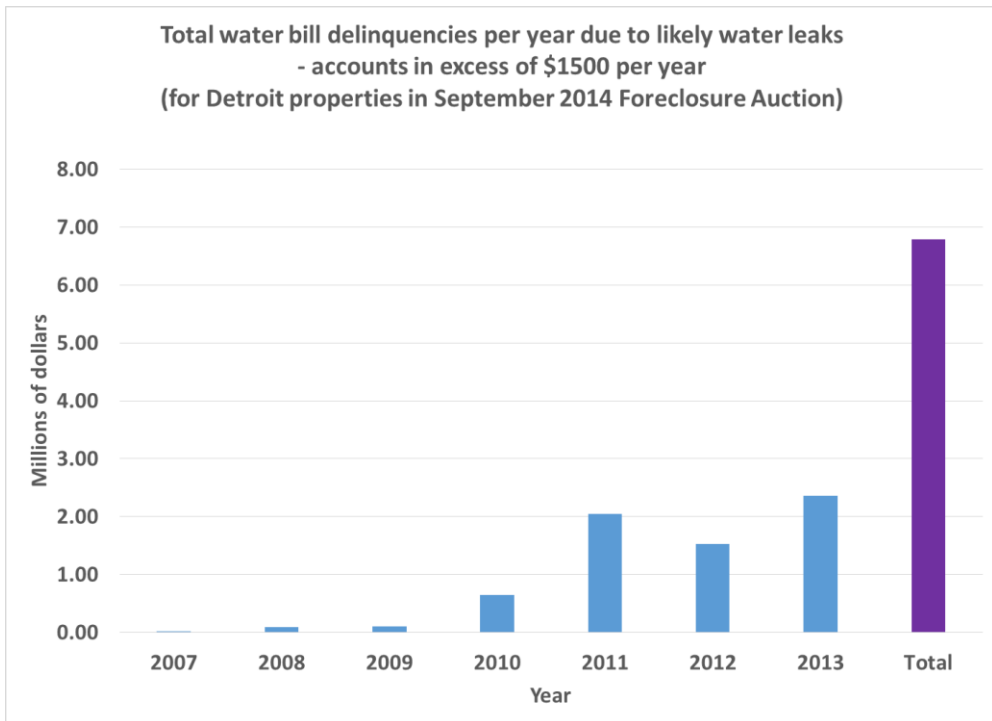
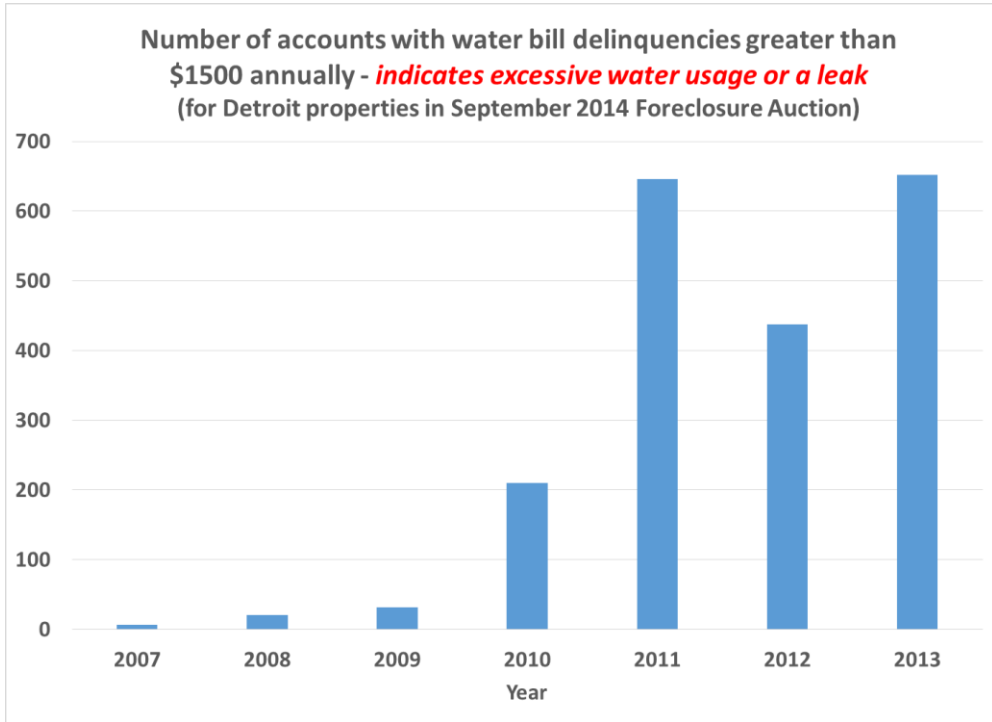


