Developing a Surface Water Asset Inventory for Municipalities

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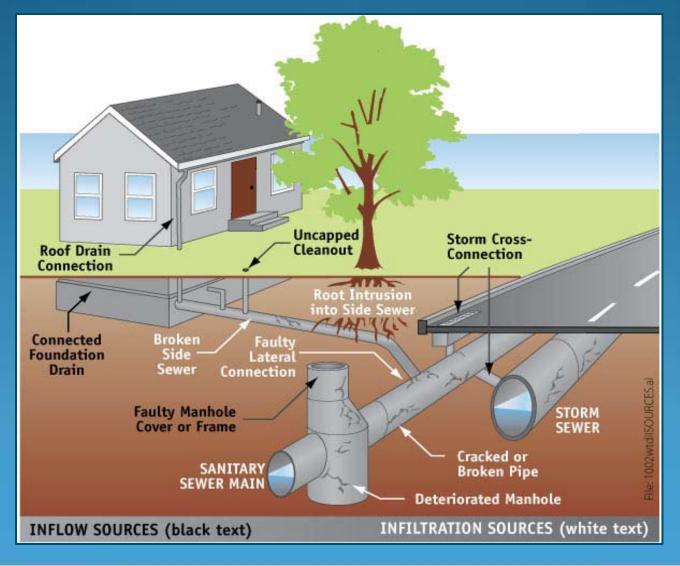


What is a Surface Water Asset?

 Surface water assets are structures that help direct rainwater into a sub-surface, piped drainage system.



What is a Surface Water Asset?



Surface Water Asset Examples

Catch basins



Inlets







Surface Water Asset Examples

Ditches



Culverts







Surface Water Asset Examples

Sandboxes





Junction Boxes





Project Drivers

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Permit (2007 & 2013)
 - "No later than 24 months after the effective date of this permit each Permitee shall begin implementing a program to inspect catch basins owned or operated by the Permitee."
 - Penalties for non-compliance can include: \$32,000 per day per violation





Project Drivers

If an asset isn't captured in GIS, it doesn't exist in SPU's Work Management System (MAXIMO).

This means:

- Some assets are not being maintained
- Claims, public safety risks, etc...
- Help to identify and report possible issues





Structures needing maintenance

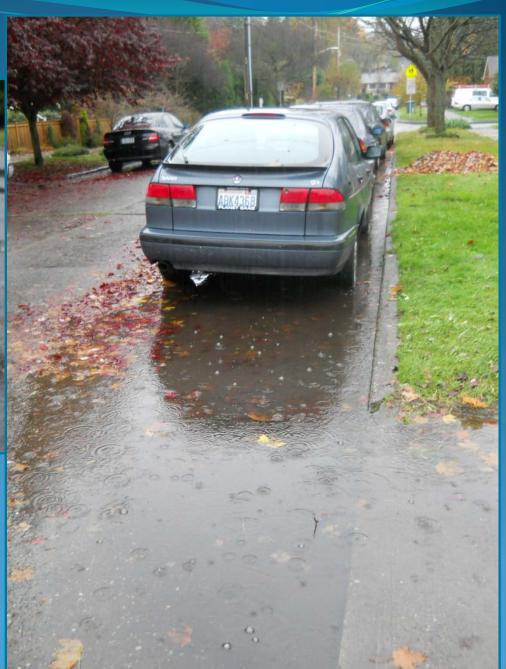






Identify Potential Flooding Issues





Identify Potential Problem Areas



Surface Water Asset Mapping Project (SWAMP)

- •Multi-year initiative to map SPU's surface water assets
- •GPS field data collection and updating the City's GIS
- 120,000 assets to verify
- Asset rehabilitation and replacement tracking



Catch Basin - Grated Top (CBL)-

A **catch basin – grated top** has the same function as a catch basin, but has a metal grate on top to collect surface flow and usually a larger capacity. Catch basin - grated tops usually have a trap to prevent floating debris from entering and clogging the sewer or drainage line.

















