



Crowd Cartography:

Mobile crowdsourcing of university facilities mapping



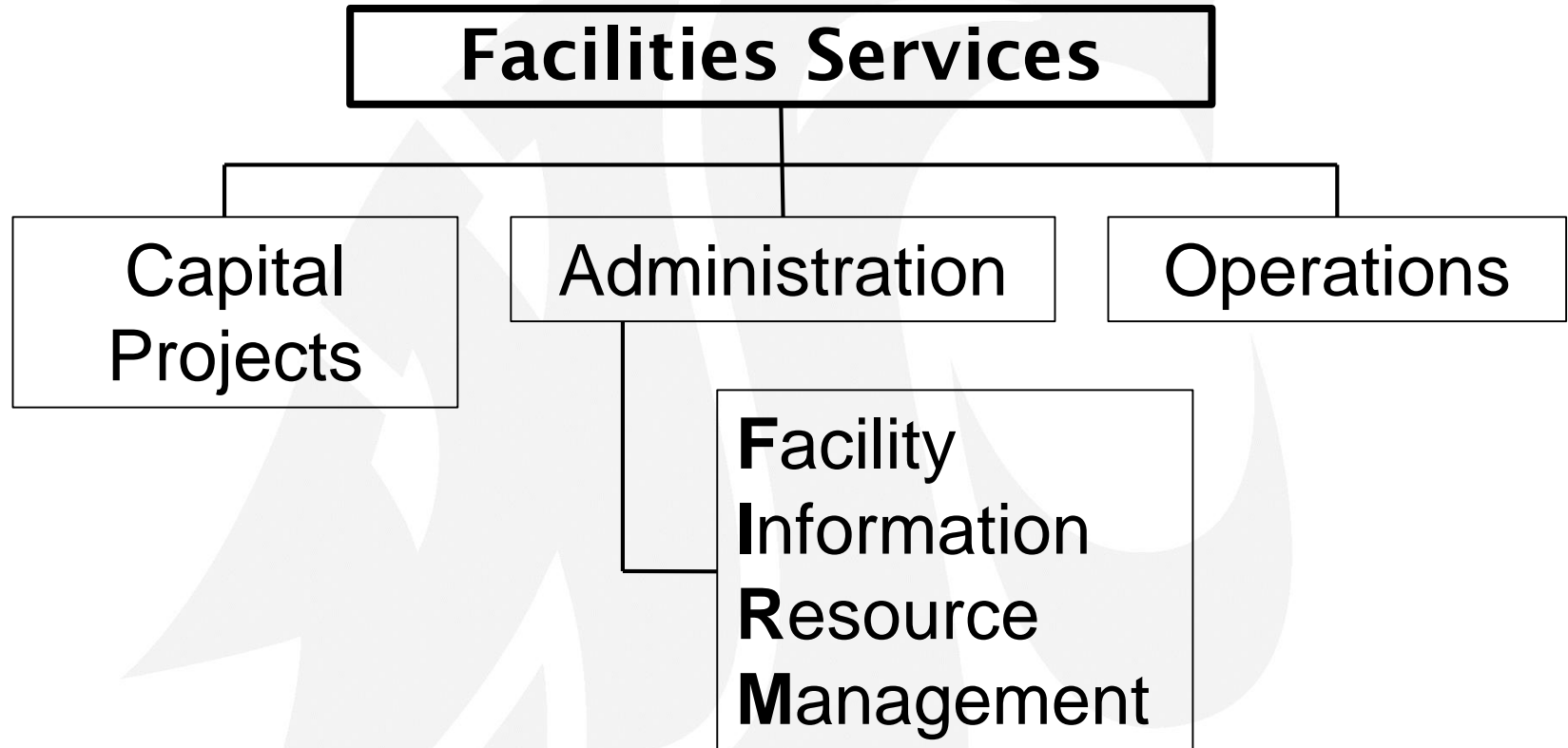
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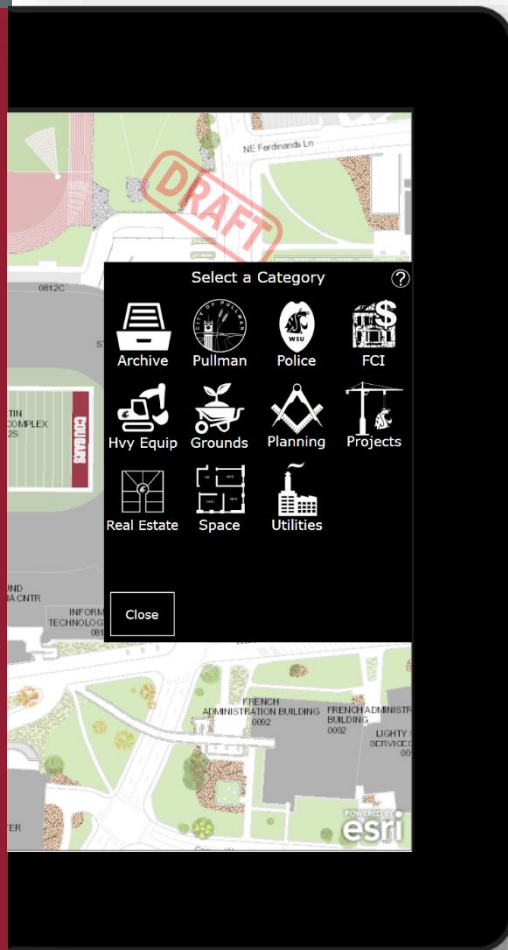


