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Where is the Lead? Utilizing ArcGIS to Create a Water Service Material Inventory in the City of Muskegon

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# City of Muskegon Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory

The City of Muskegon hired Prein&Newhof to complete a material inventory of their water services, as mandated by the State.



# **History of Lead**

- plumbum
- In use by humans as early as 7000 B.C.
- Used for water pipes in Roman Empire
- White Lead Paints
- Used in lead-acid batteries
- Leaded Gasoline





### So what is this all about?

- Lead is harmful especially to infants and children
  - ✓ Impaired Mental Development
  - ✓ IQ Deficits
  - ✓ Shorter Attention Spans
  - ✓ Low Birth Weights
  - ✓ Delinquency, Aggression
  - ✓ Inattention, Social Problems



### How does lead get into the water?



## **Michigan Recent Lead History**

- April 2014 Flint changes water source
- Sept 2015 Increased Blood Levels in Flint
- Dec 2015/Jan 2016 Reconnection to Detroit
- April 2016 Criminal/Civil Cases
- March 2017 Governor Snyder wants new LCR
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of 2017 Stakeholder Meetings
- Nov 2017 Public Meeting
- Jan 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Rule
- March 2018 Public Hearing
- June 2018 Rule Finalized



#### Key Michigan Lead and Copper Rule Changes

- Stricter sampling procedures
- Allowable lead limit reduced from 15 ppb (federal limit) to 12 ppb in 2025
- Mandatory lead service line inventory by 2020
- Begin replacing lead service lines in 2021 at a rate of 5% per year over a 20-year period
- Communities are responsible to replace ENTIRE lead service line, including private portion, at the communities' expense.
- "Field verified" lead service line inventory by 2025



#### **Typical Muskegon Water Service**



# The City of Muskegon is Old

#### Water Main Age



Approximately 12,800 active water services

#### City of Muskegon Water Service Records

- City has a "tie card" for 90% of the water services
- Water service replacement and installation records were not always uniform and consistent
- Many data sources were used to determine materials
- All services were ASSUMED to have lead unless proven otherwise





City's general practice since the 1950's



Address 1371 F	RANICS S	Date Installed	Water 🔊
1516		9.9.13	Sewer 🗆
Crew Permit #			
Size 3/4 Order #	1376		N 1
Material COPPER to GALV.	FRANCE	S	,
Main Size	SIDEWAIK 40-0	734-6	
Stop Box SB			
Corp and	for une of		
Curb Style	FRANCE S		
Length of			
Service			
Location Street 🖂 Alley 🗀			



AddressFire Hydrant acro	oss from 739 Leonard	Date Installed	Water 😡 Sewer 🗆
CrewPermit #M.J. P.V. P.V.SizeOrder #	- "Hyda" 10" Ky value		IRA I R
Mat'l. Main Size		Gas	main
Stop Box Corp. & Curb style	Gas main	HE 45 °Be	nd
Length of Service Location St. Alley	Hydrant d.	win is plu	ugged



#### **Step One: Tie Card Data Extraction**

- Scanned approximately 16,000 tie cards to pdf (named by address)
- Each tie card was hyperlinked in an excel spreadsheet
- Initial fields from the tie cards were populated into the spreadsheet (searchable and sortable)

	A	В	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K
1	Hyperlink	Address	File_Name	DateInstalled	Diameter	Material	MainSize	StopBox	CorpStyle	CurbStyle
135	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1541 5TH ST	1541 FIFTH ST	2013-09-01	1	COP	16	LOCATION	1	1
136	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1527 5TH ST	1527 FIFTH ST				6	LOCATION		
137	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1505 5TH ST	1505 FIFTH ST		3/4		6	LOCATION		
138	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1535 5TH ST	1535 FIFTH ST	1986-04-01	3/4	COP	6			
139	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1513 5TH ST	1513 FIFTH ST				6	LOCATION		
140	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1575 5TH ST	1575 FIFTH ST				6	LOCATION		
141	\\grfileserver\shared\2018\2180344	1569 5TH ST	1569 FIFTH ST		3/4		6	LOCATION		
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### **Step Two: Geocode in ArcGIS**



- A "Match Address" field was created from the tie card file name and scrubbed to exactly match the Muskegon County Parcel layer
- Geocoding results: 14,230/15,700 (91%) tie cards matched with a parcel
- Created a "location assumed" field

### Step 3: Create Inventory Framework

- Each water service got a point at the centroid of the parcel
- Sanitary and storm tie cards were extracted into separate shapefiles
- Created/populated major fields:
  - Lifecycle Status (active or abandoned?)
  - Ownership
  - Fire/Irrigation Flag
  - Private Side Service Attributes (diameter, install date, material... etc.)





### Step 3: Create Inventory Framework Cont.

- Added two fields to keep track of lead potential:
  - "Public Side Done"
  - "Private Side Done"
- Both fields were defaulted to "No" (signifying a potential for lead)
- Fields were populated with the <u>data source</u> with which the "no potential for lead" determination was made





#### Data Source: Record Plans



All record plans from 1960 to present were reviewed

### **Data Source: City Verification**





City has institutional knowledge that has not been recorded anywhere

#### Data Source: County Assessing Data



It was assumed that the PRIVATE side of the water service was lead free if buildings were built after 1970

#### **Data Source: Installation Year**



Google Earth Historical Aerials were sometimes used to verify and approximate building ages where assessing data was lacking

#### **Data Source: Installation Year**



If a NEW water main was installed after 1970, it was assumed that the services were copper