In-line System?	Pipe Inflow?	Pipe Outflow?	Sump?	Wooden Top?	Metal Grating	Circular Casting?	On a Maintenance Plan?	In Maximo?
Never	Sometimes	Always	Always	Never	Always	Sometimes	Yes	Yes

Workflow – From Fieldwork to GIS









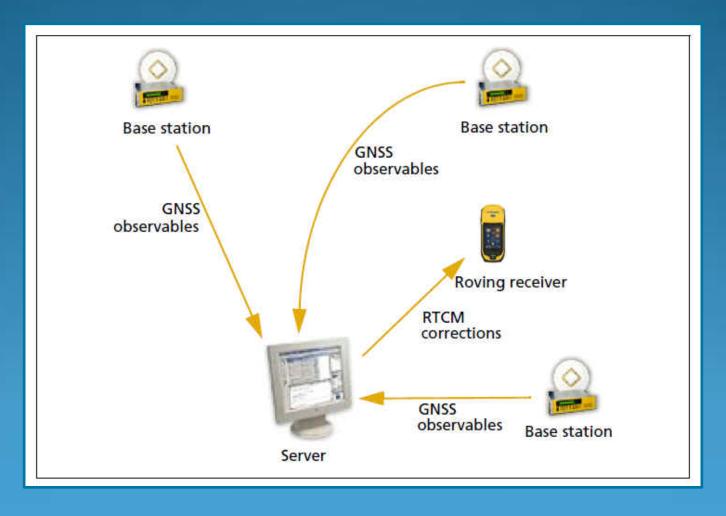


Equipment & Software

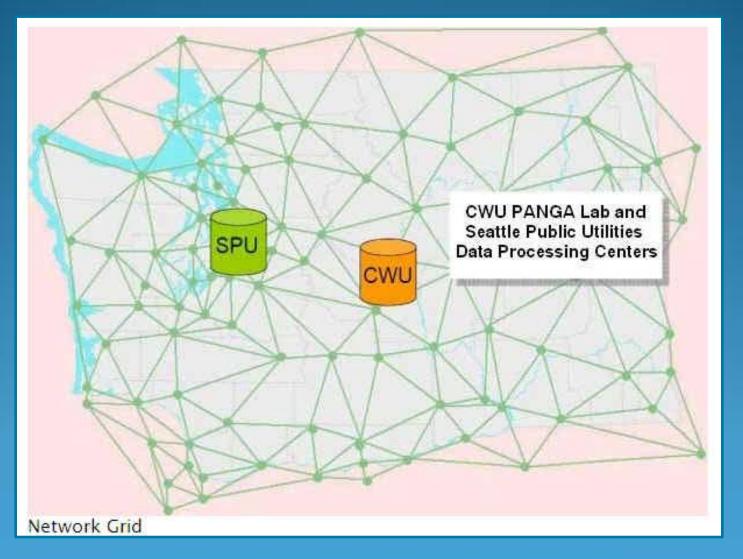
- Trimble GeoExplorer 6000 GeoXH
- Trimble Zephyr GPS antenna
- ArcPad 10.0.2
- Trimble GPS Correct 3.40
- 4G Verizon mi-fi card
- Washington StateReference Network (WSRN)
- 10 cm accuracy (no-post processing)