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Facility Information Resource Management (FIRM)



- Campus & Space Planning
 - 2 FTE
- Spatial Information and Technology
 - GIS: 1 FTE and 1 time slip student employee
 - Campus Mapping: 1 FTE and multiple student employees
 - Drafting & Engineering Services: 2 FTE
 - Archive: 1 FTE
 - Space Management: 2 FTE



WSU Infrastructure Stats

Real Estate

- 21,550 acres owned & leased worldwide

Facilities

- 1,000 owned facilities
- 1,400 floorplans
- 12 million square feet of interior space

Utilities (Pullman)

- 27 miles of streets
- 50 miles of sidewalks
- 2700 outdoor lighting fixtures
- 42+ miles of electrical lines
- 22 miles of steam lines
- 30 miles of fresh water lines
- 6 miles of chilled water lines





Washington State University





- Founded 1890
- Land Grant Institution
- Over 29,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students
- PAC 12





WSU Locations



-  4 Campuses (Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver)
-  5 Research and Extension Centers
-  4 Research and Extension Units
-  1 Research Station



Problem

Maps for land, facilities, and utilities were not properly maintained over the last 40 years of expansion



Previous Mapping Technology

- CAD based utility maps
- ArcGIS Server 9.3
 - Used for real estate only
- Basic real estate viewer using ESRI Silverlight API v2.4



Solution: Mobile Crowd Cartography App

Goal: Create an easy-to-use mobile application so that all staff can view and query the same geospatial data as well as contribute information back into the university's GIS.



Critical Needs

- Easy and intuitive to use
- Allow users to submit corrections or additions to existing data





Critical Needs

- Must support current users of the GIS
 - Real Estate
 - Planning
 - Capital Projects
- Support expanded department workflows and users





