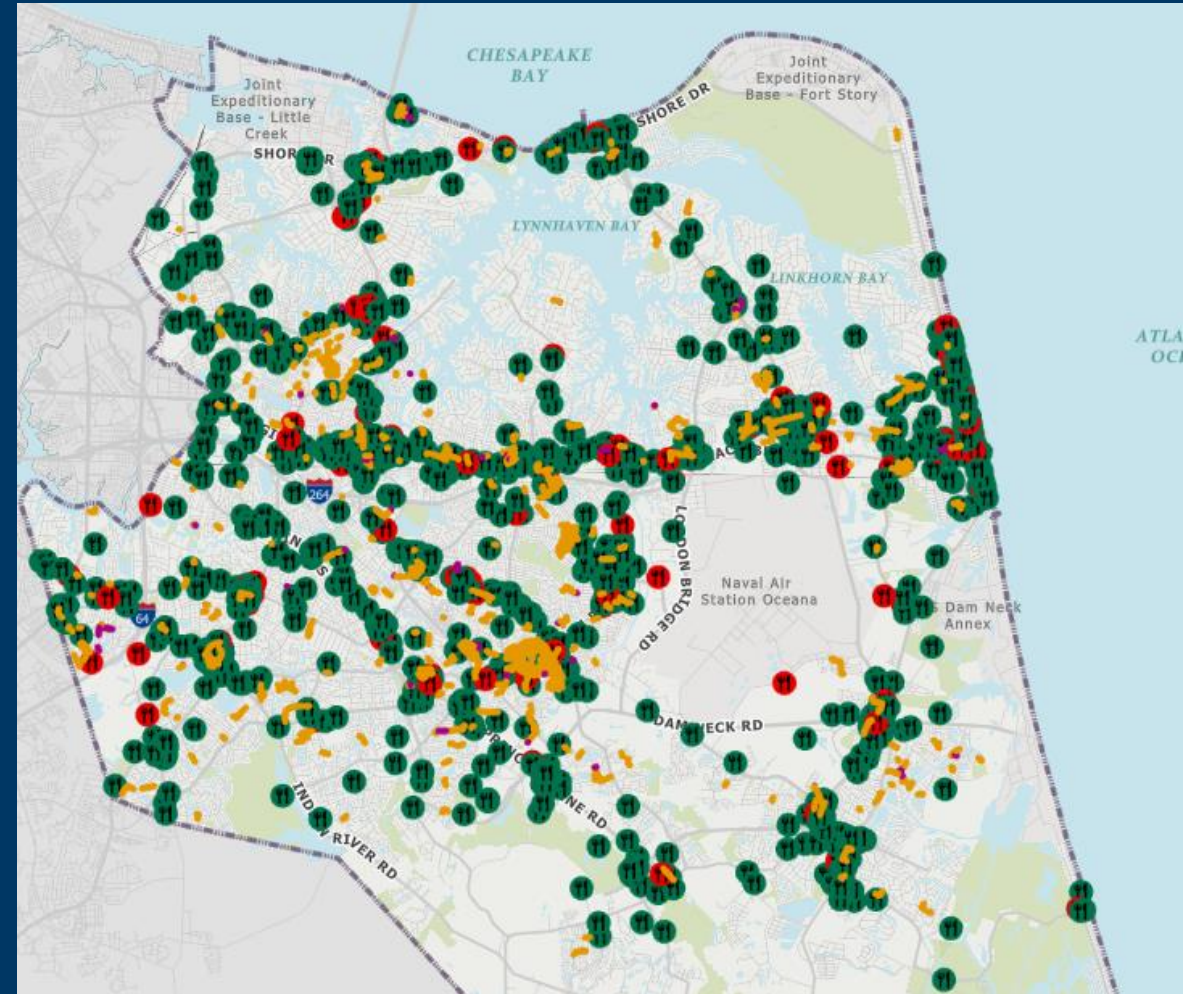
# Virginia Beach MOM Program

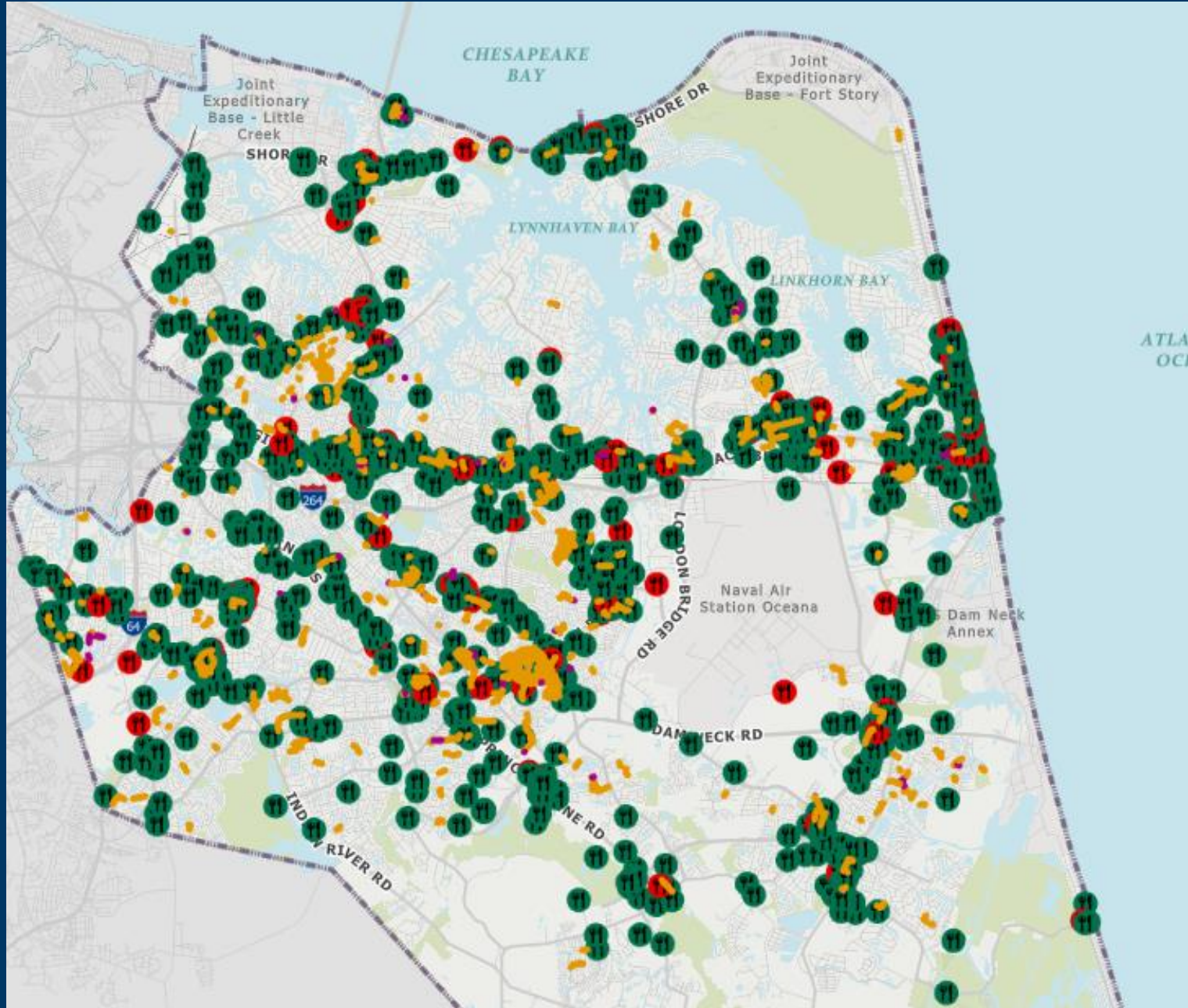
- SSO Resolution Program
- FOG Program
- Hot Spot Cleaning Program
- Root Control Program
- Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) Program
- Wet Well Cleaning Program
- Force Main Assessment Program
- Flow Monitoring Program
- Odor Control Program



