USING SURVEY 123 TO AUTOMATE DATA ENTRY ACTIVITIES



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INTRODUCTION

 Facts about Tacoma Water and Mapping History



- 2 Survey123 Data Collection Solutions at Tacoma Water:
 - Water Quality Sampling
 - Hydrant Flow Reporting
- Summary & Future Uses





TACOMA WATER FACTS

Basic Info:

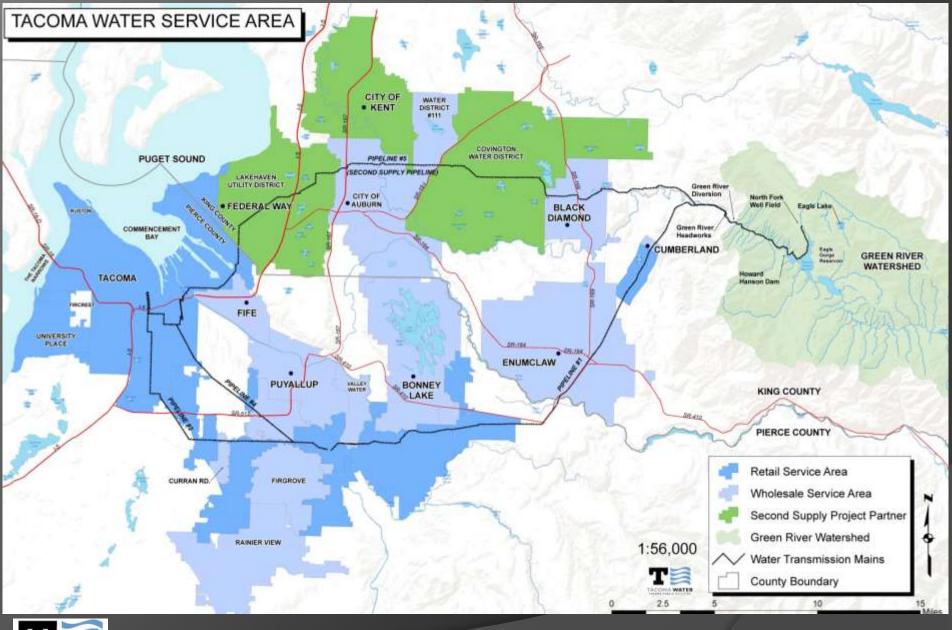
- Purchased by the City of Tacoma in 1893
- Covers 117 square miles of service area
- 239 Employees
- 1,365 Miles of water mains

Water Use:

- Avg. Annual Use per Household: 67,923 gallons
- Avg. Daily Use per Household: 186 gallons
- Avg. Cost per Household: \$360 year / \$30 month
- Total Annual Usage: 6 billion gallons



SURVEY 123 & WATER QUALITY SAMPLING





FACILITIES MAPPING HISTORY OVERVIEW

- Prior to 1990 Water facilities were mapped using paper
- 1990 Water infrastructure mapped using AutoCAD and newly created Base Map for the Incorporated are of Tacoma only
- 1996 Tacoma Water rolls out Autodesk's Map Guide product and provides access to field users via a laptop computer
- <u>2003</u> Tacoma Water acquires University Place and S.E. Tacoma Mutual water systems
- 2014 Converted from AutoCAD to ESRI GIS mapping system





FACILITIES MAPPING HISTORY



ORGANIZATIONAL THINKING ABOUT DATA

Since 2014 State:

Current State:





