



# Using AI and Emerging Technologies to Improve Resiliency of Underground Assets

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- Leverages data science and machine learning for applications in civil engineering

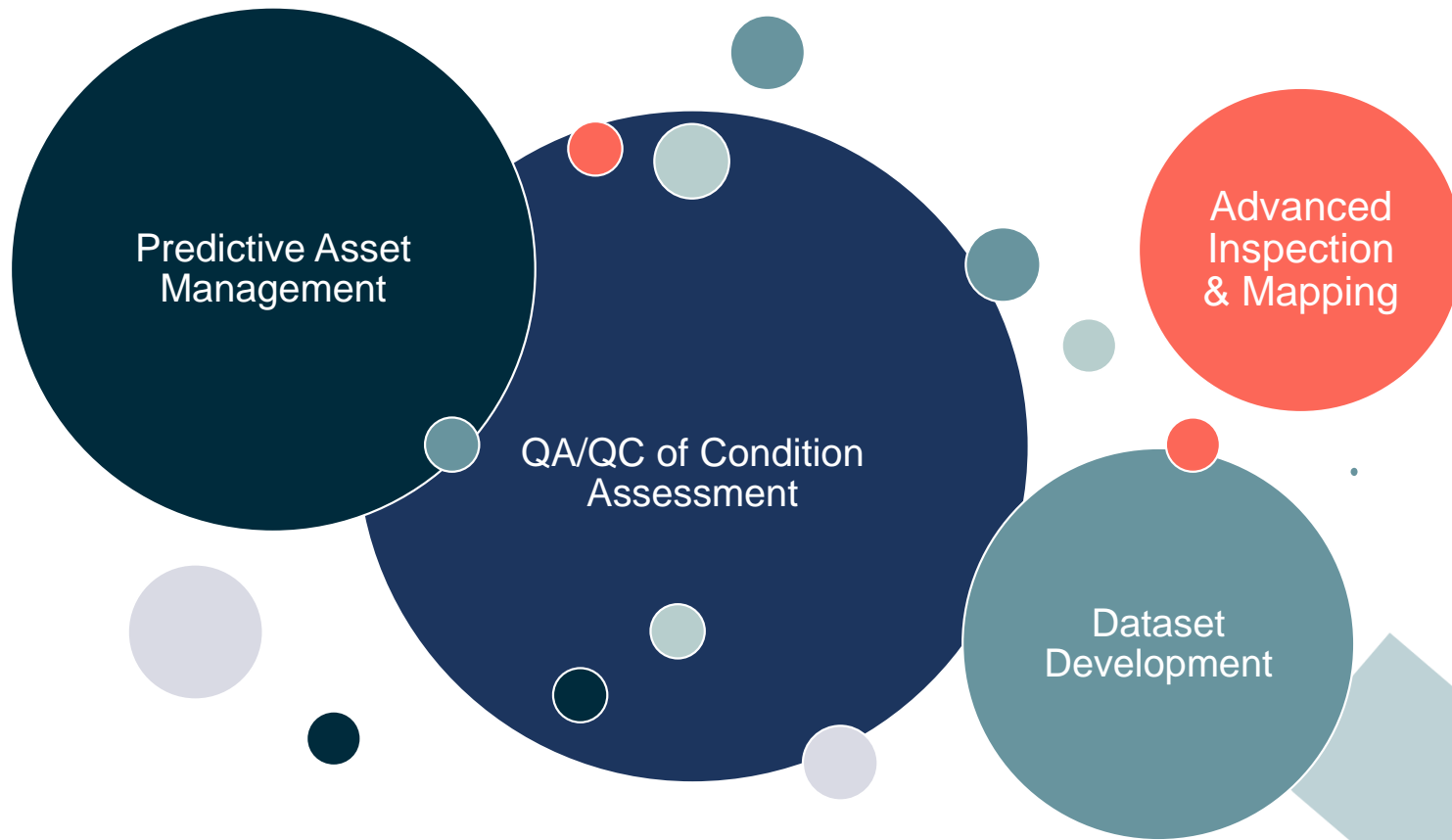
# Agenda

- **HOW CAN AI AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCE RESILIENCY?**
  - **DATASET DEVELOPMENT**
  - **PREDICTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT**
  - **QA/QC OF CONDITION EVALUATION**
- **CASE STUDY – SHEPPARD AFB**



# **AI AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCE ASSET RESILIENCY**

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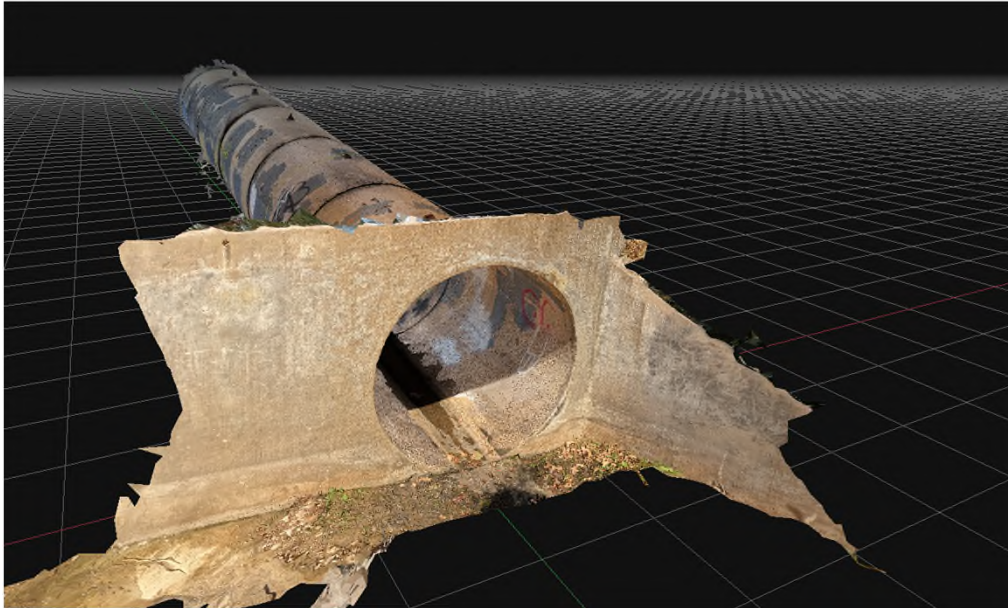


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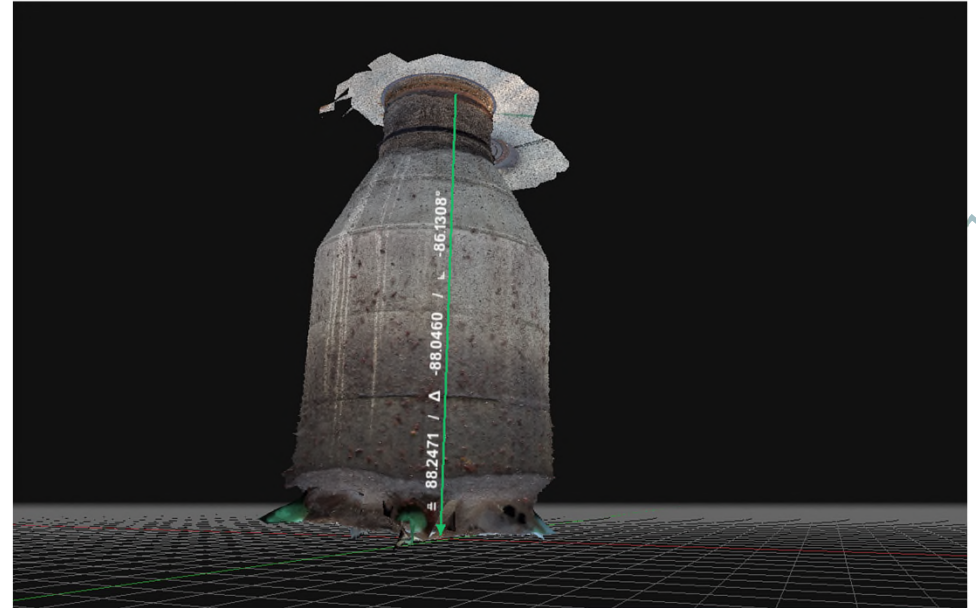
## Dataset Development

- 3D digital twins support inventory, condition evaluation, prioritization, & renewal

Storm Outfall



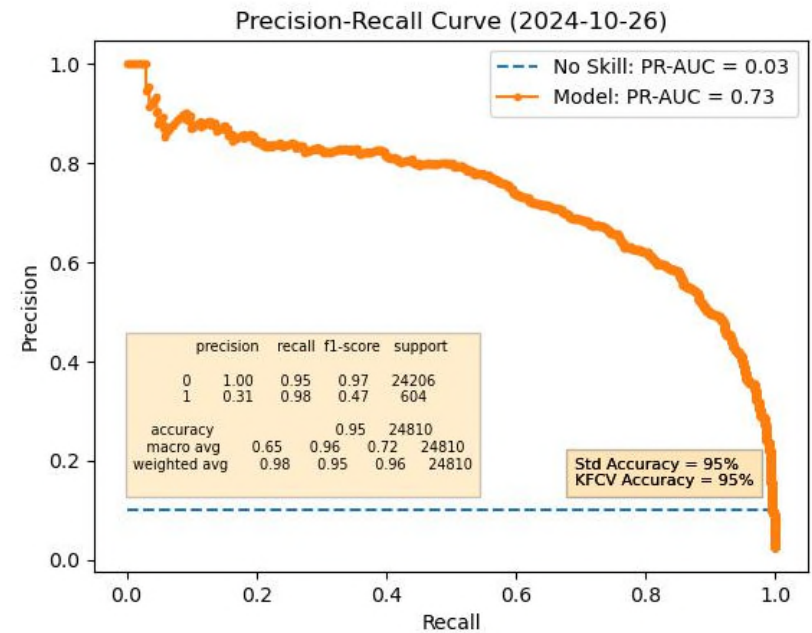
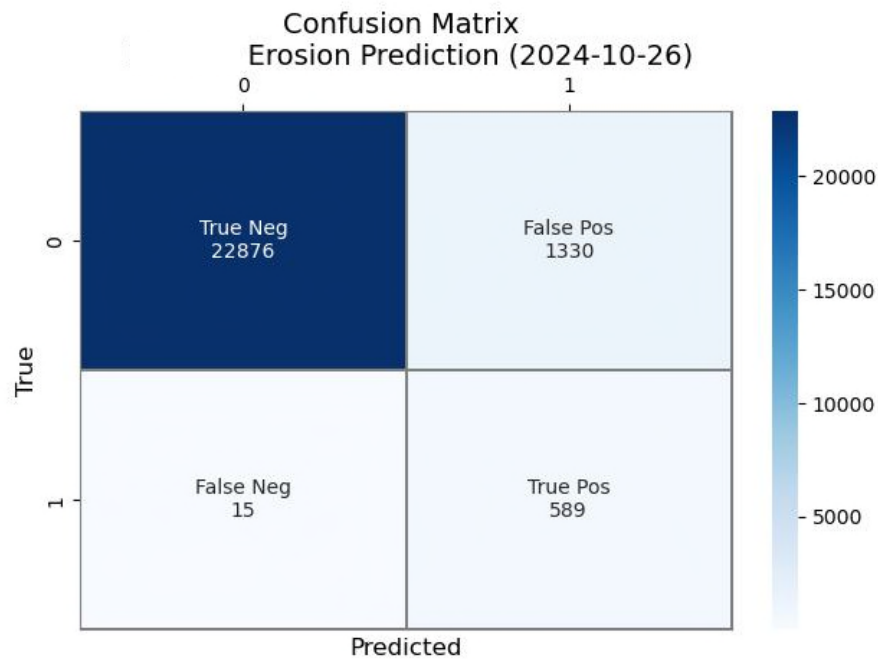
Sanitary Manhole