#### **Data Source: Permits**

Date	Numb	Street	Post	comb	Туре	ID	Cost	Owner	
11/29/2006	2223	MCCRACKEN	st	2223 MCCRACKEN ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2023C	\$0	SAMUEL WAKEFIELD	
10/17/2000	2265	MCCRACKEN	st	2265 MCCRACKEN ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2410C	\$0	CLYDE W DURGAN	
2/26/2007	2270	CROWLEY	st	2270 CROWLEY ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2041C	\$0	SAMUEL WAKEFIELD	
6/17/2002	2271	MCCRACKEN	st	2271 MCCRACKEN ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2342C	\$0	SAMUEL WAKEFIELD	
8/24/2001	2287	MCCRACKEN	st	2287 MCCRACKEN ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2425C	\$0	CLYDE DURGAN	Inspection
3/16/2000	2301	PARK	DR	2301 PARK DR	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2283C	\$0	SCOTT LANGLOIS	inspection
5/13/2002	2311	MCCRACKEN	st	2311 MCCRACKEN ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2387C	\$0	CLYDE DURGAN	in a manita
3/30/2006	2335	DOWD	st	2335 DOWD ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	1992C	\$0	DOUGLAS GLOMB	permits
11/22/2000	2343	GREENWOOD	st	2343 GREENWOOD ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2412C	\$0	BRENT FIELSTRA	
9/10/2001	2350	HENRY	st	2350 HENRY ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2319C	\$0	KOPS CONSTRUCTION/TROPHY HOUSE	
5/28/2003	2355	GREENWOOD	st	2355 GREENWOOD ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2493C	\$0	SAM WAKEFIELD	
10/30/2000	2361	MILLARD	ave	2361 MILLARD AVE	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2305C	\$0	YOUNG & BROW BUILDERS	
9/10/2002	2366	DOWD	st	2366 DOWD ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2393C	\$0	TOM FREDRICKSON	
8/9/2002	2367	GREENWOOD	st	2367 GREENWOOD ST	WATER & SEWER CONNECTION	2346C	\$0	SAM WAKEFIELD	

STR_NO	STR_E	STREET	GIS_JOIN	Combined Description
1510		MORGAN	1510 MORGAN AVE	WATRER AND SEWER SERVICE TO NEW HOUSE.
1694		DYSON	1694 DYSON ST	WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT
776	w	SOUTHERN	776 W SOUTHERN AVE	WATER SERVICE FROM METER TO HOUSE
1783		HUIZENGA	1783 HUIZENGA ST	WATER SERVICE AND SEWER TO NEW HOUSE
860	w	SHERMAN	860 W SHERMAN BLVD	WATER SERVICE AND SEWER LINE
31		IONA	31 IONA AVE	WATER SERVICE AND REDIRECT SEWER FROM NEIGH
1526		FRANKLIN	1526 FRANKLIN ST	WATER SERVICE & DISTRIBUTION
1311		LAKESHORE	1311 LAKESHORE DR	WATER SERVICE
2278		STEIN	2278 STEIN ST	WATER LINE TO HOUSE AND SEWER

# City Hall permits

9/3/2002         1137         Peck         New water service           5/26/2000         123         W.         Larch         NEW WATER SERVICE	
5/26/2000 123 W. Larch NEW WATER SERVICE	
1/7/2000 507 Allen NEW WATER SERVICE	
8/25/1999 1700 APPLE AVE. NEW WATER SERVICE Breakin	ןפ
6/18/2013 790 W. Grand New Water Service / Watermain repair	.0
12/10/1999 2487 GREENWOOD NEW WATER+SEWER Dermits	S
10/13/2003 362 W. Muskegon Relace Water Service	
4/27/2006 442 Mulder Relocate Water & Sewer	
11/16/2009 623 Catherine Relocate Water Service	

#### Three separate permitting databases were reviewed

#### Data Source: "Wyatt's List"



Initial LSL inventory from Wyatt Eggleton, City of Muskegon Public Utilities Supervisor

# **Additional Data Sources**

- Additional data sources were used to assist with life cycle status and addressing:
  - City water billing records
  - City building demolition records
  - Google street view
  - Drive-bys



#### Step 5: Put It All Together



Identified 1 feature

# So Where is the Lead? Preliminary Results:

- 12,900 Total active, City of Muskegon owned, potable water services
- 1,408 Non-Lead/galvanized services (10.9%)
- 11,492 Potential lead/galvanized services – full or partial (89.1%)
- Approximately **\$45 million** to replace all lead service lines



### **Material Inventory: Preliminary Results**



#### **Material Inventory: Dashboard**

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#### **Material Inventory: Data Source Summary**

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### Material Inventory: Other Results

- 1,680 active services without a tie card and 29 without a location drawn
- 133 "active" services not in City billing records (City is in process of reviewing these services)
- 111 active services on "Wyatt's List" where no other "lead free" documentation was found

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## **LSL Inventory Benefits**

- Access service tie cards and record plans in the field
- Data sources at your fingertips
- Potentially discover unbilled customers
- Determine which customers are missing tie cards
- GIS allows for efficient LSL replacement planning
- Public trust and transparency

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#### **Future Possibilities**

- Create field mapping for "field verified inventory"
- GPS curb stops and meter pits
- Sync BS&A updates to GIS
- Make service material inventory available to the public (Washington D.C. example: <u>https://geo.dcwater.com/Lead/</u>)

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#### Lesson's Learned

- Consider adding a "Level of Confidence" field
- Detailed, understandable, and reliable records are <u>very</u> <u>important!</u>
- Perfection is unattainable
- Each community is different
- Have a discussion on potential data sources and their accuracy/reliability early on

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### **Questions?**

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