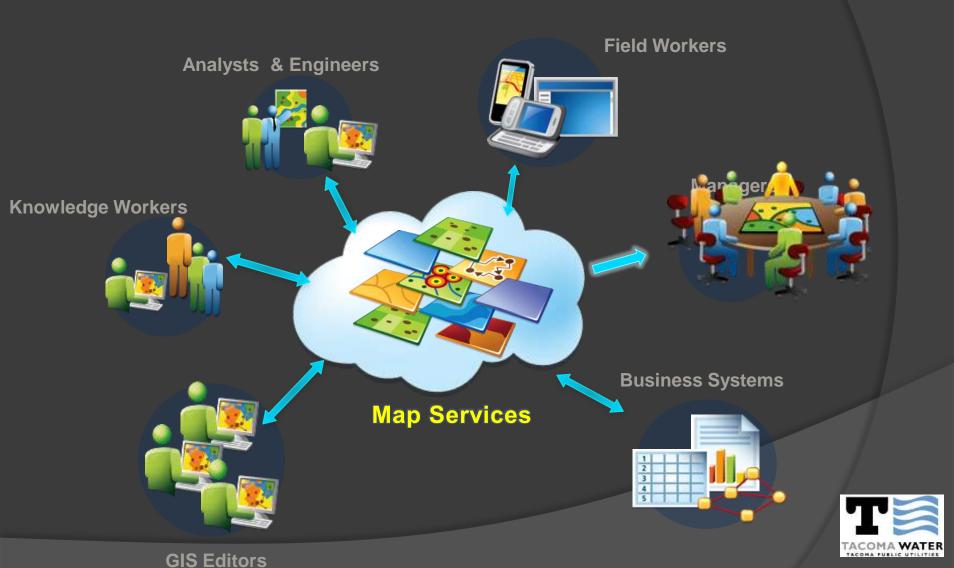
BEFORE ESRI GIS & NOW

One "Swiss Army Knife" Application to Targeted Applications



GIS AT TACOMA WATER

Provide Geo-Spatial Capabilities Across The Entire Organization

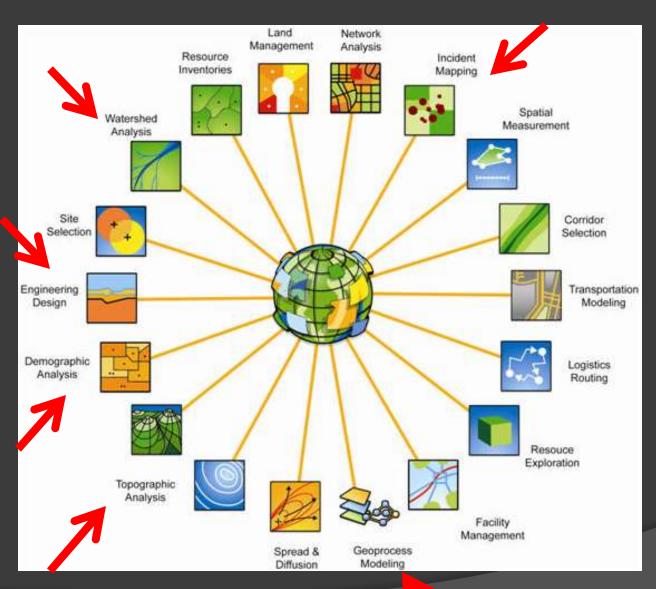


ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

The Organization Starts To Understand what GIS can do!



ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION



Plus, the following:

- -Hydraulic Modeling
- -Economic Modeling
- -Water Quality Sampling

FIELD DATA COLLECTION USING SURVEY123

Water Quality Sampling



CURRENT WATER QUALITY SAMPLING METHOD

Tacoma Water Quality:

- 4 Fulltime Water Quality Specialists
- 110 Sample Locations
- 160-180 Samples taken per month, approx. 40-50 samples per week
- 20-40 avg. Water Quality calls per month, many occur due to our main flushing program, some calls require site visits for further investigation
- Daily Water Quality Self Reporting is Required by the State of Washington and the Pierce County for:
 - pH
 - CL (Chlorine Residual)





