



Are Cost Effective Low Pressure Sewers in Your Future?

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Presentation Outline

- Typical community needs & project drivers
- Engineering evaluation
- Low Pressure Sewer (LPS) system components & operation
- Funding

Community Needs & Drivers

CLOSE TO HOME

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Failing Septic Systems

- Increased Load
 - Congested hamlet areas
 - Camps converting to year-around homes
 - Overloaded & sub-par systems the norm



- Regulations, Stricter Enforcement
 - 100' Separation
 - Neighbor complaints → enforcement
 - Environmental





- Many lots are too small for a new septic system
- Cost prohibitive with few individual grant / assistance options
- Home value “held hostage” as many banks refuse to lend on homes with septic issues → downward spiral

Engineering Evaluation



- Feasibility Study
 - Low cost, big picture engineering evaluation
 - Public interest surveys
 - Screening for potential grants / funding
- Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)
 - Foundation of the Project
 - ✓ Technical Evaluations, Recommendations
 - ✓ Funding, User Cost Estimates
 - Necessary for EFC & USDA RD Funding

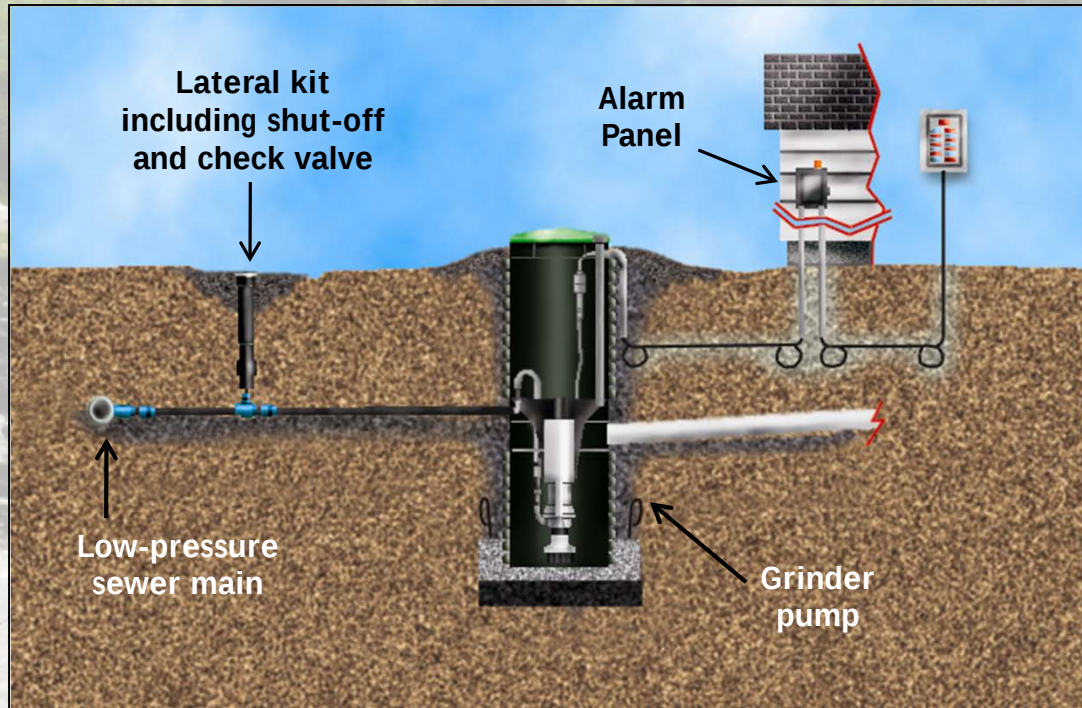
Engineering Evaluation

- Alternative Analysis
 - Do nothing
 - Conventional gravity sewers
 - Grinder pumps & low pressure sewers
- Low Pressure Sewer Key Advantages
 - Flexible alignment & profile
 - ✓ Flexible pipe - can snake around congested sites
 - ✓ Pressure flow – shallow, goes up and down hills
 - Reduced Inflow & Infiltration
 - ✓ High groundwater table situations (e.g. waterfront)