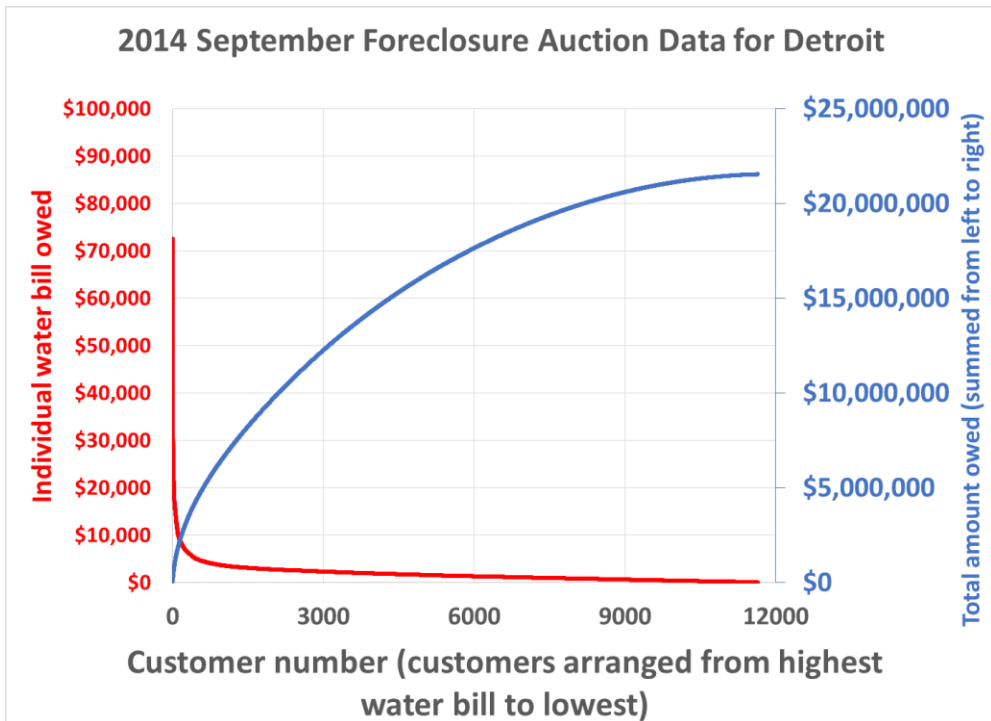
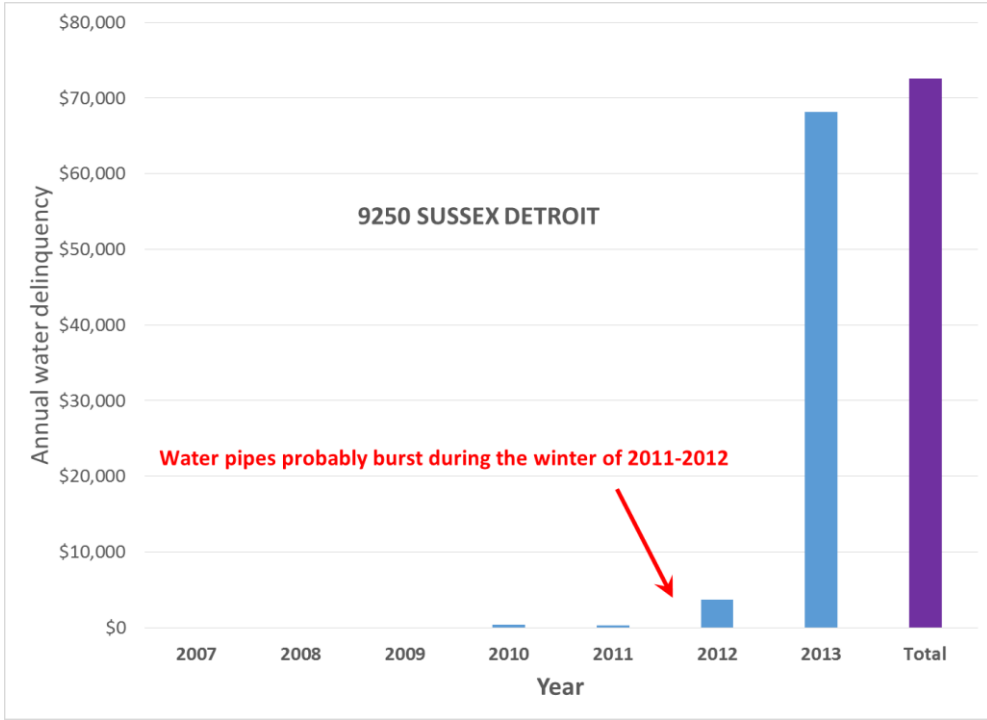
# A look at Water Delinquencies in the September 2014 Tax Foreclosure Auction for Detroit, Michigan, USA

