

# Resilience-Driven Sustainability-Based Rehabilitation Planning for Water Distribution Networks

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## Abstract

Water distribution networks (WDNs) confront momentous challenges including the need to meet continuously increased demand, combat unforeseen disruptions, and reduce carbon emissions. Developing efficient plans for resilience enhancement of WDNs is thus essential recognizing the ubiquitous nature of WDNs and increased frequency and destructive severity of hazardous events. This paper presents a resilience-driven multi-objective optimization model to maximize the resilience of WDNs while minimizing the life cycle cost and carbon emissions. Enhancement actions are firstly determined and clustered into work packages before an optimized schedule is generated considering various operational and managerial factors. A real WDN in the City of London, Ontario, was utilized to demonstrate the proposed model's practicality. The resilience increased by 24% with 1.6 Million CAD investment. Additionally, a cost-saving around 33% is achievable if the proposed model is employed instead of a current utilized practice. The developed model is expected to help City managers establish optimal resilience enhancement plans, considering tight available budgets and limited workforce.

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## 21 **Introduction**

22 Water distribution networks (WDNs) are complex critical infrastructure systems that are vital to  
23 the health and safety of any society. Over decades, water utility managers have been trying to  
24 sustain functionality of WDNs to endure stresses imposed by service requirements, natural and  
25 human-made disruptions, and limited renewal expenditures. Classical approaches to manage  
26 WDNs have focused on minimizing the cost of these systems (Wu et al. 2010). However,  
27 increasing attention has been recently directed to consider the concepts of resilience and  
28 sustainability. While both resilience and sustainability encompass technical, social, and economic  
29 aspects, they emphasize distinct concepts. Sustainability is the ability to meet the present's needs  
30 without compromising future ones (WCED 1987). Resilience is the ability to mitigate risks and  
31 restore services after hazardous events (Ayyub 2014). Sustainability of WDNs can be achieved by  
32 maximizing service life, minimizing rehabilitation and lifecycle cost, minimizing emissions and  
33 energy requirements, and addressing the social criticality of different zones and segments. On the  
34 other hand, resilient WDNs shall be prepared to withstand disruptions with minimum degradation  
35 and to rapidly recover in case of service interruption (Assad et al. 2019). Municipalities are  
36 required to develop optimal rehabilitation plans to uphold the resilience and sustainability of  
37 WDNs. Such programs are essential acknowledging the ubiquitous nature of WDNs, continuous  
38 deterioration of their components, increased frequency and destructive consequences of disruptive  
39 events, and more compelling need to cut down carbon emissions. The development of such optimal  
40 plans shall consider various repair options, distinct targeted performance levels for different zones  
41 across the network, and clustering required actions into work packages based on shared  
42 commonalities. In Addition, scheduling tools are necessary considering the scarcity in resources  
43 and budgets. As such, this paper presents a comprehensive resilience enhancement framework for

44 sustainable WDNs. The developed model suggests an optimal rehabilitation action for each water  
45 pipe segment along with the implementation time.

## 46 **Literature Review**

47 In recent years, many researchers have developed resilience-based asset management tools for  
48 WDNs. Most of those researchers focused their attention on developing metrics for assessing  
49 resilience of WDNs and on incorporating these metrics in the restoration phase of WDNs. (Assad  
50 et al. 2020; Bałut et al. 2019). These approaches are generally classified as either qualitative or  
51 quantitative approaches (Klise et al. 2015). Qualitative approaches can be either conceptual  
52 frameworks or semi-quantitative indices (Faust and Kaminsky 2017; Hosseini et al. 2016; Fiksel  
53 et al. 2014). Most of these approaches are subjective such that obtained results cannot be  
54 generalized on a large scale. On the other hand, quantitative approaches aim at identifying some  
55 quantifiable performance functions that can be observed before and after disruptive events. These  
56 approaches can be either probabilistic or deterministic based on whether the system's stochastic  
57 nature is considered. In addition, some of these approaches are dynamic as they consider time-  
58 dependent system performance functions (Cutter et al. 2008; Pant et al. 2014; Dessavre et al. 2016).  
59 Some researchers employed various hydraulic indicators as the system performance function to  
60 assess resilience of WDNs, flow-based metrics (Todini 2000; Suribabu 2017). Resilience of  
61 WDNs was also assessed utilizing graph-based methods, structural-based metrics (Yazdani et al.  
62 2011; Meng et al. 2018; Shuang et al. 2019).

63 Nonetheless, fewer researchers presented holistic rehabilitation frameworks as means to enhance  
64 the resilience of existing WDNs. For example, Cimorelli et al. (2018) developed a rehabilitation  
65 methodology to improve resilience of WDNs subject to a limited budget. The authors utilized  
66 genetic algorithm, GA, and pressure-driven hydraulic simulation to investigate a flow-based

67 resilience index's practicality in rehabilitation planning. They considered only one rehabilitation  
68 method, replacement, and analyzed one single failure. Other researchers focused on improving  
69 resilience of WDNs against seismic hazards such as (Zhao et al. 2015; Farahmandfar and Piratla  
70 2017). Farahmandfar and Piratla (2017) considered two main rehabilitation actions, relining and  
71 replacement, to enhance resilience of WDNs to seismic hazards. GA was employed to determine  
72 the pipe segments that require rehabilitation considering their current condition and an expected  
73 earthquake scenario. However, the analysis was limited to one year, a snapshot in time, without  
74 considering the effect of deterioration and life cycle cost on the rehabilitation planning decisions.  
75 Zhao et al. (2015) compared the effects of two strategies for enhancing resilience of WDNs. They  
76 analyzed the impact of ductile retrofitting and meshed expansion on the seismic resilience of an  
77 actual WDN in China. The authors found that ductile retrofitting was a preferred resilience  
78 improvement strategy in cases of fund scarcity. In a different effort, Suribabu et al. (2016)  
79 proposed a model to enhance resilience of WDNs considering pipe diameter's increase and parallel  
80 piping. The authors modeled two benchmark networks and iteratively increased the segments'  
81 diameters that have maximum flow velocity to the next available commercial size. Similarly, pipes  
82 were added parallel to those through which water flows with maximum velocity. This simplified  
83 approach is however not feasible for large networks. In addition, some scholars attempted to  
84 determine the rehabilitation priority of water segments to enhance their robustness against future  
85 hazards. Based Yoo et al. (2014) introduced a multi-criteria methodology for determining the  
86 rehabilitation priority of pipe segments to withstand seismic hazards. The authors ranked the needs  
87 of rehabilitations based on the importance of each segment. However, they did not investigate  
88 different types of rehabilitation actions or their impact on the overall network robustness. Earlier,  
89 Jayaram and Srinivasan (2008) developed a resilience-based rehabilitation model for WDNs using

90 life cycle cost. The authors modeled the deterioration of pipe segments by simulating a sample  
91 network with an increasing roughness coefficient over an extended period. Their main finding was  
92 a significant cost saving when considering design and rehabilitation in a single analysis rather than  
93 solely focusing on overdesigning. However, the roughness increase rate was arbitrary assumed  
94 without considering an accurate deterioration estimation.