New ArcGIS Site





App Design



Menu Layout

- Easy to interact with while holding a tablet

Menu Card Stacks

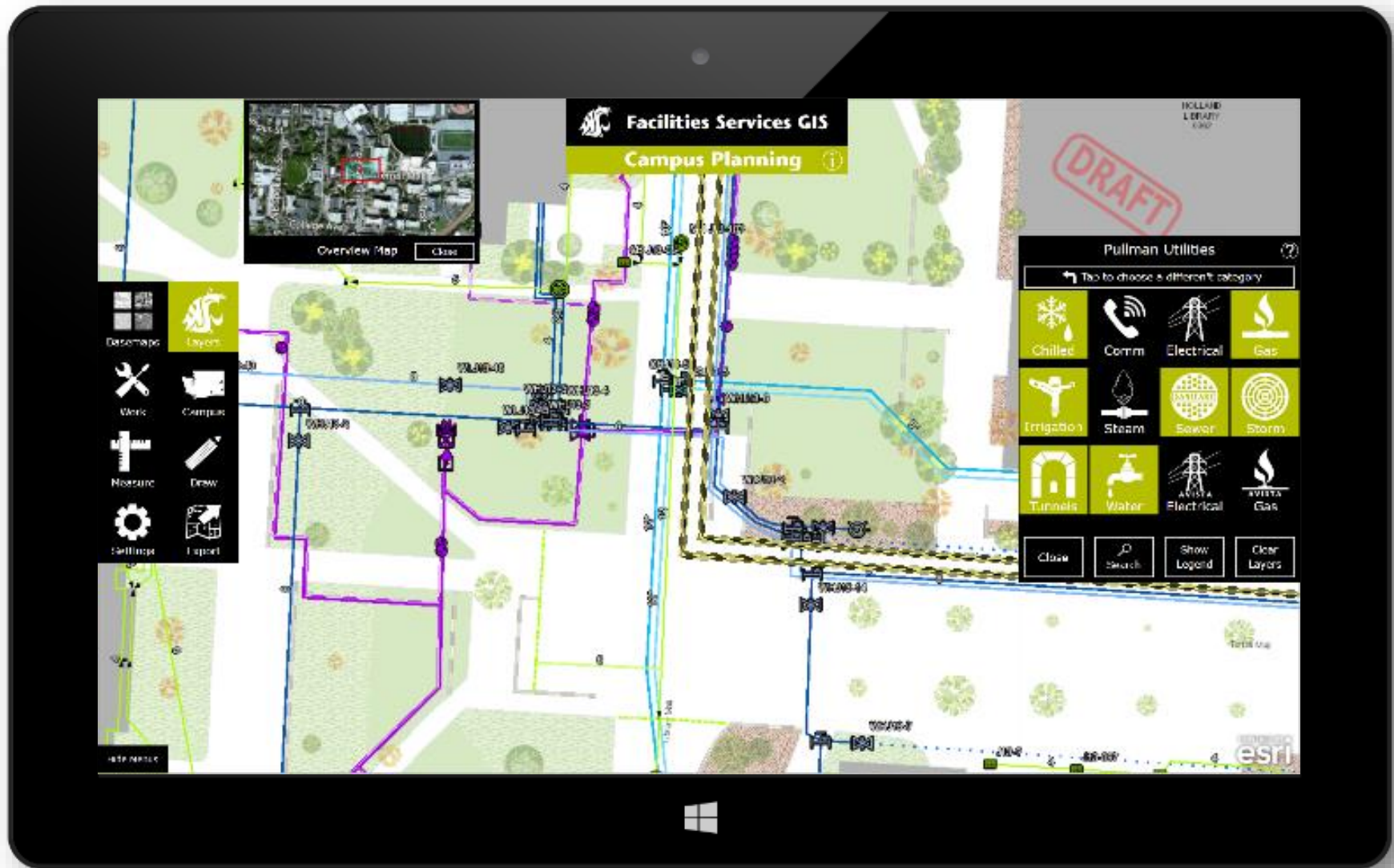
- Allows for expansion of content and/or app functionality

App Highlight Color

- Makes it easy to distinguish apps from each other

Campus Mapping	
Operations	
Heavy Equipment	
Urban Campuses	
Campus Planning	
Utilities	
Real Estate	

