

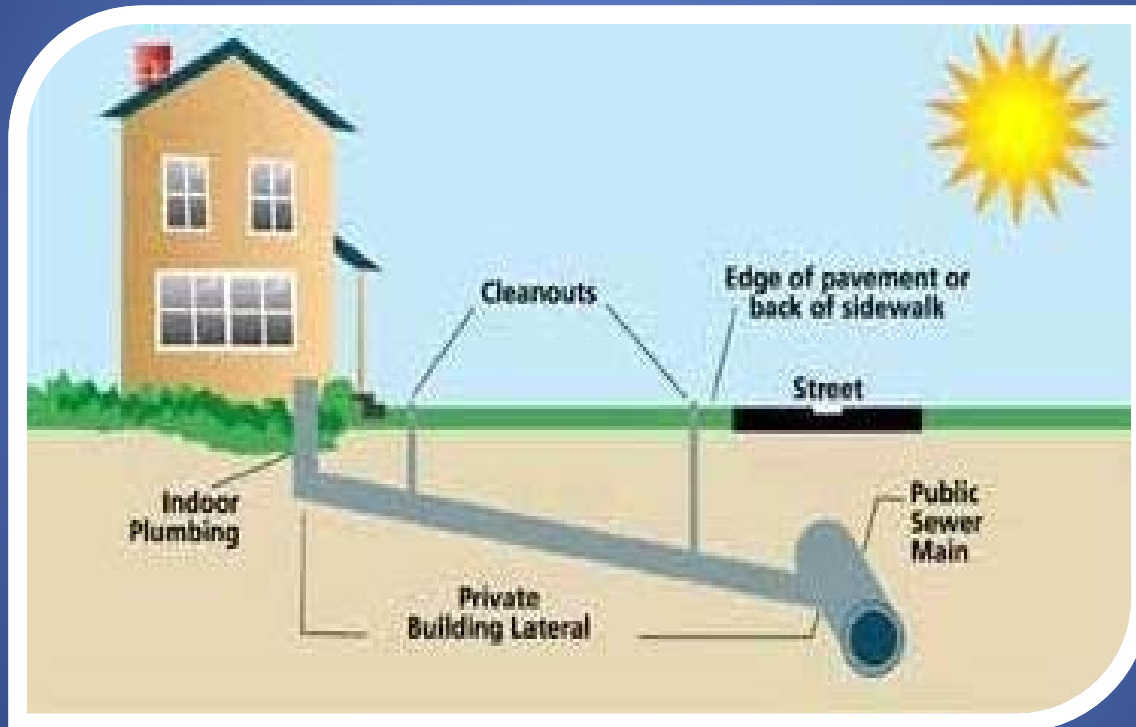
SANITARY SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM



City of Maryland Heights

What is a sewer lateral?

The pipe that carries home waste to sewer main.



- Part of the house
- Homeowner's private property.



What if my sewer lateral breaks?

Sewer laterals fail due to age or settling soil.

- Sewage backs up into your home.
- Your yard may collapse over the damaged section of pipe.
- Sewage may leak into your yard, spreading pollutants and bacteria.



How much does a sewer lateral repair cost?

- Most cost at least \$3,000. Complicated repairs can exceed \$10,000.
- Not covered by most homeowners' insurance policies.



Sewer lateral repair photos:



Maryland Heights Sewer Lateral Program

- Before 1999 homeowners were solely responsible for sewer lateral repair costs.
- In 1999 Maryland Heights voters approved a \$28 annual fee funding the sewer lateral repair program.