# Virginia Beach FOG & Hot Spot Programs

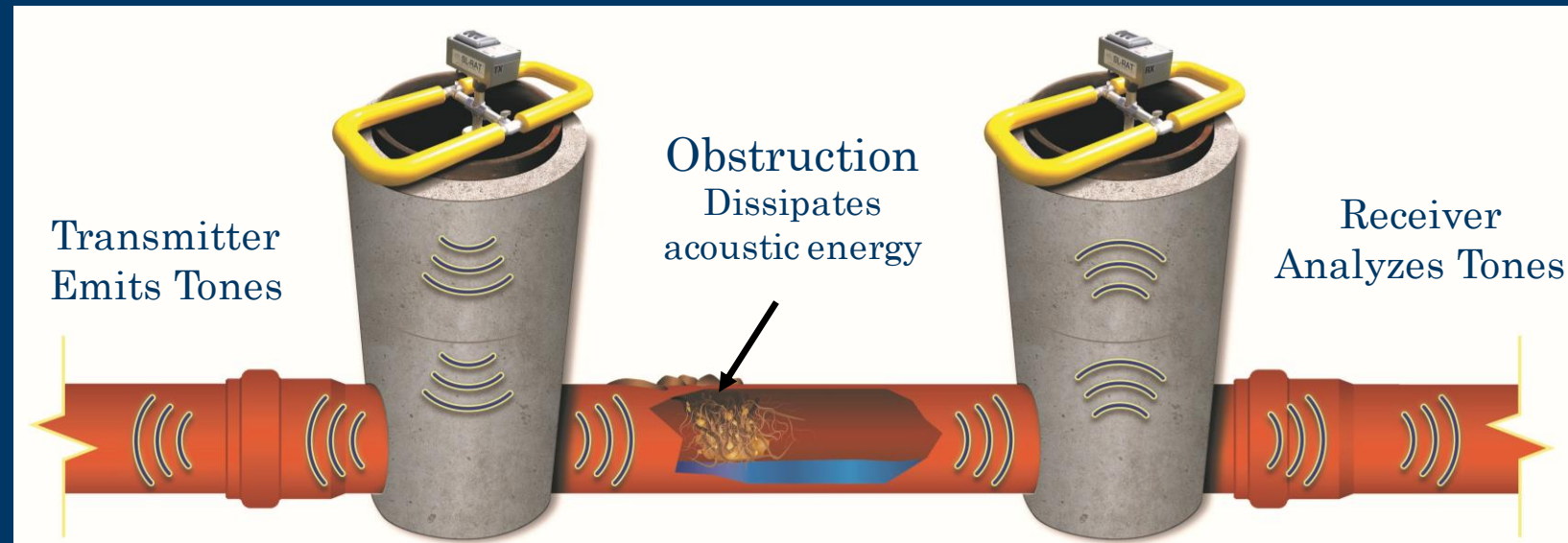
- 1,500 FSEs
- 5 Cleaning Frequencies
  - 30,60,90,180,365 days
- About 910,000 linear feet (172 miles) cleaned per year from 1,578 segments
  - >75,000 linear feet per month (14.2 miles)
- Segments added but not removed
- Not achievable or sustainable





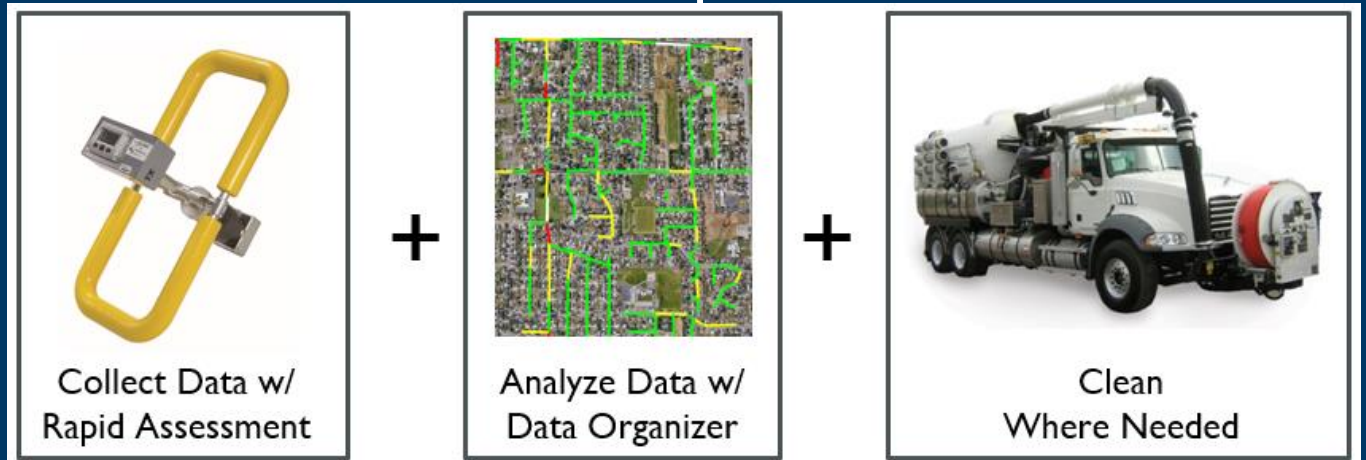
# Virginia Beach Implements Acoustic Inspection Technology

- Acoustic Inspection → Clean → Acoustic Inspection (“clean” score)
- Monitor with Acoustic testing on cleaning frequency
- Set initial monitoring frequencies and only clean when needed
- Creates a score with a range from 0 to 10
- Began baselining in 2020
- Completed baselining 2022



