

City of Milwaukee

Downspout Disconnection Program (DDP)



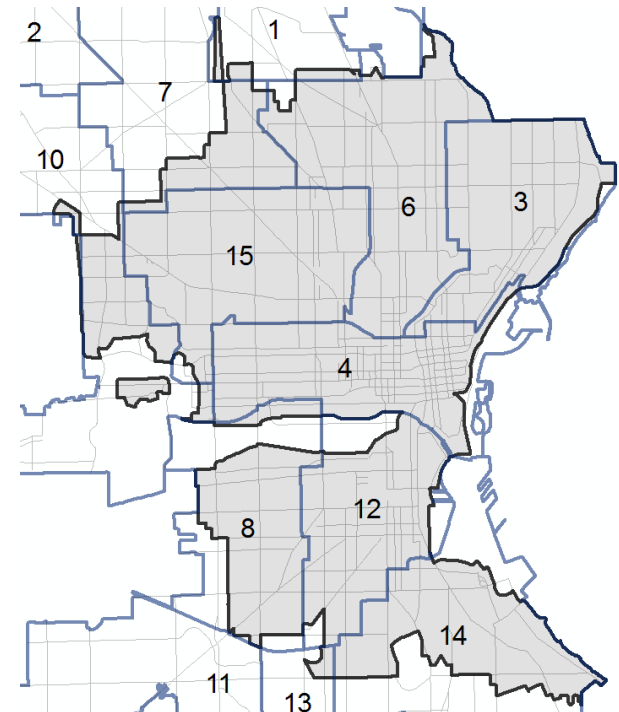
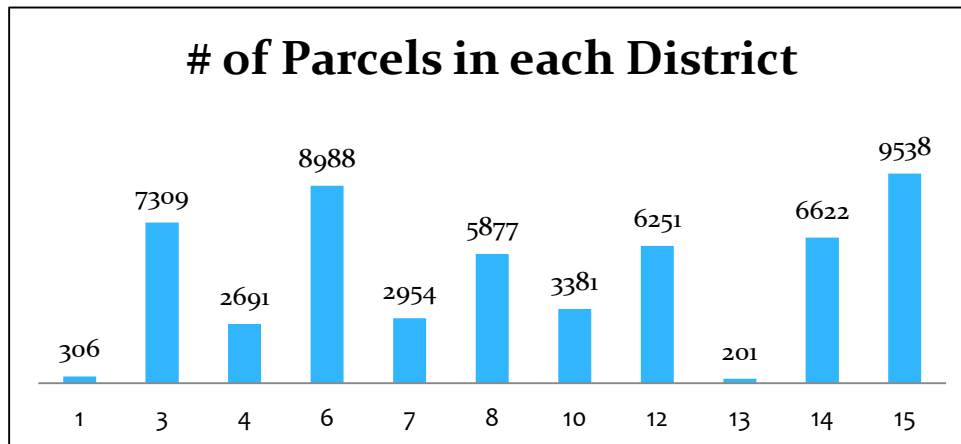
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Downspout Disconnection Background

- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) revised Chapter 3 of their Rules and Regulations
 - Residential parcels that contain up to four units must disconnect their downspouts from the combined sewer system by January 1, 2025
- In 2015 City of Milwaukee Update to Code of Ordinances Chapter 225-4
 - New construction of residential properties are prohibited from connecting beginning January 1, 2016
 - Code will be updated to require the entire combined sewer area to disconnect before the end of 2024

Program Area

- The combined sewer service area CSA in the City of Milwaukee :
 - Total of 66,400 parcels in the CSA
 - Total of 51,000 parcels identified as residential with up to four units
- Commercial parcels are not required to disconnect, but will be encouraged to participate in the program



Downspout Disconnection Program Update

- Informational mailer sent January 18, 2019
 - Provides background information, link to website, call center
- Desktop survey complete
 - 51,000 properties reviewed, 28,000 (55%) identified as possible disconnections
- Follow-up letter to be sent in March
 - Yes – Information on how to sign up, outline of process
 - No – Information on rain barrels and likely links to MMSD programs
- Next steps
 - Coordinate with potential disconnection contractors and non-profits
 - Develop “how-to” brochure for residents