

# LEAK REPAIR PROGRAM

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# **PURPOSE**

together we create a strong foundation for Houston to thrive



respect ownership communication integrity teamwork





# **WATER UTILITIES IN TEXAS**

- 6,976 Reservoirs, Lake Caddo, dams used primarily for storage not flood control
- In 2023, Texas saw a population influx of 473,453 people, according to the 2023 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. That's nearly 40,000 new residents per month, or almost 1,300 per day.
- Texas more than doubles the rest of the nation's population growth rate at 16%
- Houston: 92,562 people
- Not one person brought any water with them
- SE and Houston better proximity to access to water sources



# **HOUSTON WATER – DRINKING WATER UTILITIES**



#### **SOURCE WATER**

- San Jacinto and Trinity Rivers
- Lake Conroe, Lake Livingston, Lake Houston
- Evangeline and Chicot Aquifer (14% of Supply)





#### **PURIFICATION**

- 3 Surface Water Plants (NEWPP, \*EWPP, and SEWPP)
- 7 Re-Pump Stations
- 49 Ground Water Plants
- \*Primary plant for Houston's water treatment





# TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

• 7,000 Miles of Pipe



#### DRINKING WATER CHALLENGES



#### **SOURCE WATER**

Water rights are limited, growth will continue.
Transmission systems have limited redundancy and are aged infrastructure.



#### **PURIFICATION**

EWPP serves the majority of Houstonians in the City. Plants #1, #2 of EWPP are reaching end of asset life.

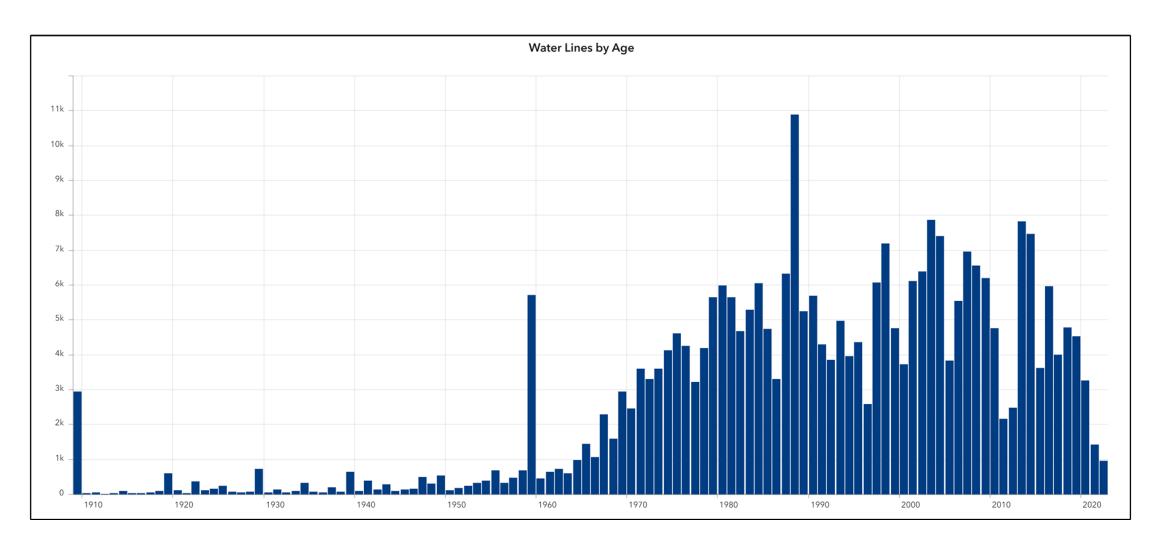


#### **DISTRIBUTION**

Portions of distribution system are near end of service life and failures are further exacerbated by drought conditions.

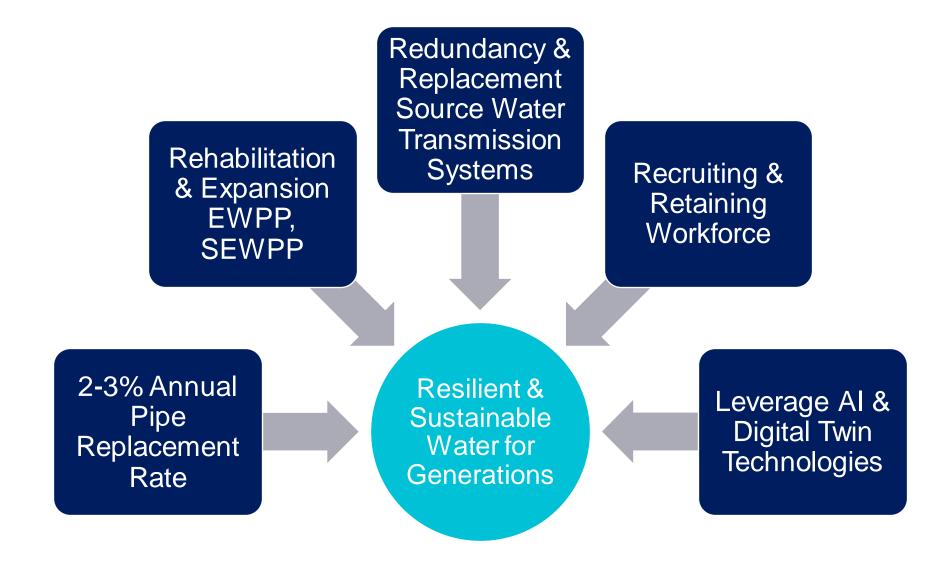


# **AGE OF WATER LINES**





## **ADDRESSING HOUSTON WATER CHALLENGES**





# **HOW MUCH DOES HOUSTON WATER COST?**



At Costco, a pack of 40 water bottles costs \$7.49. For the same value, a customer could receive approximately 9,987 bottles of Houston water.