# Goals from Acoustic Inspection

- Optimize Resources (Manpower and Equipment)
- Data collection and evaluation, to determine optimal frequencies
- Reduce Workload (Attain Monthly metrics)
- Maintain Regulatory Compliance
- Standardize Procedures
- Provide Analytical Evidence for Grease Interceptor Installation or Replacement



# Initial Results

- >90% linear footage cleaning reduction
  - 910,000 to 60,000 per year
  - < 5,000 linear feet per month
  - 94 segments
- Nearly 500,000 linear feet moved from cleaning to acoustic monitoring
  - 1,383 segments
- 101 sewer segments removed from program
- Some Frequencies were adjusted





# Field Evaluation Process

- Run Inspection
- Decision Matrix
  - Appropriate action is determined by comparing the measured SL-RAT score to the previously established baseline.
- Enter value into CMMS Software

Previously Established Baseline Value	SL-Rat Reading										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
4											
5											
6											
7											
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Procedure	
A	If First Reading, perform follow-up test and verify that the distance is correct, and devices are not too close together. If it is follow-up reading, call in line stoppage request to basecamp
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# Office Evaluation

- Data collected in the field is uploaded to our CMMS.
- Power BI Dashboard linked to CMMS asset data.
- More user—friendly interface with individual sewer segment Information.

**Public Utilities** | EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED: All | Group Project: 89015 | Reading Action: Multiple selections | Total Work Orders Not Complete (Blank)

Group Project #	WO #	Frequency	UNITID	UNITID2	EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED	Actual Pipe Length	SL-Rat Length	Created Date	Closed Date	BASELINE	SL-RAT SCORE	Reading Action
89015	2892039	180	504-160-C	504-159-M	3701	160.00	150	01-Jun-23	08-Jun-23	9	10	No Action Needed
89015	2892040	180	504-159-M	504-158-M	3701	300.00	350	01-Jun-23	08-Jun-23	5	6	No Action Needed
89015	2892041	180	504-013-U	504-161-M	3701	8.00	50	01-Jun-23	12-Jun-23	8	7	No Action Needed
89015	2892042	90	571-094-U	571-002-U	3701	123.00	150	01-Jun-23	05-Jun-23	8	8	No Action Needed
89015	2892045	90	571-003-M	571-094-U	3701	107.00	150	01-Jun-23	05-Jun-23	8	2	Create Cleaning Work Order
89015	2892047	90	120-003-U	120-002-U	3701	231.00	250	01-Jun-23	25-Jun-23	7	5	No Action Needed
89015	2892048	90	120-094-N	120-002-U	3701	150.00	150	01-Jun-23	25-Jun-23	6	7	No Action Needed
89015	2892050	90	546-008-M	546-0116-M	3701	16.00	50	01-Jun-23	06-Jun-23	7	6	No Action Needed
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# The Data

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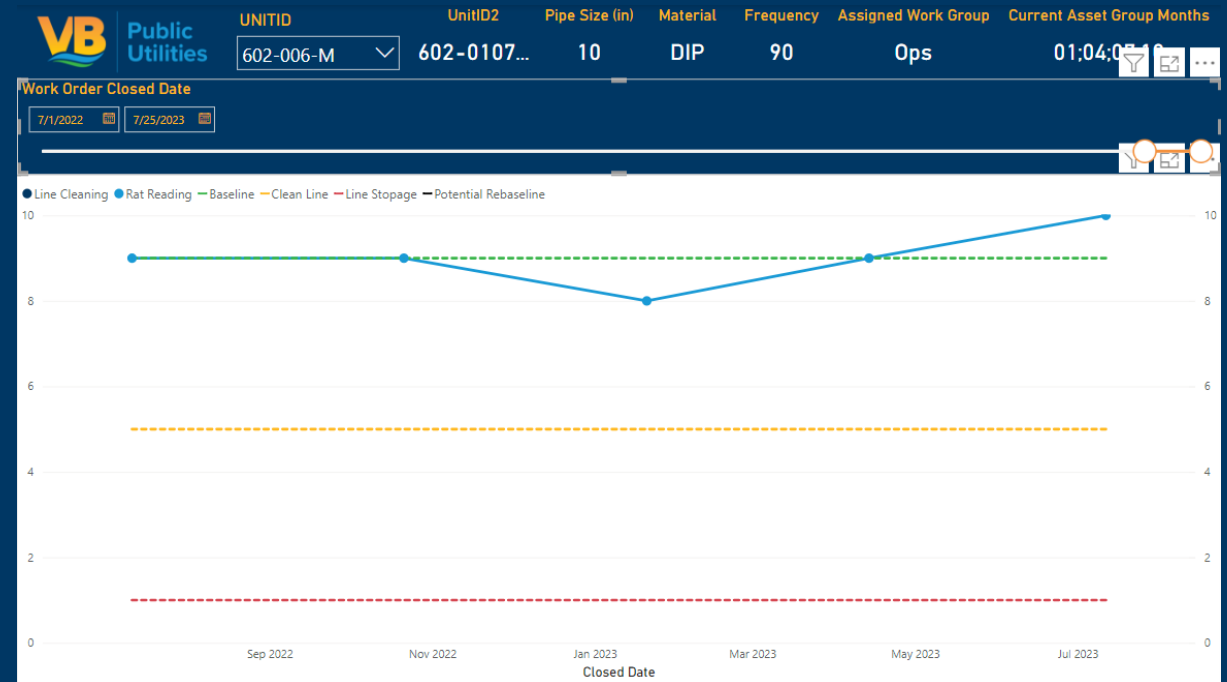
- Ability to drill-down and evaluate the inspection history of each individual sewer segment.
- Example of how we have been able to avoid unnecessary cleaning. 90-day segment that hasn't needed cleaning over the past year.