CURRENT SAMPLING METHOD



Sample Being Taken

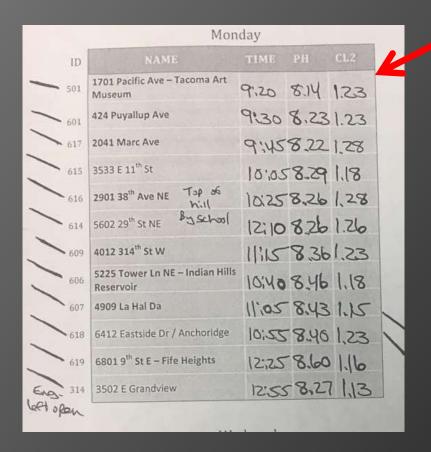


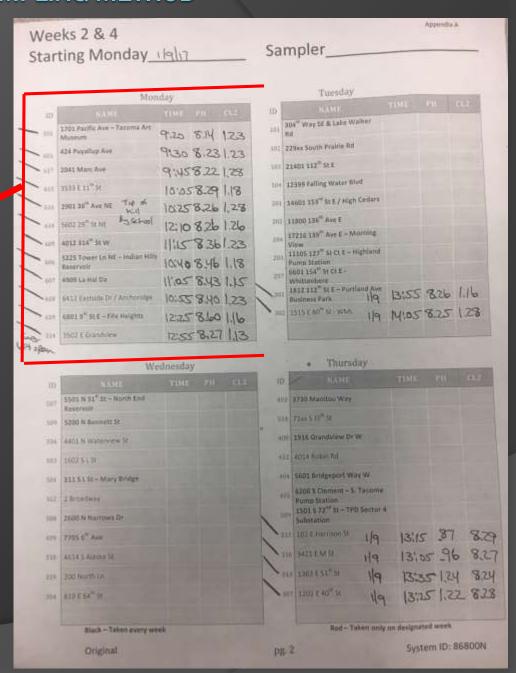
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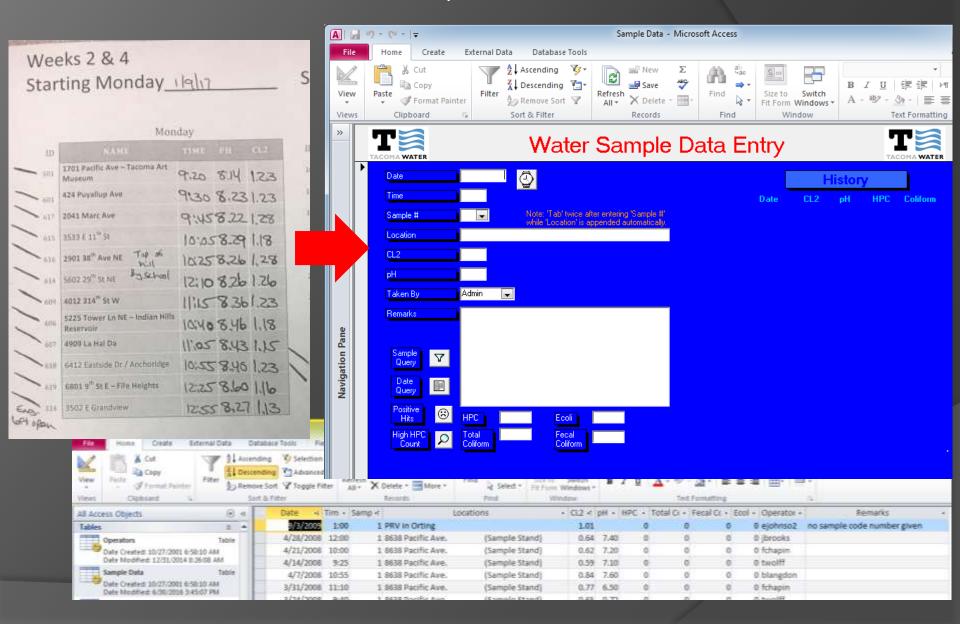
The pH and CL Values are then recorded on paper sheets:





CURRENT SAMPLING METHOD

Values are then entered from the Sample Sheet into an Access Database

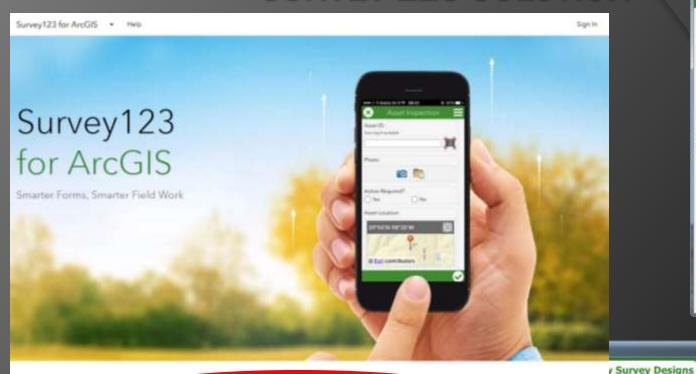


USE CASE - CURRENT SAMPLING METHOD

What we realized about the current sampling method:

- Paper Based recording works but is time consuming
- A lot of data entry occurring at each step of the process
- Easy to make mistakes and write down the wrong values
- pH and CL sample results are <u>not</u> easily communicated to the rest of the organization quickly or at all