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## Predictive Asset Management

- Machine Learning Metrics

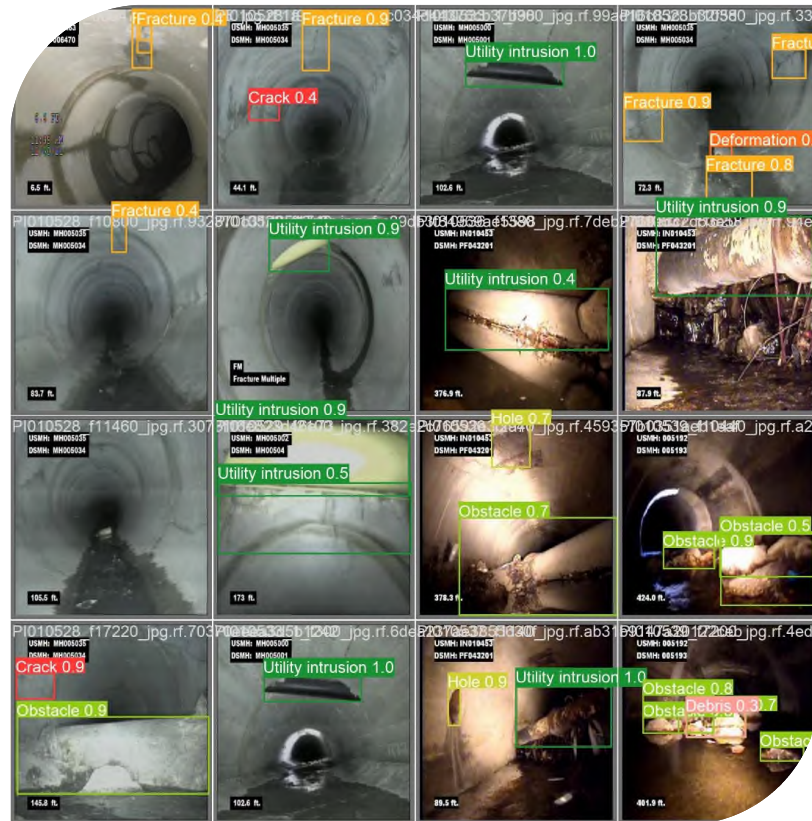


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## QA/QC of Condition Assessment

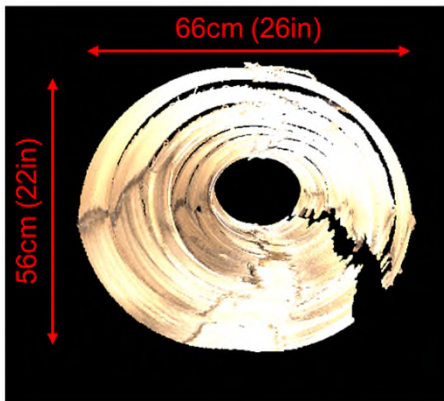
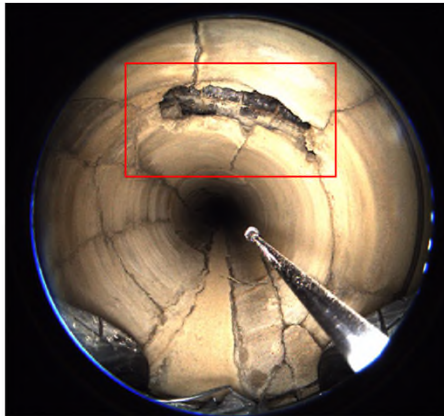
- Pipes
- Access Points

AI Defect QA/QC



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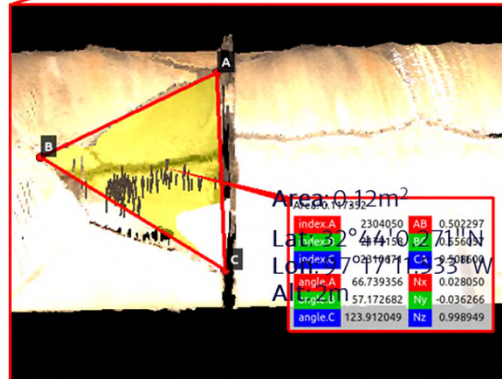
## 3D Digital Twins, Scanning, Mapping Horizontal Assets



Section side view



Section top view



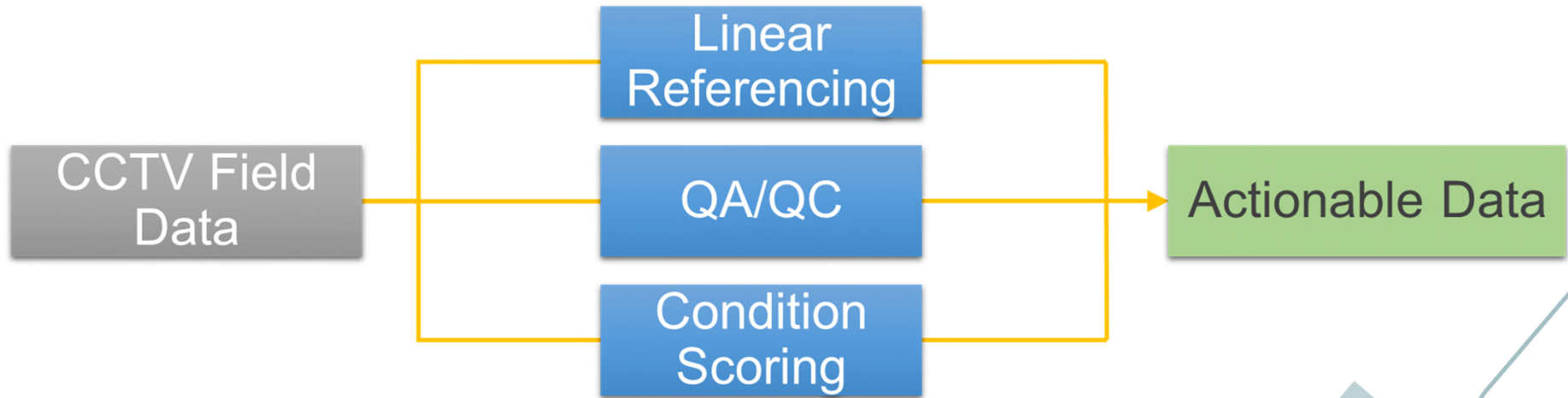
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Location: Fort Worth, TX  
Total Length: 256ft



# **DATASET DEVELOPMENT**

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## Field vs Actionable Data



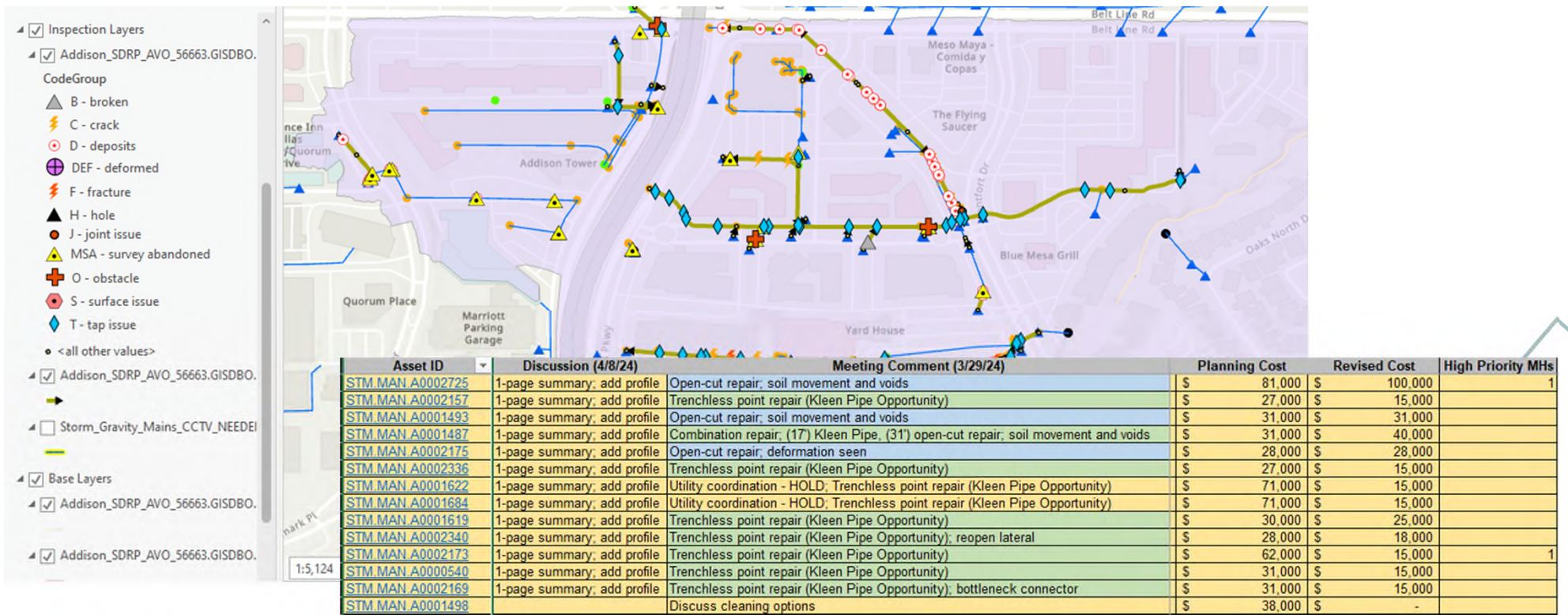
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3D Scanning,  
Inspection,  
Scoring, &  
Topology