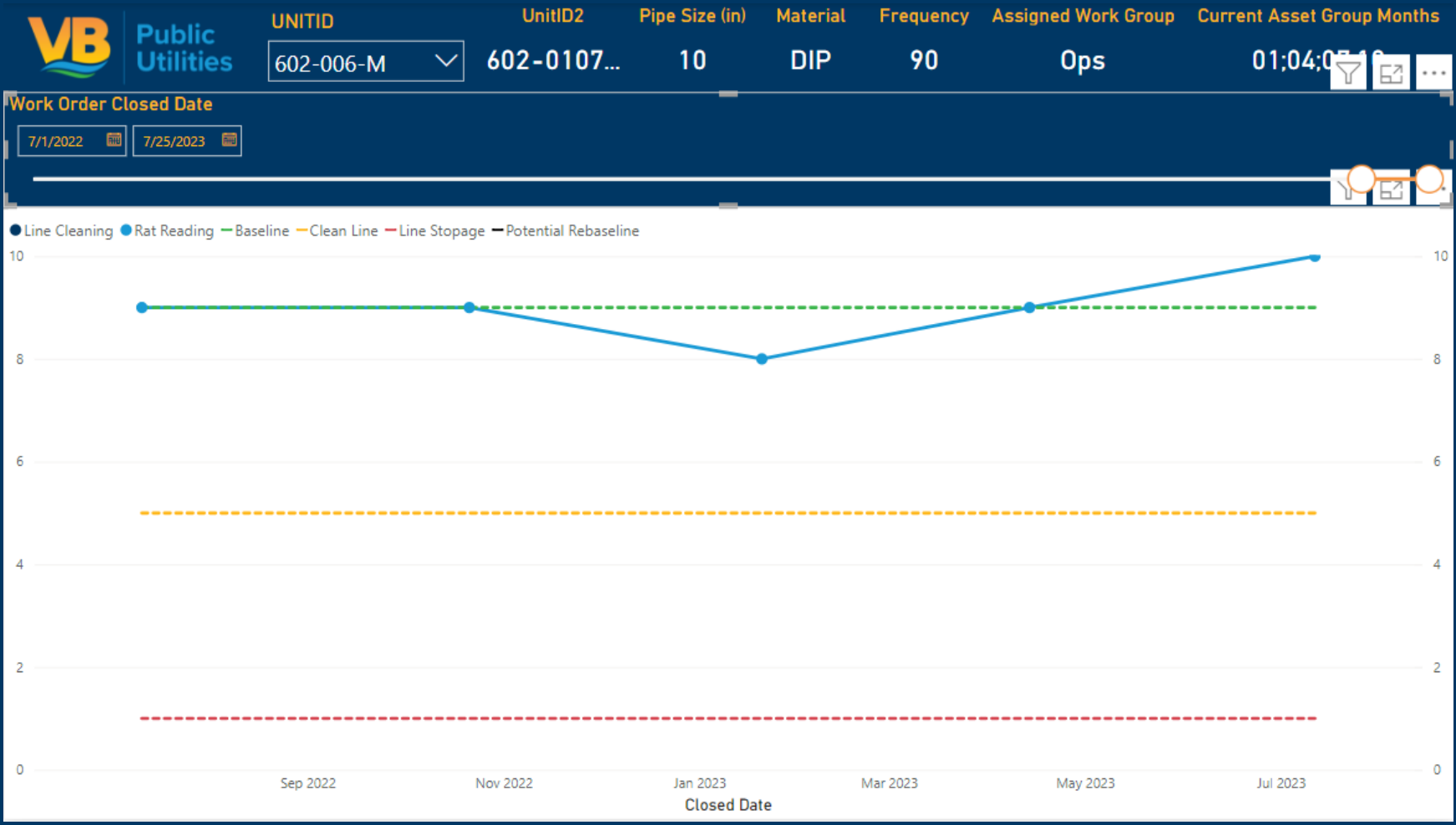
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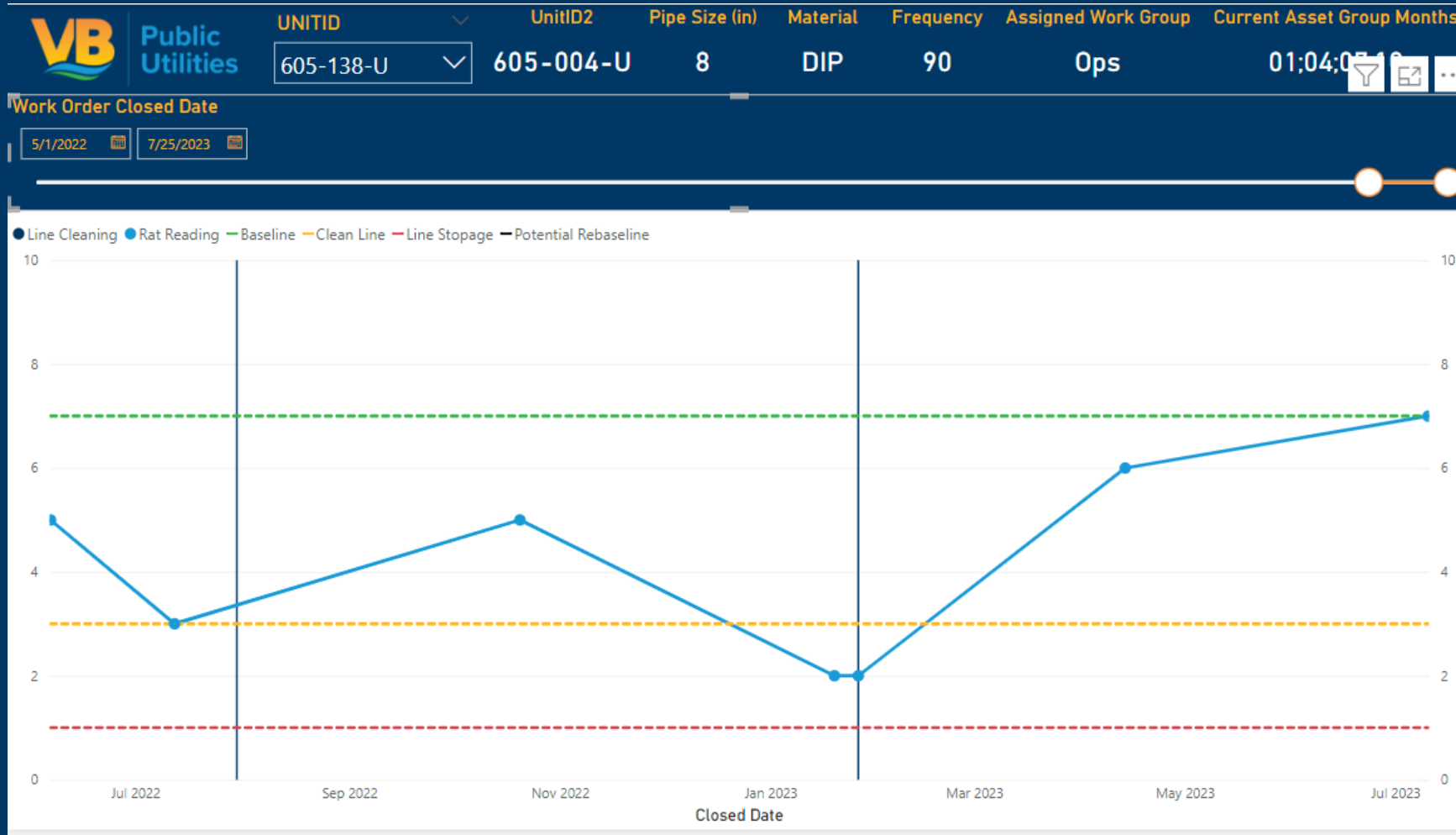
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## ➤ Cleaning When Needed

