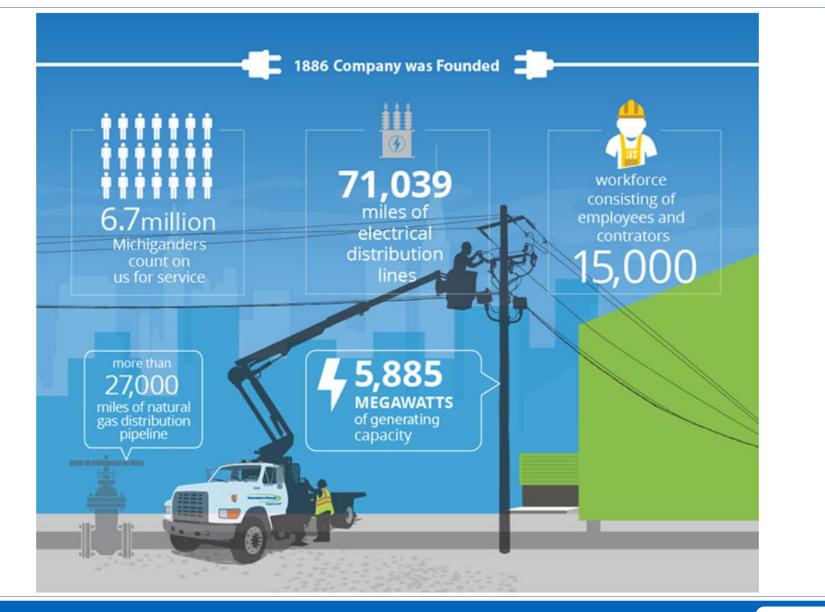
# Consumers Energy Damage Prevention and Public Safety Outreach Program



Chelsea Dodge 6/13/18



# **Consumers Energy Overview**





# The Team

- Public Safety
  Program Coordinator
- 7 Full-Time
  Consultants & 1
  Engineer
- 2 College Interns



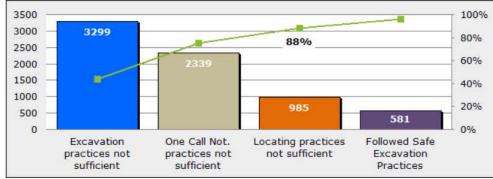


# Damage Prevention "Rally Room"

- Problem Solving
- Data-based approach

**PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Consumers Energy currently has a gas damage rate of **43.6** damages per 1000 system miles which increases public safety risk and results in Consumers Energy being ranked in the 4<sup>th</sup> quartile per the American Gas Association.

>DAMAGE RATE DEFINITIONS



### 2015-2017 Primary Root Causes (Gas & Electric)

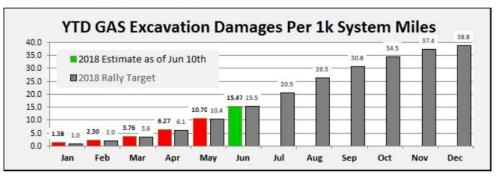
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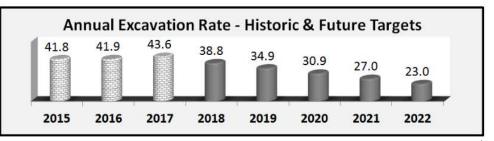
**One Call Notification practices not sufficient** 

Locating practices not sufficient

**GOAL:** Multi-year goal – Achieve excavation damage rate of **23.0** (or less) per 1000 system miles by end of 2022 to obtain 1<sup>st</sup> quartile ranking per AGA damage prevention benchmark.

#### >PROJECT CHARTER DOCUMENT

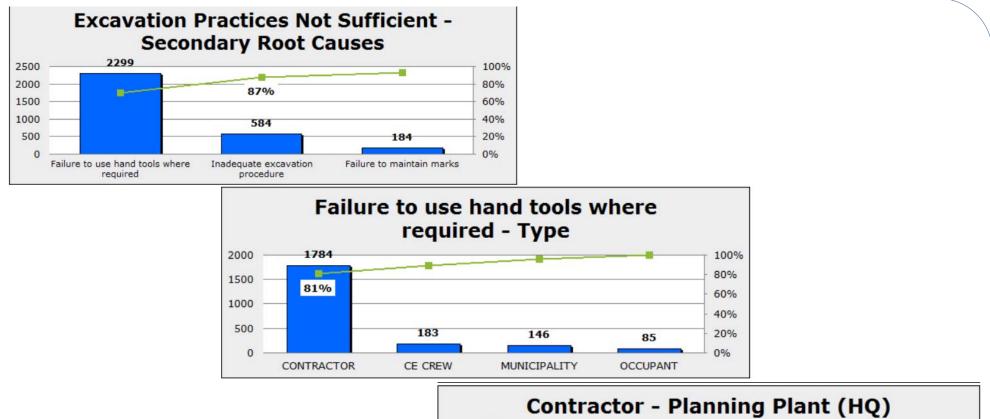


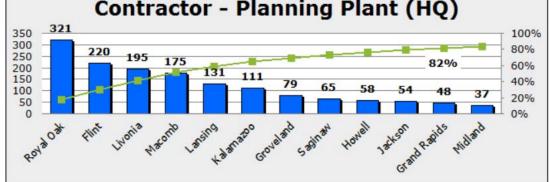


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# Using Data to Drive Change