# DATASET DEVELOPMENT

## GIS, Spreadsheet, Program Documentation



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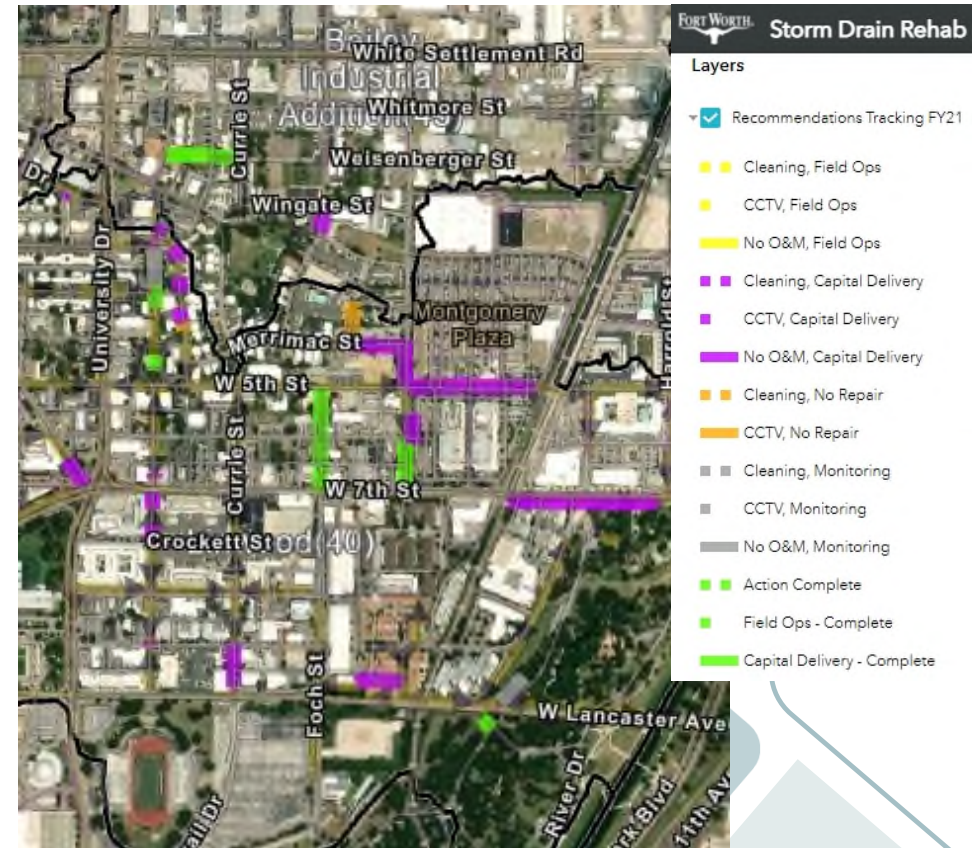
## Recommendations & Evaluation

- Data-driven & standardized in GIS or web platform
- Assets evaluated in detail; key inputs for corrective action, responsible group
- Assign corrective action & responsible group (O&M vs structural; City staff vs CIP)

## Data-Driven Recommendations

Order	Rule Name	Description
▼ Immediate 10 Rule(s)		
1	Depth Calc	Depth calc from elevations
2	Repair Type	(Structural) Action type is computed based on inputs from other fields
3	Assigned Group	(Structural) Assigned group is computed based on inputs from Repair Type
4	Time Code	Time code is auto-populated based on Response Time
5	Reassigned Group	Assigned group is re-computed based on inputs from Field Ops or Capital Delivery
6	Size Equiv inch	Size calc from diameter or width, converted to inches
7	Action Type Planned	Sets Action Type Planned to "Action Completed" when criteria met; otherwise editable
8	OM Repair Type	(O&M) Action type is computed based on inputs from other fields
9	OM Assigned Group	(O&M) Assigned group is computed based on inputs from OM Repair Type
10	OM Time Code	(O&M) Time code is auto-populated based on OM Response Time

Prioritized Recommendations in GIS



## Data Handoff

- Site defects, considerations & risks
- Rehabilitation method recommendations
- Plan and profile sheets from CCTV and as-builts



**STORM DRAIN RECOMMENDED REPAIR**  
**SWGM010502 & SWGM010491**

Project ID: Sheffield Dr and Tiffany Tr  
Task: FY24 Project Repair Summaries

Facility ID	Material	Access Point ID	Length (ft)	Distance to Access Point (ft)
SWGMO10502	RCP	SWIN004645	55	16
SWGMO10498	RCP	SWIN004645	160	85

### Description of Storm Drain

**Description**  
Storm drain SWGM010502 and SWGM010498 are 18" reinforced concrete pipes located on Sheffield Dr and Tiffany Trl. The total length of these storm drains is approximately 195'.

## Recommendations

SWGM010502  
Joint replacement needed to stabilize broken pipe (16'), floor of  
pipe appears gone, soil visible below

SWGM010498

Joint replacement needed for hole (85%) soil visible

The pipe defects shown on the project location map were identified during

*SUE Recommended*

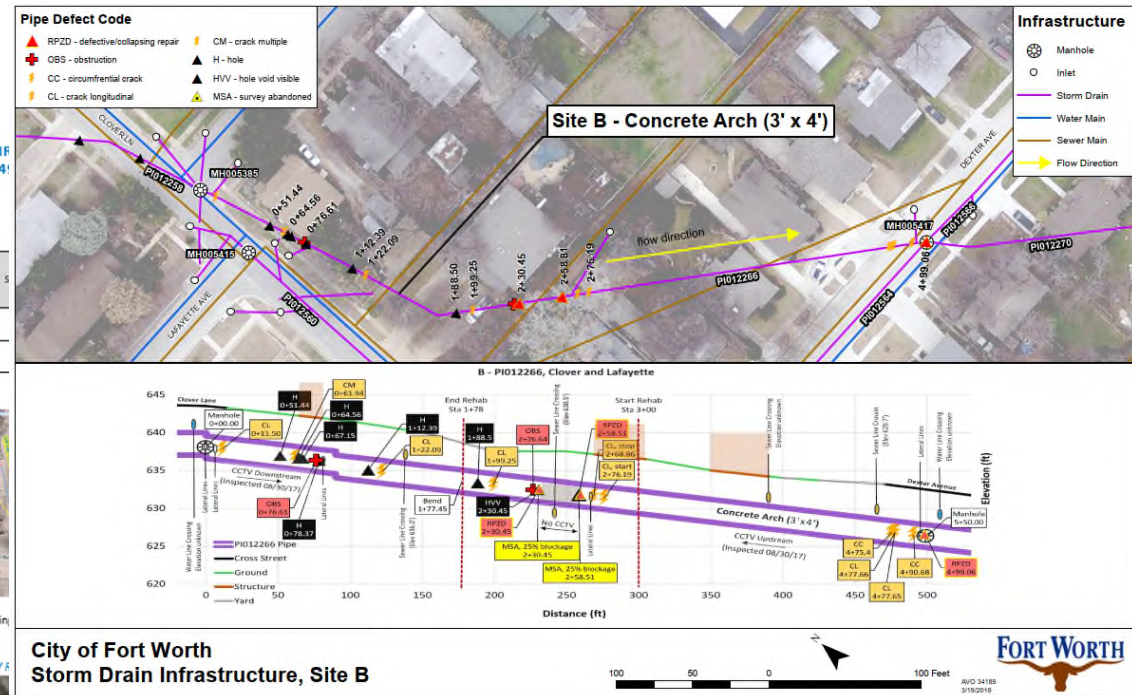
SUE not currently recommended.

*Estimated Repair Cost*

The estimated total cost of repair is \$85,000 to \$100,000.