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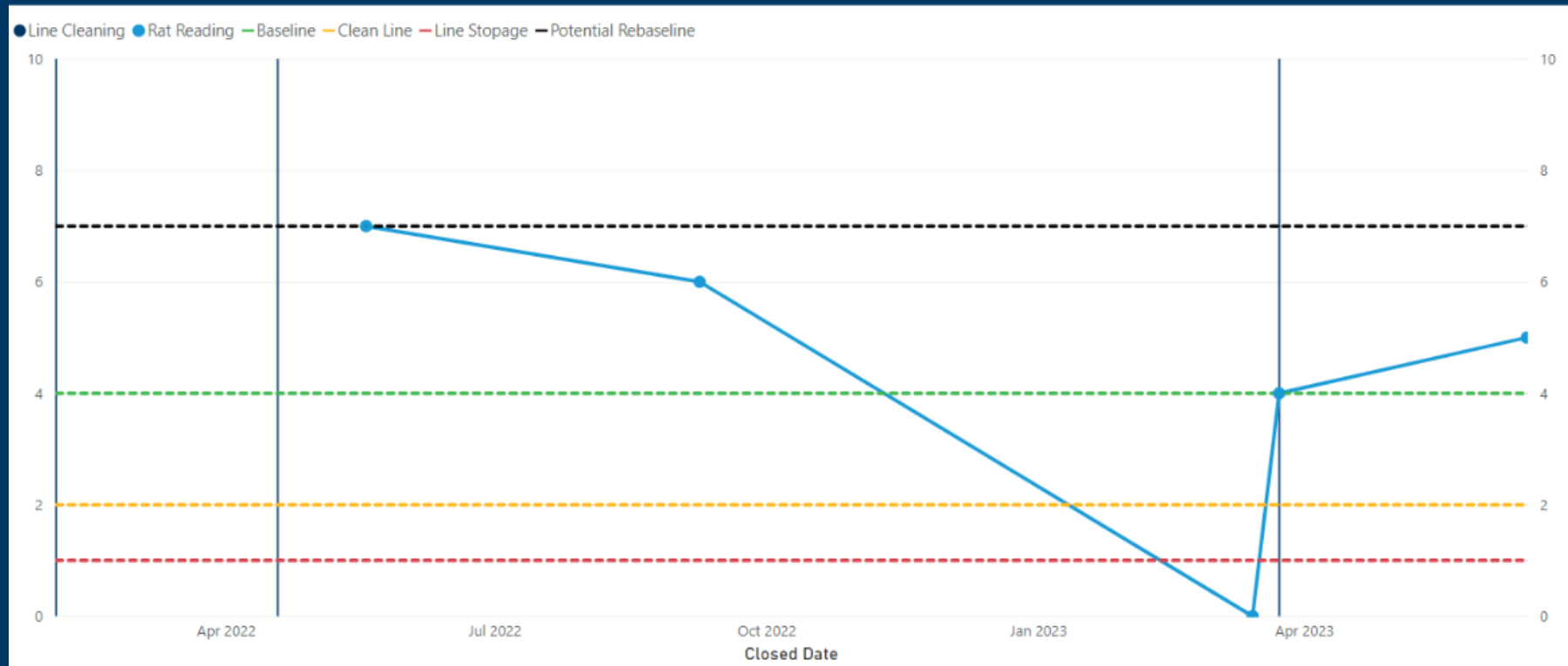
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Work Order Closed Date

12/1/2021 6/29/2023

## ▶ Preventing SSOs

- Mainline Stoppage call made to Operations for immediate cleaning





# The Data



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EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED  
All

Group Project  
89015

Reading Action  
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Indication of where a sewer rehab project may be needed to prevent future blockages.

# End of Year One Results

- Data confirms the initial positive results.
- Significant Cleaning Reduction
  - 90.4% - No Action Needed/Potential Re-Baseline/Baseline Needed
  - 5.2% - Mainline Stoppage
  - 4.4% - Create Cleaning Work Order

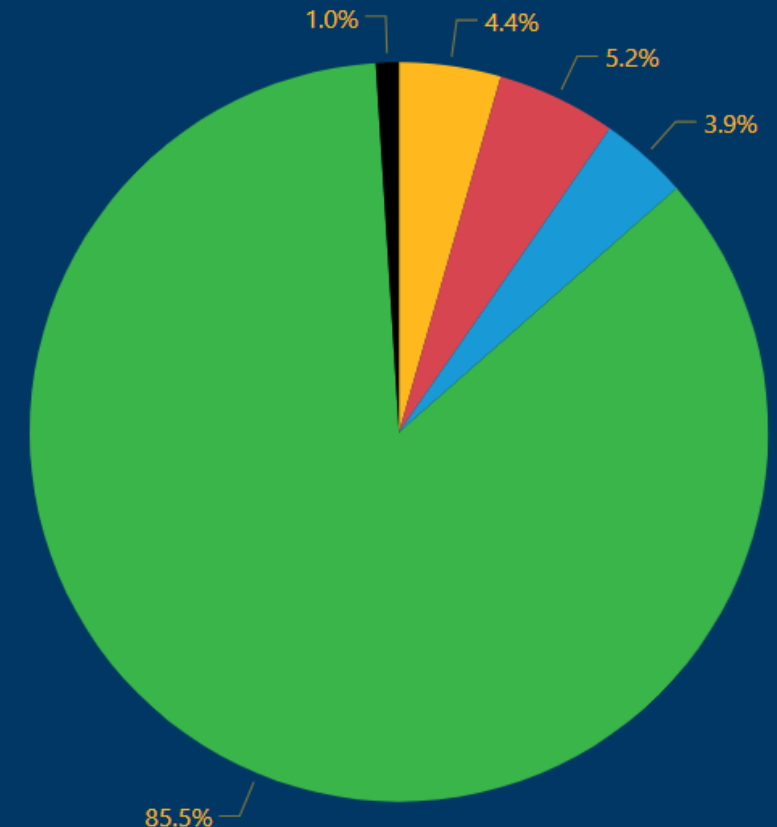
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Work Order Outcome

