

Seattle Public Utilities

Side Sewer Program

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About Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)

SPU's mission is to provide efficient and forward-looking utility services that keep Seattle the best place to live and work for everyone.

Overview

- Side Sewer Programs Overview
- Side Sewer Enforcement
- Tools, Resources for Eligible Customers



Side Sewers & SPU

- Many jurisdictions wrestling with issue
- SPU interest
 - Increase awareness of side sewers
 - Identify programs that help customers with cost of maintenance and/or ownership
 - Focusing through lens of equity, low-income



Side Sewers Explained

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of side sewer laterals from the building or structure to the wye, tee or main in the public right of way



Side Sewer Fun Facts



ANNUAL PERMITS



AVERAGE AGE



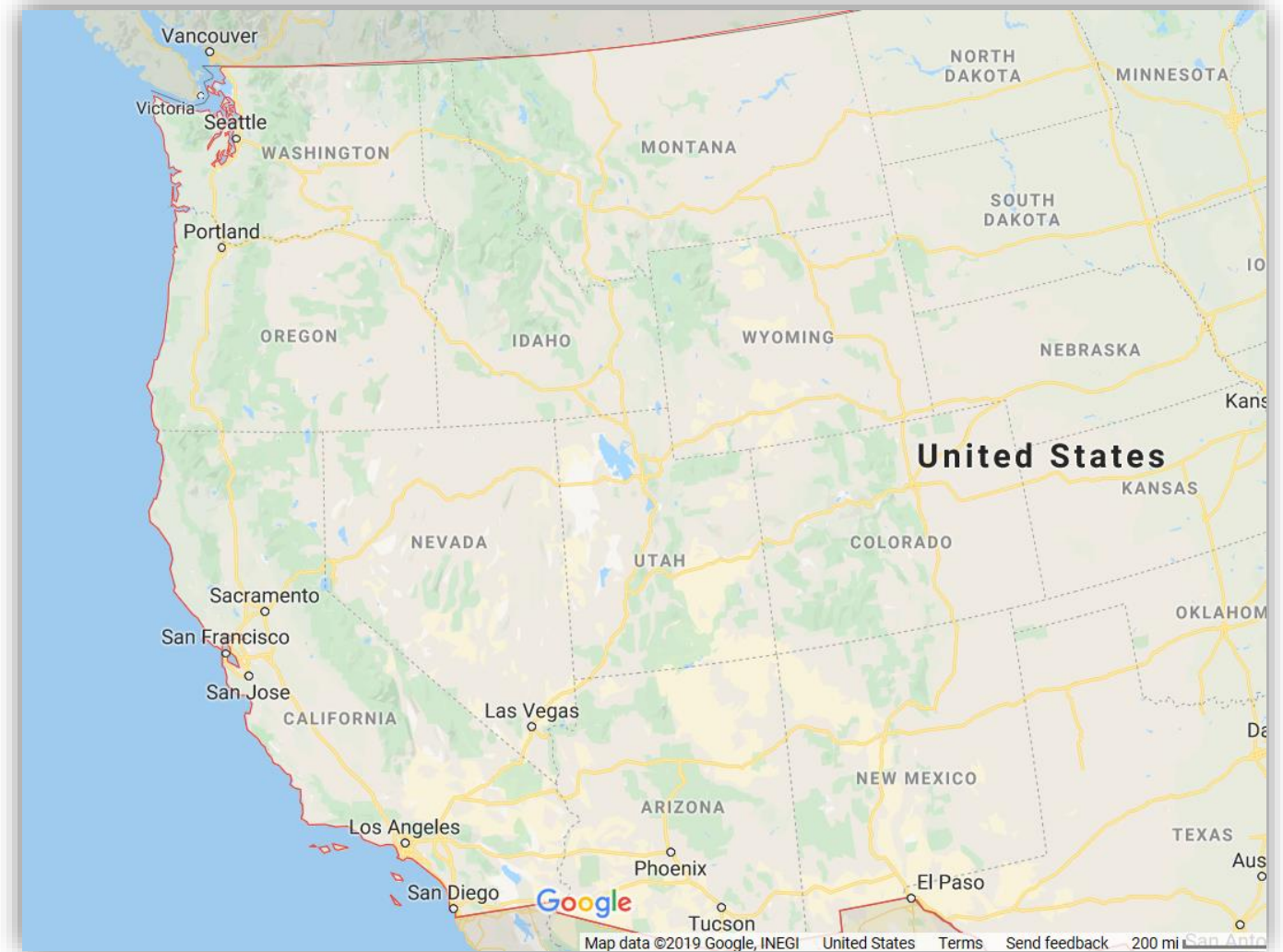
AVERAGE LENGTH



CONSTRUCTION
MATERIAL

More Fun Facts

- Key component of Seattle's collective sewer system



Lack of Maintenance

- Clogs, blockages
- Breaks, cracks, offsets
- Backups in homes, basements, rights of way