Layout



Redlines

The screenshot displays a GIS application interface for 'Facilities Services GIS - Campus Planning'. The main map area shows a campus layout with various catch basins (CB) and manholes (MH) marked with green icons and labels. A prominent red line is drawn across the map, connecting a manhole (MH L13-467) to a catch basin (CB L13-089). A large red 'DRAFT' stamp is overlaid on the map in the upper right quadrant. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the application title and a 'Work' button highlighted in yellow. A left-hand menu contains icons for Basemaps, Layers, Work, Campus, Measure, Draw, Settings, and Export. A 'REDLINE' data entry window is open on the right side of the map, displaying the following information:

REDLINE

Selected System: STORM

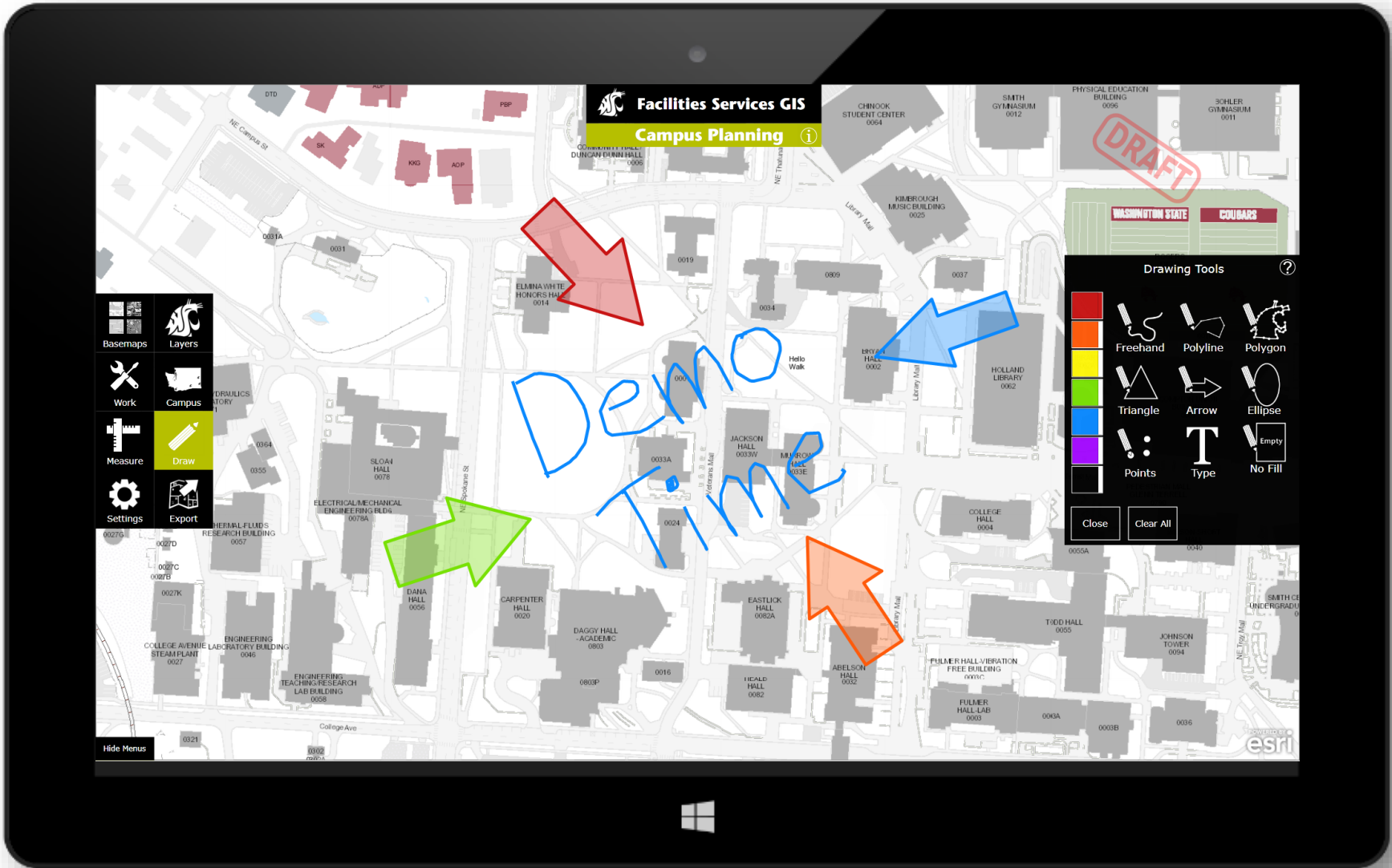
Save Delete

ID	CB L13-089
Type	Catch Basin
Notes	Found during inspection
Added By	Bob
Date	11/10/2015 12:00
created_user	
created_date	11/10/2015 5:35:56 P