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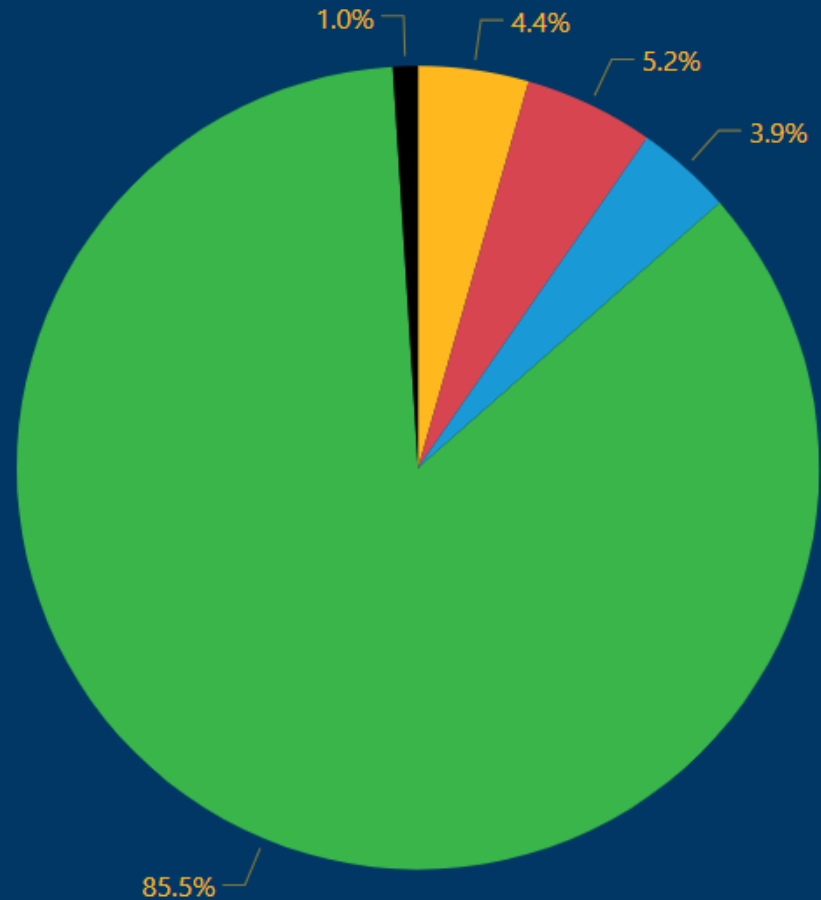
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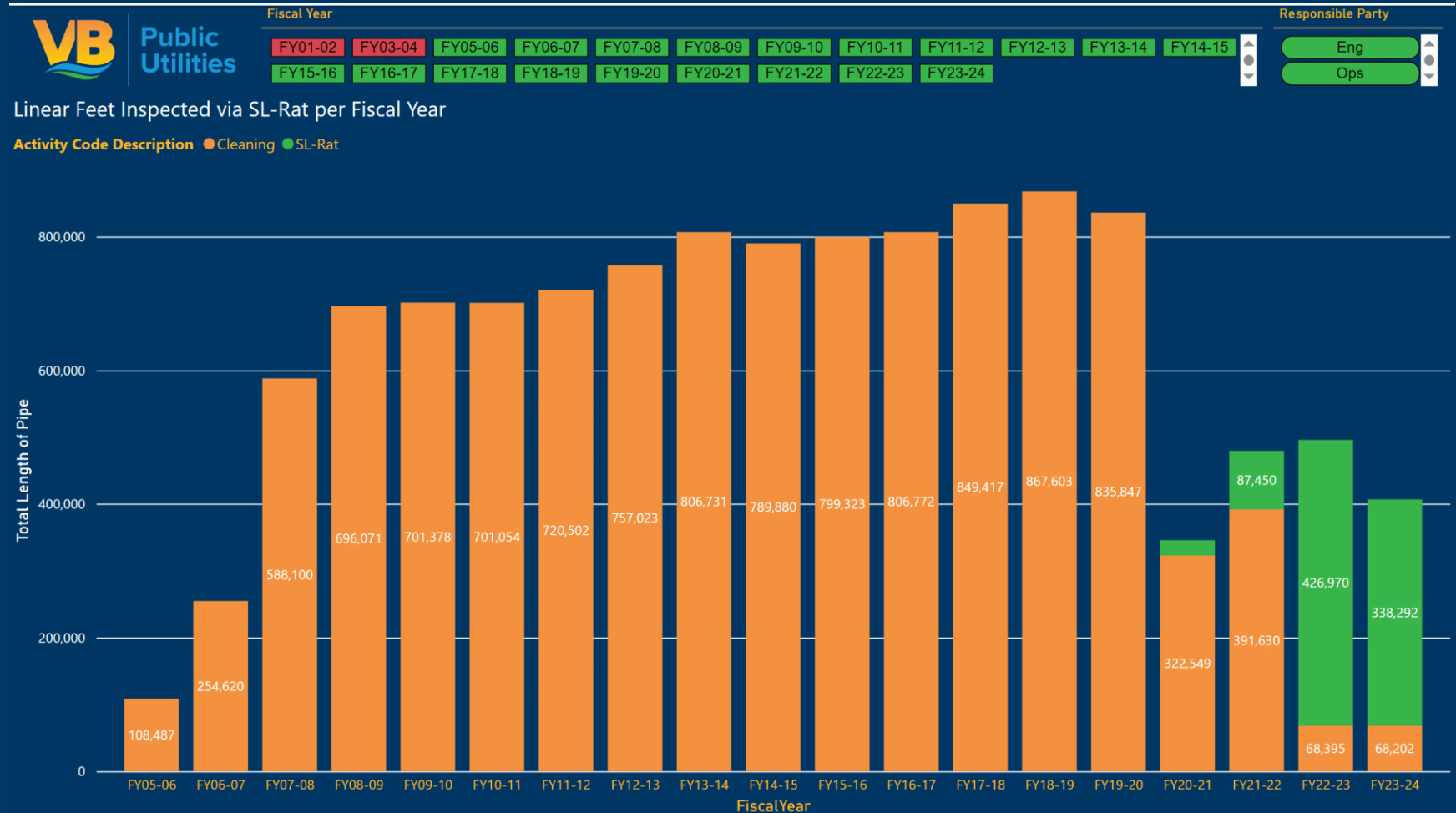
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Activity Code Description ● Cleaning ● SL-Rat