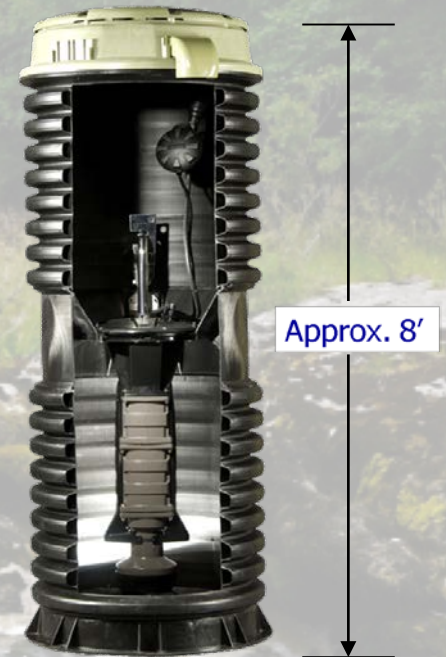


Grinder Pumps

Typical Grinder Pump and Sewer Lateral Installation



Typical Grinder Pump

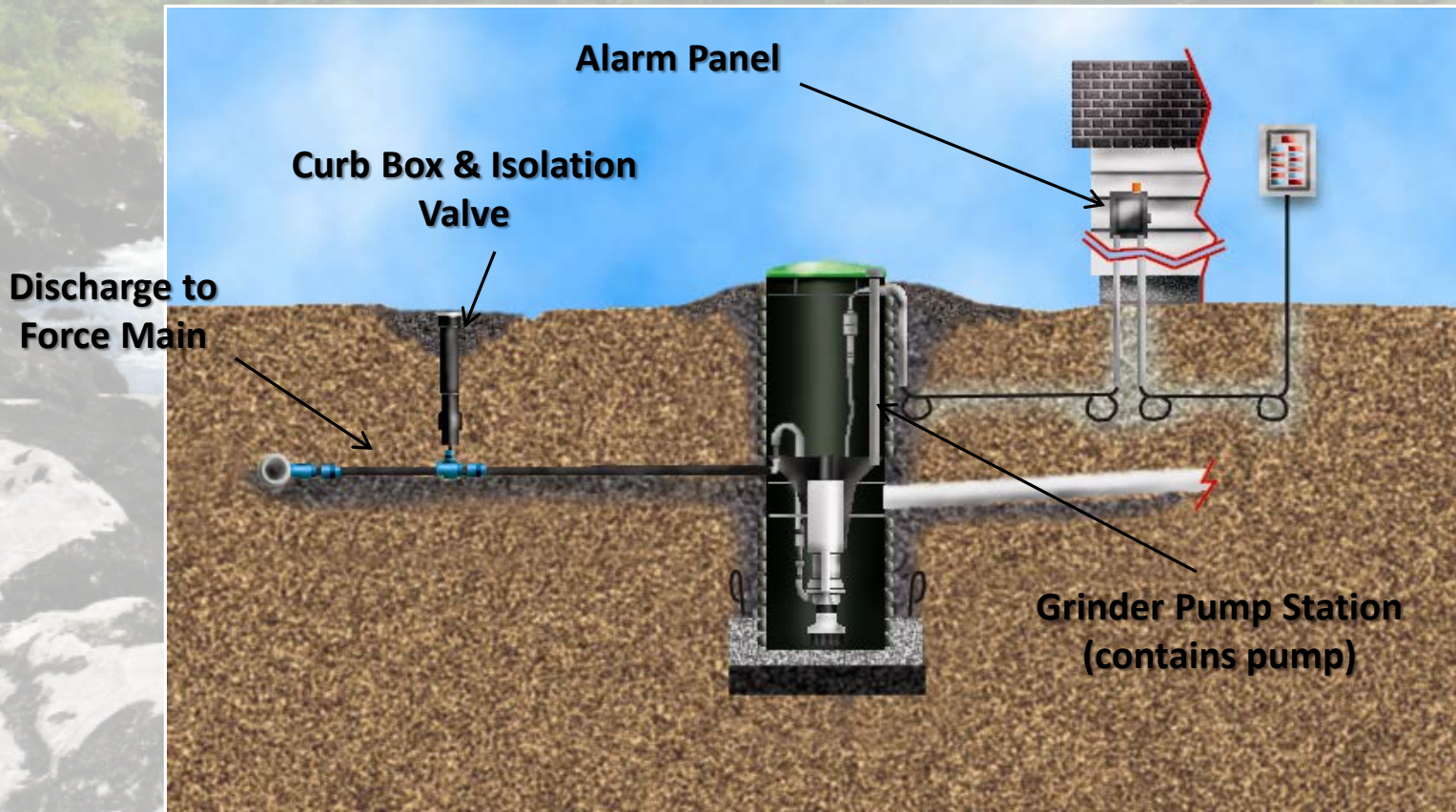


