

## **Cost Savings & Many Other Benefits**







- Service Population 473,900
  - 74,900 retail
  - 399,000 wholesale
- Average Flow = 45.5 mgd
- Max Rated Cap = 108 mgd
- Treatment is conventional sand filtration.
- 3 intakes extending one mile into Lake Michigan





- One-third of City's water mains are over 100 years old (red).
- More than half of the water mains are over 80 years old (orange).
- We target replacing 1% of our system per year (equals 1-1/2 miles).





## Previous Program: Correlator Only

- Correlator captures the sound of water escaping from a pipe
- Correlation is all-day work, can't multi-task
- Traffic, major water usage, other utilities can interfere
- Result: Proactive leak detection was limited to 3-4 miles per year
  2% of the distribution system





## New Program: Loggers (First)

- Loggers only detect presence or absence of leak "noise"
- Logger deployment can be done in between other tasks
- Loggers fit in valve vaults and boxes, can be left overnight







## Leak Surveying with Loggers

#### **Step 1: Deploy in grid pattern for efficiency**





#### Previous Program 2013-2014 Program











## Leak Surveying with Loggers

#### **Step 2: Loggers listen for leak noise**





## Leak Surveying with Loggers

#### **Step 3: Obtain logger readings**

- Loggers transmit readings from 8 am – 12 noon daily
- Readings upload to a handheld device
- Loggers are then moved to the next deployment location





				Water savings after repairs	Savings (Using water rate of \$2.74	Savings (Combined water & sewer
Year	Miles Surveyed	Main Breaks	Service Leaks	(MG/YEAR)	per 100 CF)	rate of \$6.13 PER 100 CF)
2013	57	2	1	8.85	\$32,418.45	\$72,527.41
2014	100	1	4	6.26	\$22,931.02	\$51,301.87
2015	157	2	3	9.9	\$36,264.71	\$81,132.35
2016	149	3	2	13.534	\$49,576.42	\$110,913.66
2017	156	2	3	9.9	\$36,264.71	\$81,132.35
2018	143	3	3	14.5	\$53,114.97	\$118,830.21
TOTAL	762	13	16	62.9	\$231,000	\$516,000



## Benefits

- Verify valve locations and correct GIS
- Improve valve accessibility
- Eliminate illicit discharge to sewers proactively
- Identify private irrigation systems



## Benefits

- Existing staff have incorporated leak detection into their routines with no resulting overtime
- Improved maintenance of valves
- Evanston has already recouped the cost of the equipment during the initial 3 years



# PCCP Large Diameter Water Main Inspection







- 1. Limited In Trench Inspection and Dissection
  - Cost: ~\$15K
- 2. Non-Destructive Internal Evaluation
  - Cost: ~460K



# 1. Limited In Trench Inspection and Dissection



 Inspected 16 foot long section (0.2%)









## Findings

#### Good condition for its 50+ years of age





## 2. Non-Destructive Internal Evaluation



Inspected ~12,954 ft.
(71%)















#### **Challenges to Inspection**





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• Changes in elevations

• Pipeline hydraulics



#### **Challenges to Inspection**



• Control of water

 Phosphate disturbance



#### **Actual Approach - Robotics**





## Location of Inspection





## **Visual Inspection**





## Findings

#### Overall good condition





- Crews are now more open to using new technology to improve productivity and safety
- Loggers are compatible with AMI can use to continuously monitor critical mains
- Demonstrates that Evanston is actively working to comply with IDNR rules on water loss (2018 Nonrevenue water = 5.2%, 2015 NRW = 19.1%)

# QUESTIONS?