## Seattle Public Utilities Capital, Program & Policy Work Supporting the Reduction of I&I - Part 2

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### **Today's discussion**

- Context on Seattle's sewer system
- CMOM Program & Pipe Rehab Program
- Spotlight on a Couple Projects
- Policy & Program
- Questions/Discussion





### Seattle's Wastewater System





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#### **Drivers for Program Work**

- Consent Decree
  - 82 CSO outfalls, 51 controlled
  - 1 CSO per basin per year, on a 20-year average
- SSO requirements
  - 4 SSOs per mile of pipe per year on a 2-year average
- Asset Conditions > Asset Management approach



# **Condition Assessment Strategy & Pipe Rehab Program** Knowing our System to Better our System





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## **Spotlight on Projects**

Past: Broadview Pilot Grouting Present: PS 45 I&I Assessment, and Longfellow Starts Here

City of Seattle

- 80% of peak flow during large storm events due to infiltration
- Pilot sub-basin: 30-acres, 5,880 LF of 6" and 8" diameter concrete mainline pipes, ~9,725LF of 4", 6" and 8" diameter side sewers (conc and PVC)
- Evaluated flood grouting, joint grouting, pipe bursting, CIPP lining. Business case identified flood grouting to have the greatest benefit cost ratio of the options

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- Internally flooding an entire sewer segment and side sewers with a twopart liquid grout process
- Grout leaches, exfiltrates around pipe and MH cracks
- Completion of the chemical reaction hardens over 2-3 days

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	Measured Leakage Rates (gpm)			Estimated Water Leakage		Estimated Water Leakage	
	Before			Before Rehabilitation		Reduction 10 Years After	
	Rehabilitation	After Rehabilitation		(gpm)		Rehabilitation	
Site	S1	S2	Water	Low End	High End	Low End	High End
218-074	1.37	0	0.69	16	99	96%	99%
218-076	2.15	0	0.15	78	155	100%	100%
218-104	0.39	0	0.64	14	28	95%	98%
218-107	2.35	0.07	1.71	85	169	98%	99%
218-110	2.25	0	2.56	81	162	97%	98%
218-111	3.33	0	0.64	120	240	99%	100%
218-175	Unknown	0	2.82				
218-210	2.74	0	0.49	99	197	100%	100%
218-225	0.20	0	0.20	7	14	97%	99%

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- MHs, mainlines and side sewers sealed
  - 30% of side sewers flood-grouted (challenges: side sewer branches, landscaping, elevation, homeowner approval and participation)
  - About 56% of the entire sewer basin was sealed through flood grouting
- 2011 costs: ~\$77 / If.
- Construction Costs (2011) \$1,033,400
- Flow monitoring results peak hour flows reduced by 41%, and reduced storm volumes by 66%

#### Takeaways

- Successful in reducing infiltration high performance over ten years after completion!
- Working on private side sewers challenging maximize participation and branching side sewers
- When infiltration is controlled, groundwater migration needs to addressed
- Hilly areas are very challenging (pressure on plugs)

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### PS 45: I&I Assessment

- Problem: Increased and regular SSOs at PS 45 (where suspected cause is significant I&I)
  - All overflows are contrary to our mission
  - Overflows to adjacent private storm system, requiring costly cleanup
  - Counts against our regulatory limits

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#### PS 45: I&I Assessment

- Two sub-basins: one mainly commercial, one mainly residential
- Smoke testing completed for commercial October 2022; upper basin to be completed weatherpermitting, 2023 (June)
- Flow monitoring results also to be analyzed for I&I (suspected private pipe flow has high I&I)

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#### **Private Pipes & Regulatory Complexity**

- Layers of regulation: Property owners versus renters: KC Airport and Tenants
- One Property/Facility was found to be a significant contributor of Inflow – investigations continue, future dye test

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### PS 45: I&I Assessment

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#### Next steps:

- Future phase smoke testing
- Completion of flow metering analysis
- Consultant tech memo: initial and final with recommendations
- Options Analysis (Pre-Design) work. Challenges:
  - area lacking storm infrastructure,
  - nature of current connections

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#### **Longfellow Starts Here**

- Consent decree drivers for CSO 168, 169 improve water quality
- Mixture of combined and partially separated basins
- 2020 Report on I&I highlighted potential benefits of I&I reduction through:
  - sewer main rehab (lining), MH rehab, side sewer rehab (trenchless and open cut), sump pump and roof drain disconnects

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#### **Longfellow Starts Here**

- Define two options for piloting that:
  - Remove significant water from the system
  - Can be implemented based on existing info
  - Relatively quickly

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#### **Program & Policy Work** Side Sewer Assistance Program GSI Voluntary Beyond Code Partnership Program

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#### Side Sewer Assistance Program

#### Deferred Loan Program

- ✓ 0% interest deferred loans
- ✓ \$3,000 to \$45,000 per loan
- ✓ No monthly payments due
- ✓ Secured by lien against the property

#### ✓ 10 year term (with two options to renew, for a total possible term of 30 years)

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#### Loan Eligibility

- Owner-occupied single-family home
- In Seattle city limits
- Household combined gross income under 80% Area Median Income
- Currently experiencing a side sewer emergency or urgent issue
  - full/partial collapse or break in the line

- Financial assistance in the form of loans for income-eligible households in need of urgent side sewer repairs
- SPU funds support loans; program is administered by Office of Housing under its Home Repair Program

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### **GSI Beyond-Code Partnering Program**

- Identified unit cost benefit amounts (\$/SF Impervious Area Managed)
- Incentivizes private development to further remove Inflow
- SPU provides direct funding for additional flow control or WQ
- MOAs negotiated during development permitting

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### **Beyond Code Projects in Development**

- <u>Northlake Commons (Latona Station)</u> Redevelopment of the Dunn Lumber site at 3800 Latona Ave NE; constructing a regional biofiltration swale on the parcel to treat nearly two acres of contributing area.
- <u>JazzHouse</u> A mixed-use, 130-unit affordable housing development and performing arts hub supporting youth music education in Mt. Baker. The project will construct bioretention cells along 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S and S Hill S to treat ~10K square feet of road runoff.
- <u>Queen Mary Rowhouses</u> A 20-unit redevelopment in Crown Hill that is constructing bioretention and conveyance to manage ~17K square feet of road runoff from the upstream block, decreasing flood risks.
- <u>Kubota Garden</u> Parks is redeveloping the main parking lot at Kubota Garden; SPU is partnering with Parks and SDOT to design bioretention both in the parking lot and along 55<sup>th</sup> Ave S to treat road runoff before it enters Mapes Creek and/or Lake Washington.

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### **GSI Beyond-Code Partnering Program**

- Current status: nascent stage how can we grow?
- Considerations:
  - Developing a program option for further implementation
  - Outreach and engagement
  - Design deviations are inevitable
  - Permitting needs support
  - O&M perspective invaluable

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### In Closing

I&I reduction work driven and supported by:

- Layout and nature of Seattle's sewer system
- Asset management needs of infrastructure
- CMOM Program, Pipe Rehab Program build on asset management approaches
- Individual capital project work
- Side Sewer Assistance Program
- Code Incentives

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# Discussion

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