- Significant Resource Reduction



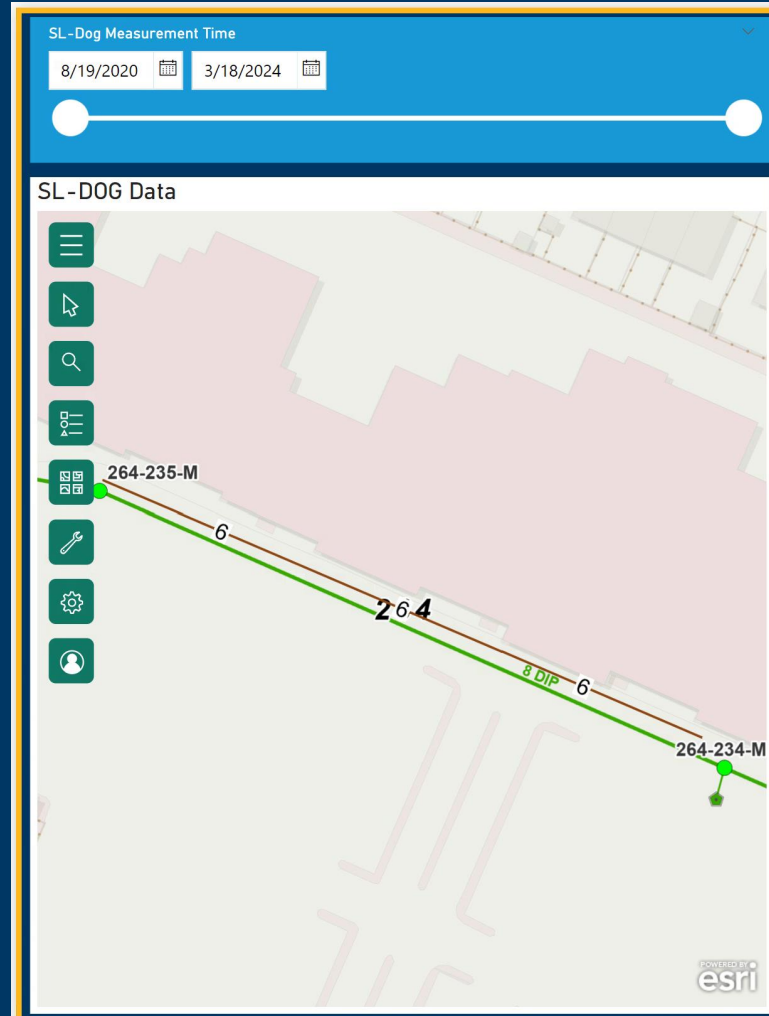
# Year 2 Results so far

- Continued Reduction in cleaning
- More Find and Fix projects discovered
- Some segments changed back to cleaning only
  - Sags
  - Bad Hydraulics
- Reduced Reading Frequency
  - Current Potential
    - 92 segments for 39,000 LF



# QA/QC

- Used to ensure confidence in our data
- Used to also correct any data entry errors



The screenshot shows a table interface titled "Hansen SL-Rat Work Orders". At the top, there are filters for "Hansen WO Closed Date" (9/13/2023 to 4/2/2024), "UNITID" (264-234-M), and "SL-Rat Unit Number" (All). The table below has the following columns: UNITID, UNITID2, WO #, Closed Date, SL-Rat Reading Number, SL-Rat Unit, SL-Rat Score, Actual Pipe Length, and SLRat Eval Length.

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SL - Dog Measurement Time

8/19/2020

3/18/2024

Hansen WO Closed Date

9/13/2023

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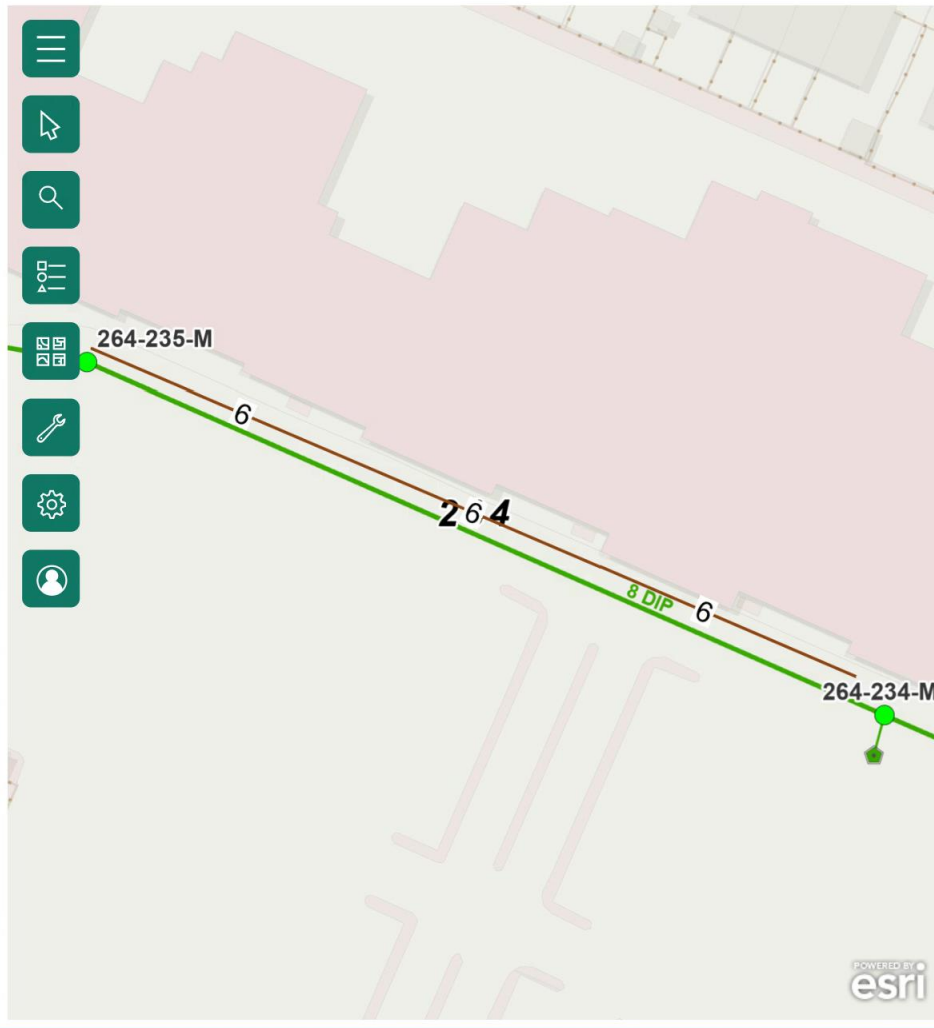
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SL - Rat Unit Number