### Site Risks

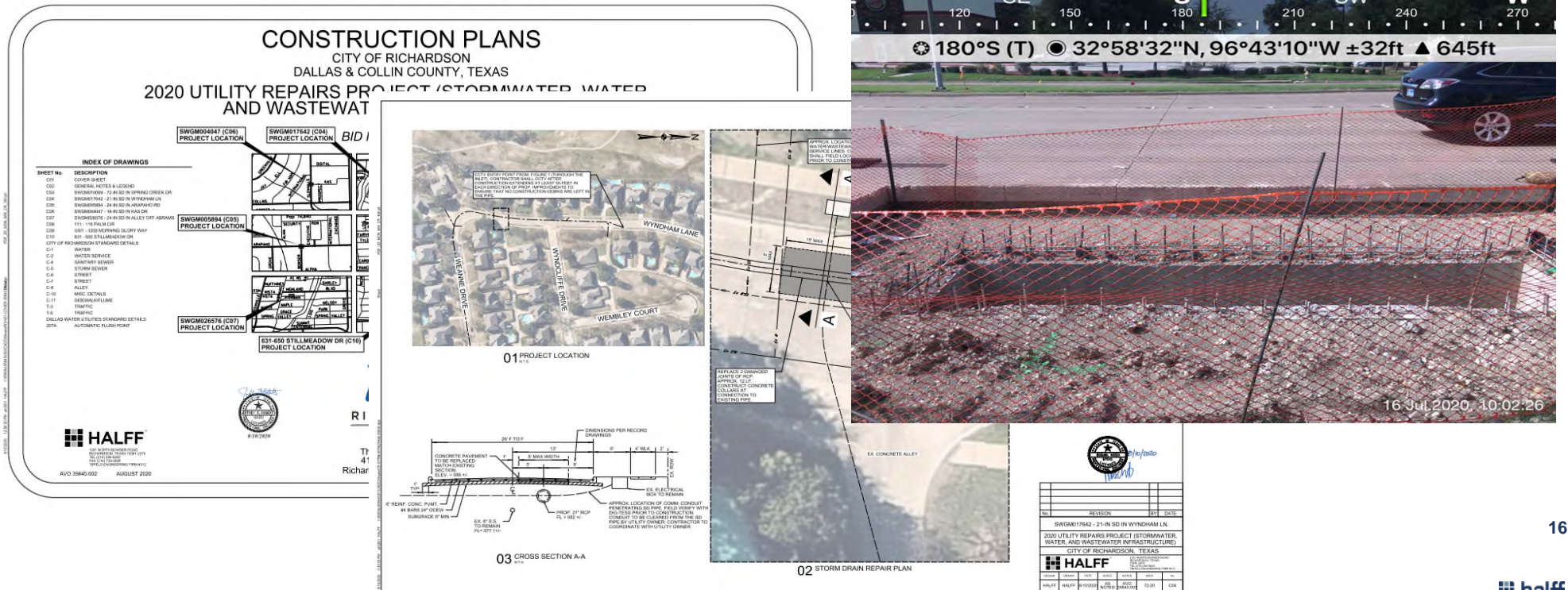
The storm drains are located at the corner of Sheffield Drive and Tiffany Trail. The pipes are located within a residential neighborhood, so traffic control will be minimally needed.



# DATASET DEVELOPMENT

## Rehabilitation – Open-Cut Design or Trenchless

- Design & bid repairs with collaboration across teams (Water Resources, Public Works, Infrastructure Management, GIS, SUE)



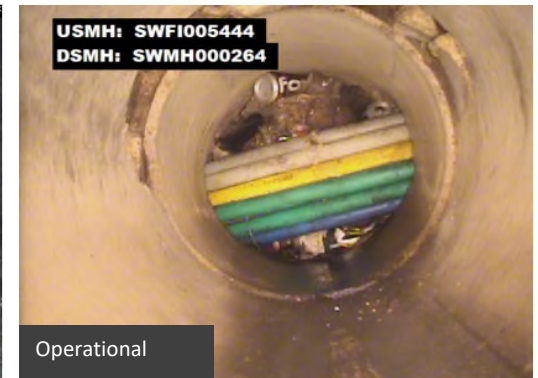


# **PREDICTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT**

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## How it Works

- Define Failure - *fail·ure* - /'fālyər/ - Action or state of not functioning
- Erosion, structural, operational & conveyance, etc.
- Harness change in assets over time – condition, position, function
- Machine learning model predicts assets and/or locations with high likelihood of failure



# PREDICTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT

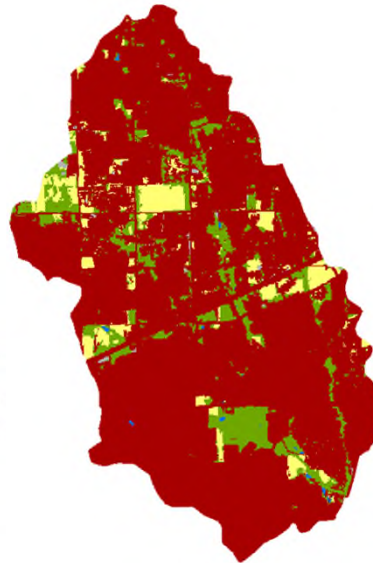
## Data Inputs

- Spatial datasets - various

Ortho-imagery (NAIP 2022)

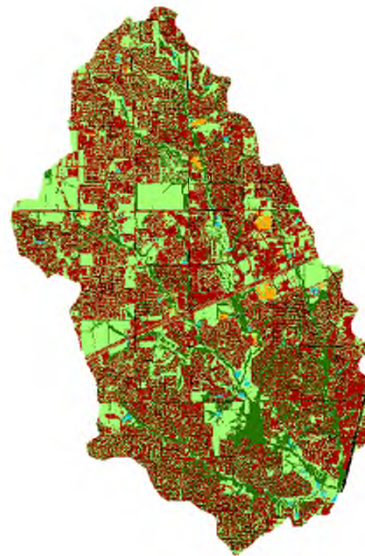


Land Cover (NLCD)



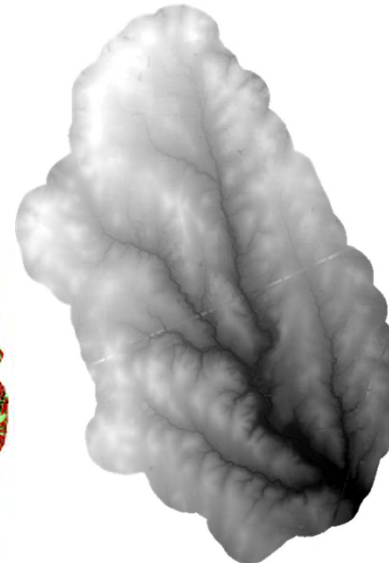
☒ NLCD 2021 study area  
Value  
water  
urban  
barren  
forest  
crops

Land Cover (Halff-classified NAIP)



☒ NAIP 2022 study area  
Class  
Water  
Tree Canopy and Shrubs  
Low Vegetation  
Barren  
Impervious Surfaces  
Impervious Roads

Terrain (LiDAR)



☒ LiDAR terrain study area  
Value  
805.535  
547.051

Road Proximity



☒ Road Proximity study area  
Value  
4625.33251953125  
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# PREDICTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT

## Data Inputs

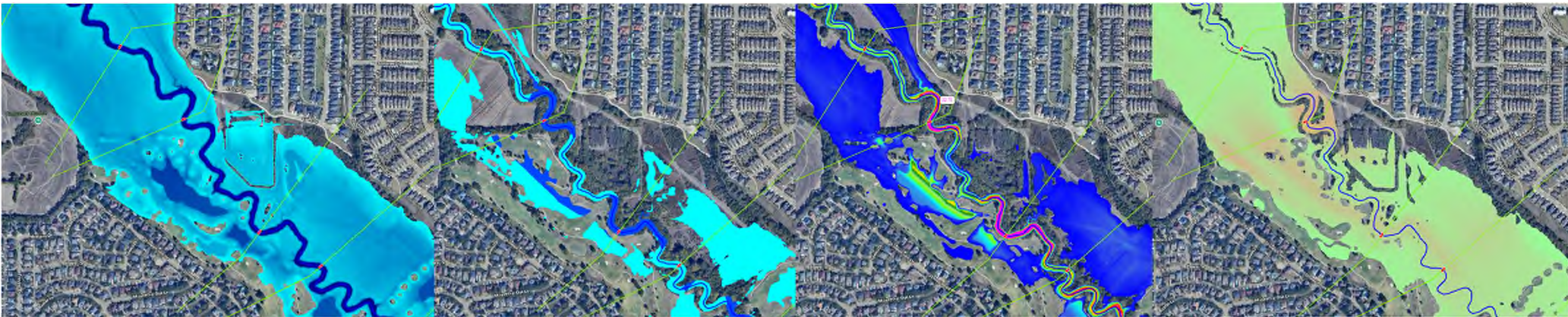
- Hydraulic properties
- Existing detailed studies
- Detailed hydraulic models (2D)
- Condition assessment

Depth

Velocity

Momentum

Stream Power

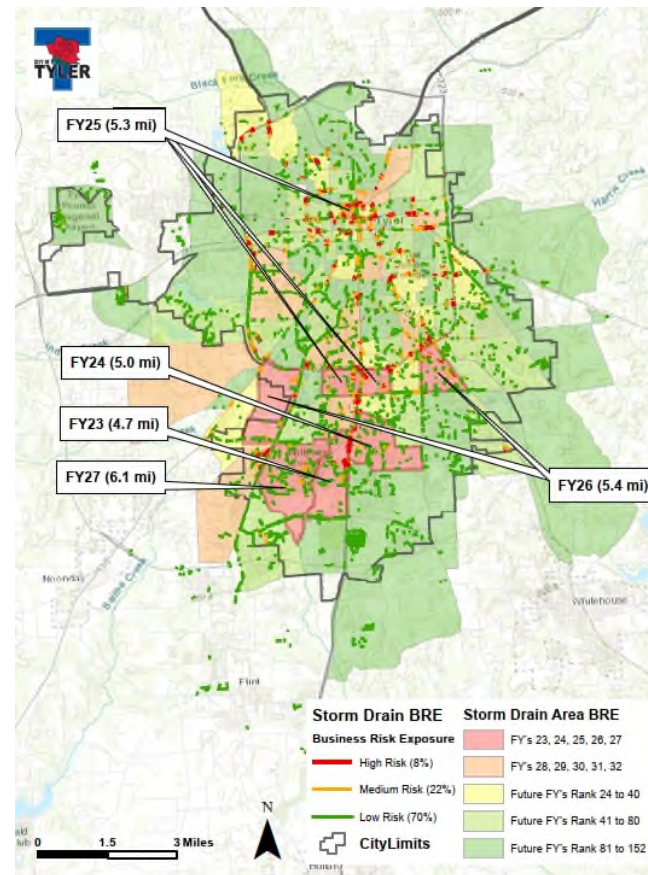


# PREDICTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT

## Failure Forecasting

### Value Added

- Proactive infrastructure management
- Near-term plan with prioritized action items
- Cost-effective system renewal
- Extends asset life, restores level of service



