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## Pipe Bursting Class C Projects



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## Pipe Bursting Defined.

The breaking of an existing pipe, expanding the broken pipe shards into the surrounding soil .....

while simultaneously pulling in the new HDPE line





## Open Cut Replacement Cost

- Pavement saw-cutting
- Excavation
- Trucking spoil and dump fees
- Backfill and transport
- Compaction
- Concrete or asphalt repair
- Traffic control
- Bypass Pumping



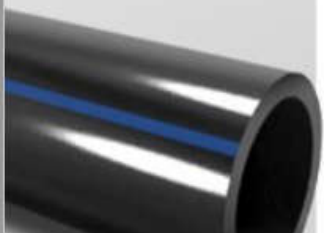
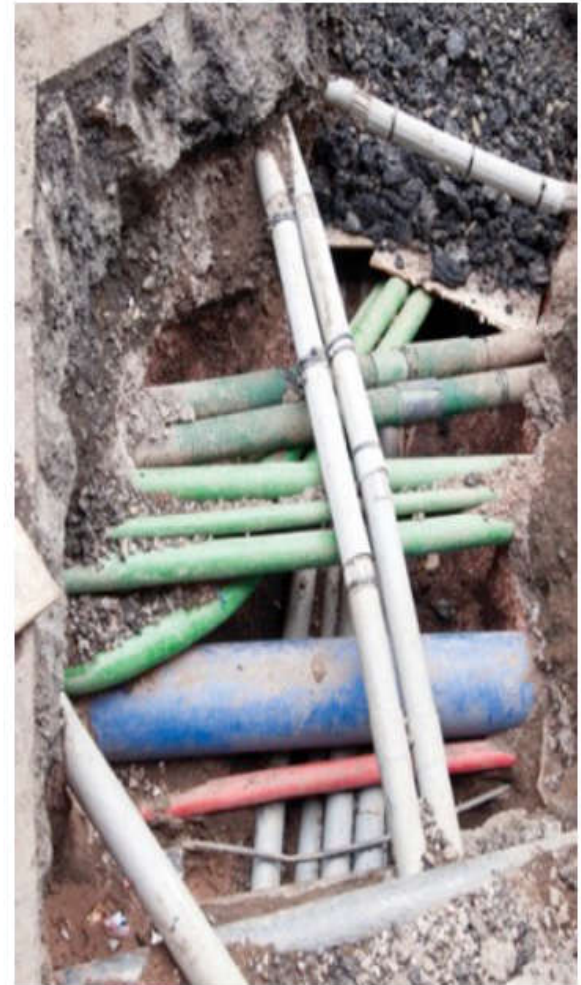


## Pipe Bursting Benefits

- Installs a new seamless pipe
- Ability to upsize
- Eliminates up to 85% of excavation
- Follows the path of the existing utility
- Less disturbance to traffic patterns
- Often more cost effective than open trench replacement
- Proven technology with 60,000,000 feet installed worldwide



- Reduced excavation minimizes environmental footprint
- Reduced carbon dioxide emissions from less machinery and shortened construction schedule
  - Pipe bursting is found to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over traditional open cut by 75-90%
- Reduces infrastructure congestion







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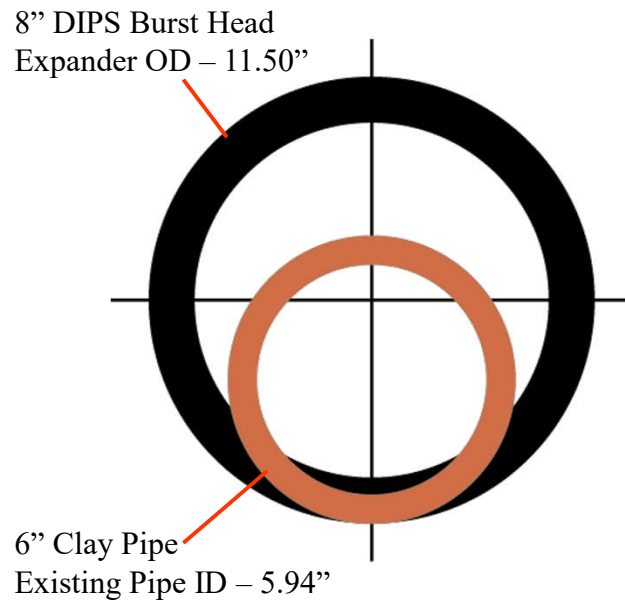