95 On the other hand, environmental aspects were not considered despite extensive research on  
96 rehabilitation of WDNs until recently (Roshani and Filion 2015). Some researchers compared the  
97 emissions associated with regular open-cut and trenchless rehabilitation techniques (Alsadi and  
98 Matthews 2020; Tavakoli et al. 2017; Lueke et al. 2015). For example, Alsadi and Matthews  
99 (2020) evaluated the carbon emissions during the entire life cycle of water pipelines. The authors  
100 analyzed different material types and installation methods to determine those that release the  
101 lowest amount of carbon emissions. They found that polyvinyl chloride, PVC, pipe segments  
102 installed using pipe bursting generate the least amount of carbon dioxide, CO<sub>2</sub>. However, the  
103 authors did not consider the maintenance and repair needs in their analysis. Similarly, Lueke et al.  
104 (2015) compared the carbon footprint of two common water trenchless renewal techniques: pipe  
105 bursting and cured-in-place pipe. The study observed two actual projects in the United States to  
106 gather required data about the types of equipment utilized, cycle times, crews' productivities, and  
107 performed activities. In a different effort, Beale et al. (2013) investigated the impact of various  
108 rehabilitation strategies on the cost and carbon emissions of three networks in Australia. The  
109 authors reported an insignificant monetized value of carbon emissions released by rehabilitation  
110 works. However, they recommended expanding the application to include trenchless technologies,  
111 given the direct and indirect potential cost reduction that can be achieved. Roshani and Filion  
112 (2015) studied the influence of carbon-abatement policies during water pipe segments'

113 rehabilitation process. The authors did not report considerable impacts of adopting a low discount  
114 rate and imposing a low carbon tax in reducing greenhouse gas, GHG, emissions. However,  
115 applying carbon tax enhanced rehabilitation during the early stages to avoid the accumulated costs  
116 of repairs, energy, and GHG emissions. In a previous effort, Roshani et al. (2012) investigated the  
117 impact of the same policies on the expansion design of a real network in Canada. They had also  
118 found no significant effect of such policies on the expansion design outputs. Earlier, Wu et al.  
119 (2010) proposed a multi-objective model that explicitly minimizes the life cycle GHG emissions  
120 in determining the optimal design of WDNs. Their work represented an enhanced version of the  
121 first multi-objective optimization model that considered GHG emissions and life cycle costs in  
122 designing WDNs proposed by (Dandy and Engelhardt 2006; Dandy et al. 2008). In a different  
123 effort, Meng et al. (2018) studied the relationship between national culture and infrastructure  
124 sustainability. Through qualitative comparative analysis, the authors identified the most critical  
125 cultural factors that influence the infrastructure sustainability projects (Meng et al. 2018). In  
126 addition to these studies, rehabilitation optimization of WDNs was investigated by many authors  
127 such as ( Elshaboury 2020; Aşchilean and Giurca 2018; D’Ercole et al. 2018; Muhammed et al.  
128 2017).

129 Most of the previous studies employed hydraulic simulation in evaluating resilience enhancement  
130 of WDNs. However, this may not be an ideal choice in strategic planning of WDNs rehabilitation  
131 due to the extended computational time compared to other topology-based metrics. The reduction  
132 in computational time gained from utilizing such metrics is expected to grow as the network's size  
133 and complexity increase (Farahmandfar and Piratla 2018; Shuang et al. 2019). Previous studies on  
134 sustainability also attempted to include environmental aspects during the design or expansion of  
135 water networks with little efforts directed towards the operation phase. Some crucial issues were

136 also disregarded in models that investigated resilience enhancement, rehabilitation, and  
137 sustainability of WDNs such as 1) integrating both sustainability and resilience objectives into one  
138 single analysis; 2) considering various repair methods along with their extended impact on the  
139 network resilience, lacking explicit models that estimate the updated deterioration behavior after  
140 rehabilitation actions are taken; 3) addressing the uncertainty in estimating repair time and cost; 4)  
141 accounting for distinct levels of importance of different zones when considering resilience  
142 planning of large networks; 5) clustering scattered required enhancement actions into deliverable  
143 work packages to facilitate efficient resource allocation and scheduling. To this end, this paper  
144 aims to develop an optimization model for determining and scheduling resilience enhancement  
145 interventions of WDNs. Sustainability objectives are also considered by minimizing both the cost  
146 and carbon emissions of the resilience enhancement actions. The output is an optimal intervention  
147 action for each segment. A schedule is also established to visualize rehabilitation work packages  
148 of the enhancement process.

## 149 **Methodology**

150 This paper introduces a newly developed model for resilience enhancement planning of WDNs.  
151 This work presents the third component of a holistic resilience-driven management framework of  
152 WDNs. The first work presented in Assad et al. (2019) introduced a newly developed multi-  
153 attribute metric for assessing and evaluating resilience of WDNs. Next, Assad et al. (2020) utilized  
154 this metric in a stochastic study to analyze the resilience restorative capacity of WDNs. Several  
155 hazardous scenarios were studied, performance impact was analyzed, and various restoration  
156 strategies were examined to select the most optimal one that minimizes the time and cost of  
157 recovery process under uncertainty. This paper extends the analysis to investigate the resilience  
158 enhancement process before disruption occurrence, absorptive capacity. It captures the resilience

159 degradation due to aging and resilience improvement due to rehabilitation interventions actions.  
160 The resilience enhancement model developed in this paper encompasses two main phases: 1)  
161 determining enhancement actions, and 2) scheduling these actions. In the first phase, segments  
162 selected for enhancement along with the enhancement actions and their timings are determined.  
163 The second phase aims at clustering the resulted actions into work packages based on specific  
164 similarities before scheduling them. Resilience absorptive capacity is the resilience objective that  
165 is aimed to be improved in this work. Absorptive capacity is the ability of WDNs to withstand  
166 disruptions without significant degradation. It can be boosted through proactive mitigation  
167 measures that strengthen the current condition of WDNs and shorten the time of recovery  
168 following a disruptive event. In addition, life cycle cost and carbon emissions associated with  
169 various enhancement actions are considered to account for the sustainability of WDNs. Life cycle  
170 cost includes the costs of any minor or major rehabilitation actions taken at any time along the  
171 planning horizon. Additionally, the costs of replacing severely deteriorated segments by installing  
172 new ones are included. Costs of breaks and leaks in various pipe segments are not included in this  
173 formulation.

174 The developed method encompasses three main modules plus a previously developed one by  
175 Assad et al. (2019), as shown in Figure 1. The details of each module are presented subsequently.  
176 Figure 1 depicts the components of the proposed framework and the interactions between them.