Typical Pump Alarm Panel

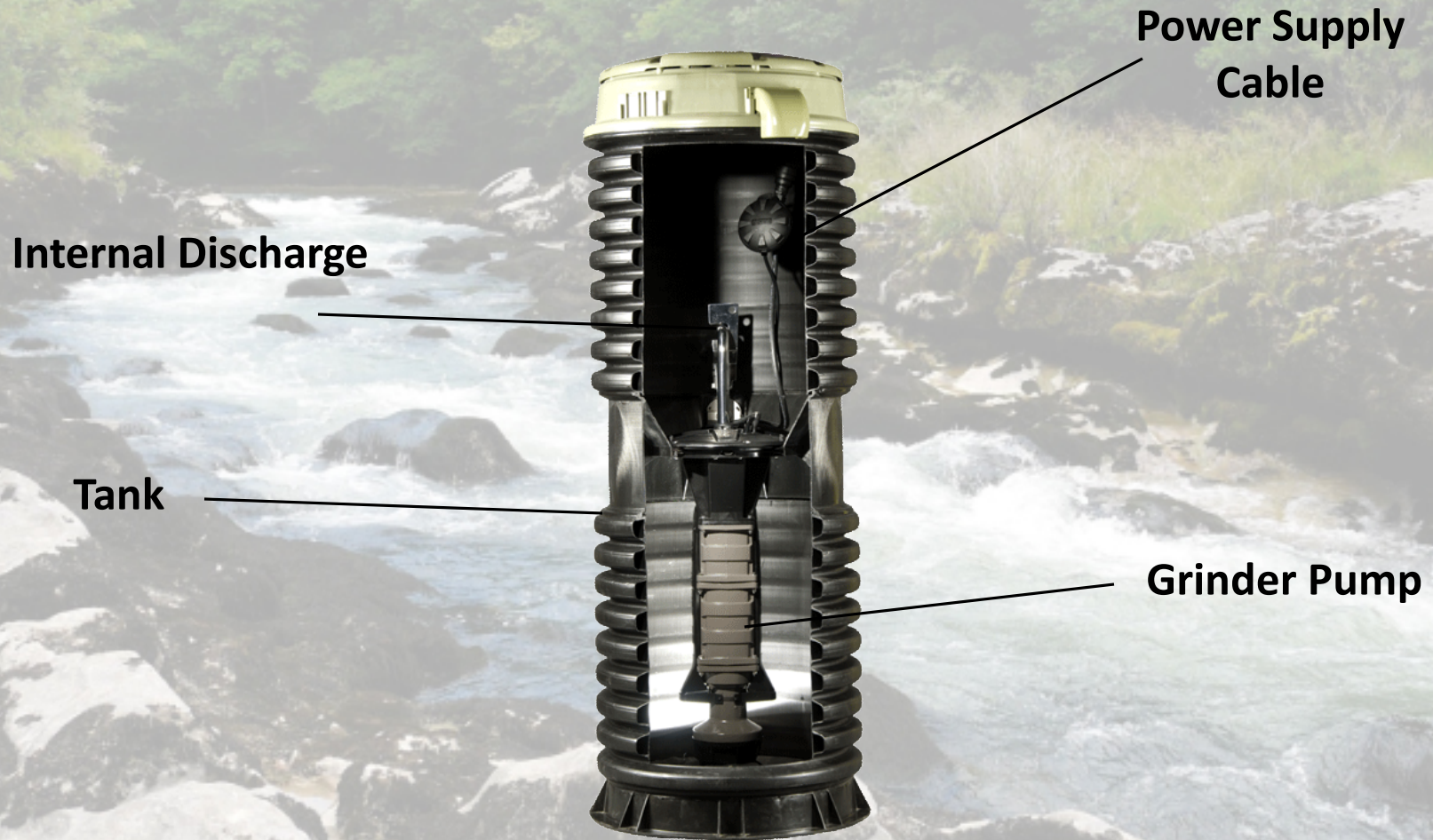
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Typical Residential Grinder Pump Site Components