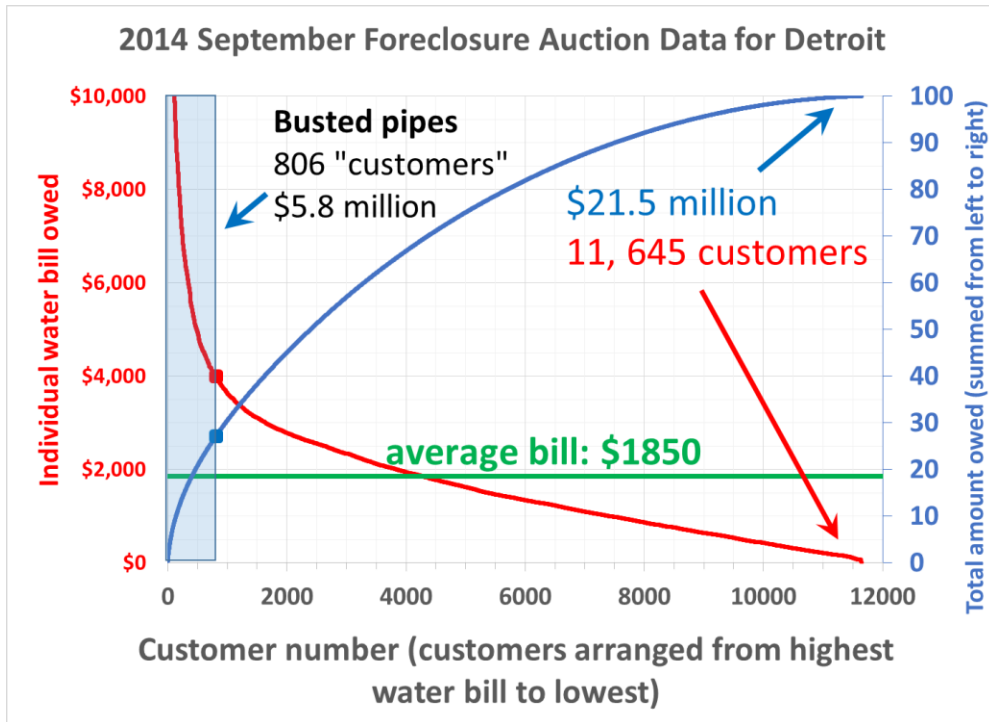
Data obtained from the Wayne County Treasurer  
11,979 Residential Properties

- The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department places liens on properties for delinquent water bill water bills.
- \$22.8 Million in Water Delinquencies are for Detroit properties listed in the September 2014 Tax Foreclosure auction
- Worst 800 “Customers”, owing \$4000 or more, or 7.5% of the customers, account for \$5.8 million or 27% of the total owed.
- These “Customers” are probably empty houses with broken water pipes.
- In addition, water runs freely in an unknown number of abandoned commercial properties and schools,

The following charts are generated from publicly available data. It demonstrates how easy it is to identify open, metered, leaks in empty houses.







There are also significant unmetered leaks caused by the theft of the water meters and failed pipes.

The unmetered leaks, *above and beyond* that normally attributed to aging water systems, is probably on the order of 10% to 20% of the total water pumped by DWSD, based upon DWSD estimates of unaccounted water usage.

It was absolutely irresponsible for the management of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to use \$537 million proceeds from infrastructure bonds to pay termination fees for interest rate swaps instead of repairing the broken water infrastructure.

- Charts by Mike Shane, Moratorium NOW! Coalition