Organically Growing an Asset Management System in the City of Novi, Michigan

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City of Novi, Michigan - Location
The City of Novi has steadily gained population over the past 50 years, with a 2013 estimated population of nearly 60,000 (SEMCOG). This 7.3% increase is the 2nd largest population increase since 2010 in southeast Michigan, reinforcing Novi’s position as one of the desirable communities to live in metro Detroit.

As result of the higher than average educational attainment, thereby resulting in a large percentage of management and professional jobs, it’s no surprise that Novi residents incomes are also surpass county and state averages. In 2010, the median household income in Novi was $80,151.

Median Household Value: $259,656, however recent listings in Novi on realtor.com average over $300,000.

Housing Type:

Half of the housing units in the City are detached single family homes, with apartments making up another third.
City of Novi, Michigan - Assets to Manage

- 198 miles of major roads and neighborhood streets
- 4,597 traffic & informational signs
- 4 major bridges
- 318 miles of sidewalks and multi-use pathways
- 330 miles of water main
- 4,194 fire hydrants
- 13,530 water service connections
- 263 miles of sanitary sewer main
- 6,759 sanitary manholes
- 926 acres of parkland in 12 parks
- 32,443 tree sites along streets & on City-owned property
- 280 vehicles and major pieces of equipment in the City's fleet
Planting the Seed - CMMS Findings Report (2007)

- Analysis and recommendations for implementing a CMMS solution for DPS – Water & Sewer Division
  - Presentations of three CMMS applications: Cityworks, CarteGraph, Hansen
  - Interviews with City staff
  - Demos from software vendors with City data to address our CMMS needs
  - Discussion about advantages/disadvantages of each solution

- Goals to accomplish through use of CMMS program:
  - Enhance workflow and establish more organized operations
  - Track and report labor, equipment, materials, and cost used for maintenance
  - Reduce the number of paper forms used for documentation
    - Provide a method to accurately predict budget and justifying resources
    - Track citizen complaints
    - Develop an improved method of data management for existing assets
    - Provide IT infrastructure that will support growth
    - Integrate with more departments to become a City-wide solution
CMMS Findings Report Recommendations

- **Phased approach**
  - Phase 1: Water & Sewer
  - Phase 2: Remaining DPS
  - Phase 3: Additional departments & mobile operations

- **Data gathering**
  - Identify type of reports or maps needed then work backwards to determine information required to collect & maintain

- **Field Operations Considerations**
  - Roads, catch basins, signs, snow removal, mowing, drains

- **GIS Database Management**
  - Migrate to ArcSDE
  - Current staffing level may threaten success of CMMS implementation

- **Additional considerations**
  - Engineering
  - Integration of sanitary sewer videos and inspections
  - SCADA integration
Nurturing the CMMS Seedling (2007-2011)

- **2008-2012** – The Great Recession
  - Taxable property value fell 18.6% from peak in 2008 to 2012
- **March 2009** – Department of Public Services reorganization
- **Fall 2009** – Commitment from City Manager to support asset management system
- **2010** – Investigation of Cityworks as preferred asset management solution
  - **Winter 2011** – CIP for Novi Enterprise Asset Management System (NEAMS) submitted for FY2011-2012 budget
  - **Fall 2011** - RFP Issued for Cityworks integration services & vendor selected
    - Integration Partner – POWER Engineers
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NEAMS Phase I

- January 2012 – May 2012
- Asset classes included
  - Water Distribution System
  - Sewer Collection System
  - Roads
  - Signs
  - Related objects to sign supports
- Project highlights
  - Acquisition of hardware & software
  - Cityworks configuration
    - 116 service request types
    - 163 work order types
  - ArcSDE/SQL Server implemented
  - Connection to UB for meter information
- Project management using Basecamp online tool
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NEAMS Phase II

- October 2012 – January 2013
- Asset classes included
  - Boardwalks/Sidewalks
  - Curb ramps
  - Stormwater
- Project highlights
  - Cityworks configuration
    - 23 service request types
    - 40 work order types
    - 6 inspections
  - Upgrade to Cityworks 2012 & ArcGIS 10.1
  - Identify tool from POWER Engineers implemented
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NEAMS Phase III

- January 2014 – April 2014
- Asset classes included
  - Tree Sites converted from Davey TreeKeeper 7

- Project highlights
  - Cityworks configuration
    - 5 service request types
    - 20 work order types
  - Upgrade to Cityworks 2013 & ArcGIS 10.2
  - Pruning Schedule layer developed
  - Landscape Architect from Community Development Department included to manage planting projects

- Tree Inventory Update
  - Capture missing & new tree sites using GPS
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NEAMS Phase IV

- October 2014 - Present
  - Expand commercial inspections to 13,000 residential customers per MDEQ
- Asset classes included
  - Backflow prevention devices/cross connection locations
  - Building footprints with related table
- Project highlights
  - Cityworks configuration
    - Cyclical work orders & inspections
  - Reports
    - Form letter with mail merge based on inspection cycle (1 yr, 3 yr, 5 yr)
    - MDEQ statistics
  - Upgrade to Cityworks 2014 & ArcGIS 10.3
October 2014 – March 2015

Mobile solution requirements
- Device with Windows OS to support SCADA
- Ability to create service requests, work orders, and inspections in the field
- Capture photos to attach to work activity
- Secure connection to City network

Field Tablets
- Motion Computing CL920
- NetMotion VPN connection

Benefits
- Reduced paper workflow
- More time spent in the field
- Streamlined photo attachment process
- Printing from the work site

Lessons Learned
- Training in small groups
- Verizon “optimizes” devices
Branching Out Beyond Asset Classes

- PipeLogix integration
  - CCTV camera system & software

- Additional workflows
  - Street light inspections
  - Park inspections & work orders
  - Tap card conversion (future)

- Cyclical inspections
  - Boardwalks
  - Detention Basins

- Reports
  - 15 reports created using Crystal Reports

- GIS data analysis
  - SAW Grant application
  - Sewer system capacity study
Field Operations Roadmap

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Asset Classes / GIS Features

- Streets
  - Signs
- Sidewalks
  - Boardwalks
  - Storm Water
- Forestry
- Park Inspections
- Motion Tablets
- Cityworks 2011
- Cityworks 2012.1
- Cityworks 2013
- Cityworks 2014
- Cityworks 2015
- Cityworks 2016

Software Systems

Hardware

Novi29 Server
Water & Sewer Roadmap

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**Software Systems**
- Cityworks 2011
- Cityworks 2012.1
- Cityworks 2013
- Cityworks 2014
- Cityworks 2015
- Cityworks 2016

**Hardware**
- Novi29 Server
- CCTV Storage
- SCADA Server
- Motion Tablets
- Lift Station & Pump Station Equipment
- OnBase

**Asset Classes / GIS Features**
- Water
- Sewer
- Cityworks
- 2011
- 2012.1
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- PipeLogix
- Cross Connections / Backflow Prevention
- Motion Tablets
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| Park Inspections                       |
| Cross Connections / Building Footprints |
| Asset ID Trigger                       |

| CCTV Storage                          |
| SCADA Server                          |
| Motion Tablets                        |
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Fruits of Our Labor

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Encouraging System Growth

- Support builds a solid foundation
  - City Council
  - City Manager’s Office
  - DPS Leadership
  - Information Technology

- Producing results creates confidence so the system thrives
  - Reports

- Listen to and learn from the users
  - Enhancements
  - Configuration changes
  - Gain efficiencies

- Training
  - New users
  - Software upgrades
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