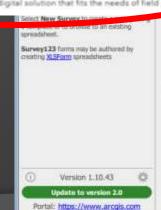


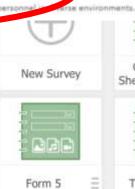






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Tutorials





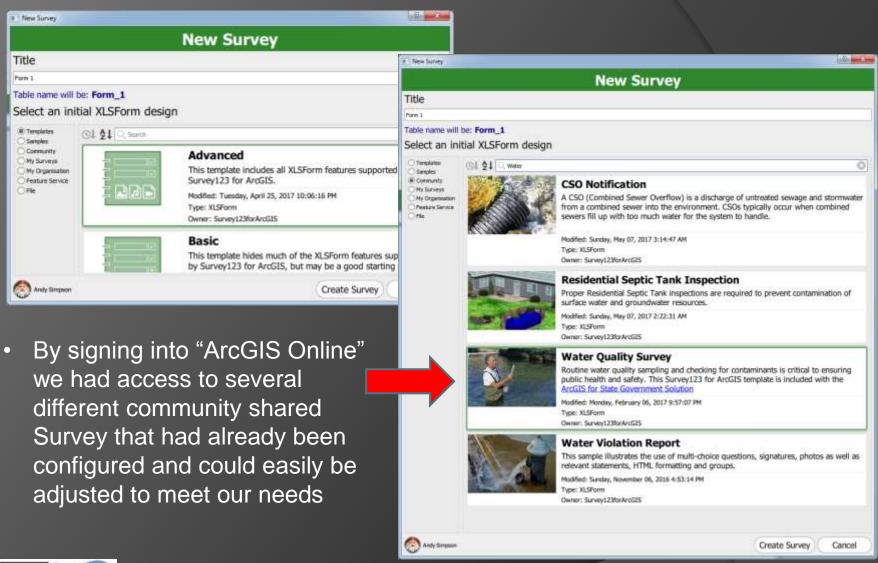
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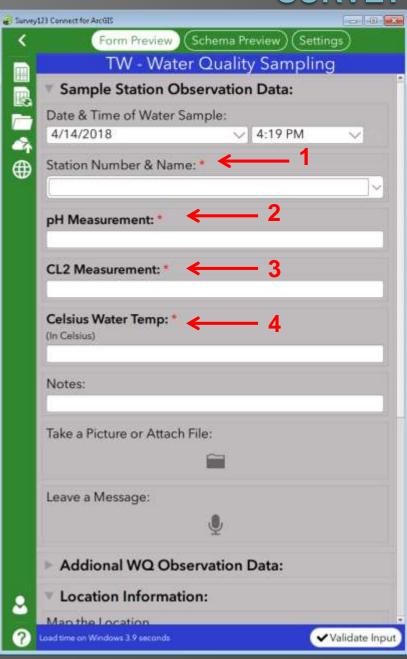
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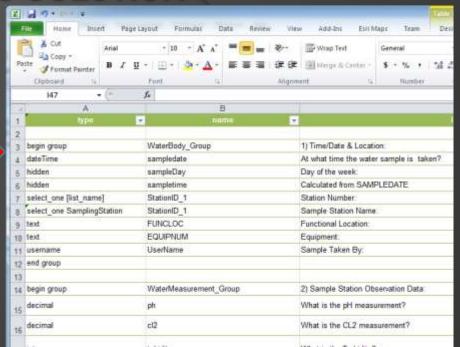




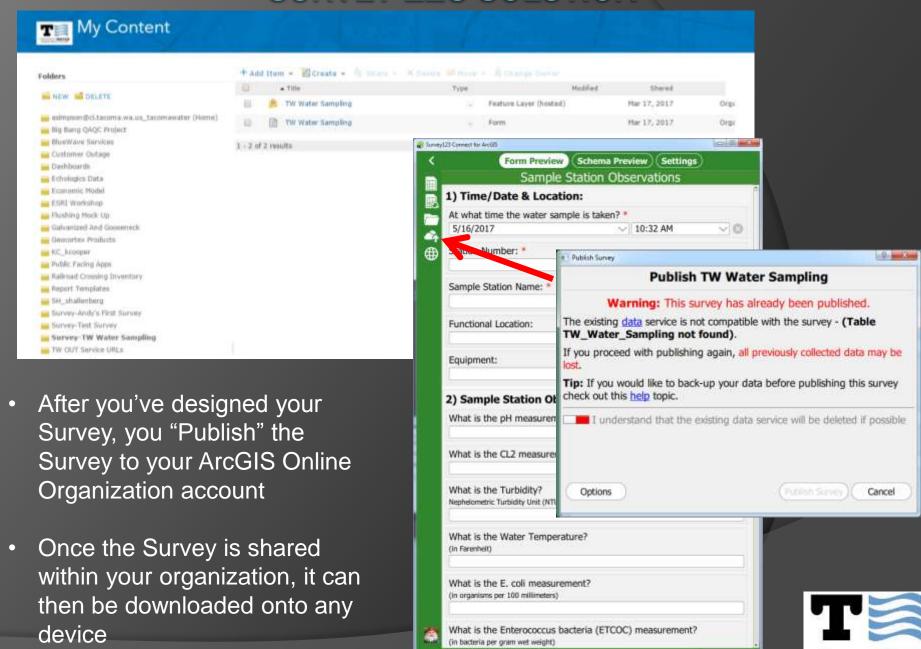








- The flow of questions in the Survey is determined inside the accompanying worksheet
- Red "*" means that this is a required field
- Drop down Domain like Values are "hard coded" into the worksheet

