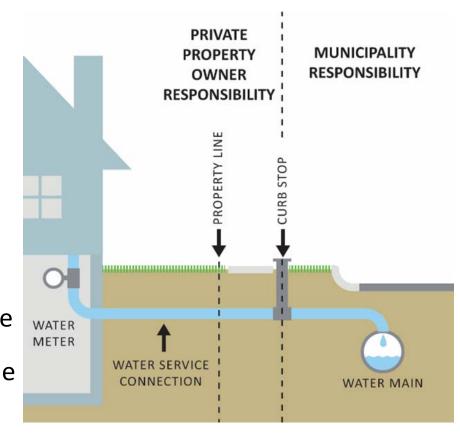


# Lead Service Line Inventory Assistance & Mapping in Minnesota

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### Minnesota LSL General Background

- Anticipate at least 100,000 lead service lines in Minnesota
- Standard Service Line Installation
  - Service lines are buried around 8 9 feet deep
  - Most homes have basements
  - Water meters are located in the basement
- Service Line Ownership
  - 70% of municipal CPWS own a portion of the service line
  - 30% of municipal CPWS don't own any of the service line



### Minnesota LSL Funding Background

- LSL Funding in Minnesota
  - ~\$40 Million/year from IIJA
  - \$240 Million from State general fund
- 10% of funds to be used for LSL inventory assistance
  - Federal local assistance set-aside
  - State directly from the appropriation language
- Mapping tool funding from federal LSL TA set-aside

### LSL Challenges

#### Water Systems

- Few to no records of service line materials
- Limited staff resources (lots of small water systems)
- New regulations are scary and confusing



- Do not know total number of lead service lines in the Minnesota
- How to replace all LSL
- How to address health equity (similar information to all residents of Minnesota)



#### LSL Solutions

#### Technical Assistance

- Contract with MRWA to complete monthly LCRR trainings
- RFP for contractors to assist water systems
  - 18 contractors
  - Engineering firms familiar with DWSRF
- Centralized Data Collection
  - Contract with University of Minnesota
  - State-wide map of service lines



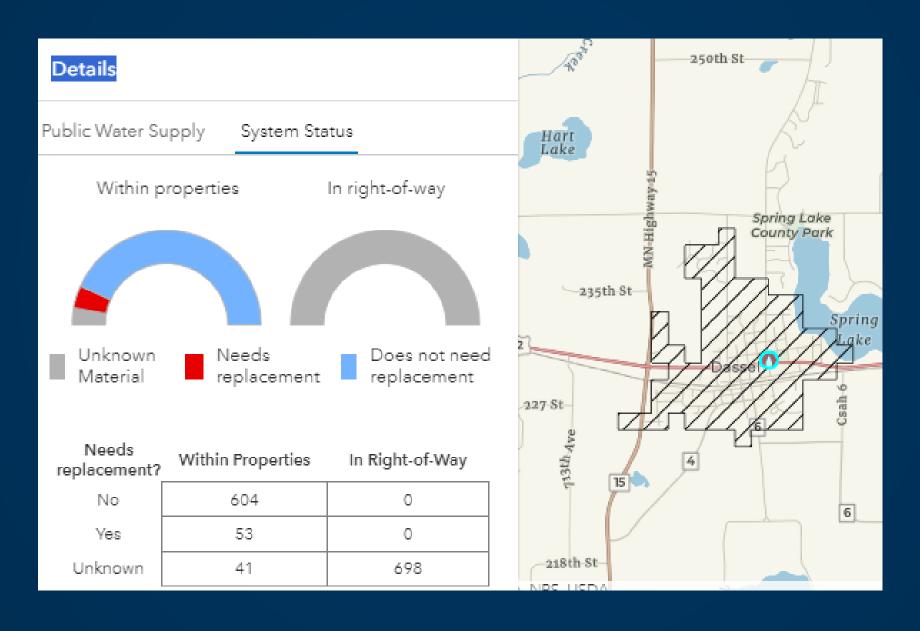
### **Inventory Technical Assistance Program**

- 435 Applicants out of 731 municipal systems
- 12 28,000+ service connections
- Priority
  - Systems with active Action Level Exceedances
  - Fewest service connections first
- Records review and/or visual inspection
- Engagement Requests
- Work Orders work capped at \$75,000
- Completed inventories must be submitted to MDH/U of M by mid-July 2024