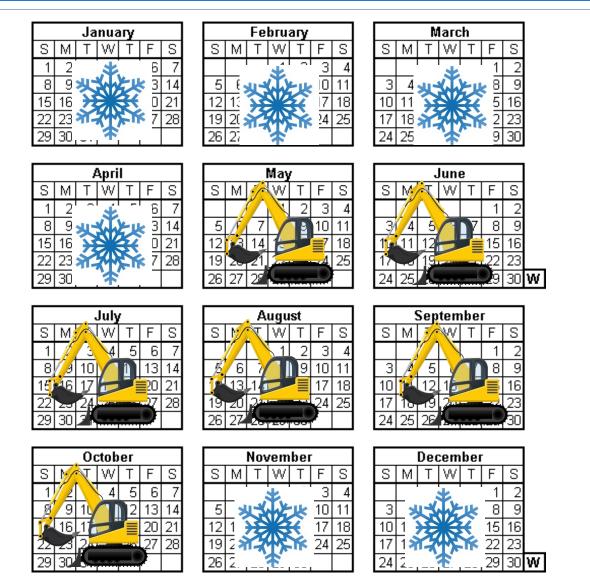
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# **Action Plan**

- Proactive Crew Visits
- Timeliness of billing
- Public Safety Good Catch training workforce to enforce MISS DIG law
- Staker Training



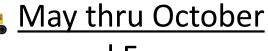
# Calendar Balance



November thru April

Increased Focus on **Public Safety Education** 

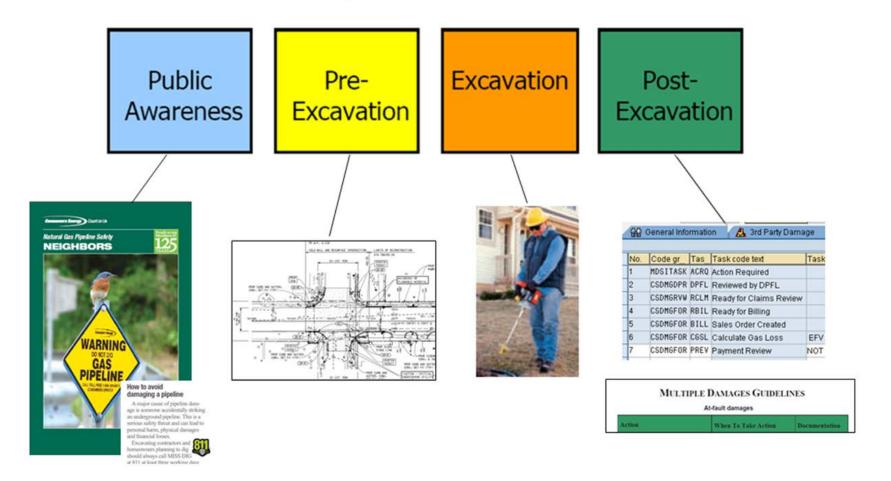




**Increased Focus on Damage Prevention** 



## DAMAGE PREVENTION High Level View





# **Field Visits**

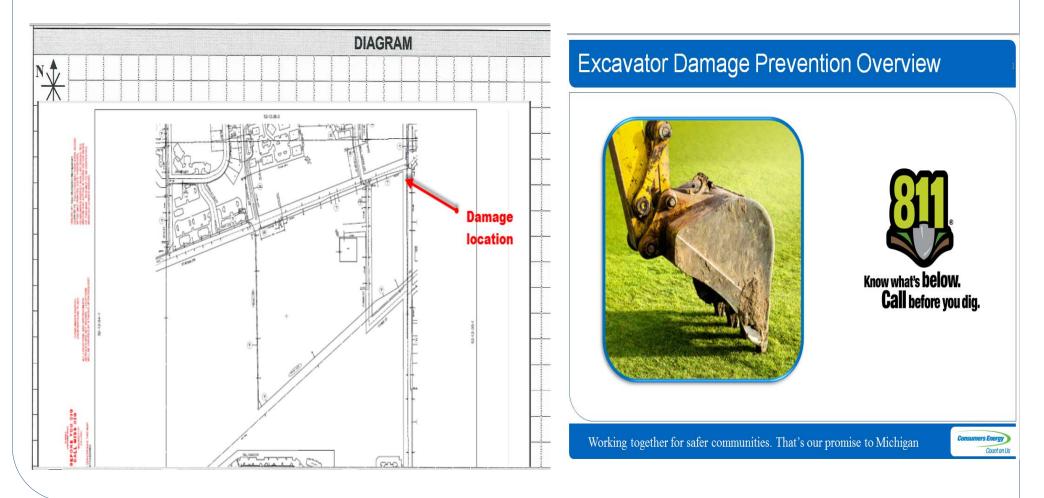
# Safe Digging Observations Contract Staking Audits





# **Field Visits**

Damage Investigations
 Education & Outreach





## **Excavator Education**

- Targeted approach
- Incident Follow-up & Education
- WorkSafe<sup>™</sup> website and Worker Safety Mailers
- Working with MISS Dig—MISS DIG Grant







# Multi-Damager Follow-up

- Phone Call/Email
- Site Visit
- Send Letter / Printed Resources
- Meetings
  - Company Officials/Safety Director
  - Project Owners/Stakeholders
- MPSC





# Thank you!





# **Roundtable Discussion**

# How do you measure the effectiveness of your program?



# What has had the biggest impact on decreasing damages?



# Do you use data to determine where you focus your outreach activities?



# What do you do about multi-damagers?