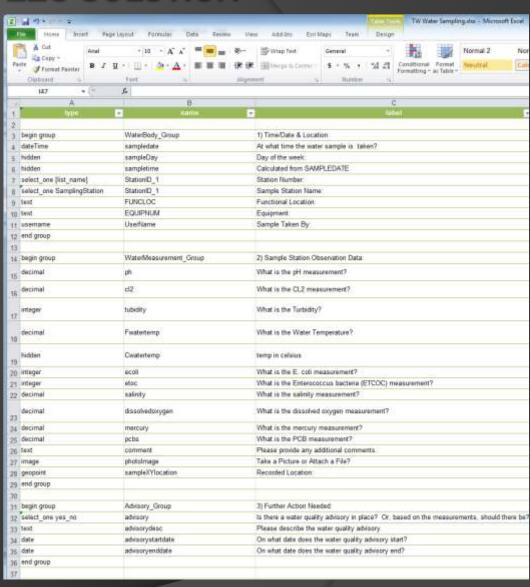


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TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

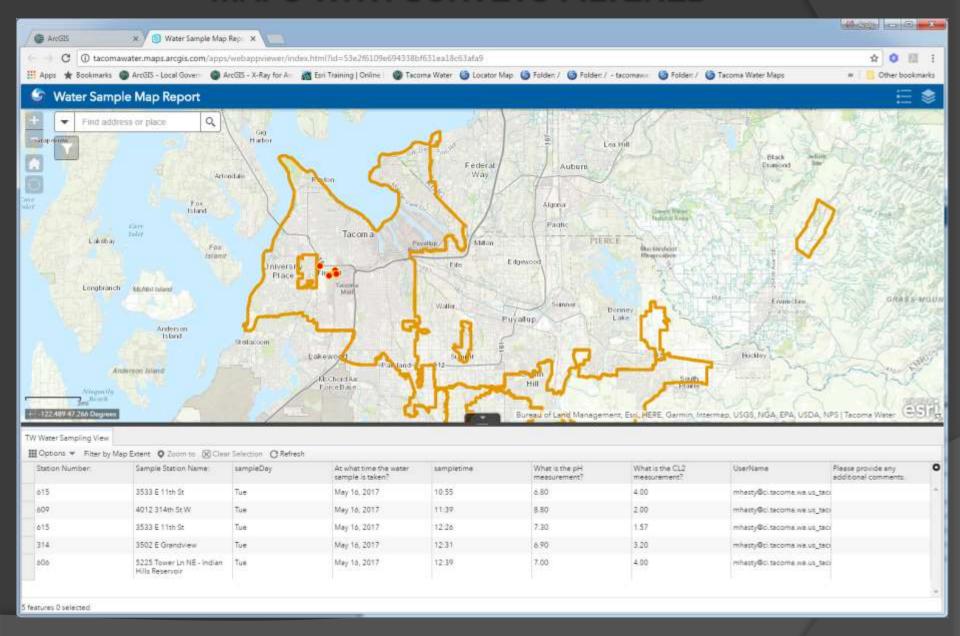
- Survey Templates are easily configured using MS Excel
- Notes on the specific data structures are helpful in designing the Survey.
- Controlling which values are hidden from the user but are being auto-populated in the survey is very useful
 - Ex: SAP Station Equipment Number





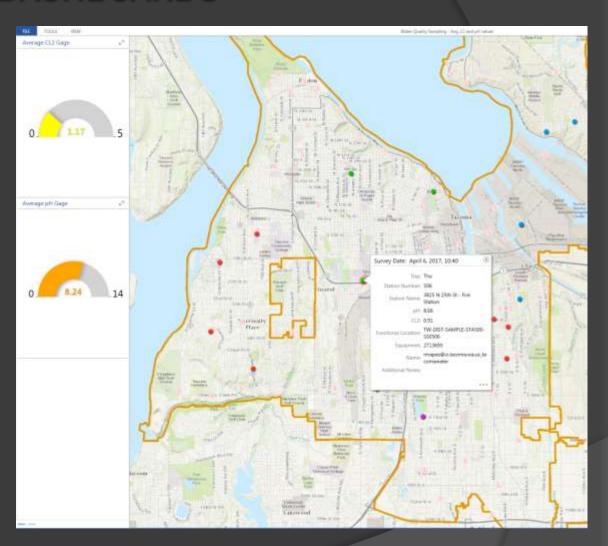


MAPS WITH SURVEYS FILTERED



DASHBOARDS

- Results can be shared with the rest of the organization quickly through ArcGIS Online Maps, Web Apps and Dashboards.
- Problems can spotted quicker and values can be analyzed more graphically.
- A single location over a defined period of time or across all of the locations in one view.