177 **Insert Figure 1**

### 178 **Resilience Assessment Module**

179 Resilience of WDNs in this work is assessed based on a resilience metric proposed by (Assad et  
180 al. 2019). This metric integrates robustness and redundancy of WDNs in assessing resilience, as



181 shown in Equation 1. Robustness is the ability of water networks to withstand disruptive events  
182 without significant degradation. It is measured by integrating the reliability and criticality of water  
183 segments. A deteriorated pipe segment, low reliability, is more susceptible to failure when  
184 subjected to various disruptions.

$$185 \quad \mathcal{R} = w_1 \times \frac{\sum_{i=1}^P R_i \times C_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i} + w_2 \times \frac{m-n-1}{2n-5} \quad (1)$$

186 Where  $\mathcal{R}$  is the resilience metric,  $R_i$ ,  $C_i$  are the reliability and criticality index of segment  $i$ ,  $P$  is the  
187 number of pipe segments,  $n$  and  $m$  are the network size and order, and  $w_1$ , and  $w_2$  are relative  
188 weights of importance. This metric presents a measure of the network structural performance,  
189 structural reliability. The criticality index considers various economic, social, and environmental  
190 factors of pipe segments. These factors aim at assessing the expected economic, social, and  
191 environmental consequences of each pipe segment's failure. Stochastic modeling was employed  
192 to estimate the reliability and to establish deterioration curves for each water segment considering  
193 its age, material type, size, and previous number of failures. Redundancy is measured based on the  
194 intensity of loops available in the network, meshed-ness coefficient. More details about this metric  
195 and its practicality to be used in resilience assessments, enhancement, and restoration applications  
196 can be found at (Assad et al. 2019). This study focuses on enhancing resilience of water segments  
197 by improving its robustness. Rehabilitation of deteriorated segments can increase the reliability  
198 and robustness of water networks. The novelty of the employed metric is in its ability to  
199 dynamically update reliability of segments, and thus network resilience, based on their  
200 characteristics and the type of intervention actions they may undergo. For example, when a pipe  
201 segment is replaced, its reliability is increased to a value of 0.99. This value is less than a  
202 theoretical benchmark of 1.0 to account for factors that compromise the installation quality (Assad

203 et al. 2020). In addition, its reliability along the subsequent years is calculated based on its age and  
204 the deterioration curve of newly installed segments that share the same size and material cohort.  
205 Similarly, major and minor actions increase the current reliability level of a segment and change  
206 its deterioration behavior along the following years. Resilience improvement realized due to major  
207 and minor interventions are assumed to be 0.5 and 0.25, respectively. Improvement values were  
208 elicited after analyzing the gathered maintenance reports of previous rehabilitation actions. These  
209 values match the expected improvement due to various rehabilitation types in other infrastructure  
210 systems (Elbehairy 2007). Subsequent deterioration of these segments is updated based on the  
211 deterioration curves of segments that were subjected to similar intervention actions and share the  
212 same characteristics. More details about the dynamic calculation and update of segments'  
213 reliabilities and deteriorations can be found at (Assad et al. 2019).

214 Weights in Equation 1 are user-defined values which allows decision makers to specify the relative  
215 weights of importance of each resilience quality: robustness and redundancy. In this analysis, they  
216 were set as at 0.75 and 0.25 for robustness and redundancy, respectively. Sensitivity analysis was  
217 performed and documented in a previous publication where the authors first introduced this metric  
218 (Ahmed et al. 2019).

### 219 **Enhancement Module**

220 This module investigates various types of interventions along with their associated costs,  
221 durations, and carbon emissions. Intervention actions can be broadly classified into four  
222 categories: do nothing, minor actions, major actions, and full replacement. In this analysis, two  
223 methods are considered under each intervention category, as shown in Table 1. As previously  
224 mentioned, reliability, and resilience, improvement is estimated based on the category of the  
225 intervention action. However, costs, durations, and associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are different for

226 various methods within the same category. In addition, these methods are different in their range  
227 of applicability and suitability for various segment's characteristics.

228 **Insert Table 1**

229 For example, while both pipe bursting, PB, and pipe splitting, PS, are possible methods for full  
230 replacement, only PS is suitable for ductile iron segments as they do not easily fracture when  
231 utilizing classical PB (Atalah 2009). Also, epoxy lining, EL, is preferred over cement mortar  
232 lining, CML, as a minor action when the pipe segment is of a low thickness, less than 5mm  
233 (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014). Furthermore, slip lining, SL, is a more cost-effective option for major  
234 actions; however, it can be only be applied to segments that are made of PVC and polyethylene,  
235 PE, (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014). It shall be noted that other methods can be added based on the  
236 preference of the responsible municipality.

237 Costs and durations of intervention methods are then computed according to the method type and  
238 segment size. Unit costs and times were collected from different practitioners working in the water  
239 industry across Canada in 2019 and early 2020. The minimum, maximum, and average estimates  
240 were used to sample probability distribution functions for unit costs and durations. PERT  
241 distribution was selected to sample the associated uncertainties. Unlike uniform and triangular  
242 distribution, PERT distribution asserts more significance on the most probable estimate, which is  
243 better known with for decision makers. This fits the situation where municipalities constantly  
244 respond to failures and thus accumulate better experience in estimating the most probable values  
245 than the limit ones (Peters 2016; Assad et al. 2020). Furthermore, PERT distribution has a  
246 smoother shape than the angular shape of triangular distribution which offers a better fit for the  
247 limit values (Law et al. 2000). Cost and time inputs to the optimization model are thus

248 stochastically sampled values rather than arbitrarily assumed estimates. The model also allows  
 249 users to assign these values based on their preferences without effecting the proposed calculations.  
 250 Carbon emissions were then calculated for each enhancement method utilizing a calculator tool  
 251 initially developed by the North American Society of Trenchless Technology, NASTT,  
 252 (O’Sullivan 2010). The calculator has been updated by the British Columbia chapter, NASTT-BC,  
 253 and approved by the province of British Columbia, Canada (Beale et al. 2013; O’Sullivan 2010).  
 254 This tool estimates the carbon emission profile associated with various pipeline replacement and  
 255 renovation techniques based on the project dimensions, pipeline size, material, surface type, and  
 256 others. The estimated emission profile considers site and transportation operations including  
 257 mobilization, excavation, disposal, backfilling, and pipe installation or rehabilitation works. For  
 258 example, the estimated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from replacing a pipe segment of 200mm in  
 259 diameter, 200m in length, and buried at 2.5m depth utilizing PB technique is 2.5 (CO<sub>2</sub>-e tonne).  
 260 Similar results were calculated for all other segments and intervention methods. These results were  
 261 used as inputs to the enhancement optimization model.

### 262 **Enhancement Actions Optimization**

263 As previously mentioned, the developed enhancement model aims at optimizing three conflicting  
 264 objectives: 1) minimizing cost; 2) minimizing emissions; 3) and maximizing resilience after  
 265 adopting all enhancement actions, as shown in Equations 2-4, respectively.

$$266 \text{ **Minimize } T.C. = \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in M} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} (x_{i,j}^t * C_{i,j}^t) \quad (2)**$$

267 Where  $TC$  = total cost;  $x_{i,j}^t$  = decision variable that takes a value of 1 when pipe segment  $i$  is  
 268 enhanced using repair method  $j$  during year  $t$  and 0 otherwise;  $C_{i,j}^t$  = enhancement cost of pipe

269 segment  $i$  using method  $j$  during year  $t$ ;  $r$  = discount rate;  $P$ ;  $M$ ; and  $T$  = the number of pipe  
 270 segments, enhancement methods, and years respectively.

$$271 \quad \text{Minimize } T.E. = \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in M} (x_{i,j}^t * E_{i,j}^t) \quad (3)$$

272 Where  $TE$  = total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;  $E_{i,j}^t$  = CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from the enhancement of pipe  
 273 segment  $i$  using method  $j$  during year  $t$ .

$$274 \quad \text{Maximize } \mathfrak{R}_T = \frac{\sum_{k \in S} (\mathfrak{R}_k^T \times L_k)}{\sum_{k \in S} (L_k)} \quad (4)$$

$$275 \quad \mathfrak{R}_k^t = \mathfrak{R}_k^{t-1} + \mathfrak{R}I_k^t - \mathfrak{R}D_k^t \quad (5)$$

$$276 \quad \mathfrak{R}I_k^t = \sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in M} (x_{i,j}^t * \mathfrak{R}I_{i,j}^t) \quad (6)$$