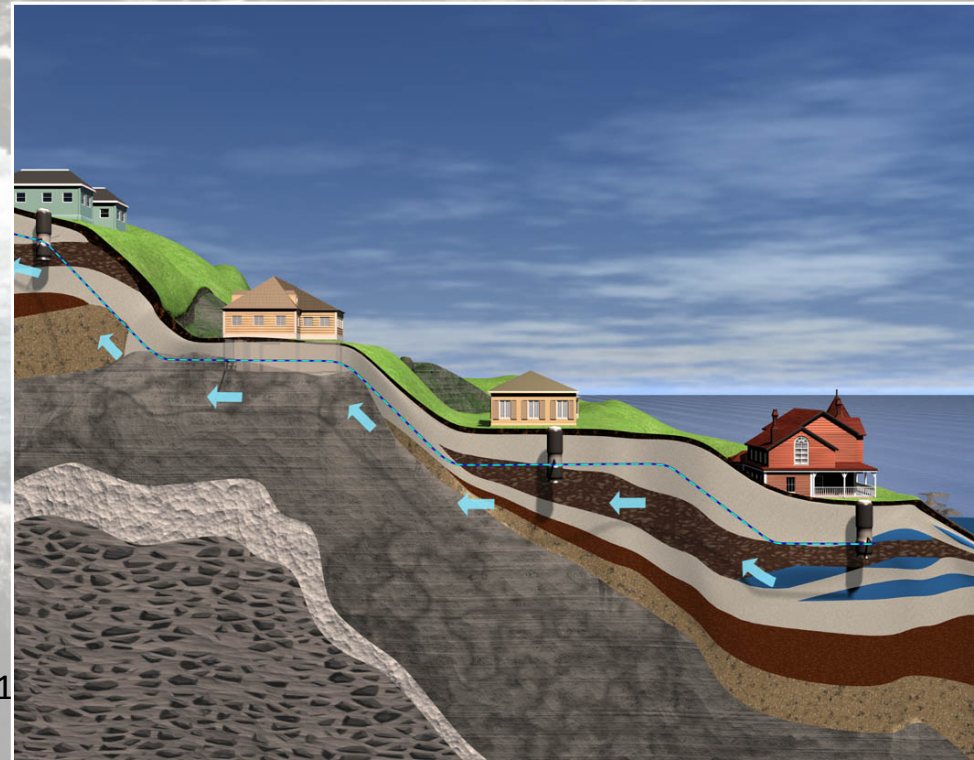


Residential Grinder Pump Package



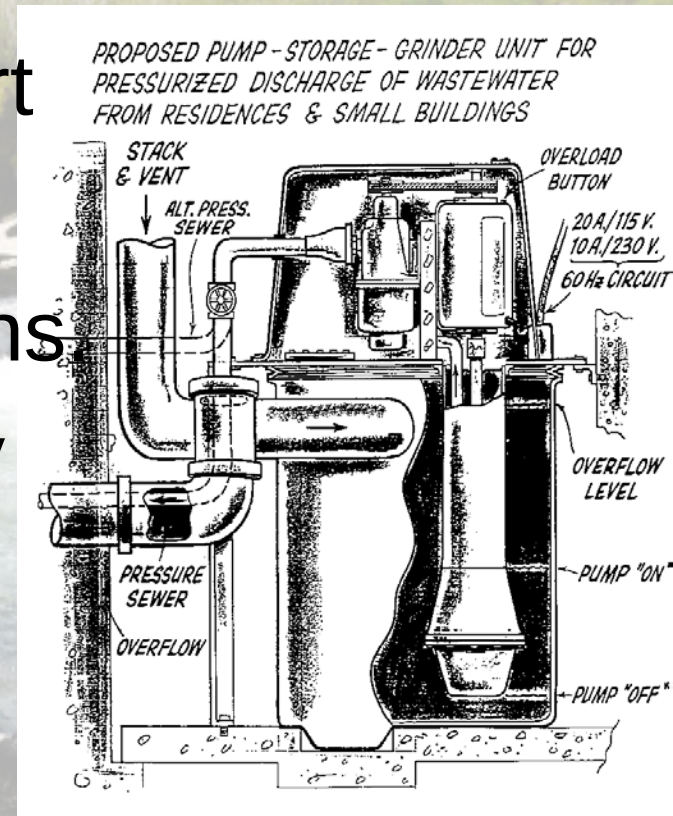
Where is LPS traditionally used?