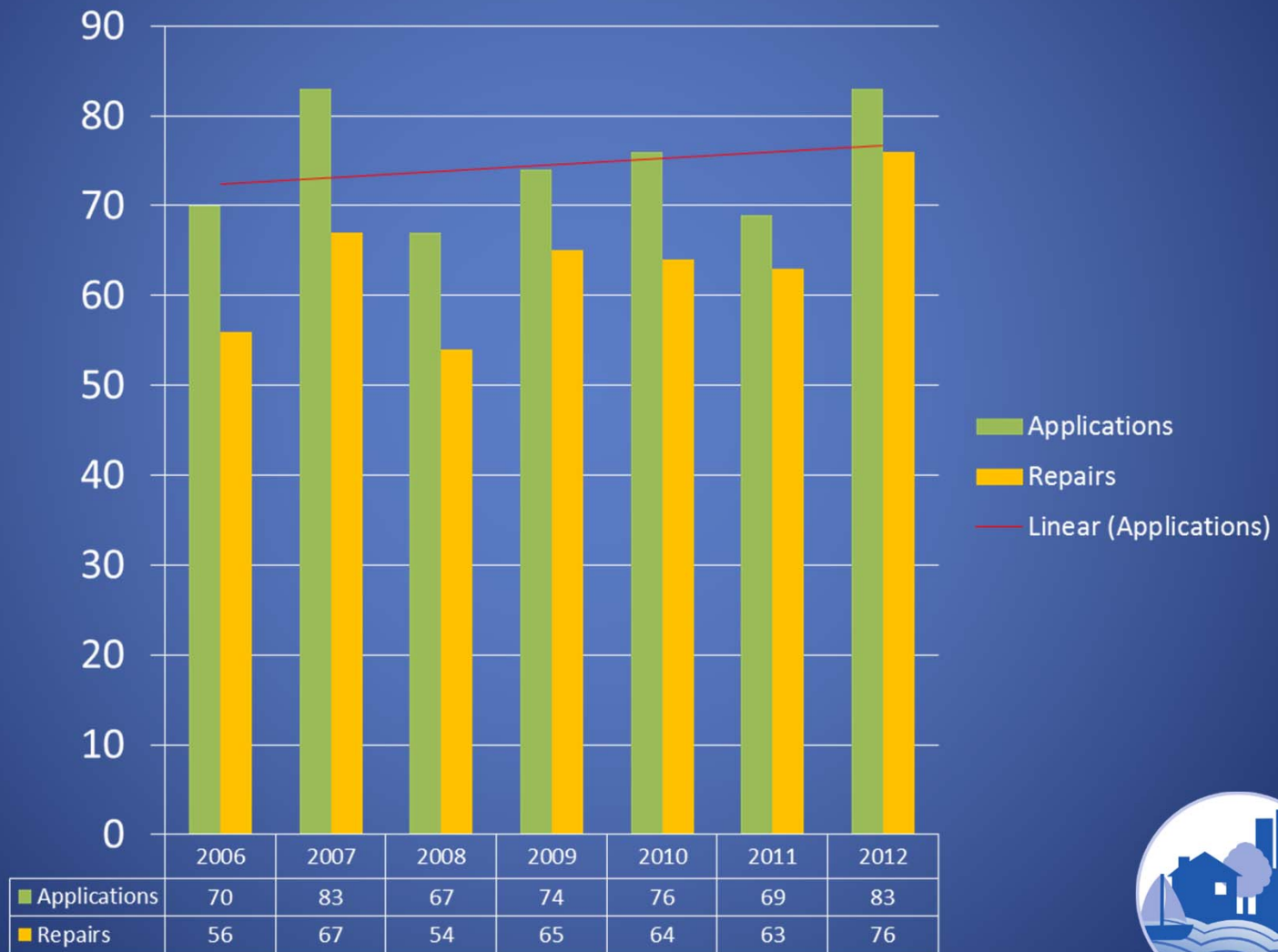


Maryland Heights Sewer Lateral Program

- Sewer lateral program works like insurance:
 - It covers 100% of the cost of repairs up to \$10,000 and 50% of cost above \$10,000.
- City has performed 767 repairs over 13 years.