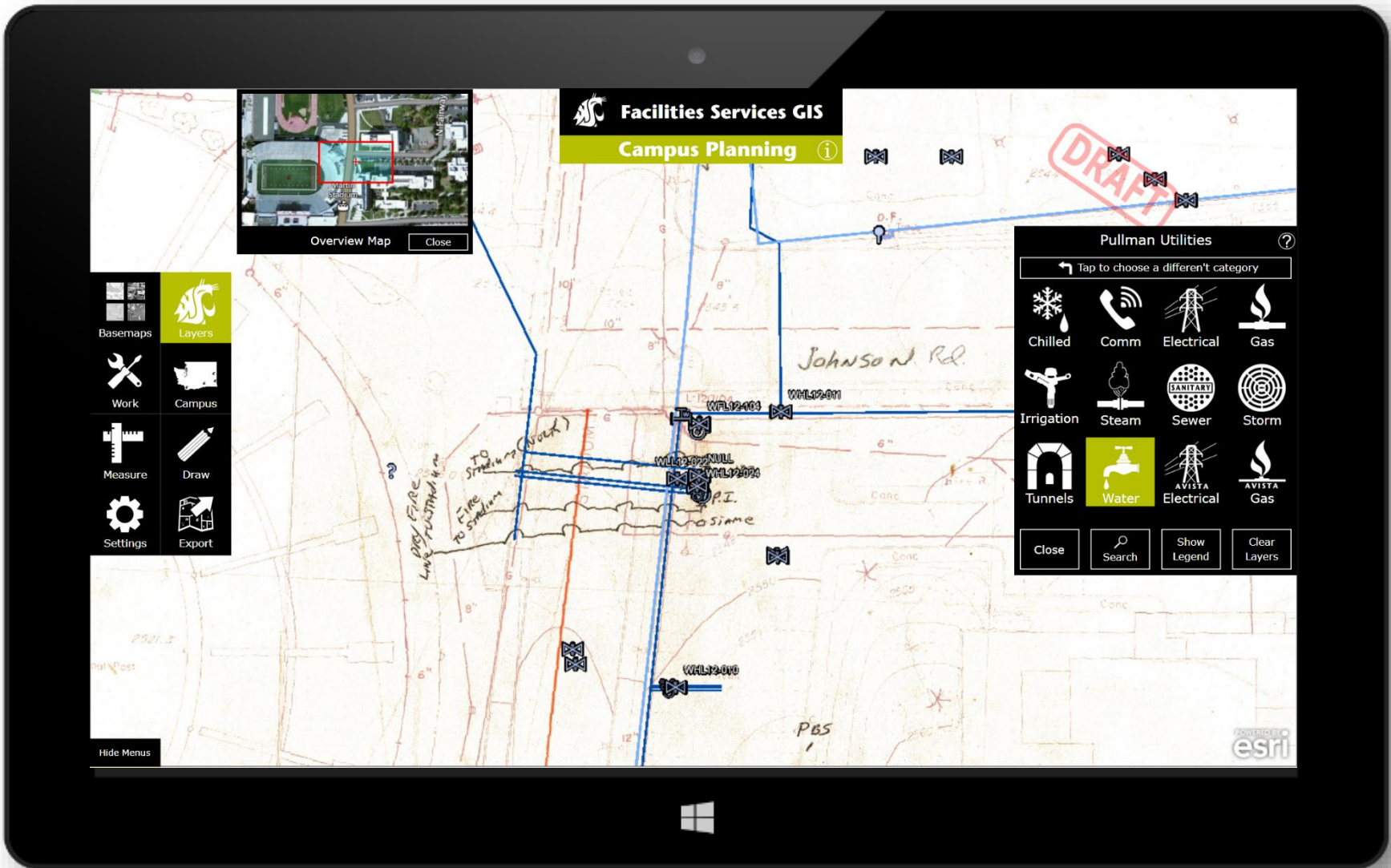
Close Add More

The map also shows a 'NE Stackway Way' label and a 'POWERED BY esri' logo in the bottom right corner. A Windows logo is visible at the bottom center of the tablet frame.