Reduces Sewer Capacity



Rainwater infiltration



Groundwater intrusion



Causes surcharge in the pipe



Reduces available capacity

Backups
Overflows

Ideas From Across the Country



SIDE SEWER REPAIR
PROGRAMS



INSURANCE &
WARRANTY PROGRAMS



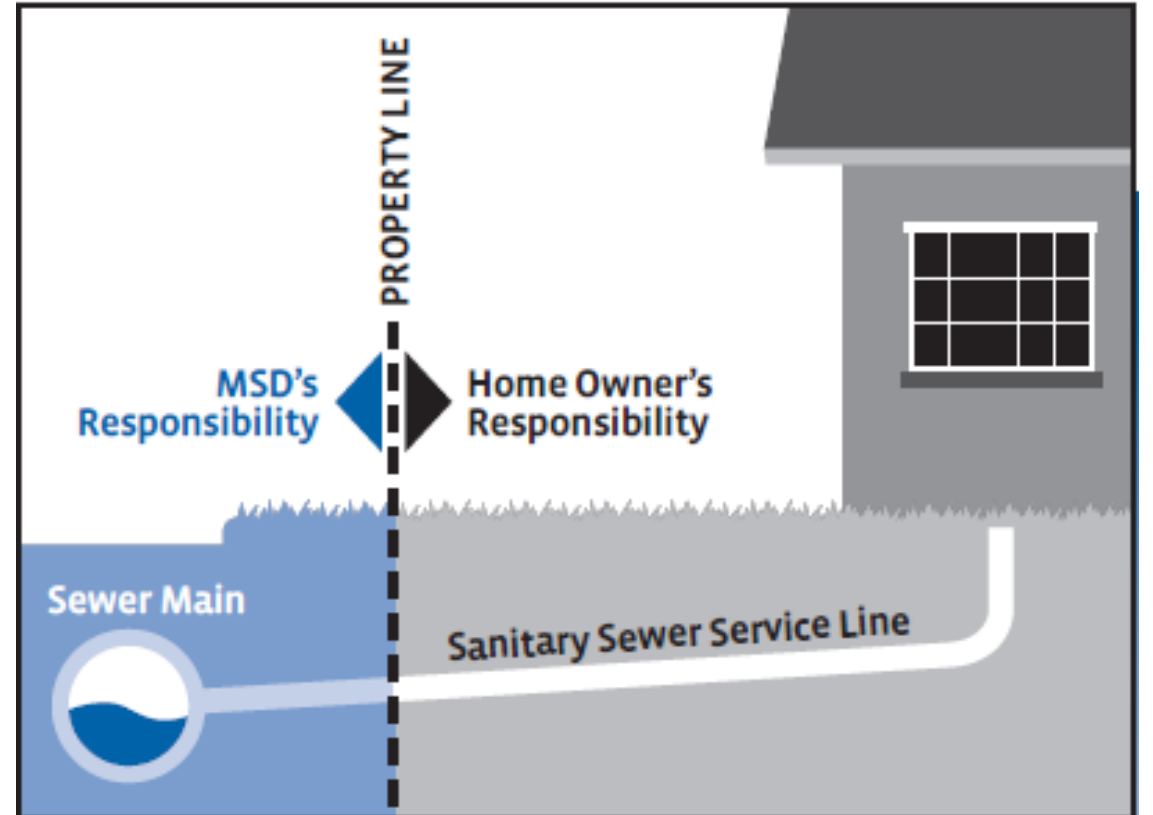
FINANCIAL INCENTIVES



OUTREACH &
EDUCATION

Utility Side Sewer Program

- Utility maintains some portion of side sewer between sewer main and building
 - Most often within the right-of-way
- Examples: San Antonio, Washington D.C., Louisville, San Diego*



