



Water Advisory Council

January 11, 2023

8:00 am

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2022
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Gud Marketing Presentation
6. WAC Open House
7. Updates
 - a. 2022 Lead & Copper Rule Sampling Results
 - b. 2022 Lead Service Line Replacements
 - c. 2023 Lead Service Line Construction Projects
 - d. We are GR & GR Connected Article
 - e. Distribution System Material Inventory (DSMI)
 - f. Participatory Budget
 - g. Filter First Bills
 - h. Member Updates
8. Public Comment
9. Next Meeting – March 8, 2023
10. Adjournment

**Water Advisory Council
November 9, 2022
1900 Oak Industrial Drive NE
MINUTES**

Members Present

Kim Baron, James Hurt, Fran Dalton, Paul Haan, Sarah Simmonds, Wayne Jernberg

Others Present

Alex Fleet, Hannah Napolillo (Kent County Health Department)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by Mr. Jernberg.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Ms. Napolillo is the Public Health Educator for the Kent County Health Department.

Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes by Mrs. Simmonds, second by Mr. Haan.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hurt added the participatory budget discussion to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Mrs. Dalton, second by Mr. Hurt.

MOTION CARRIED.

Filter First Bill SB 184 & 185

New EPA Regulations have prompted the State to take action and consider legislation to shift the responsibility of filters and lead testing from community water supplies to schools/daycares. The EPA regulation would require community water supplies to test 20 percent of schools/daycares for lead. The Filter First Bills will require schools/daycares to install filter stations and conduct lead testing. In addition, the bills will allocate funding for schools for these activities. However, the bills still need to pass the Michigan Senate.

Mrs. Baron asked for clarification on the funding. Mr. Jernberg said there would be funding available for schools to implement a monitoring program.

Mrs. Dalton asked how the daycares would be informed about these new regulations. Mrs. Simmonds said that MDHHS has communicated to daycares about the new regulation.

Updates

State Drinking Water Advisory Council

In the agenda packet, there are handouts of the marketing material that Gud Marketing has created for the State Advisory Council. Community water suppliers will use the marketing material in case of an exceedance.

Mr. Jernberg wants to explore using a marketing firm to create educational material tailored for Grand Rapids. Mr. Jernberg will ask Gud Marketing to present at the January meetings to learn more about their educational material and surveys conducted throughout the state. Mrs. Dalton recommends that the Water System create a visual that shows where lead can come into contact with the drinking water.

2022 Lead & Copper Rule Sampling

The City is waiting for the state's final lead and copper sampling results. Staff is brainstorming sampling the water at a pump station in conjunction with sampling a residential home.

Participatory Budget

Ward 3 is allocating \$500k for lead line replacements as part of the participatory budget. However, Mr. Jernberg recommends that the money be used to purchase water filters due to the high cost of lead line replacements. Additionally, it would be more equitable across the ward, and the City would lean on Neighborhood Associations to distribute filters. Further discussion is needed with the executive office.

2022 Lead Service Line Construction Projects

Most of the lead lines being replaced in conjunction with capital projects are complete, and 99 percent of the agreements have been collected. Nearly 70 percent of the agreements for EPA grant-related projects have been collected. Census tract 30 is partially complete, and bids for census tract 32 open on November 22. Sixty-three percent of the agreements have been collected for resurfacing projects, and the replacements are underway.

Staff is actively collecting agreements for 2023 capital projects and resurfacing projects. Approximately 330 agreements are outstanding out of 906 agreements for 2023.

2022 Year-to-Date Lead Service Line Replacements

Year-to-date, 598 lead lines have been replaced for the EPA and capital projects. An additional 263 have been replaced due to an emergency leak.

Distribution System Material Inventory (DSMI)

Staff continues to contact homeowners about participating in the DSMI. No further update.

Member Updates

At the next meeting, Mr. Jernberg wants the council to discuss further and begin planning for a Water Advisory Council open house in 2023.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting – January 11, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am by Mr.Jernberg.

Water Advisory Council Open House Brainstorming

Location(s):

- Neighborhood Park (Garfield Park?)

Desired Date:

- Mid/Early Summer

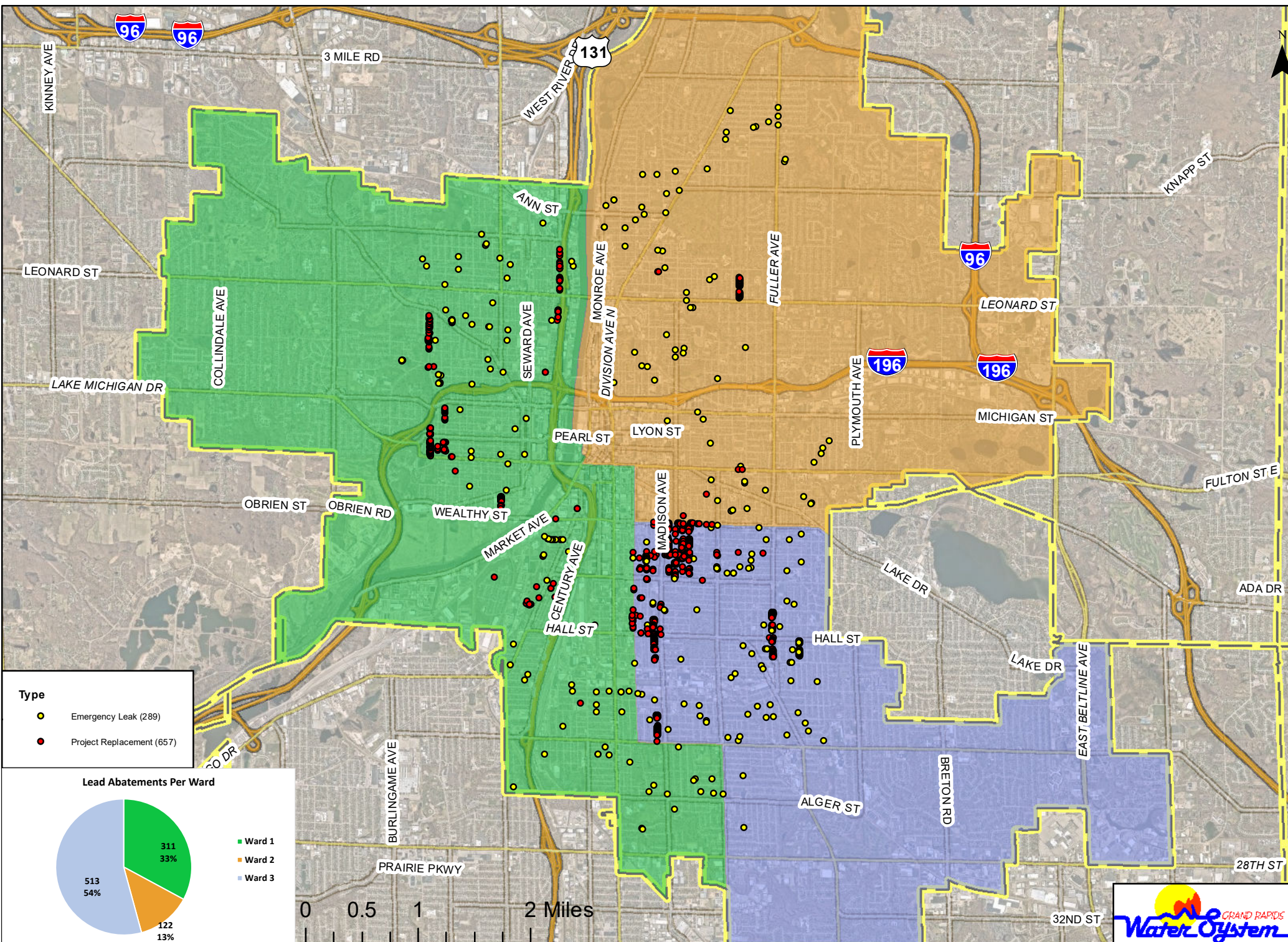
Community Partners Present:

- Healthy Homes
- Health Department
- Ready by Five
- Water System
- Home Repair Services
- EGLE

Next steps:

- Setting up a planning committee
- Timeline

January 1st - December 31, 2022 Lead Service Line Replacements



Lead Service Line Replacements

Project	Fiscal Year	Ward	Neighborhood	Private-side LSLRs	Agreements in Hand	Outstanding Agreements	% Agreements in Hand	Contacts per Agreement/Insp	Progress
2023 Construction Season									
Capital Projects									
Cesar E Chavez (Beacon to MLK)	2023	1	Grandville	12	12	0	100%	3.58	MDOT project; Schippers Excavating
Emerald (Leonard to Sweet)	2023	2	Creston	24	17	7	71%	1.00	Georgetown Construction; Bids opened 7/14/22
Garfield (Fulton to Bridge), Veto (Valley to Garfield), California (Valley to Garfield)	2022	1	John Ball	40	39	1	98%	1.64	MDOT Project; Montgomery Excavating; Constr underway
Giddings (Burton to Boston)	2023	3	SE End	15	14	1	93%	1.86	Wyoming Excavators; Bids opened 6/30/22
Jackson (Valley to Garfield; Lane to Jackson Pl)	2023	1	John Ball	11	6	5	55%	2.33	Diversco Construction; Bids opened 8/9/22
Norwich (Curve to Hayden)	2023	1	Black Hills	44	43	1	98%	3.91	Nagel Construction
Page, Carrier, Lister, Plainfield	2023	2	Creston	52	35	17	67%	1.80	Schippers Excavating; Bids opened 7/26/22
Plainfield (Marywood to Ellsmere)	2022	2	Creston	13	13	0	100%	1.54	Dykema Excavators; Bids opened 6/23/22
State (Lafayette to Madison)	2023	2	Heritage Hill	0	na	na	na	na	na
TOTAL				211	179	32	85%		
EPA Grant Private-Only Projects									
Private-Only - Tract 29	2022	3	Heritage Hill & SE Community	116	115	1	99%	3.57	McDonald Plumbing; Almost complete
Private-Only - Tract 30	2023	3	Heritage Hill & SE Community	208	203	5	98%	3.23	McDonald Plumbing; Partially complete
Private-Only - Tract 32	2023	3	Baxter & SE End	390	268	122	69%	3.17	B&Z Company; Expected start March 2023
Private-Only - Tract 32 Alexander to south	2023	3	SE End	60	46	14	77%	3.28	McDonald Plumbing
TOTAL				774	632	142	82%		
Resurfacing Projects									
Resurfacing Private-Only	2022	--	--	430	289	141	67%	2.60	SWT Excavating; Project underway
Resurfacing Public Contract 1	2022	--	--	314	179	135	57%	1.17	SWT Excavating; Pre-Con meeting 7/13/22
Resurfacing Public Contract 2	2022	--	--	321	196	125	61%	0.97	Groundhawg Excavating; Pre-con meeting 10/24/22
TOTAL				1065	664	401	62%		