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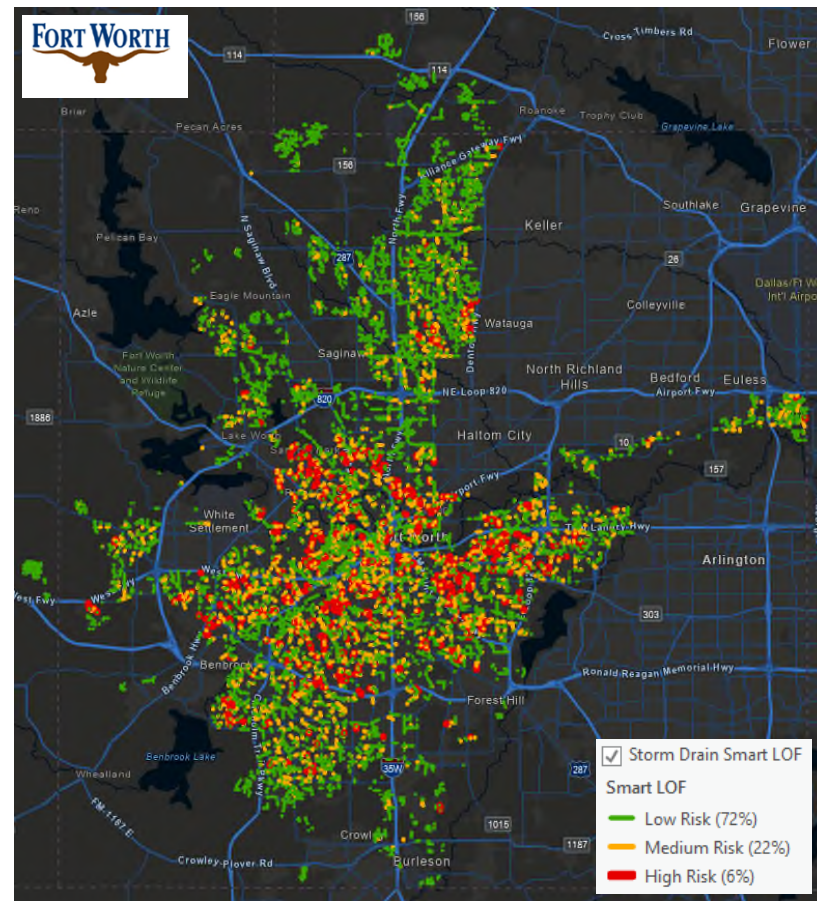
## EX: Pipe Failure Forecasting

### Advances Traditional Risk Analysis

- Recall (median) = 80% vs 55% with rule-based BRE
- Storm drains in poor condition predicted = 4 of 5
- Future field efforts strategically focused
- Model improves with time