Demo



Archive Maps

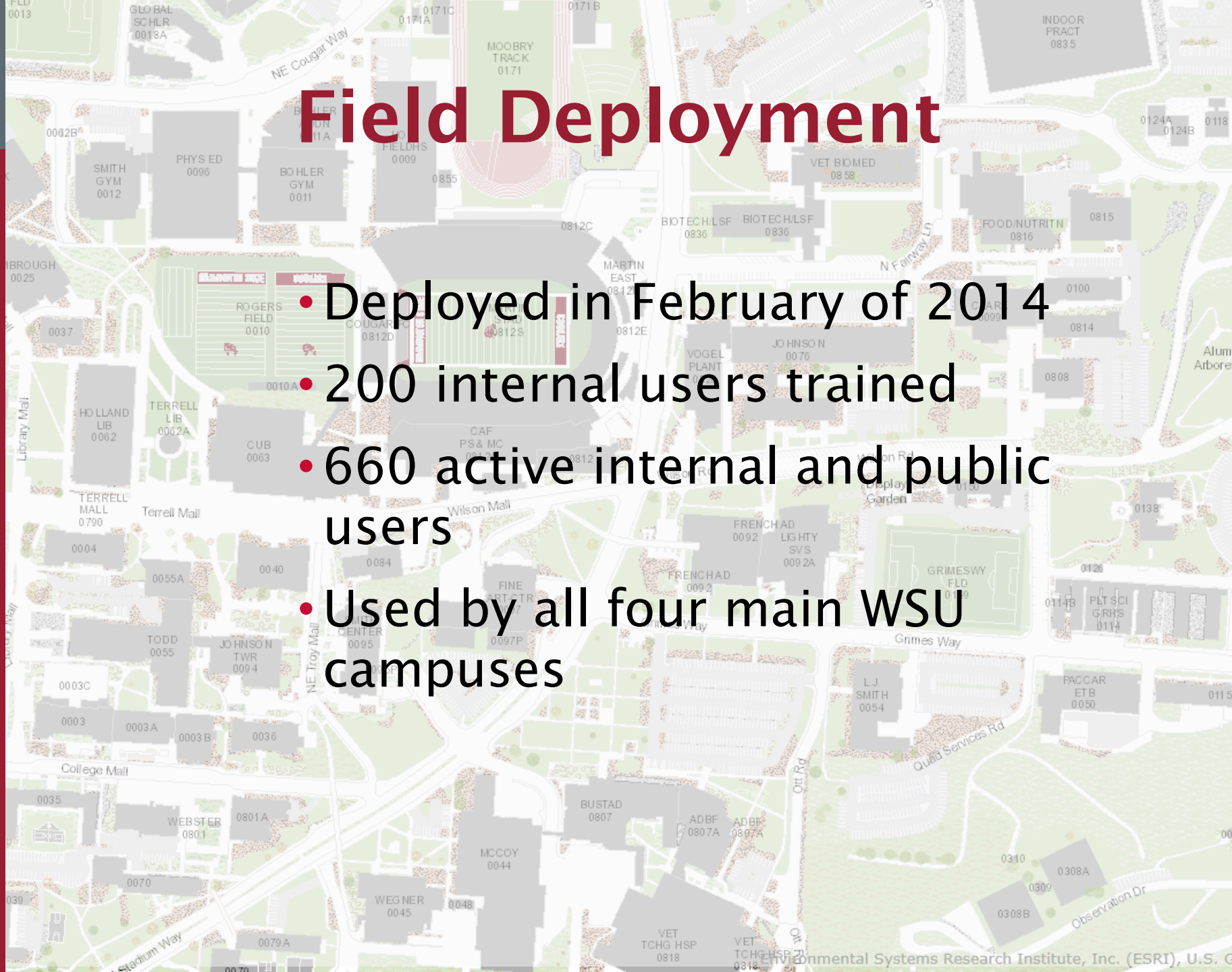


Civil Drawings



Field Deployment

- Deployed in February of 2014
- 200 internal users trained
- 660 active internal and public users
- Used by all four main WSU campuses

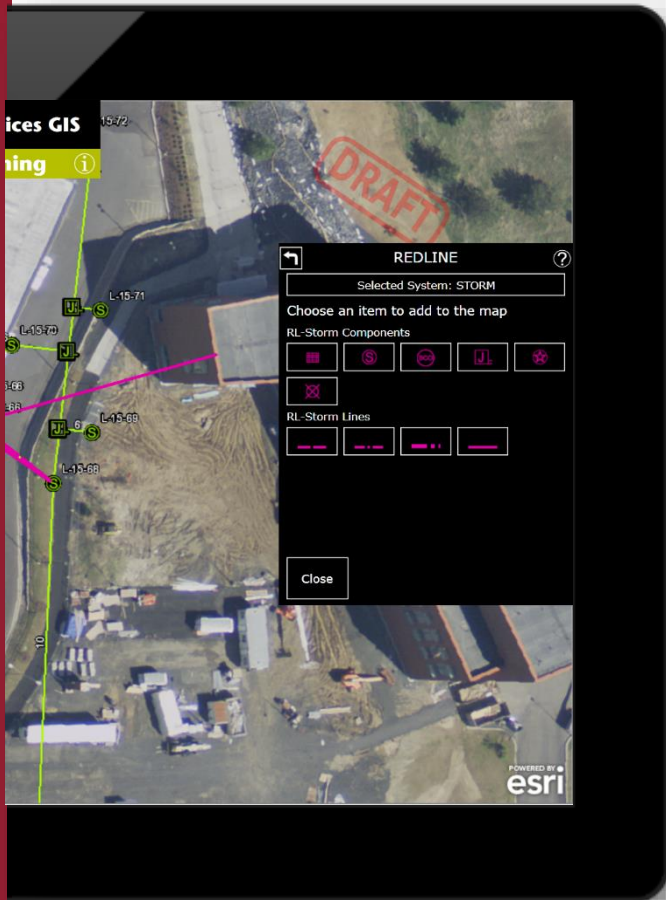


Results

- Multiple departments now updating their own map layers
 - E.g., 118 redlines collected in 4 days for the storm water system
- Complete systems being mapped using the redline utility
 - Irrigation by grounds crews
 - Electrical distribution
- The GIS is now the single source for digital mapping data
- Created discussions on workflows of project information
- Used during all planning meetings



Lessons Learned: User Experience



- Encourage Training!
- Get users excited, make it fun
- Add elements to make the transition easier, i.e. old scanned maps
- Get your users to take ownership in their data
- Spend the extra time on your UI/UX
- IT Support 😊



Future Development

- All new web-based application using the ESRI JavaScript API
 - Mobile first design strategy
- New ArcGIS for Server Site
 - Multi-machine deployment
 - Geoevent Processor
- Streamline data collection and integration into GIS from current CAD based campus mapping workflows



Questions?

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