- Lakefront homes
 - Usually below the sewer main
- Replacing failing septic tanks
- Instead of septic tanks
- Rocky soil
- Hilly Terrain
- High Water tables
- Difficult to sewer lots
 - Odd lot geometry
 - Existing structures

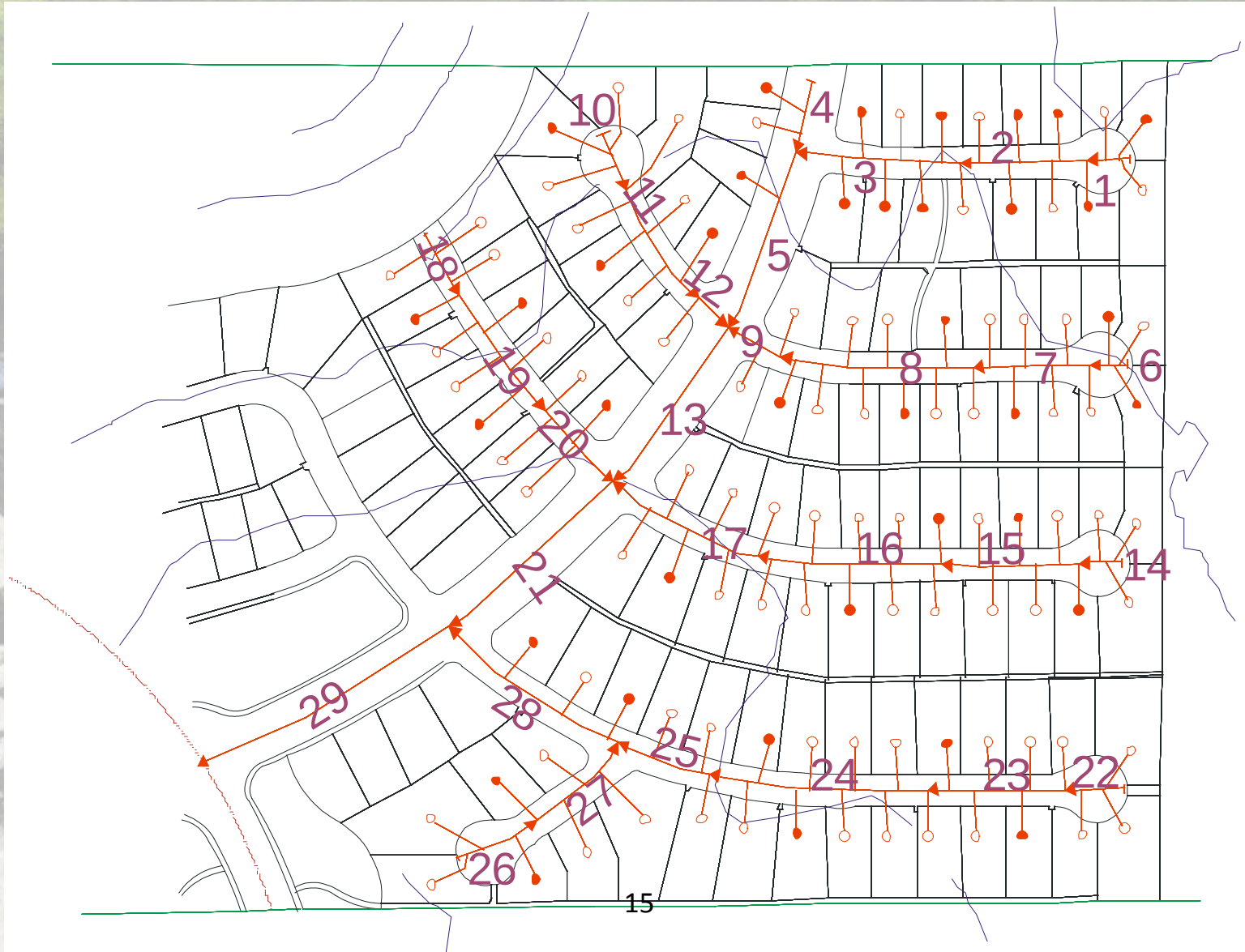


New Technology?...No

- 1965: GE subcontracted to develop a new household appliance.
- 1970: Original engineers start Environment One
- 47 years, 650,000 installations
- 125 new hook-ups every day



LPS System



Maintenance?