277 Where  $\mathfrak{R}_T$  = resilience at year  $T$ , the end of the planning horizon. When several subnetworks are  
 278 considered, their lengths,  $L_k$ , are used to get a weighted average resilience.  $\mathfrak{R}_k^t$  = resilience level  
 279 of subnetwork  $k$  at year  $t$ ;  $\mathfrak{R}D_k^t$  = resilience deterioration of subnetwork  $k$  at year  $t$  due to aging;  
 280  $\mathfrak{R}I_k^t$  = resilience improvement of subnetwork  $k$  at year  $t$  due to enhancement actions,  $\mathfrak{R}I_{i,j}^t$  =  
 281 resilience improvement resulting from the enhancement of pipe segment  $i$  using method  $j$  during  
 282 year  $t$ ; and  $S$  = the total number of subnetworks. Equation 5 suggests that resilience at any year  
 283 equals the resilience of the previous year plus any resilience improvement realized by enhancement  
 284 actions minus the resilience deterioration due to aging during that year. A budgetary constraint is  
 285 added to guarantee that annual enhancement costs do not surpass the annual available budget,  
 286 Equation 7. A constraint is also added in Equation 8 to ensure that any subnetwork's resilience  
 287 along the planning horizon is always more than a minimum threshold value. This value can be  
 288 specified individually for each subnetwork based on its importance. In addition, enhancement  
 289 actions are usually accompanied by significant disruption. Hence, another constraint is added,

290 Equation 9, to limit the number of visits for each specific segment along the planning horizon to a  
291 user-defined value. A visit is featured by each time a crew is dispatched to implement a particular  
292 rehabilitation action on a specific pipe segment.

293 Subject to

$$294 \quad \sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in M} (C_{i,j}^t) \leq AB_t \quad (7)$$

$$295 \quad \min_{t \in T} (\mathcal{R}_k^t) \geq \mathcal{R}_{k,Th} \quad (8)$$

$$296 \quad V_i \leq V_{max} \quad (9)$$

$$297 \quad x_{i,j}^t = \{0,1\} \quad (10)$$

$$298 \quad \forall i \in P, j \in M, k \in S, t \in T$$

299 Where  $AB_t$  = annual budget allocated for enhancement actions;  $\mathcal{R}_{k,Th}$  = minimum resilience  
300 threshold for each subnetwork; and  $V_i$  = number of visits for segment  $i$ .

301 Once enhancement actions of individual segments are determined along with their implementation  
302 year, the framework proceeds with the scheduling process. A set of actions during a specific year  
303 is scheduled on two main stages: 1) Clustering the actions into work packages, and 2) Determining  
304 the optimal enhancement schedule. In the first stage, pipe segments are divided into work packages  
305 (WPs) based on their geographical location and intervention method. These WPs are formulated  
306 to facilitate monitoring and control of the enhancement process based on the number of pipe  
307 segments, type of enhancement work and its complexity, available budget, outsourcing versus in-  
308 house rehabilitation, and other factors. Different clustering techniques are utilized to cluster the  
309 pipe segments on groups based on their geographical location.

310 Clustering is the process of portioning a set of objects into homogenous groups based on shared  
311 similarities. In this analysis, clustering techniques are utilized to divide the selected network into  
312 a set of clusters based on the geographical location. K-means and K-medoid algorithms are  
313 investigated and compared to select the best performing algorithm to cluster the chosen network.  
314 The objective in K-means clustering is to minimize the squared error between the empirical mean  
315 of a cluster, clusters' centroids, and the cluster's points. In this algorithm, the cluster's centroid  
316 can, but do not have to, be one of the data points. This is the main distinction that differentiates K-  
317 means clustering algorithm from K-medoids, where the cluster's centroid is always one of the  
318 points in that cluster. The steps of K-means algorithms are shown below (Jain 2010):

- 319 1. Specify a certain number of clusters and a matching number random initial points,  $K$ , to  
320 serve as the preliminary clusters' centroids.
- 321 2. Compute the Euclidean distance between each data point and the centroids. Euclidean  
322 distance is the square root of the sum of squared differences between components of two  
323 pattern vectors  $X_i = X_{i1}; X_{i2}; \dots, X_{id}$  and  $X_j = X_{j1}; X_{j2}; \dots X_{jd}$ , as shown in Equation 11  
324 (Sawant 2015):

$$325 \quad d_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^d (x_{ik} - x_{jk})^2} \quad (11)$$

- 326 3. Assign data points to clusters based on the minimum distance between the data points and  
327 clusters' centroids, and recalculate the clusters' centroids.
- 328 4. Repeat steps 2-3 until convergence which is evidenced by no further observed changes  
329 regarding the centroid and data points.

330 The clustering algorithms were run using RapidMiner 9.6 platform (Rapid-Miner Inc. 2016). Since  
331 clustering is an unsupervised machine learning process, evaluating the generated clusters' quality

332 may not be trivial. Clustering aims to minimize the intra-cluster distance, distance within the same  
333 cluster, and maximize the inter-cluster distance between clusters. To attain that, the Davies–  
334 Bouldin Index is employed to compare the clustering quality of K-means and K-medoids. Davies–  
335 Bouldin Index is a ratio between the sum of intra-cluster scatter to the inter-cluster separation, as  
336 shown in Equation 12 (Davies and Bouldin 1979):

$$337 \quad DBI = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \max_{i \neq j} \left( \frac{D_i + D_j}{d_{i,j}} \right) \quad (12)$$

338 Where  $D$  and  $d$  are the in the intra-cluster and the inter-cluster distances. The intra-cluster distance  
339 is measured as the average distance between the cluster centroid and data points, Equation 13. The  
340 inter-cluster distance is the distance between the centroids of the two clusters, Equations 11, by  
341 replacing  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  with  $C_i$  and  $C_j$ .

$$342 \quad D = \frac{\sum_i \|X_a - C_i\|}{N_i} \quad (13)$$

343 Where  $X_a$  is an arbitrary point in cluster  $i$ ;  $C_i$  and  $N_i$  are the centroid and is the total number of  
344 points in cluster  $i$ . A lower value of Davies–Bouldin index implies compact clusters with centroids  
345 far from each other, thus a better cluster (Sahani and Bhuyan 2017).