Real-Time Network



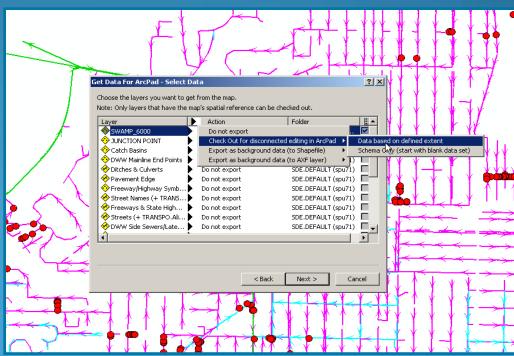
WSRN Network Grid



Data Check-Out

 Check-out Feature Class through ArcPad Data Manager Extension in ArcMap

Transfer onto GPS

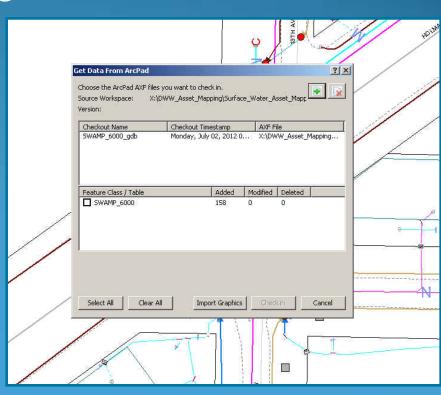




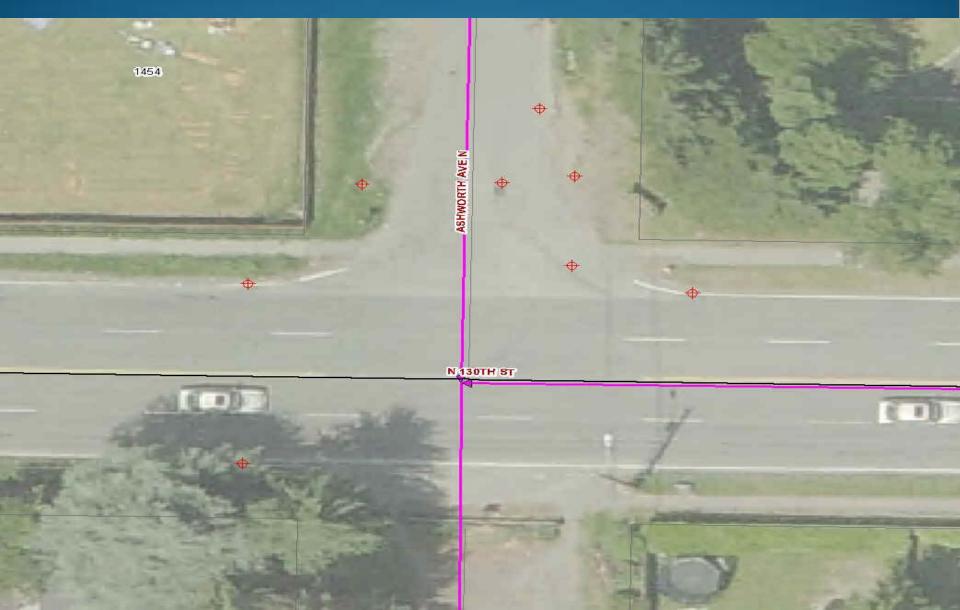


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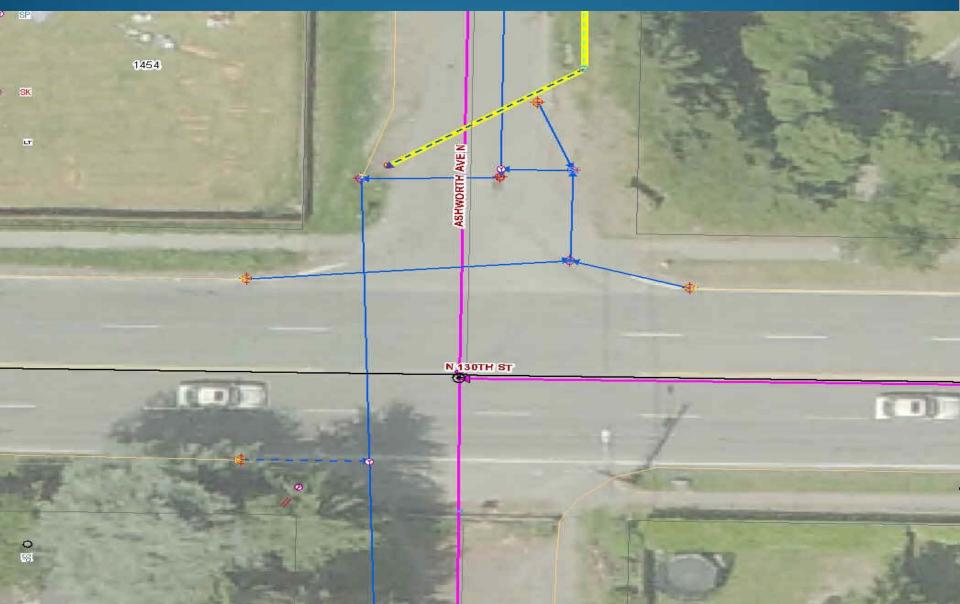
- Transfer from GPS to PC
- Check-in Feature Class through
 - ArcPad Data Manager
- Digitize points
- QC and post to GIS



Before SWAMP...

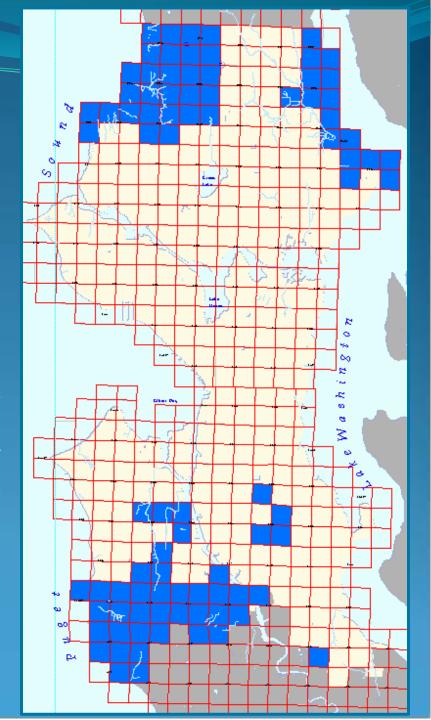


After SWAMP...



Project Status

- Project started on 07/2010
 - 250 miles walked
 - 25,000 assets investigated
 - 25% of the City completed





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