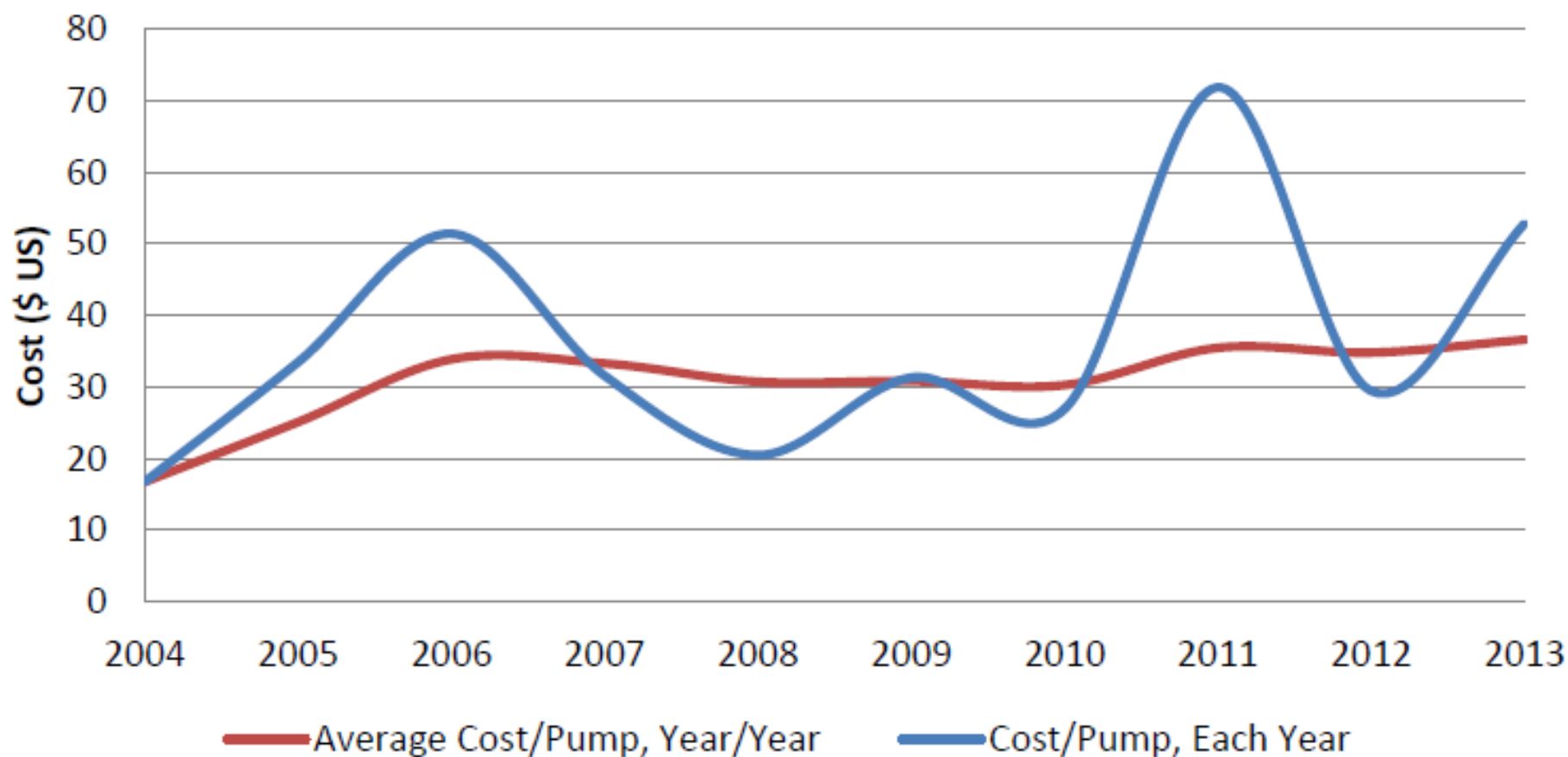
- Periodic maintenance is NOT required.
- All pump components are designed for years of trouble-free service without maintenance
- Unlike the septic tank, no scheduled tank cleaning is required. Wastewater is automatically pumped out multiple times/day.

Frequency and Cost for Repairs?

- Mean-time-between-calls is on average 8-10 years.
- Major repair or replacement between 15-20 years.
- Average maintenance cost of \$30-\$50/pump/year.