### 346 **Packaging and Scheduling Module**

347 An optimization model is then formulated to determine the best distribution of enhancement  
348 actions into WPs. The aim is to efficiently cluster the rehabilitation actions into works packages.  
349 Adding as many segments as possible while respecting a set of constraints ensures maximizing  
350 each WP's resilience improvement. This approach avoids the generation of numerous packages  
351 that would need to be furtherly merged in subsequent steps. Th objective function is formulated to



352 maximize the resilience improvement of the WP that has the minimum resilience improvement, as  
 353 shown in Equation 14. A constraint is added in Equation 16 to specify the minimum size of WPs.  
 354 Two more constraints are added in Equations 17 and 18 to determine the maximum size of WPs  
 355 and to ensure that each WP consists of segments that share the same enhancement method. These  
 356 are defined as soft constraints to account for exceptional solutions where segments of different  
 357 enhancement methods, hybrid WP, or more actions than the maximum size, over-sized WP, need  
 358 to be clustered in a WP. However, these solutions would imply penalties ( $\alpha$ ) and ( $\beta$ ) in the  
 359 objective function, Equation 14. Constraint 19 is included to ensure that segments in each WP  
 360 share the same geographical zone.

$$361 \quad \text{Maximize } \mathcal{R} = \min_{v \in WP} (\mathcal{R}.I_v) - \alpha - \beta \quad (14)$$

$$362 \quad \mathcal{R}.I_v = \sum_{v \in WP} \sum_{i \in P} (y_{i,v} * \mathcal{R}.I_i) \quad (15)$$

363 Subject to

$$364 \quad C_v \geq C_{min} \quad (16)$$

$$365 \quad C_v - \alpha \leq C_{max} \quad (17)$$

$$366 \quad MT_v - \beta = 1 \quad (18)$$

$$367 \quad Z_v = 1 \quad (19)$$

$$368 \quad \alpha, \beta \geq 0 \quad (20)$$

369 Where  $y_{i,v}$  = decision variable that takes a value of 1 when pipe segment  $i$  is clustered in WP  $v$ ;  
 370  $\mathcal{R}.I_v$  = resilience improvement of work package  $v$ ;  $C_v$  = cost of work package  $v$ , the summation  
 371 of the individual enhancements actions' costs in work package  $v$ ;  $C_{min}$  and  $C_{max}$  = minimum and  
 372 maximum costs WPs representing the minimum and maximum possible size of a WP;  $MT_v$  =

373 number of different enhancement methods' types in WP  $v$ ;  $Z_v$  = number of location zones in work  
374 package  $v$ ; and  $WP$  is the number of work packages.

375 Finally, an optimization model is formulated to schedule the resulted WPs. Inputs include WPs,  
376 their total costs and durations, number of contractors, and maximum contract value. The objective  
377 of this scheduling model is to minimize the time of resilience enhancement process, as shown in  
378 Equation 21.

$$379 \quad \text{Minimize } T = \max_{w \in C} (T_w) \quad (21)$$

$$380 \quad TT_w = \sum_{w \in C} \sum_{v \in WP} (z_{v,w} * T_v) \quad (22)$$

381 Where  $T$  = time of resilience enhancement;  $T_w$  = total time for contractor  $w$ ;  $T_v$  = duration of work  
382 package  $v$ , the summation of the individual enhancements actions' durations in work package  $v$ ;  
383 and  $z_{v,w}$  = decision variable that takes a value of 1 when work package  $v$  is assigned to contractor  
384  $w$ . A maximum contract price constraint is added to comply with the City's regulations, Equation  
385 23.

$$386 \quad C_w \leq CP_{max} \quad (23)$$

387 Where  $C_w$  = the total cost of work packages assigned to contractor  $w$ ; and  $CP_{max}$  = the maximum  
388 allowable contract price to assure fair business practices.

389 It is worth mentioning that packaging and scheduling represent a preceding step before launching  
390 the bidding process. In this step, a municipality determines the size and type of each rehabilitation  
391 package before calling for technical and financial proposals. This would enhance the contractors'  
392 selection process since only those capable of executing the rehabilitation type of a specific package  
393 can apply. In addition, the maximum contract price assures fair business practices by allowing  
394 more contractors to receive works. The price calculated in this step, along with the suggested

395 schedule, represents guidelines on the maximum expected cost and duration given the market  
396 conditions. This is essential in strategic planning and budgeting. The municipality may get better  
397 prices from the qualified contractors during the bidding process.

398 The resilience-driven sustainability-based rehabilitation planning model developed in this study  
399 was evaluated through a three-tire verification and validation process. Firstly, two optimization  
400 algorithms were assessed to compare their computational capabilities in solving the formulated  
401 problem. Secondly, the enhancement optimization results were compared to those determined by  
402 a heuristic model utilized by several cities in Canada. Finally, the solution quality and  
403 computational gains resulting from employing the proposed metric was demonstrated by a  
404 comparison with the performance a previous metric reported in literature. The remaining f this  
405 paper is arranges such that the utilized algorithms and decision-making techniques are briefly  
406 presented in the next section. Subsequently, implementation and validation of the proposed models  
407 are detailed. Concluding remarks and future extensions are finally elicited.

#### 408 Optimization algorithms

409 Genetic algorithm, GA, and ant colony optimization, ACO are commonly utilized in asset  
410 management and resilience applications. In this paper, GA and a modified version of ACO are  
411 investigated to identify the best performing to solve the formulated optimization problem. GA is  
412 frequently utilized in asset management applications due to its efficiency and availability in many  
413 commercial packages (El-Ghandour and Elbeltagi 2017). The modified version of ACO utilized  
414 in this paper was not previously employed, at least to the authors' knowledge, in resilience-based  
415 asset management applications. Below is a brief description of each algorithm followed by an  
416 explanation of the metric used to compare their performances.

417 The first algorithm is an extension of the classical ant colony optimization proposed by (Schlüter  
418 et al. 2009). Initially, the basic idea of ACO is to mimic the biological behavior of ants trying to  
419 reach a food source. By using pheromone concentration, a substance that ants deposit while  
420 traveling, ants choose a path to the food source. The set of vertices on a path represent the solution  
421 components. Pheromone values, usually within a pheromone table, are continuously updated based  
422 on information gained during the search process. The procedure iteratively is repeated until  
423 meeting stopping criteria (Dorigo et al. 2006). Schlüter et al. (2009) exploit an aggregated  
424 weighted sum of several multi-kernel Gaussian probability density functions instead of pheromone  
425 tables to guide the search process. A discretization of this continuous function is introduced to  
426 allow intuitive handling of integer variables. Solution archive, SA, is suggested to continuously  
427 store and rank the most promising solutions investigated so far. In this extension, the mean and  
428 deviation of the Gaussian probability density functions, PDFs, are updated based on solutions  
429 stored in the SA. Each time a solution is created, its attractiveness is calculated and compared to  
430 those in the SA archive. A solution will be placed in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  position only if it has a better  
431 attractiveness than solution  $j$ . This way updating the SA implies updating the characteristics of the  
432 PDF, pheromone update, and thus the process of creating new solutions. The number of kernels  
433 within the multi-kernel Gauss PDF corresponds to the size of the SA, in this study taken as 40. In  
434 Addition, the algorithm is fortified with a robust penalty method for constraints handling and a  
435 local heuristic, sequential quadratic programming, to guide searching around the best-known  
436 solution (Exler and Schittkowski 2007). More details about this modified version of ACO and its  
437 implementation on real-world problems can be found at (Schlüter et al. 2009; Schlüter et al. 2012).

438 Genetic Algorithm (GA) is a search heuristic that was introduced in the 1970s by John Holland (  
439 1975) inspired by the natural evolution theory. The first step in this algorithm is to initialize a set

440 of random solutions; each represents a possible combination of the decision variables. Each  
441 solution's fitness is then calculated and used to rank each solution against other candidates in a  
442 population. Best solutions are selected utilizing specific selection strategies to reproduce by  
443 undergoing further genetic crossover and mutation genetic operators. Tournament selection is the  
444 parent selection strategy employed in this study. In crossover, genes in two parents are exchanged  
445 until reaching the randomly selected crossover point. In this study, the crossover point was  
446 randomly selected with a probability of 0.75. To prevent premature convergence, genes are  
447 randomly flipped with a low probability, taken as 0.015, in the mutation step. The process is  
448 iteratively repeated until meeting the stopping criteria (Whitley 1994). The two algorithms were  
449 run in a Matlab environment, and parameters' values were calibrated through trial and error.