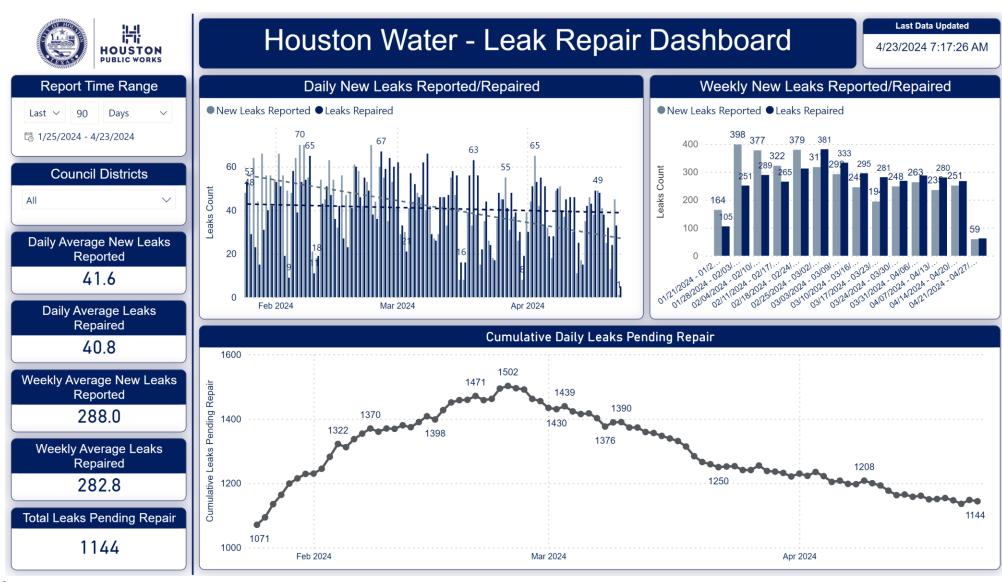


The average cost of a cell phone plan ranges from \$62 to \$166, while the average Houston water bill falls between \$48 and \$120.





## **DASHBOARDS**





# PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

#### Contract Management

- Use of single source contract management to eliminate hard copy information and significantly reduce the use of spreadsheets
- Easier to query and track contract usage

#### Improved Reporting

 Adding data in our work management system to query active leaks instead of active repairs

#### Use of Data Analytics

 Developing real-time Power BI dashboards to track the health and progress of our repair teams and make more informed decisions



# PROCURING REPAIR CONTRACTS

#### 7 Water Line Repair Contracts

- Totaling \$35 million
- Awards expected to begin in September 2024

#### Mix of Competitive and Low Bid

Intended to improve contractor availability and competition

#### Additional Procurement Controls

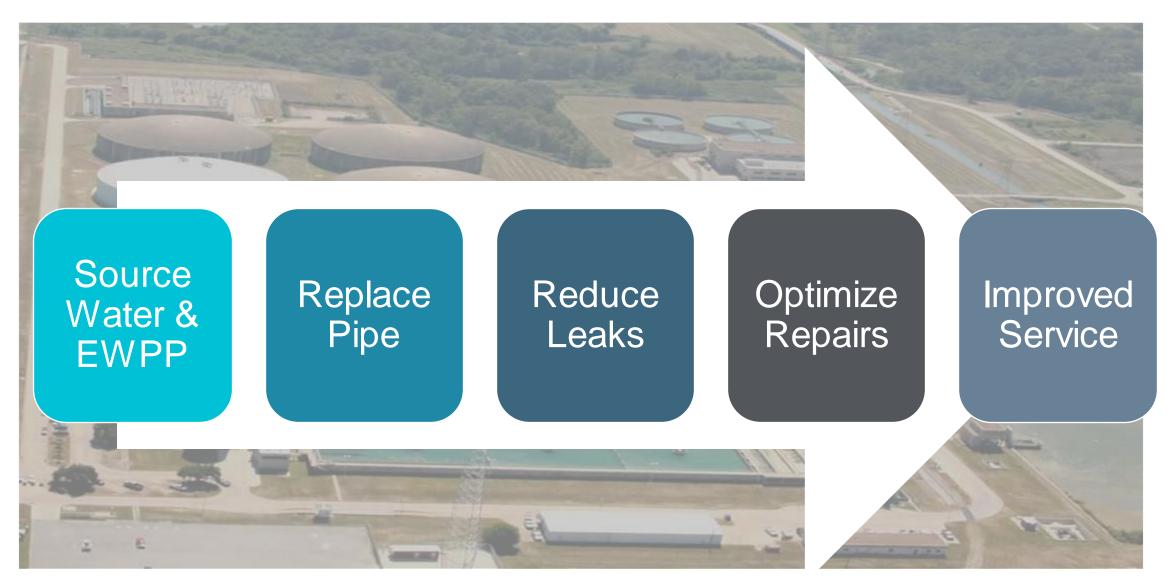
• Procurement is being managed and monitored by staff outside of Houston Water

#### Improved Contract Language

- Specialized contract for GNEHSA for better response times
- Improved contract language to address repairs required during off-times



# CRITICAL PATH FORWARD FOR HOUSTON WATER





# thank you!