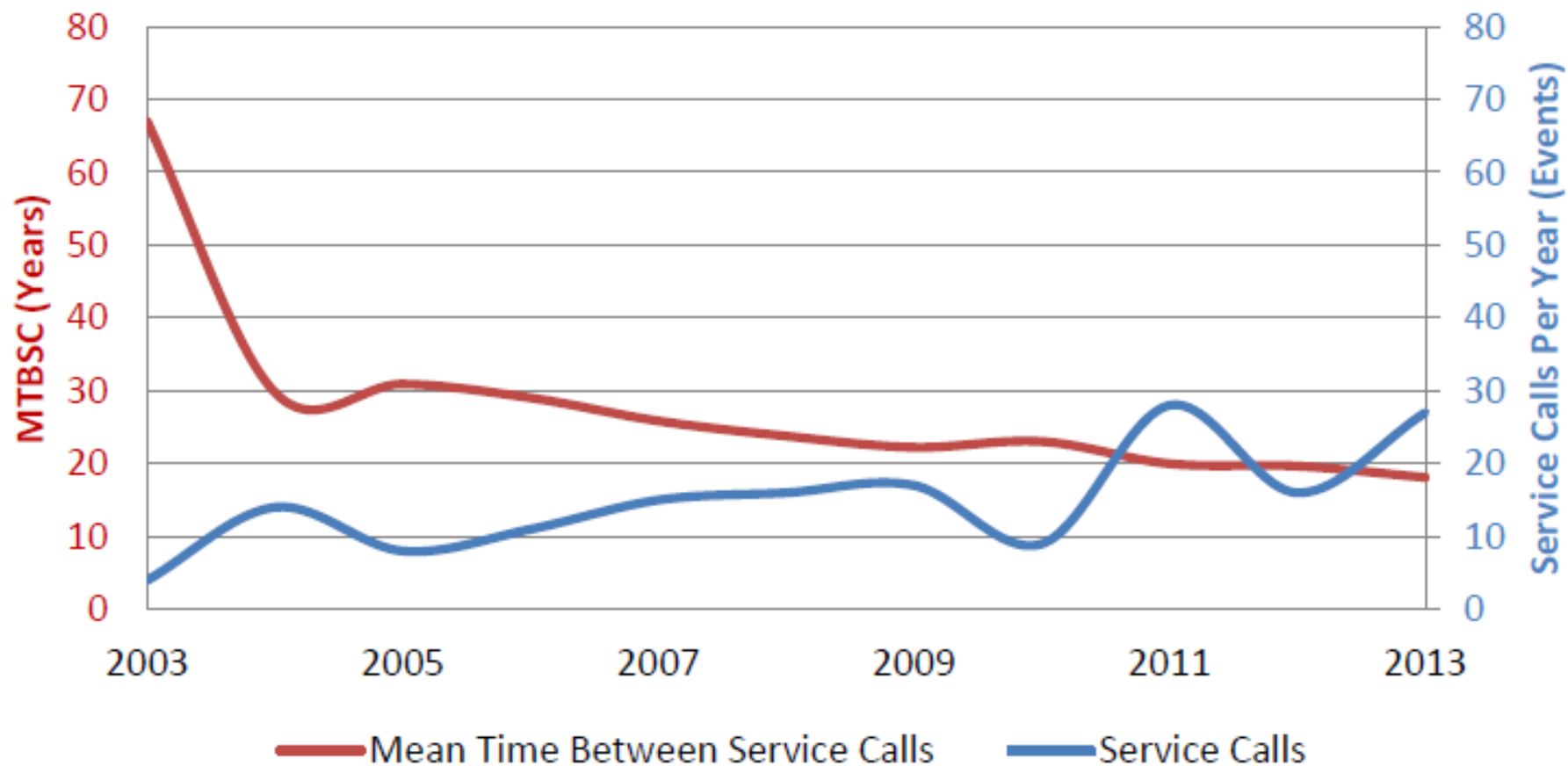
Jerusalem, NY Maintenance Costs

Figure 2



Jerusalem, NY Service Call Data

Figure 1



Cost to Operate?

- Typical single family home generates <200 GPD.
- EONE pump consumes 16kwh/month
- At \$0.11/kwh...
 - **\$1.80/month**

Appliance	Typical Annual Usage
Air Conditioner	2000
Clothes Dryer	1200
Refrigerator	750
Television	500
E/One Grinder Pump	200
Coffee Maker	100
Vacuum Cleaner	45
Clock	17

Noise?

Quieter than the noise from your refrigerator.



Odors?