Cross Validation

Recall	CV
85%	1
82%	2
81%	3
81%	4
80%	5
80%	6
79%	7
79%	8
78%	9
76%	10






# PREDICTIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT

## EX: Erosion Forecasting Advantages

- Predicted Likelihood of Erosion
- Typical model skill ~ 95%





# **QA/QC OF CONDITION EVALUATION**

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AI QA/QC  
Sample

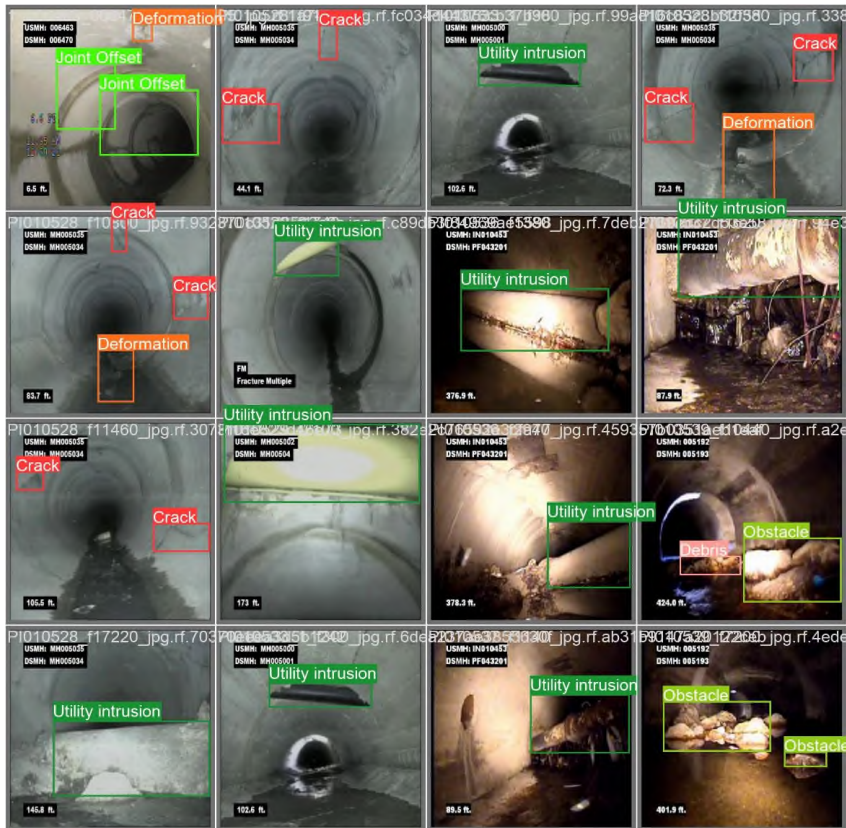
**USMH: MH004698**  
**DSMH: MH005908**

89 Fracture 0.86

**81.5 ft.**

# QA/QC OF CONDITION EVALUATION

## Labelling/Training



## Defect Detection

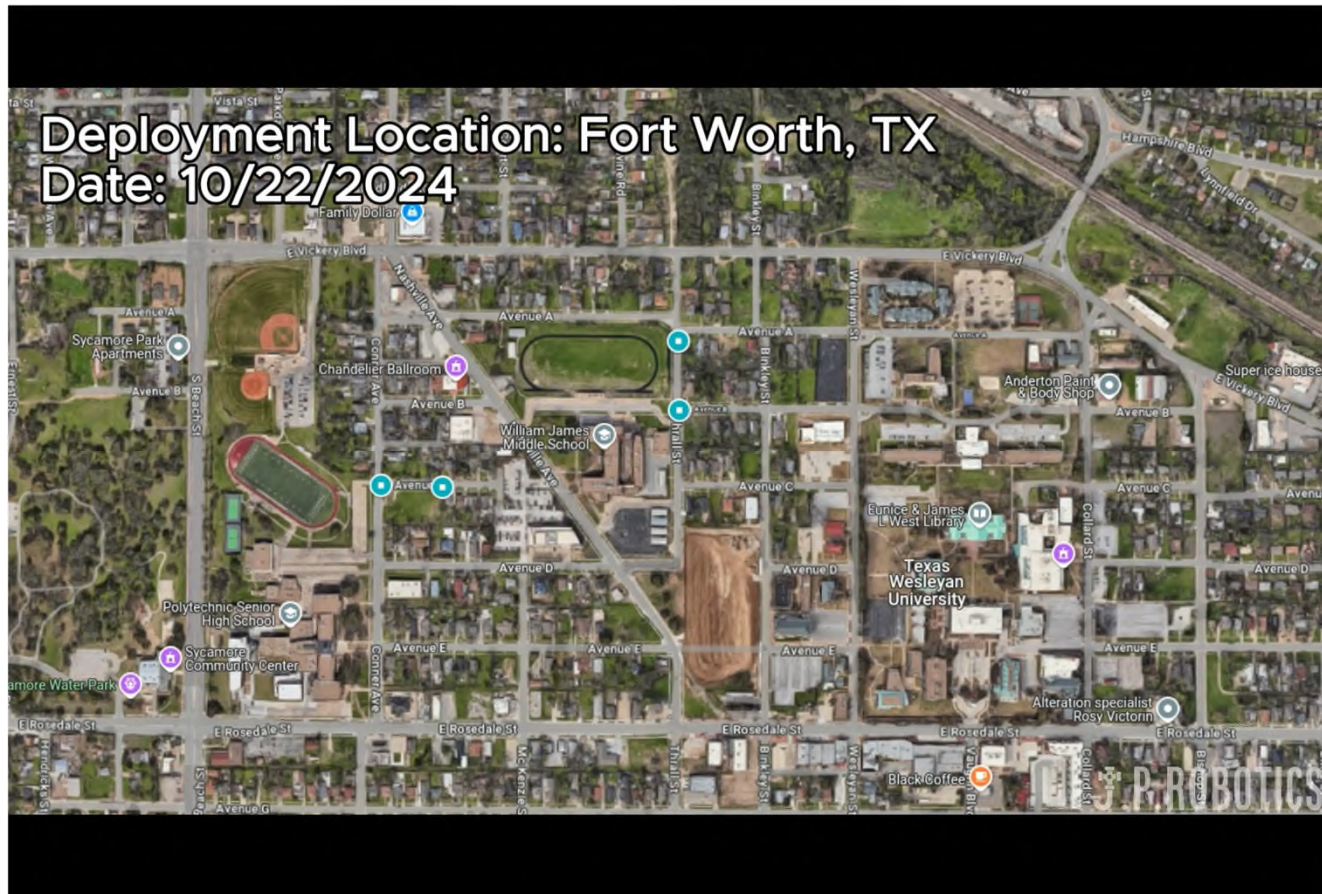


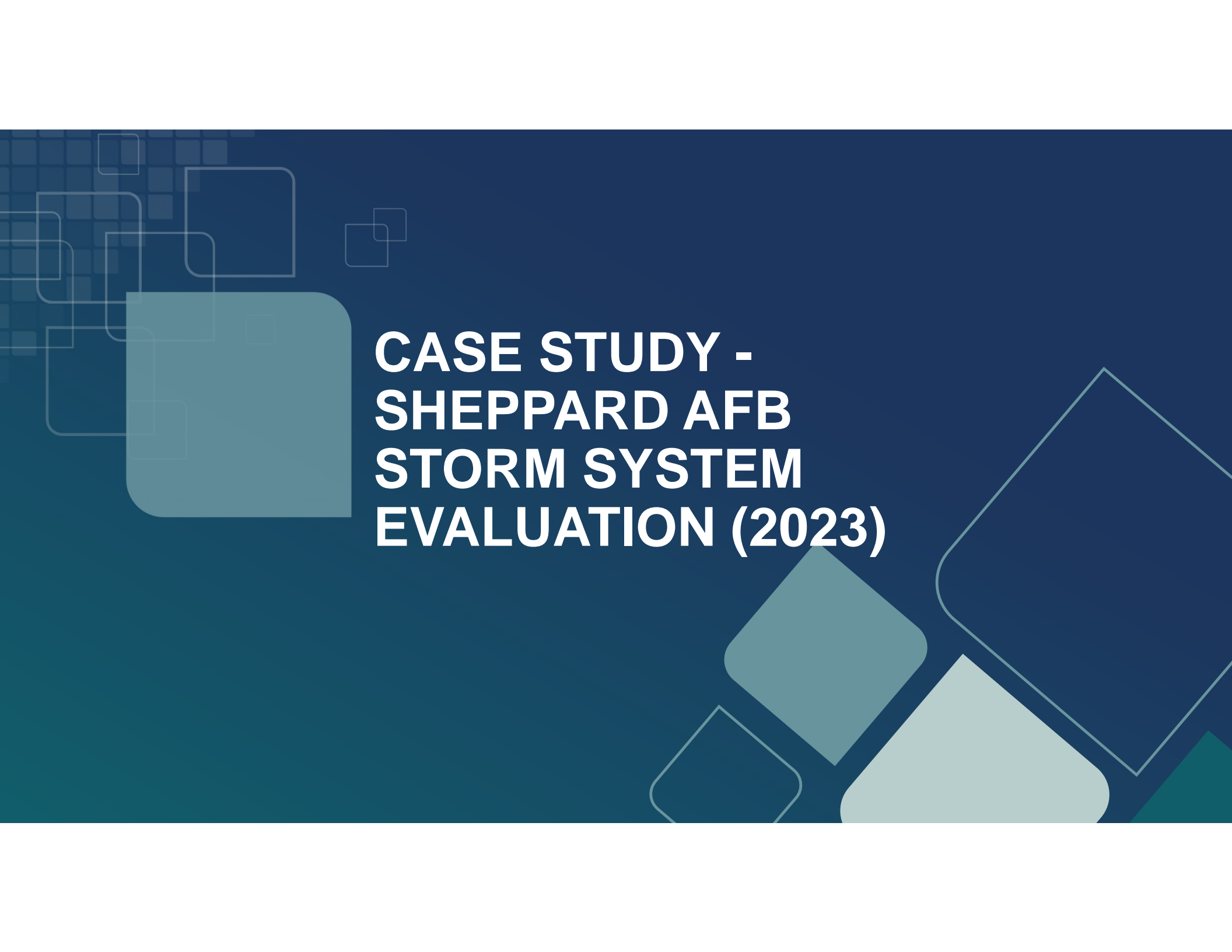


# **ADVANCED INSPECTION AND MAPPING**

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## Pipe 3D Scanning & Mapping





# **CASE STUDY - SHEPPARD AFB STORM SYSTEM EVALUATION (2023)**

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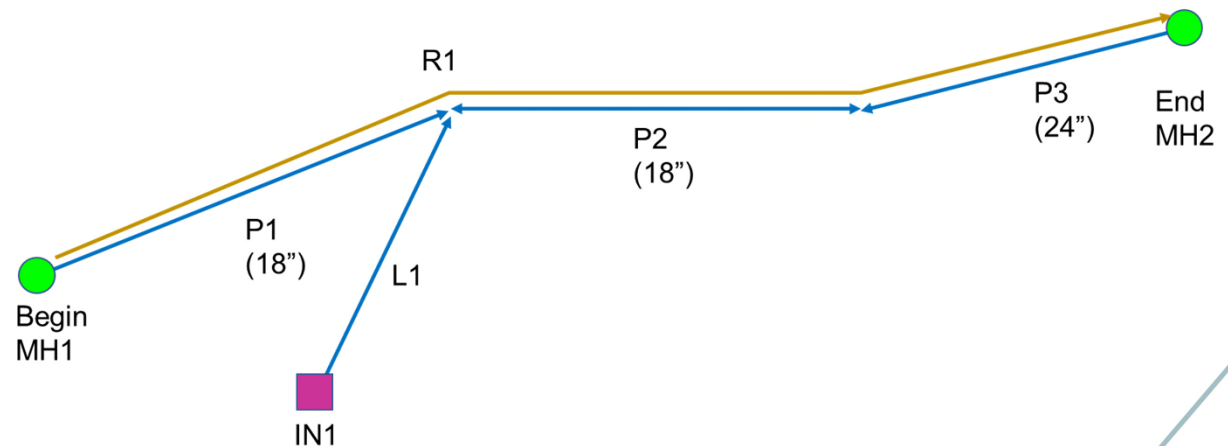


- **Contracting** - Sheppard Air Force Base contracted SLA-Cyntergy JV and Halff.
- **Goal** - Multi-disciplinary project team leveraged survey, CCTV and manhole inspection, GeoBase integration, and engineering evaluation. Produced high-impact digital asset inventory, evaluation, & drainage modeling in 15-month period of performance.

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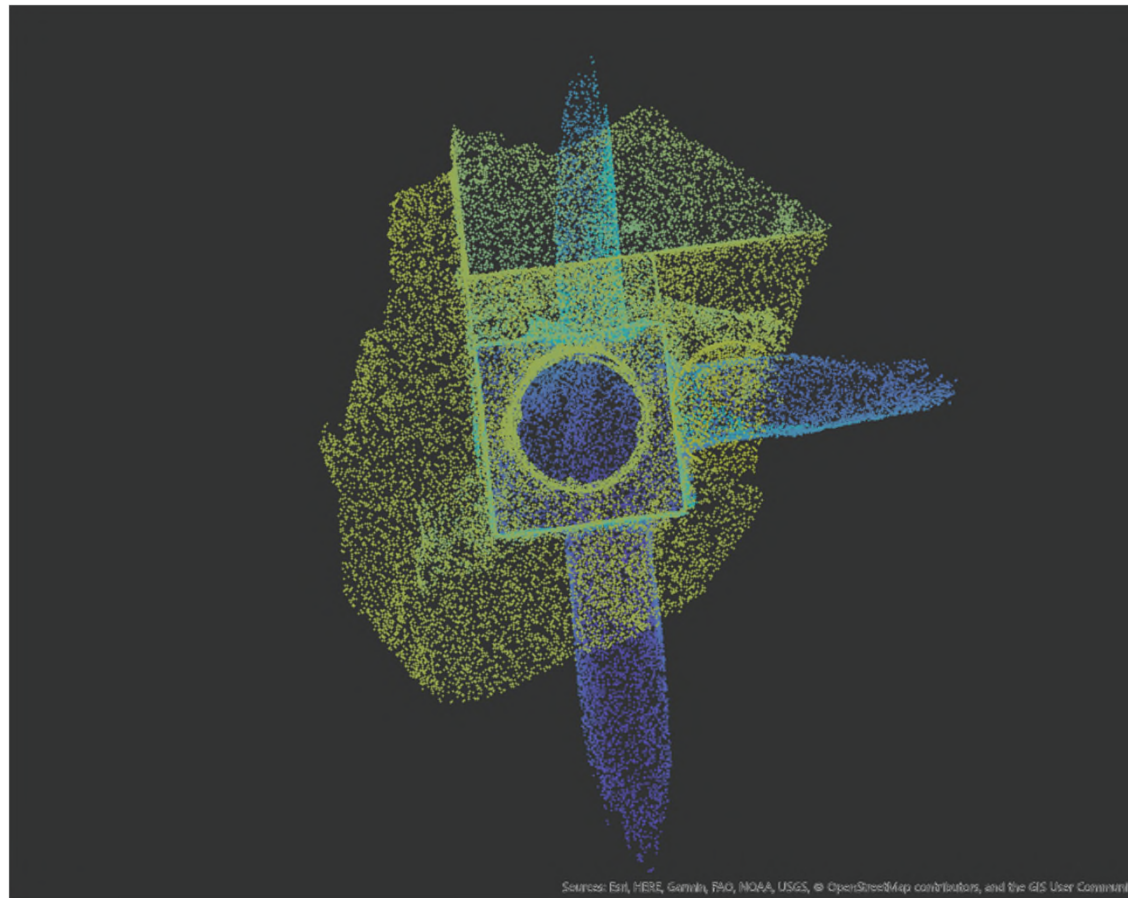
## Evaluation Requirements

- Survey = 1,250 point assets (Manholes, inlets, discharge points)
- Condition assessment (CCTV) = 105,000 LF
- Condition assessment (MH Inspection) = 1,150 Manholes