Sewer Lateral Program Use: 2006-2012



Sewer Lateral Program Funding

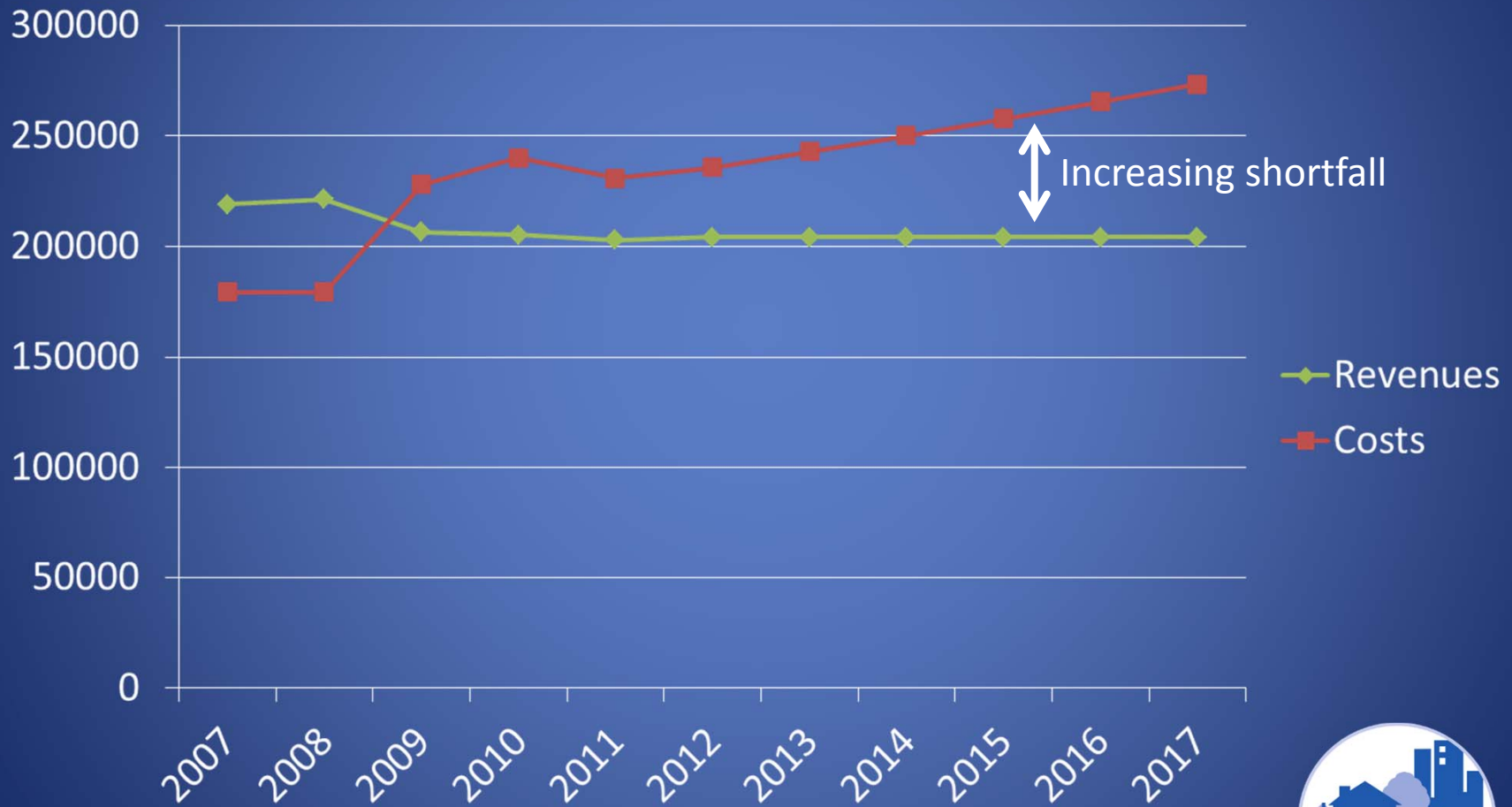
- Since 2009, the sewer lateral program has operated at a loss.
- The number of annual repairs has increased, as has the average cost per repair.
- We expect these trends to continue.



Sewer Lateral Program 2000-2012



Projection: 2007-2017



Sewer Lateral Program Funding

- Either program revenues increase or program costs reduce.
- To reduce costs:
 - City could put homeowners on waiting list, or ask them to pay a substantial portion of cost.
- Increasing revenues will allow city to continue meeting residents' needs.



Projection 2007-2017: Revenues Increase



Sewer Lateral Program Funding

- The City Council has placed the fee increase on the April 8, 2014 ballot.
- A “yes” vote would increase the annual fee for the program from \$28/year to \$50/year.
- A “no” vote would keep the annual fee at current \$28/year level.



We encourage you to vote on April 8, 2014
regarding this important issue!

Questions?

