

CASE STUDY



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SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO DISTRICT SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION

Pipe and Manholes Fully Restored
with Materials Designed to
Withstand Harsh Winters and
Extremely Cold Conditions

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Owner

- South Adams County Water District,
Commerce City, CO

Effected Structure/Dimensions

- 163 Manholes
 - Diameter: 48" & 60"
 - Depth: Varied from 3'-18'
- Material: Pre-cast
- Type: Sanitary Sewer

Project Challenges

- Deteriorated sanitary sewer system causing problematic inflow and infiltration
- Colorado winter/ freezing temperatures during installation

Solution

- Pipe Sections: CIPP lined Total LF: 40,000+
- Manholes:
 - Structural Relining with Quadex® QM-1s Restore®
 - Corrosion Resistant Lining with Quadex Structure Guard®
- Application: Spray and Trowel

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Project Timeframe

- September 2018 - January 2019

SITUATION

Extreme and harsh winter weather conditions are a part of life in South Adams County, Colorado. So it is no surprise its sanitary sewer pipes and manholes were found to be suffering from severe deterioration and I&I. Rather than dig and replace, both the pipe and manholes could be fully restored and protected through trenchless rehabilitation means.

In all, there was approximately 40,000 LF of 8" pipe and 163 manholes, ranging from 48" and 60" in diameter and 3' - 8' in



*Cold winter conditions not only impacts the installation crew,
it takes its toll on the manholes as well.*

SITUATION (CONTINUED)

depth, in need of rehabilitation. If the pipe repairs were not made, the inflow and infiltration would continue to degrade the system and ultimately increase the cost of wastewater treatment. Additionally, if the manholes were not structurally restored, the threat of collapse, sinkholes and costly emergency repairs was imminent.

SOLUTION

To address the pipe and manhole concerns, the engineer and general contractor recommended two courses of action. Clearly the pipe was to be CIPP lined. However, due to the degradation of the manholes, they would require more attention. To address the loss of structural integrity, the manholes would be lined with Quadex® QM-1s Restore®, a cementitious mortar known for its structural restoration properties. The engineer called for Quadex Structure Guard®, a 100% solids epoxy spray, to be applied at a thickness of 125 mils to add the needed corrosion protection.

PROVEN APPLICATORS ENSURE QUALITY INSTALLATION

The CIPP lining was conducted by Insituform, while the spray-applied Quadex materials used for the manholes were installed by Vortex Services. Both companies are backed by years of installation expertise.

CHALLENGES & RESULTS

During the installation phase, cold weather became a major installation impediment. Although the frigid Colorado temperatures presented many challenges, through careful planning and execution, the crews were able to successfully complete this manhole rehabilitation project.

Post installation testing of the Structure Guard epoxy revealed adhesion levels that exceeded the expectations of county officials. Visual inspections also showed clean, smooth finished manholes in spite of the less than desirable weather conditions faced by the crew.



Typical manhole condition prior to lining with QM-1s Restore.



Manhole lined with QM-1s Restore and ready for Structure Guard epoxy coating for corrosion protection.



Structure Guard 100% solids epoxy was applied at 125 mils, to provide corrosion protection.