450 Hypervolume indicator is the most common utilized metric to compare the performance of multi-  
451 objective optimization algorithms (Zitzler et al. 2003). It measures the m-dimensional volume of  
452 the region in objective space enclosed by the obtained non-dominated solutions and a reference  
453 point. Hypervolume indicator is the only indicator that can consider accuracy, cardinality, and  
454 diversity of the optimal solution (Riquelme et al. 2015). Accuracy is a closeness measure of the  
455 obtained solutions to the true non-dominated solutions. Cardinality is the number of points in the  
456 obtained solution. Diversity indicates the spread of the obtained solutions in the search space  
457 (Riquelme et al. 2015). Equation 24 is used to compute the hypervolume indicator (Nebro et al.  
458 2013):

$$459 \quad I_{HV} = \text{volume} \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{|Q|} v_i \right) \quad (24)$$

460 Where  $I_{HV}$  is the hypervolume indicator;  $v_i$  is the hypercube of non-dominated solution  $i$ ; and  $Q$  is  
461 the set of non-dominated solutions. A higher value of Hypervolume indicator suggests a larger  
462 distance between the obtained solution and the reference point, nadir point, hence a better solution.

#### 463 Multi-criterion decision-making

464 The result of multi-objective optimization is a set of Pareto optimal solutions. Multi-criterion  
465 decision-making (MCDM) techniques can assist in selecting the most appropriate solution among  
466 the set of Pareto solutions. In this analysis, the Shannon Entropy and Preference Ranking  
467 Organization Method for Enrichment of Evaluations (PROMETHEE II) are utilized to determine  
468 the best solution of the Pareto frontier points. Shannon entropy is based on the informational theory  
469 that assigns smaller weights to those attributes that assume similar values across various  
470 alternatives. In this work, weights of objectives are calculated based on the degree of index  
471 dispersion as detailed by (Akyene 2012). The PROMETHEE method is an interactive MCDM  
472 technique that can handle quantitative and qualitative criteria with discrete alternatives (Brans et  
473 al. 1986). Recently, the PROMETTE method has been successfully applied to real-life planning  
474 problems to rank alternatives which are difficult to be compared because of the conflicting trade-  
475 off relation between the evaluation criteria. (Abdullah et al. 2019). In this method, a preference  
476 function for each criterion is selected. A preference index for alternative “a” over “b” is computed  
477 based on this function. This index represents a measure to support the hypothesis that alternative  
478 “a” is preferred to “b”. The steps of applying the PROMETH II method can be reviewed at (Brans  
479 et al. 1986; Polat 2016)

#### 480 **Data Collection**

481 Data needed for development and implementation purposes were gathered as geographic  
482 information systems, GIS, shapefiles of an actual WDN in the City London, Ontario. Different

483 segments' characteristics, such as sizes, material types, ages, and installation depths were  
484 extracted. Street categories, traffic volume, and population density were also gathered from  
485 separate layers. These details were used along with data regarding each segment's installation date  
486 and failure history to assess the network resilience as per Equation 1. Coordinates of pipe segments  
487 were utilized to cluster the network into distinct geographical zones. Additionally, unit costs and  
488 durations of the considered rehabilitation methods were gathered to be utilized as inputs to the  
489 optimization model. Table 2 depicts the unit cost and times of the considered rehabilitation  
490 methods.

491 **Insert Table 2**

#### 492 **Optimization Model Implementation to a Case Study**

493 The developed model was implemented on a section of the water network in London, Ontario. The  
494 selected section comprises 369 pipe segments of diameters ranging between 40mm and 450 mm  
495 that amount to approximately 34 km of length. The material types available are cast iron (CI),  
496 ductile iron (DI), and PVC. The selected section consists of three subnetworks covering a wide  
497 variation in land use, serviced facilities, and road types, as shown in Figures 2 and 3. Figure 2  
498 shows the overall water network in the City of London with the land use zones superimposed.  
499 Distinct residential zones reflect variation in population size and tax base. Figure 3 depicts three  
500 subnetworks that form the selected case study of this paper. Each network is assigned a distinct  
501 minimum resilience threshold reflecting its importance to the decision-makers as previously  
502 explained.

503 **Insert Figure 2**

504 **Insert Figure 3**

505 Next, the multi-objective optimization problem was solved using the modified ACO and GA to  
506 determine their respective capabilities. To ensure the consistency of the algorithms' results, the  
507 problem was solved several times utilizing each algorithm (Dao et al. 2016). To provide a fair  
508 comparison, the number of iterations within each algorithm was set to 200, with a population size  
509 of 150. All optimization runs were performed on an 8GB 343 RAM, 3.60 GHz i7 core CPU, and  
510 Windows 7 with a 64-bit operating system. Table 3 illustrates the comparison between the  
511 modified ACO and GA. The modified ACO achieved the best values for the cost, resilience, and  
512 emissions objectives. Similarly, the worst values for the cost, resilience, and emissions objectives  
513 obtained by the modified ACO are better than those obtained GA. The modified ACO has a lower  
514 standard deviation regarding all the considered objective functions, indicating a higher stability of  
515 the algorithm. Additionally, modified ACO has a larger hypervolume indicator (78.68%) than GA.  
516 GA has a longer computational time (8.15 min) than the modified ACO (5.41 min).

517 **Insert Table 3**

518 Next, a two-tailed student's t-tests were performed to statistically assess the optimal solutions'  
519 significance level. The student's t-test investigates the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) that assumes an  
520 insignificant difference between the optimal solutions achieved by the optimization algorithms.  
521 The alternative hypothesis ( $H_1$ ) implies that there is a significant difference between the obtained  
522 optimal solutions. The P-value needs to be less than the significance level ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) to reject  
523 the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis. The computed P-value was found to be  
524  $6.802 \times 10^{-6}$ , which indicates that the modified ACO's performance is statistically significantly  
525 better than GA. From the previous analysis, the modified ACO is recommended to solve the  
526 formulated problem in this paper.



527 The model then proceeds with the MCDM process to determine the best solution among the Pareto  
528 frontier points obtained from the multi-objective optimization. First, the Shannon entropy method  
529 was exploited to compute the weights of the objective functions. The weights of the cost, resilience,  
530 and emissions attributes are 53.01%, 29.80%, and 17.19%, respectively, as shown in Table 4.

531 **Insert Table 4**

532 Once the objectives' weights are found, PROMETHEE II is utilized to determine the best solution.  
533 Figure 4 depicts a sample of the Pareto frontier points obtained by the modified ACO algorithm  
534 for one of the runs with the selected optimal solution highlighted in red. Table 5 illustrates some  
535 of these candidate solutions and their rankings based on the net outranking.

536 **Insert Table 5**

537 Solution number 23 in Table 5, encompasses interventions actions for around 58%, a total of 217,  
538 of the pipe segments to achieve the reported objective values while satisfying the set of defined  
539 constraints. Figure 5 illustrates the distribution of these segments based on their subnetwork,  
540 diameter, and age.