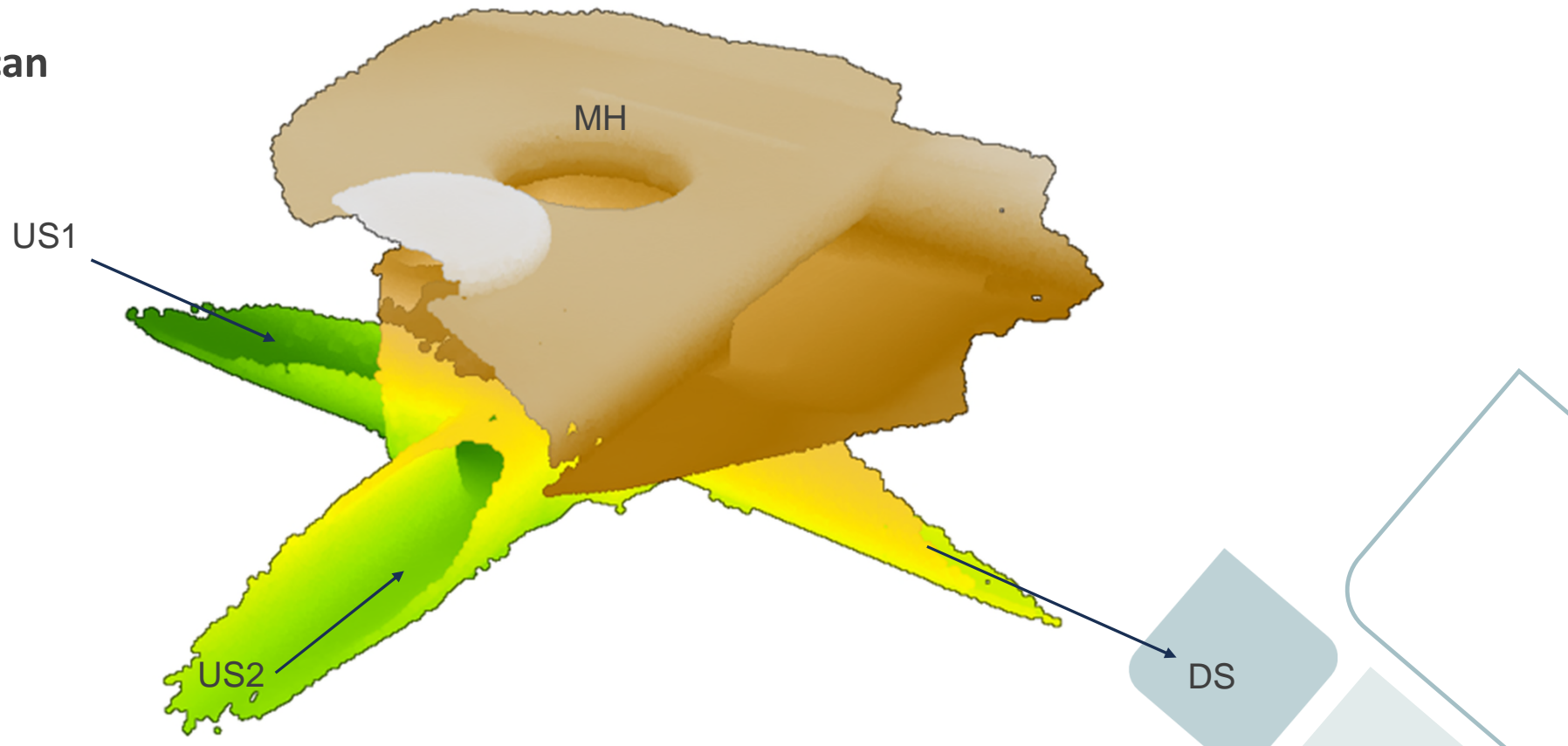
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### LiDAR Scan Output



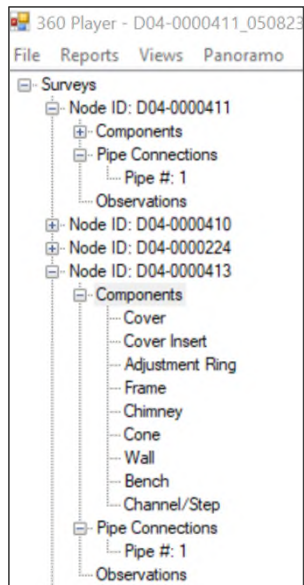
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**LiDAR Scan  
Output**



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## MH 360 Inspection Output



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AI QA/QC – Sample #1

AI Model Overlay



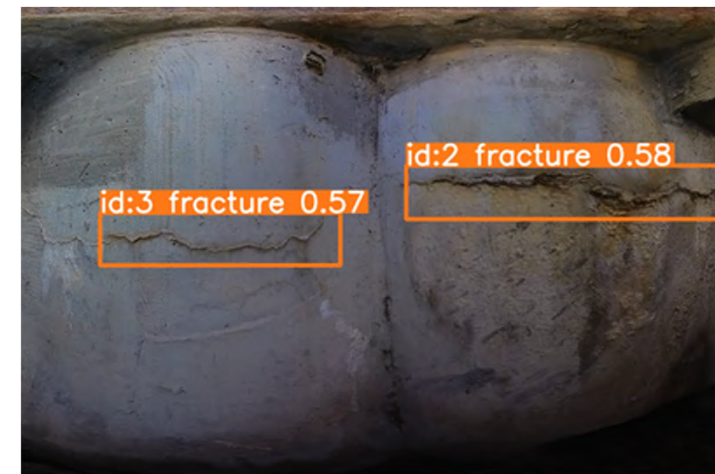
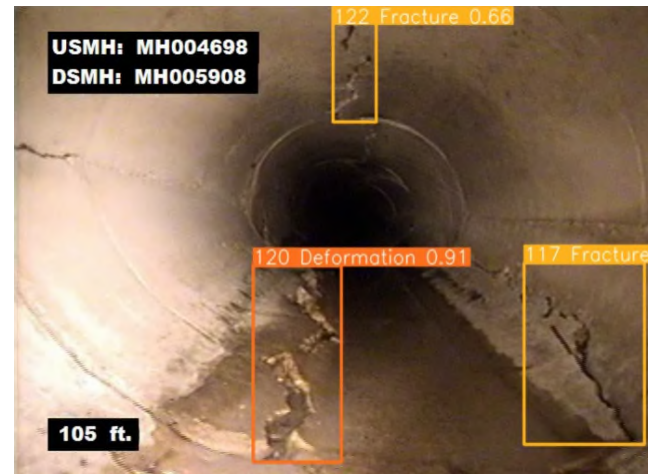
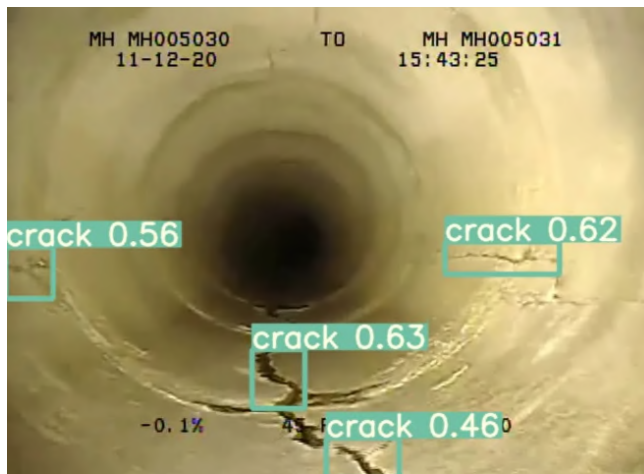
Original Video



# CASE STUDY - SHEPPARD AFB

## Quality Assurance and Control

- Data completion and GIS referencing (100%)
- AI “Second opinion” QC (100%) - Pipes & Manholes; Standardized Scoring
- Expert human-in-the-loop review (15-20%)



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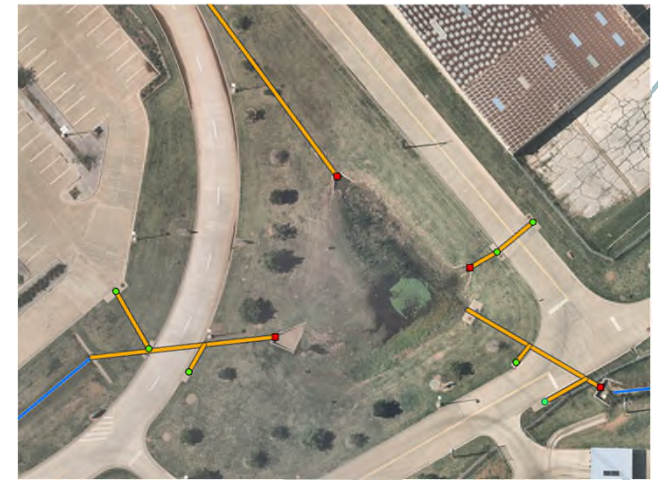
## United States Air Force GeoBase Program

- USAF strategic program
- GIS integration, mission support, and uniformity across installations
- Effective asset tracking & renewal prioritization



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## Sample corrections



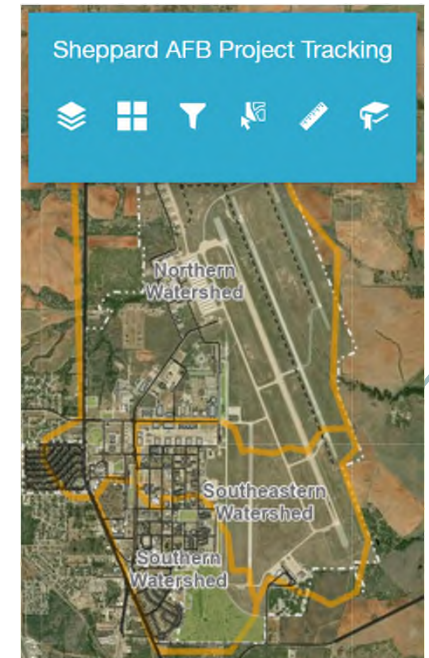
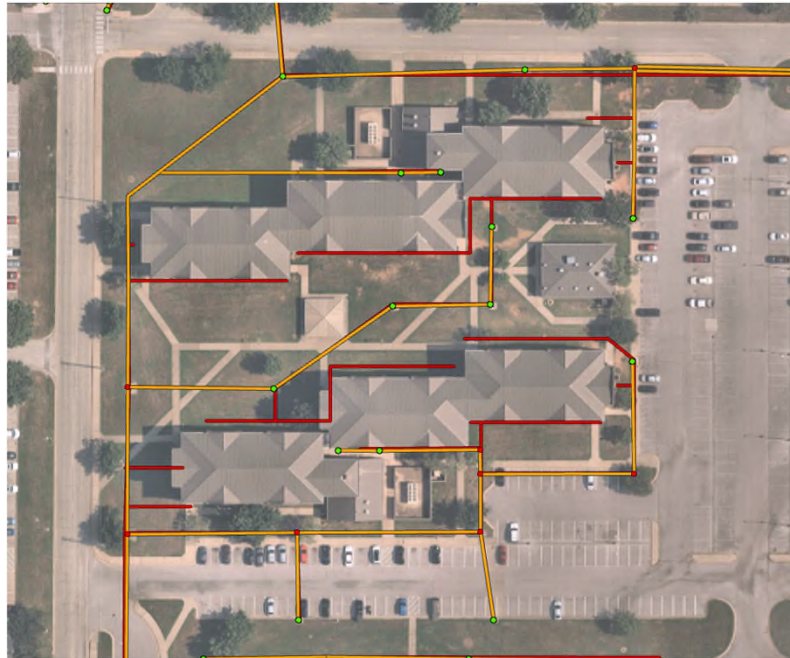
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## GeoBase Assets