All

SL-DOG Data



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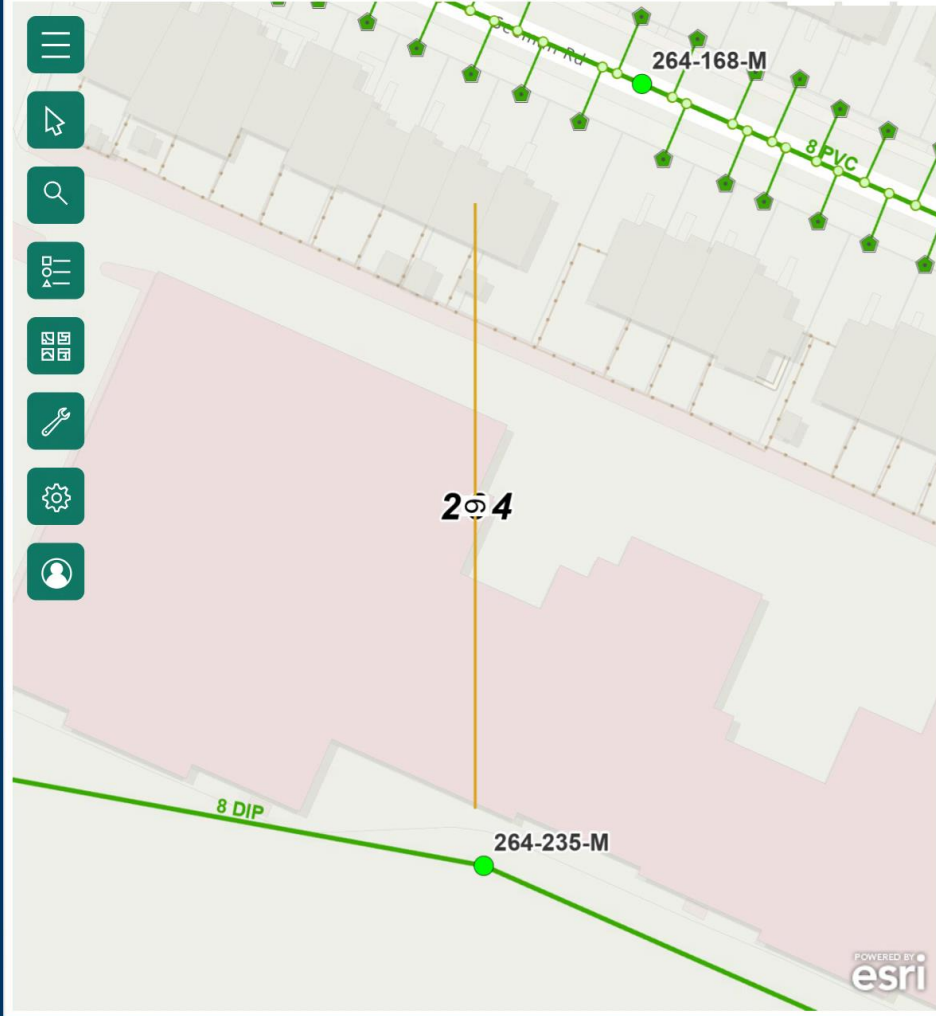
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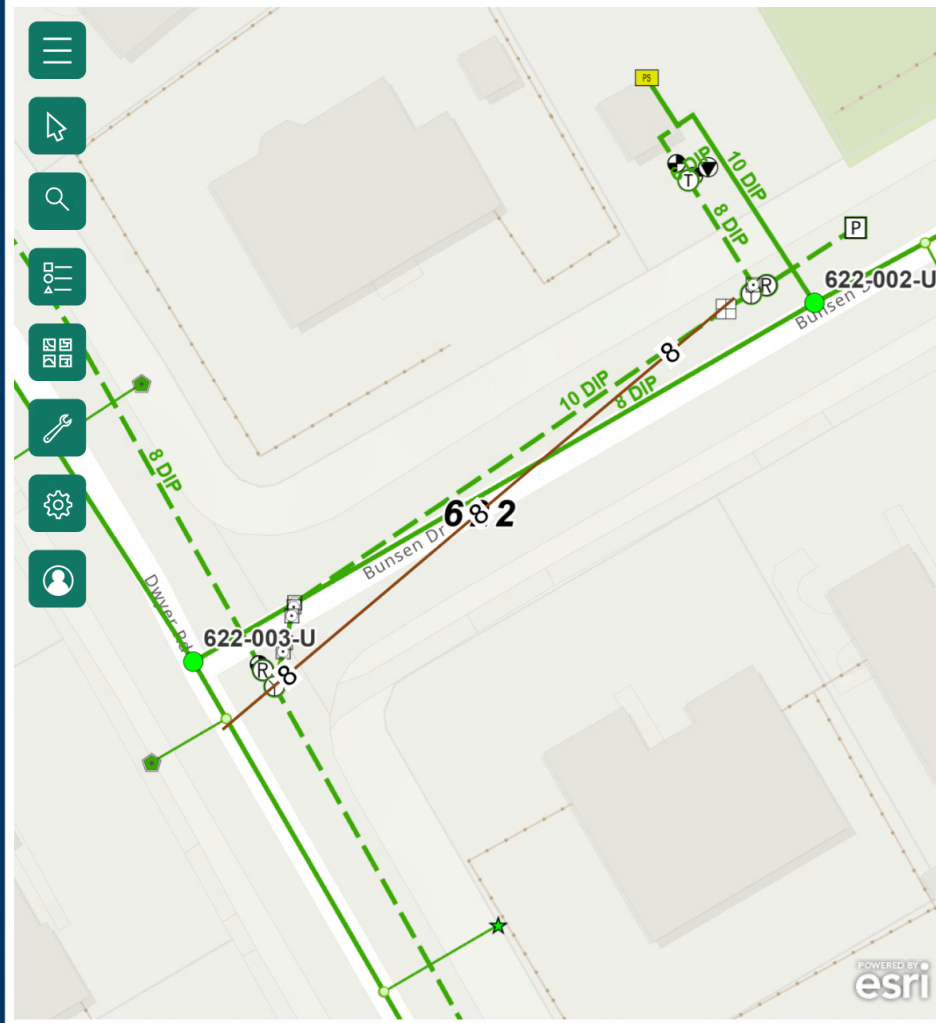


SL - Dog Measurement Time

8/19/2020

3/18/2024

SL-DOG Data



Hansen WO Closed Date

9/13/2023

4/2/2024

UNITID

264-234-M

SL-Rat Unit Number

All

Hansen SL-Rat Work Orders

UNITID	UNITID2	WO #	Closed Date	SL-Rat Reading Number	SL-Rat Unit	SL-Rat Score	Actual Pipe Length	SLRat Eval Length
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# Successes & Challenges

- Successes

- Operations Staff Buy-in
- ~90% Cleaning Reduction
- Only Cleaning when Needed
- Minimize SSOs – No Repeat SSOs

- Challenges

- CNA/CNL Manholes & Traffic Control
- Wet Well Influent Lines
- Data QA/QC:
  - Curious results (low baseline – high scores)
  - Data Transfer Issues (field application to CMMS)
  - Data Entry (human error)



# Success is leading to other use cases

- Used to verify that a Wet Well Wizard device does not negatively impact our gravity system
- Potential to use for Root Control QA/QC
- Operations wants to use this as periodic service area preventative maintenance



# Questions