- Properly designed and installed systems have no odor issues.
- Tank size and cycle time are important.
 - Bigger is not always better



Power Outage?

- The pump requires electricity to operate.
- During an outage, home water use drops significantly.
 - Dishwasher
 - Washing machine
 - Shower
- EONE tank has 70 gallon of storage.
- Can also run the pump on a generator



Power Outage?

So...YES, you can still use
the bathroom

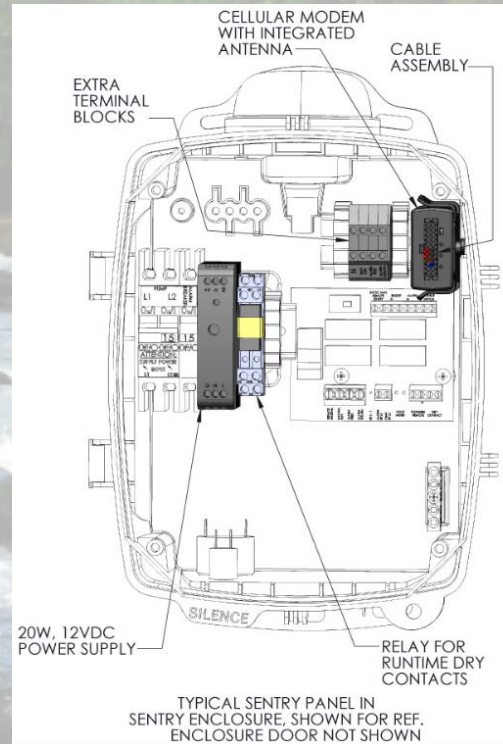
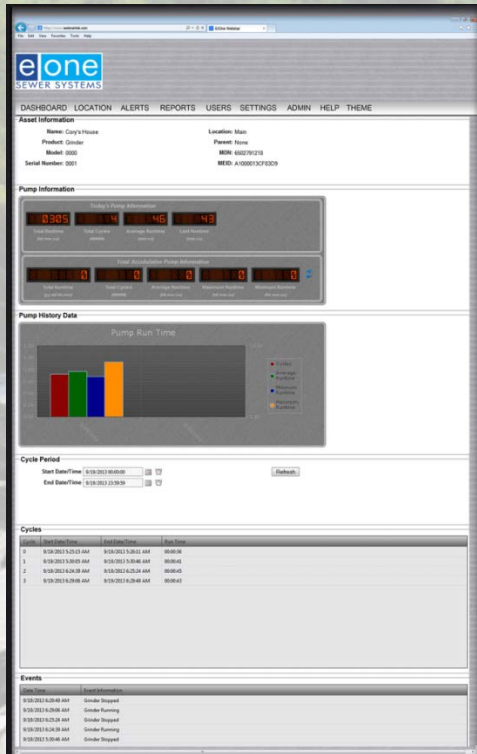


Little Johnny?

Table 1- Household Items added to the Pump Basin	NSF 46-1997
Item	Frequency
Toilet tissue, 24 perforated sheets (wetted in test water)	4 times per day, 5 days per week
Facial Tissue	2 per day, 5 days per week
Filter Tip Cigarette	1 per day, 5 days per week
Egg	1 per day, 5 days per week
Paper towel*	1 per day, 5 days per week
Condom*	1 per day, 5 days per week
Sanitary napkin* (wetted in test water)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Chlorine laundry bleach* (8 ounces)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Cotton swab* (plastic stick)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Disposable diaper* (large children's size)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Tampon* (plastic applicator added separately)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Adhesive bandage* (paper wrapper added separately)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Dental floss (12 inch piece)	1 per day, 5 days per week
Alkali drain cleaner (8 ounces)	1 per week, at random
Handi-wipe	1 per week, at random
Acidic drain cleaner (8 ounces)	1 per week, at random
Liquid animal fat (4 ounces)	1 per week, at random
One pair nylon panty hose (size large)	1 per week, at random
Cloth diaper (wetted in test water)	1 time during test, at random
Toothbrush	1 time during test, at random
Wood pencil	1 time during test, at random
Plastic table utensil	1 time during test, at random
Metal bottle cap	1 time during test, at random
HDPE bottle cap	1 time during test, at random
Metal, toy car (Matchbox or Hotwheels)	1 time during test, at random
Eight ounce drinking glass (crushed)	1 time during test, at random
* Items added separately each day in succession	



Remote System Communications



Installed



Questions?

