

# In-Archives Handout

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## Group 5: City Services

Section of sewer for the City of Brooklyn, circa 1850; Flat Maps B A-[185-?].FI; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. Why might the pip be shaped like an oval, or egg? Do some research about pipe shapes.
2. This is a sewer pipe, but what other services are integrated into this technology? See D and E on the document. What does this mean about our networks of technologies?

Map showing line of the Brooklyn Water Works; 1864; Flat Maps B A-1864.FI; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. How did the water supply system work? Look at elevation, reservoirs, engine houses, and pipes. Does the natural environment play a role in the design of these services?
2. Where does the water come from and where does it go?

Petition of the freeholders of the City of Brooklyn, 1841; Catherine and Main Street Ferry Company records, 1977.051, box 1; Brooklyn Historical Society.

Records relating to the purchase of loads of dirt, 1827; Catherine and Main Street Ferry Company records, 1977.051, box 1; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. What is the petition complaining about?
2. What can we learn about streets and sidewalks from this document? How were different people thinking about streets and sidewalks?

Map of the City of Brooklyn, 1856; Flat Maps B A-1856.FI; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. How many ferry lines ran between Brooklyn and Manhattan? What does this mean?