- Manhole
- Inlet
- Discharge point
- Gravity main
- Open drainage

## Data Sources

- Traditional survey
- PACP inspection
- Asset inspections



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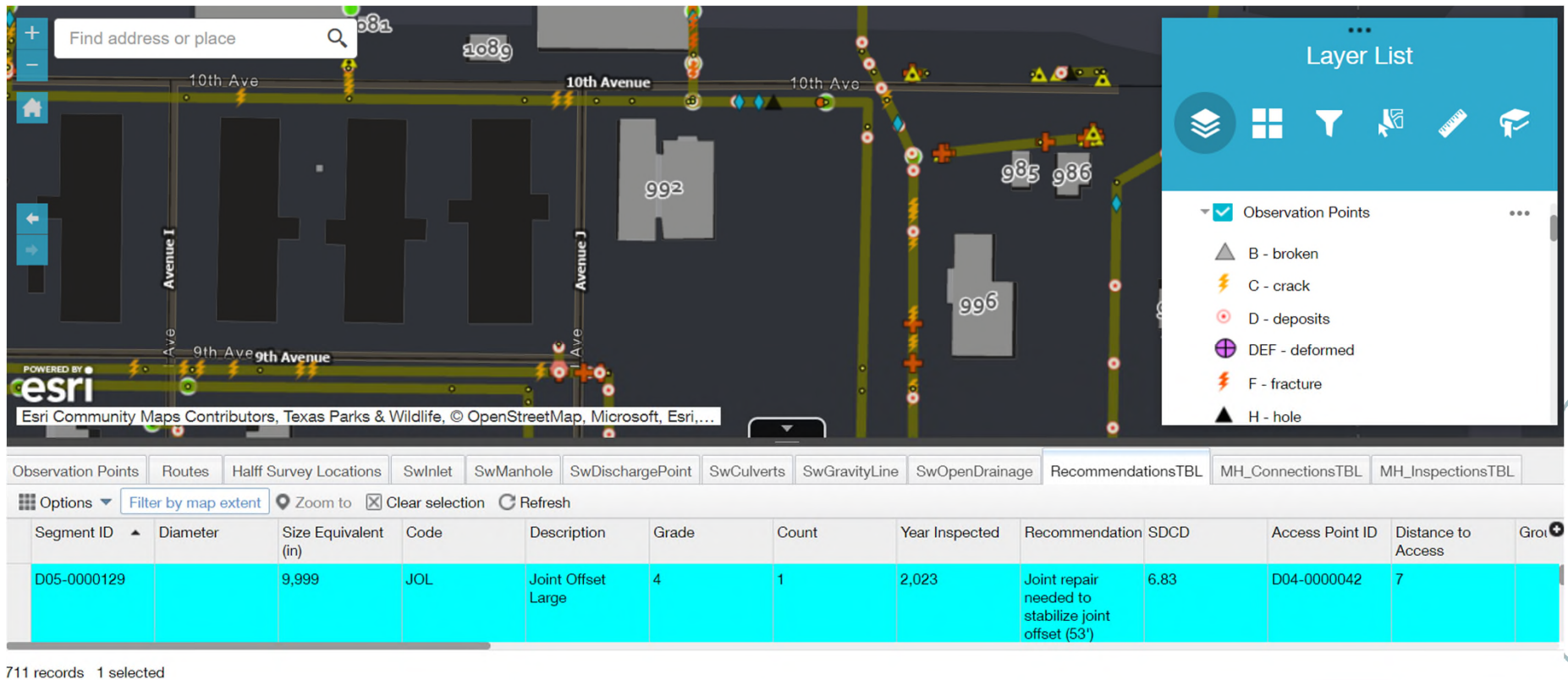
## Evaluation Process/Considerations

- PACP grades 3 to 5 evaluated
- Storm drains and Manholes independently evaluated for corrective action
- Standardized scoring applied
- Rehab methods matrix – trenchless vs open-cut; O&M vs Structural
- Responsible group, response time (relative), score, rank



# CASE STUDY - SHEPPARD AFB

## Recommendations in GIS Web Platform via Secure Portal



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## Hydrology and Hydraulics Modeling

- Autodesk Storm & Sanitary Analysis (SSA)
- HEC-RAS

Detailed watershed mapping

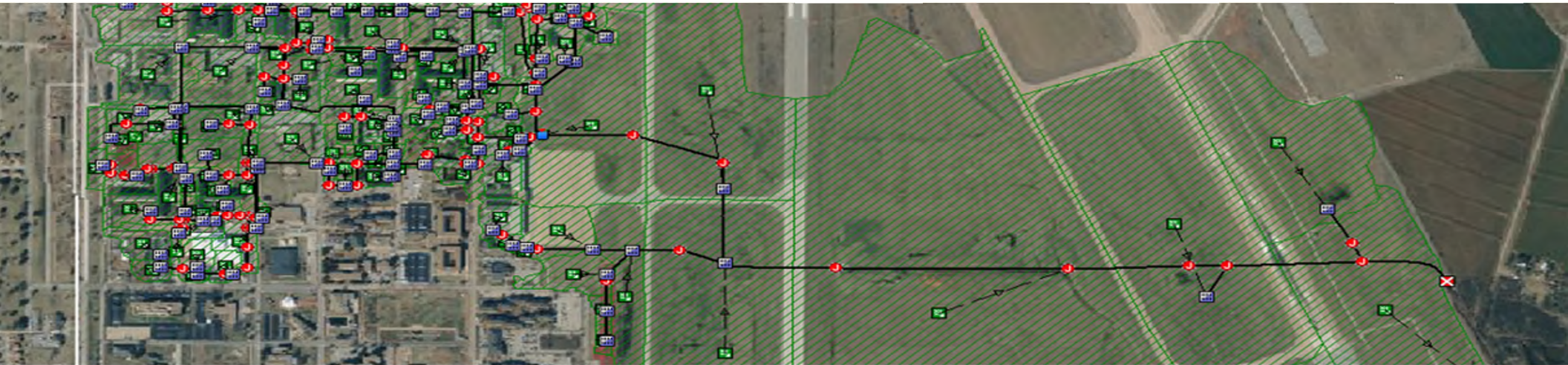
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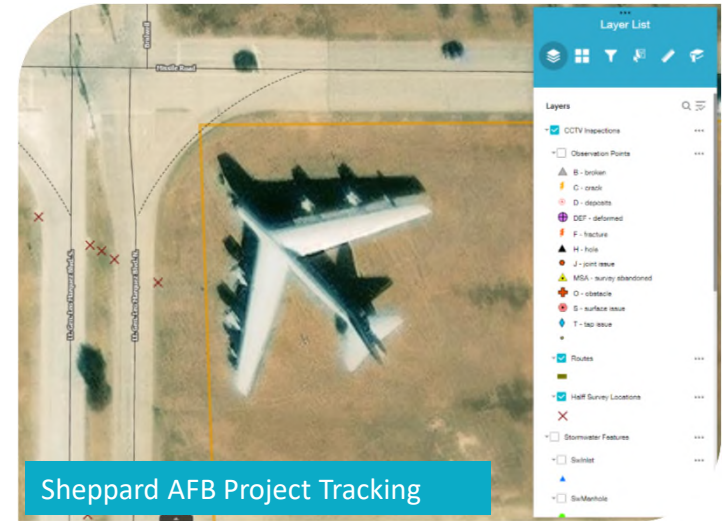
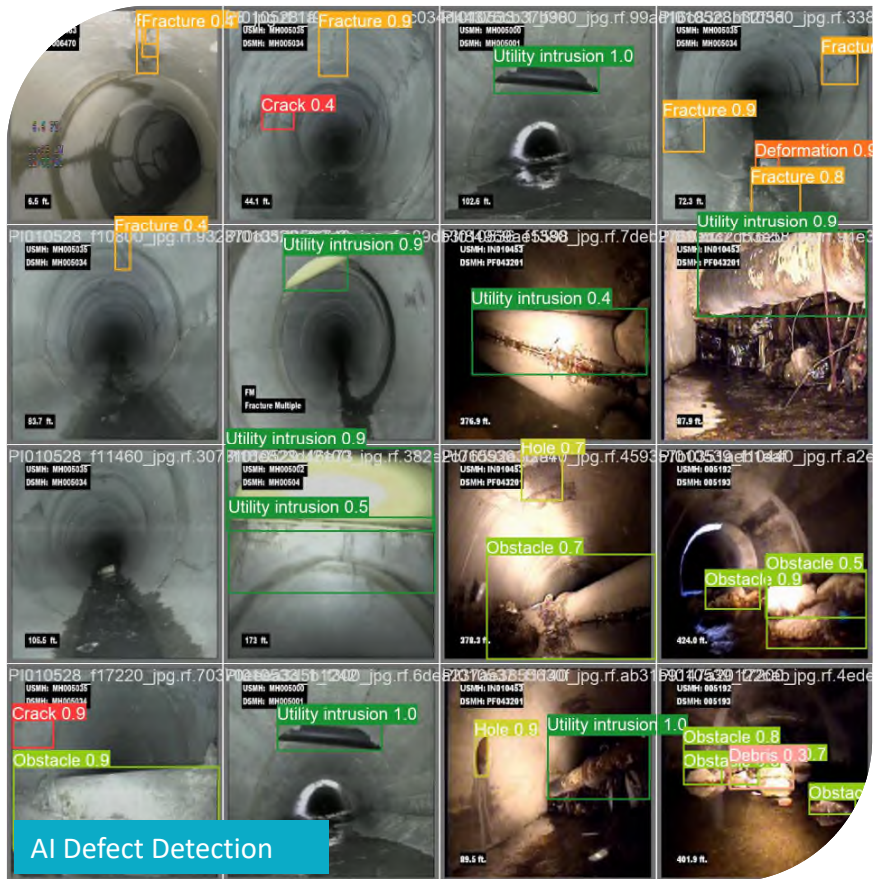
GeoBase updates and site visits informed drainage network

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Master plan with future pipe sizes

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## Lessons Learned

- Communication - multiple disciplines
- Base access, procedures, and training
- Survey then condition assessment
- High-impact deliverables – engage today's technology
- AI application = enhanced efficiency + accuracy
- Resiliency mindset to reduce risk + add value



# Q & A

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