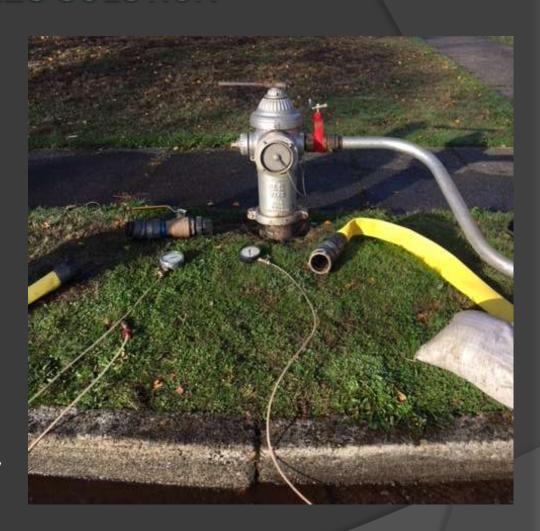
FIELD DATA COLLECTION USING SURVEY123

Hydrant Flushing and Flow Reporting



Hydrant Flushing:

- Flow Testing needed to verify Fire Flows
- Usually completed at night or early morning
- 3-4 man crews
- 1-2 flow tests per month
- Results usually written on paper sheet and then manually entered into an excel worksheet several day later
- Observed Values plugged into equations and recorded



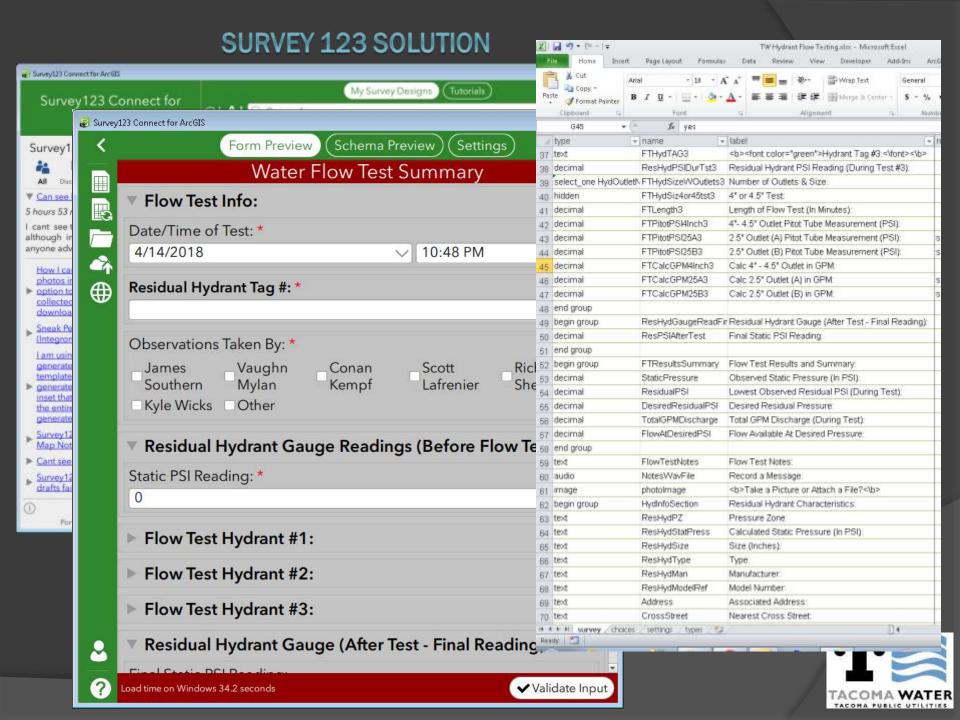


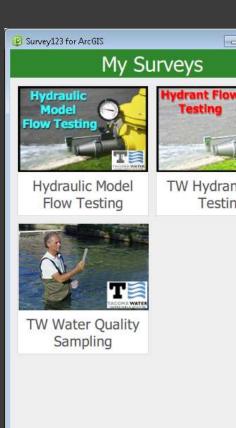
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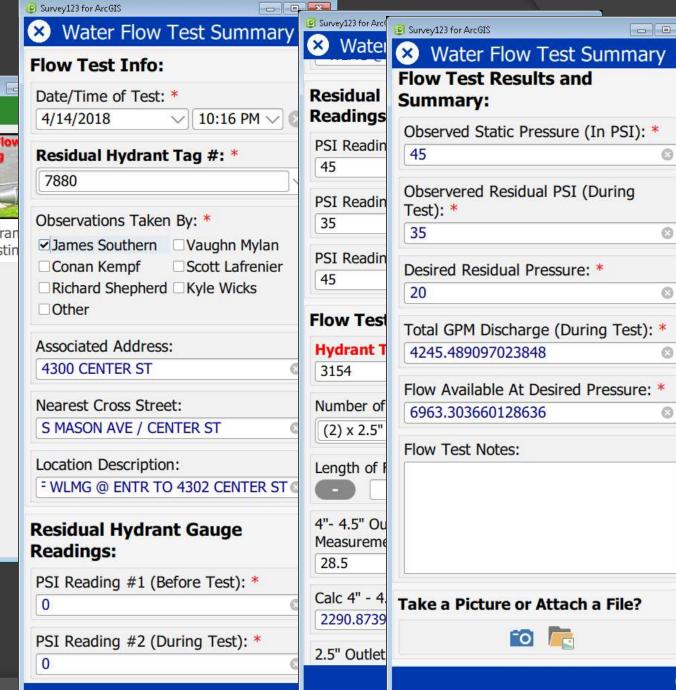
What we realized about the current Hydrant Flow Testing method:

- Paper Based recording of Values does work but is time consuming
- A lot of data entry occurring at each step of the current process here
- Easy to make mistakes and write down the wrong values
- Equations could be automated with Values from Survey
- Results are <u>not</u> easily communicated to the rest of the organization quickly or at all



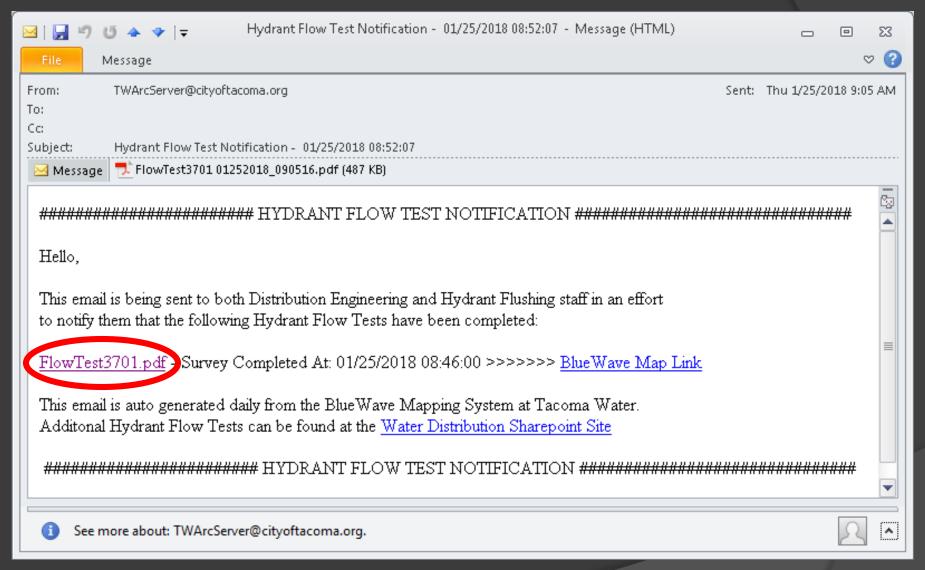




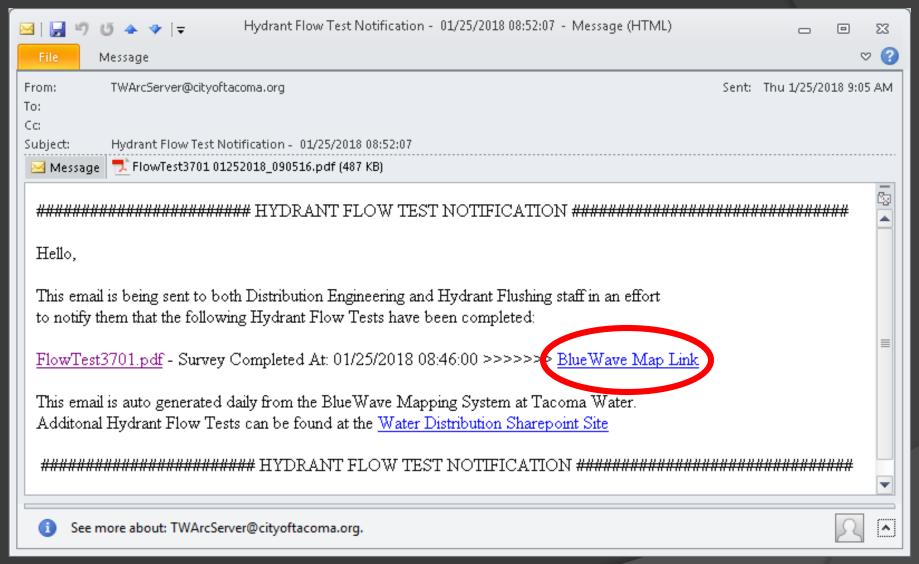


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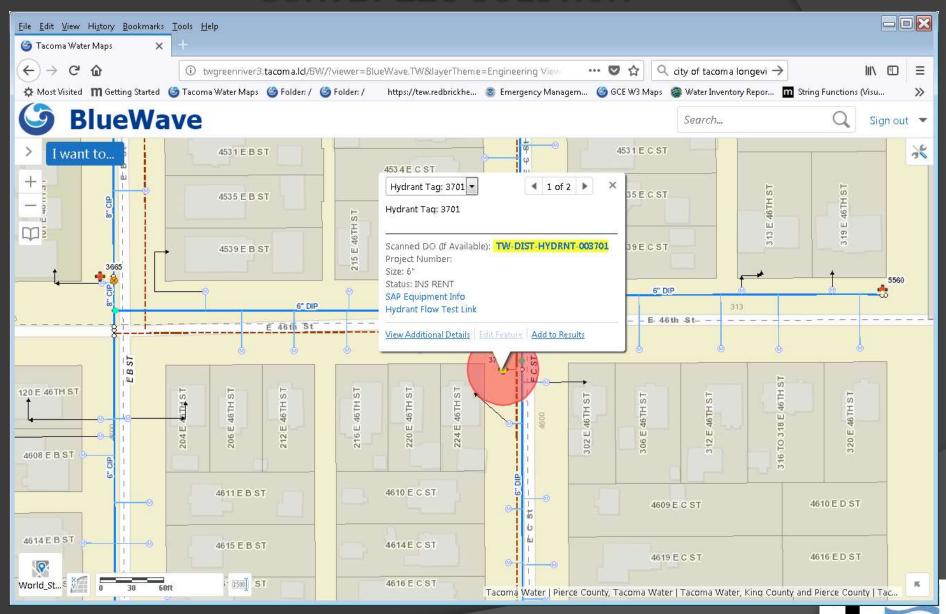
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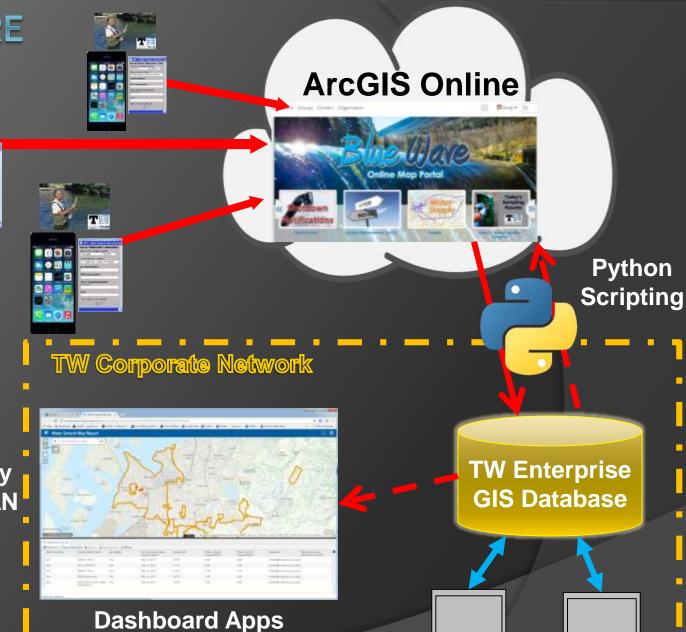
TACOMA WATER

ARCHITECTURE



- -AGOL Allows Us To Have Disconnected Editing
- -User SSO to AGOL
- -Python Moves Survey Data To Corporate LAN
- -Data to Enterprise GIS Database





GIS Data Editors

For Analysis

SUMMARY

Lessons Learned:

- Don't be afraid or reluctant to try and fail a few times when designing and publishing a survey.
- Try and gather as much end user input upfront on the work flow that Survey may replace because you can't make substantial changes to survey once it is deployed
- Plan on completely replacing or republishing your survey a few times.
- Go to the Survey 123 Blog for information and help, chances are someone has run into the same issue that you have:
 - https://geonet.esri.com/groups/survey123/blog
 - Like how to delete a survey from a device



SUMMARY

Major Benefits:

- Easy to get started using predesigned templates
- Works on any device
- Can be shared quickly through ArcGIS
 Online and communicated out to other
 business units in a more graphical way
- Reduces our reliance on paper and creates better overall data
- Allows You to work disconnected from the Corporate Network
- Free and Easy to use with lots of configurability
- Saves staff time and makes data collection easier





SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS

- We recently cut over to the Survey123 method in April
- Converted all of the existing MS Access observation
- More Dashboards and Reports
- Improved data collection method is going to save time and money
- Better Data = Better Decision Making!!



Questions?



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