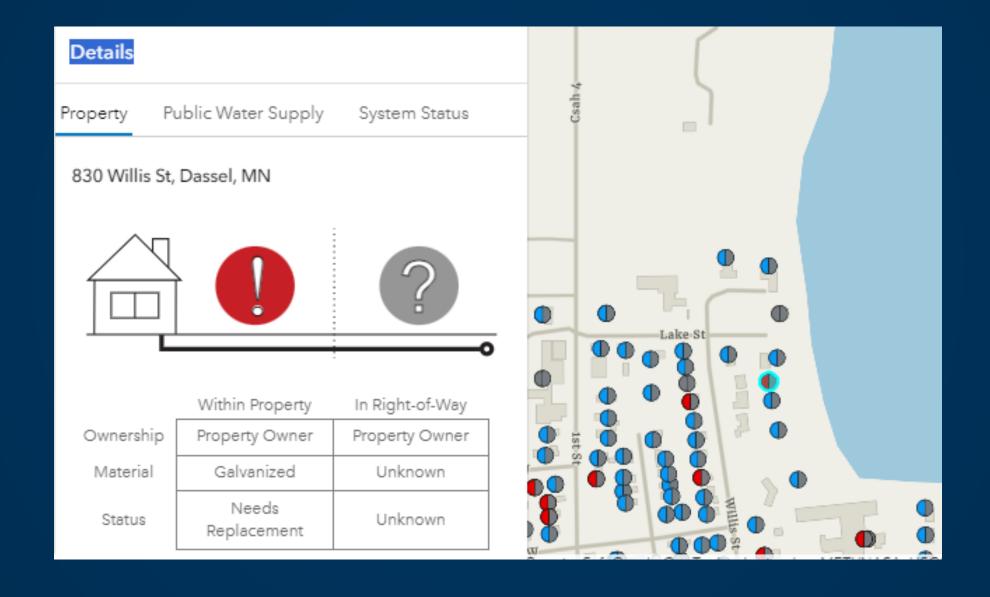
### Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT)

- Contract with the University of Minnesota
- Statewide map
- Two levels
  - System level includes a summary of the number of LSLs in the system
  - Residential level
- Residents can search by address to find information about their service line
- Provides customized communication
- Includes a link to the water systems Consumer Confidence Report
- https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/

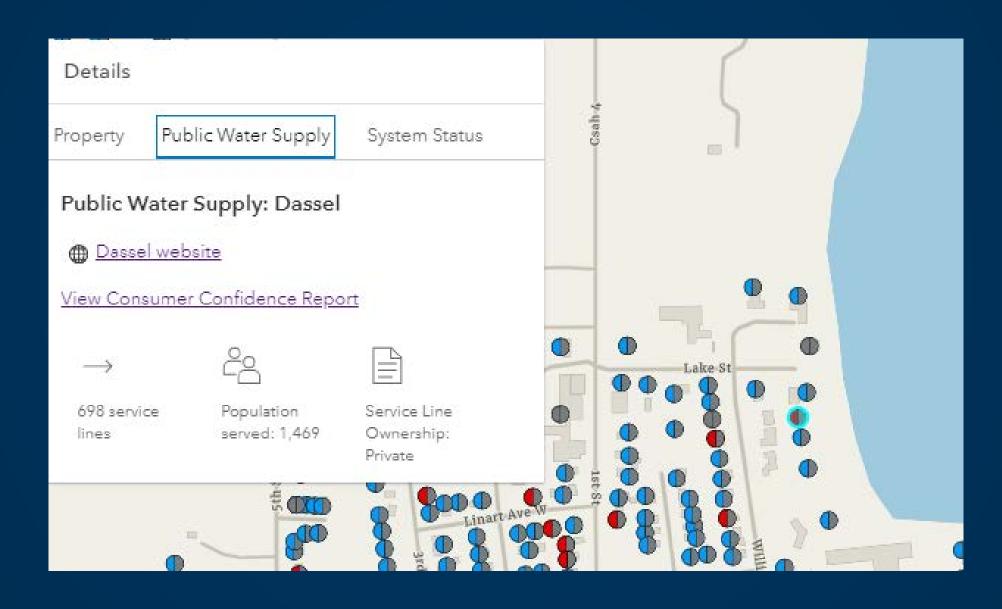
#### LITT at System Level



#### LITT at Residential Level



#### LITT Additional Details



#### **Next Steps**

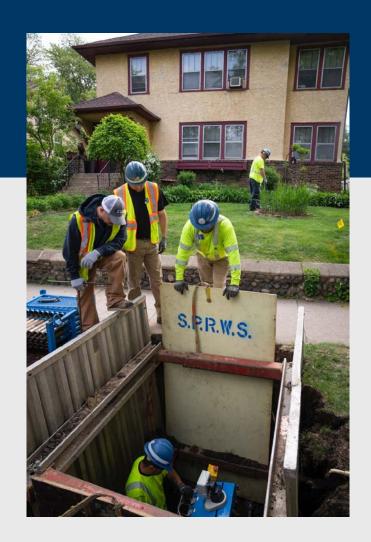
- Continuing to process work orders for LSL Inventory TA
- Track results of LSL Inventory TA
- Upload completed inventories in LITT
- Improve/develop communication documents for LITT
- Continue outreach & training on inventories
- Expand training to include more detailed LSL replacement funding examples

### LSL Inventory Technical Assistance Lessons Learned

- Outreach & training are priceless
- Make sure your outreach touches a variety of groups
- Don't be afraid to be surprised
- Be willing to be flexible
- Feedback is invaluable
- Have fun!!!







## Thank You!

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