541 **Insert Figure 4**

542 It can be observed from Figure 5 that most of the segments selected for enhancements are in  
543 subnetwork 3. This is because subnetwork 3 has the most deteriorated segments, as evidenced by  
544 the average age of its segments. The segments' average ages in subnetworks 1, 2, and 3 are 24, 34,  
545 and 50 years, respectively. The attained resilience improvement with CAD 1.57 Million  
546 investment represents around 24% increase in resilience compared to the case where no  
547 enhancement actions are taken over the five subsequent years.

548 **Insert Figure 5**

549 A comparison between the obtained results and an in-house portfolio management plan followed  
550 by some cities in Canada, referred herein as City's approach, was then performed to assess the  
551 quality of the obtained results. The optimization objectives: resilience, cost, and emissions, were  
552 calculated using the same unit cost, expected CO<sub>2</sub> emission, and expected improvement detailed  
553 in this paper. Table 6 shows that the developed model resulted in a 33% cost savings, a 6% increase  
554 in resilience improvement, and a 7% carbon emissions reduction. The plans differ in the selection  
555 criteria of individual segments set to be enhanced. While the City's approach focuses on the age  
556 and reliability of segments, the developed method integrates segments' criticality in the selection  
557 process. Thus, asserting more weights to the most critical segments. In addition, the dynamic  
558 nature of reliability computation yields a more accurate deterioration estimation of various  
559 segments.

#### 560 **Insert Table 6**

561 The optimization problem was then solved again utilizing a previously developed resilience metric.  
562 This topology-based metric also integrates robustness and redundancy of water networks in  
563 estimating their resilience; however, the formulation is different. Readers may refer to  
564 Farahmandfar et al. (2016) for the mathematical formulation and underlying concepts of this  
565 metric. In a later study, this metric's performance was compared against another flow-based  
566 resilience metric's performance. The authors reported 55% less computational time when utilizing  
567 the topology-based metric in rehabilitation planning problems. This benefit in computational time  
568 was accompanied by resilience improvement underestimating by around 20% (Farahmandfar and  
569 Piratla 2018). In this step, a two-tier comparison between this metric's performance and the utilized  
570 one's was carried out. Firstly, the multi-objective optimization problem was solved utilizing the  
571 resilience metric developed by Farahmandfar et al. (2016). Table 7 illustrates the results of this

572 comparison. The proposed metric in Equation 1 showed superiority in solution quality, as  
573 evidenced by the three objective functions' values. Additionally, the computational time required  
574 for utilizing the proposed metric is 20% less than the previously developed topology-based metric  
575 for rehabilitation planning.

576 **Insert Table 7**

577 Secondly, the resilience improvement due to applying the enhancement actions resulted from  
578 utilizing the metric in Equation 1 was estimated again using the previously developed metric.  
579 While these actions resulted in around 24% resilience improvement over the five subsequent years,  
580 this increase was only 19% using the previously developed metric. This suggests another  
581 superiority of the newly developed resilience metric, Equation 1, in estimating resilience  
582 improvement due to rehabilitation actions. The observed superior performance can be attributed  
583 to the deterioration and improvement estimation model integrated within the metric in Equation 1.  
584 The obtained superior performance justifies the practicality of utilizing this metric in strategic  
585 rehabilitation planning of WDNs.

586 Next, resilience enhancement actions of year one are selected to be scheduled. The first step is to  
587 cluster them into work packages based on the intervention method and geographical location. The  
588 area of the considered networks has been divided into two zones to speed up the travel time. K-  
589 means yielded a lower Davies–Bouldin index, 0.850, than K-medoids. Thus, it was selected for  
590 the geographical clustering. Enhancement actions were then clustered into work packages as per  
591 Equation 14. Table 8 illustrates the output of this clustering process. It shows nine packages, each  
592 composed of segments that share the same geographical zone and intervention method except for  
593 package two, which is a mixed one. These work packages were then scheduled, assuming three  
594 contractors will perform enhancements actions along three time steps. A time step denotes the

595 order at which a work package is being performed. The scheduling process aims to minimize the  
596 cumulative time of the resilience enhancement process while satisfying each contractor's  
597 maximum contract price. Figure 6 depicts the incremental increase of resilience with time.  
598 According to this plan, it is possible to achieve a total of 0.0334 resilience enhancement from the  
599 first year's actions during a period of 25.58 days. The assignments of contractors among the  
600 different time steps are also shown in Table 8. The total price values for contractors 1, 2, and 3 are  
601 CAD \$236,851, \$209,670, and \$141,520 respectively.

### 602 **Insert Table 8**

603 Cities in Canada and US employ an in-house model to determine the importance of each section  
604 of their WDNs. Factors that usually influence such estimation include land use, type of serviced  
605 facilities, population density, tax base, and others. Specifying the exact importance of each section  
606 within a network is beyond the scope of this work. However, this important parameter, and widely  
607 implemented practice, does affect the enhancement decisions. As such, users are given the option  
608 to specify minimum resilience thresholds that sought to be satisfied upon realizing all the  
609 enhancement actions for each section. These thresholds values are estimated based on of the  
610 importance metric of each section. A sensitivity analysis was conducted to investigate the effects  
611 of these resilience thresholds on the overall optimization objectives. Due to the space limitation, a  
612 sample of this analysis is illustrated in Figure 7. In this analysis, the optimization problem was  
613 iteratively solved while repetitively changing the minimum resilience threshold of subnetwork 3  
614 from 0.55 to 0.75, with an increment of 0.05. Optimal solutions were determined and plotted  
615 against the minimum resilience threshold. Figure 7 shows that the cost and resilience improvement  
616 objectives change by around 13% and 24%, respectively, with a 36% change in the resilience  
617 threshold of subnetwork 3. This analysis provides a thorough understanding of resilience threshold

618 impacts on the optimization objectives. Thus, it helps in determining the optimal set of  
619 enhancement actions that best fit the preferences of the decision-makers.

620 **Insert Figure 6**

621 **Insert Figure 7**

## 622 **Summary and Conclusions**

623 Maintaining sustainable functionality of WDNs after events is rather challenging. This paper  
624 presented a multi-objective resilience-driven enhancement model to optimize three competing  
625 objectives: resilience improvement, life cycle cost, and carbon emissions. The model encompasses  
626 two phases where the intervention actions are first determined along with their timing before being  
627 clustered into work packages and scheduled. The final output is an optimal schedule of  
628 rehabilitation work packages, with each work package consists of segments sharing the same  
629 enhancement type and geographical location. The model considers pipe segments' reliability and  
630 criticality, variant objectives target for different network zones, contract size, and planning  
631 horizon. The formulated optimization model was solved using modified ACO, which  
632 outperformed GA. An actual WDN in the City of London, Ontario was leveraged to demonstrate  
633 the practicality of the developed model . The obtained plan resulted in a 24% resilience  
634 improvement with around 1.57\$ million investment. The plan also resulted in a 33% cost savings,  
635 a 6% increase in resilience improvement, and a 7% reduction in carbon emissions compared to a  
636 plan suggested by the City. This developed framework is expected to help city managers and other  
637 governmental agencies better manage WDNs by preparing more efficiently for hazardous events.  
638 The model can determine the optimal type and sequence of mitigation actions that maximize  
639 resilience and sustainability of WDNs while respecting managerial and operational constraints.  
640 Main contributions of this work include:

- 641 • Integrating resilience and sustainability of WDNs in a single holistic rehabilitation  
642 planning model.
- 643 • Developing a dynamic reliability model to estimate the level of improvement due to  
644 various intervention actions.
- 645 • Developing an optimization model to enhance the resilience absorptive capacity for  
646 WDNs considering uncertainty and distinct zones requirements.
- 647 • Developing a novel optimization-based model to cluster the set of optimal enhancement  
648 actions into homogeneous work packages based on a set of defined commonalities.