Insurance / Warranty Program

- Homeowners Insurance
- Utility Insurance
- Side Sewer Insurance
- Sewer Line Warranty



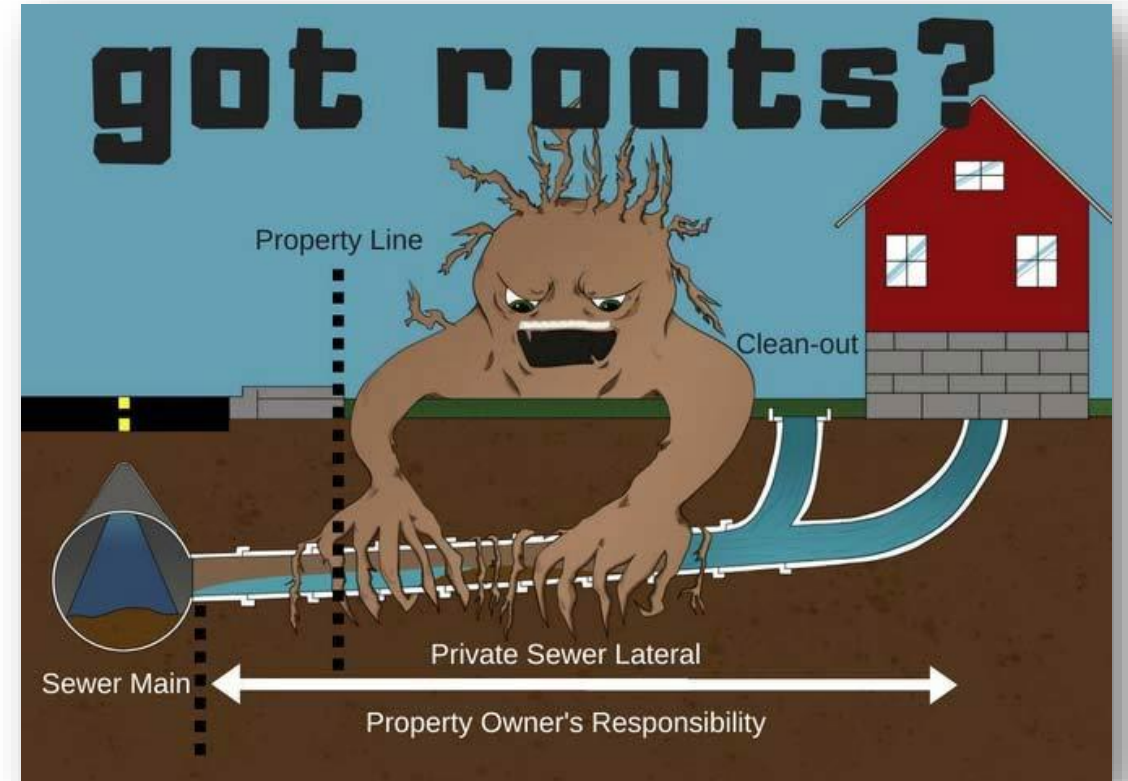
Financial Incentives

- Grants
- Loans
- Rebates



Outreach & Education Program

- Encourages customers to be proactive
- Social-based marketing techniques
- Customer notification
- Sometimes tied to incentive



Next Steps

- Where do we go from here?
- Your input is important

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