649 The developed model has some limitations that can be enhanced in upcoming studies. This model  
650 tackled resilience enhancement through robustness improvement exclusively. However,  
651 considering redundancy improvement can noticeably contribute to resilience enhancement.  
652 Estimating resilience improvement due to various rehabilitation actions can be further enhanced  
653 by analyzing more previous rehabilitation events. The model can also be modified to include more  
654 sustainability objectives such as energy requirements. This paper considered exclusively pipe  
655 segments as they constitute the largest components of WDNs. This analysis be extended to  
656 incorporate more assets such as pumps and water tanks. Moreover, estimates about the segment's  
657 criticality can be fortified by capturing dependencies with other critical infrastructure systems.  
658 Finally, automating the developed optimization model to make more user-friendly is  
659 recommended before being utilized by municipalities.

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661 Data analyzed during the study were provided by a third party. Requests for data should be directed  
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**Table 1.** Set of Considered Rehabilitation Methods

Intervention Category	Method	Description
Minor	Epoxy lining (EL)	A non-structural renewal method for rehabilitation aging yet structurally strong segments through spraying a thin coating of liquid epoxy on the pipe's internal wall. A smoother surface that is easier to be maintained, faster curing, and applicability on smaller pipes are some advantages of EL over regular cement mortar lining (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014).
	Cement Mortar lining (EL)	A non-structural renewal method in which a smooth placing cement mortar is placed on a structurally sound segment's inner surface. Minimum thickness required is 5mm to avoid significant reduction in hydraulic capacity (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014).
Major	Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP)	A structural rehabilitation method in which a resin-coated fiber tube, liner, is inserted into a structurally deteriorated host pipe. This method results in the least diameter reduction with significant smoother surface among other structural rehabilitation techniques (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014).
	Close-fit- Slip lining (SL)	A structural rehabilitation method in which a new pipe is inserted by pulling or pushing into an existing pipe. Diameter of the new pipe is temporarily reduced to facilitate its insertion. The original diameter is then retrieved by pressurization (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014).
Full Replacement	Pipe Bursting (PB)	A replacement method in which a bursting head is inserted to break a host pipe and pull along a new pipe of a similar or larger diameter. The most common trenchless technique utilized to replace segments of various sizes and material types (Yazdekhasti et al. 2014).
	Pipe Splitting	A replacement method in which longitudinal splitting and drawing in a new pipe of a similar or larger diameter occur. A special variation of PB to replace segments that do not fracture using regular PB such as ductile iron pipes (Alan Atalah 2009).

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**Table 2.** Costs and Durations of Rehabilitation Methods

Intervention Method	Unit Cost (CAD/mm <sup>2</sup> /m)	Unit time (days/m)
Cement Mortar Lining (CML)	59.75*	0.0100
Epoxy lining (EL)	66.39*	0.0103
Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP)	2.04	0.0162
Close-fit Slip Lining (SL)	1.88	0.0155
Pipe Bursting (PB)	3.02	0.0202
Pipe Splitting (PS)	3.17	0.0216

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\* Cost is in CAD/m.

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**Table 3.** Comparison between results of the modified ACO and GA

	Objective function	Modified ACO	GA
Minimum	Cost (Million CAD)	1.5504	1.6709
	Resilience	0.6533	0.6290
	Emissions (CO <sub>2</sub> -e tonne)	134.25	137.37
Maximum	Cost (Million CAD)	1.7878	2.1314
	Resilience	0.6657	0.6368
	Emissions	142.14	144.56
Mean	Cost (Million CAD)	1.6153	1.957
	Resilience	0.6628	0.6321
	Emissions (CO <sub>2</sub> -e tonne)	138.74	141.38
Standard deviation	Cost (Million)	0.0418	0.1841
	Resilience	0.0028	0.0053
	Emissions (CO <sub>2</sub> -e tonne)	2.09	3.98
	Hypervolume indicator (HV)	78.68%	59.97%
	Computational time (min)	5.41	8.16

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**Table 4.** Calculation of Objectives' Weights based on Shannon Entropy

Criterion	Cost	Resilience	Emissions
Entropy value (e <sub>j</sub> )	0.232	0.5682	0.751
Variation coefficient (d <sub>j</sub> )	0.768	0.4318	0.249
Weight (w <sub>j</sub> )	53.01%	29.80%	17.19%

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**Table 5.** Different Optimal Solution Resulting from the modified ACO

<b>Solution</b>	<b>Cost (x10<sup>6</sup> CAD)</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Emissions (CO2-e tonne)</b>	<b><math>\phi</math> (a)</b>	<b>Rank</b>
1	1.596	0.6537	142.1	-0.1181	24
2	1.617	0.6643	142.0	-0.3489	32
3	1.564	0.6572	141.7	0.0571	14
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<b>23</b>	<b>1.572</b>	<b>0.6648</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>0.5241</b>	<b>1</b>
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35	1.663	0.6654	134.25	0.0022	18

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Note: The bold row represents the selected optimal solution for the optimization problem.

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**Table 6.** Comparison between the Obtained Results

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Optimization Model</b>	<b>City's Approach</b>	<b>Enhancement</b>
Cost (x10 <sup>6</sup> CAD)	1,572	2,351	33.13%
Resilience	0.6648	0.6297	5.57%
Emissions (CO2-e tonne)	135.2	145.3	6.95%

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**Table 7.** Comparison between the Performance of Resilience Metrics

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Proposed Metric, Eq 1</b>	<b>Previous Metric</b>	<b>Enhancement</b>
Cost (x10 <sup>6</sup> CAD)	1,572	2,081	24.44%
Resilience	0.6648	0.6317	5.24%
Emissions (CO2-e tonne)	135.2	142.2	4.95%

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**Table 8.** Packaging and Scheduling of Enhancement Actions of Year 1

<b>Package No.</b>	<b>Cost (x10<sup>3</sup> CAD)</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Time (day)</b>	<b>Enhancement Action</b>	<b>Time Step</b>	<b>Contractor</b>
1	96.39	0.0034	6.78	PB	1	C1
2	80.10	0.0038	5.47	PS & SL	1	C2
3	88.48	0.0054	9.59	CIPP	1	C3
4	46.33	0.0041	13.56	CML	2	C2
5	93.01	0.0036	4.46	SL	2	C1
6	83.24	0.0030	6.04	CIPP	3	C2
7	47.45	0.0046	14.35	EL	3	C1
8	53.04	0.0055	15.96	CML	2	C3

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847 **Figure Captions:**

848 **Figure 1.** Methodology framework

849 **Figure 2.** Layout of the water network in the City of London, Ontario.

850 **Figure 3.** Layout of the selected subnetworks.

851 **Figure 4.** Pareto Frontier Points of the modified ACO algorithm

852 **Figure 5.** Distribution of Rehabilitated Segments based on a) sub-network; b) age; and c) size.

853 **Figure 6.** Optimum scheduling Results

854 **Figure 7.** Sensitivity of Total Cost and Resilience Improvement to Variation in Minimum

855 Resilience Threshold of Sub-Network 3.