# What is Your Depth of Cover?



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General rule is one (1) foot of cover for every inch of expansion



Expander  
OD  
(11.50)

=

Existing  
Pipe ID  
(5.94)



**Note: any compaction recedes over time. The deeper the line, the less chance of surface disruption**

# Upsizing – Expansion

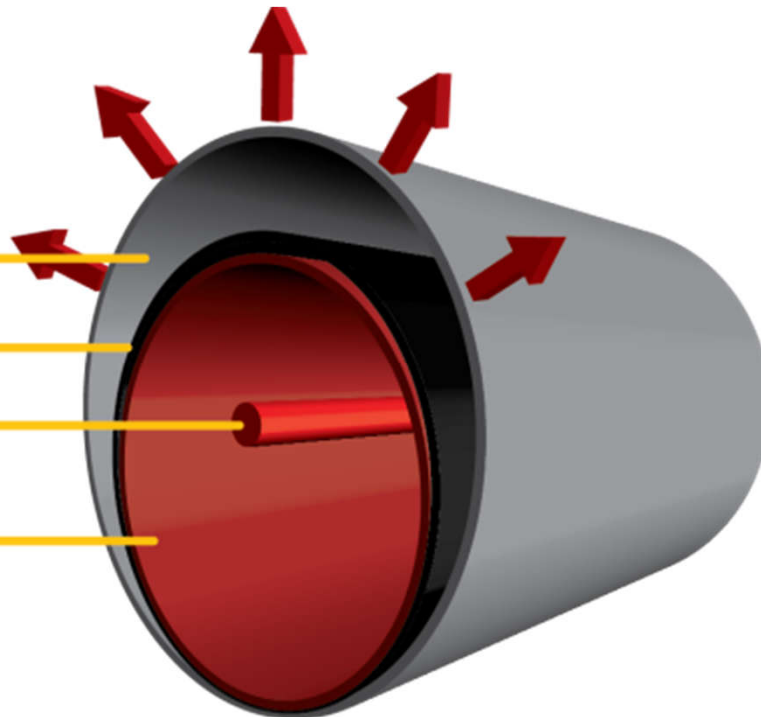


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(Where the material is displaced to)

Pipe Bursting:  
Typical Compaction

- Expander
- New pipe
- Connection center point
- Existing pipe



**Approximately 90% of compaction occurs upwards from the existing line.**







# Host Materials

- Cast Iron
- Clay tile
- PVC
- Concrete
- Reinforced Concrete
- Asbestos Cement
- Ductile Iron
- Steel





# IPBA Project Classification



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		Degree of Difficulty	Depth of Pipe (ft)	Existing Pipe ID (in)	New Pipe Diameter Comparative to Existing Pipe	Burst Length (ft)	Original Trench Width	Soil Type
<b>IPBA CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>A</b>	Minimal	<12	2 – 12	Size on Size	0 – 350	Relatively wide trench compared to expander head outside diameter.	Compressible soils outside trench (loose sand, gravel, soft clay).
	<b>B</b>	Moderate	>12 to <18	12 – 18	Single Upsize	350 – 500	Trench width less than 4" wider than the expander head outside diameter.	Moderately compressible soils outside trench (medium dense to dense sand, medium to stiff clay).
	<b>C</b>	Comprehensive	>18 +	20 – 36	Double / Triple Upsize	500 – 1,000	Incompressible soils outside trench.	Constricted trench geometry (width less than or equal to outside diameter of burst head).
	<b>D</b>	Developmental						

Project classifications per IPBA (International Pipe Bursting Association) pipe bursting specification.



# Site Conditions



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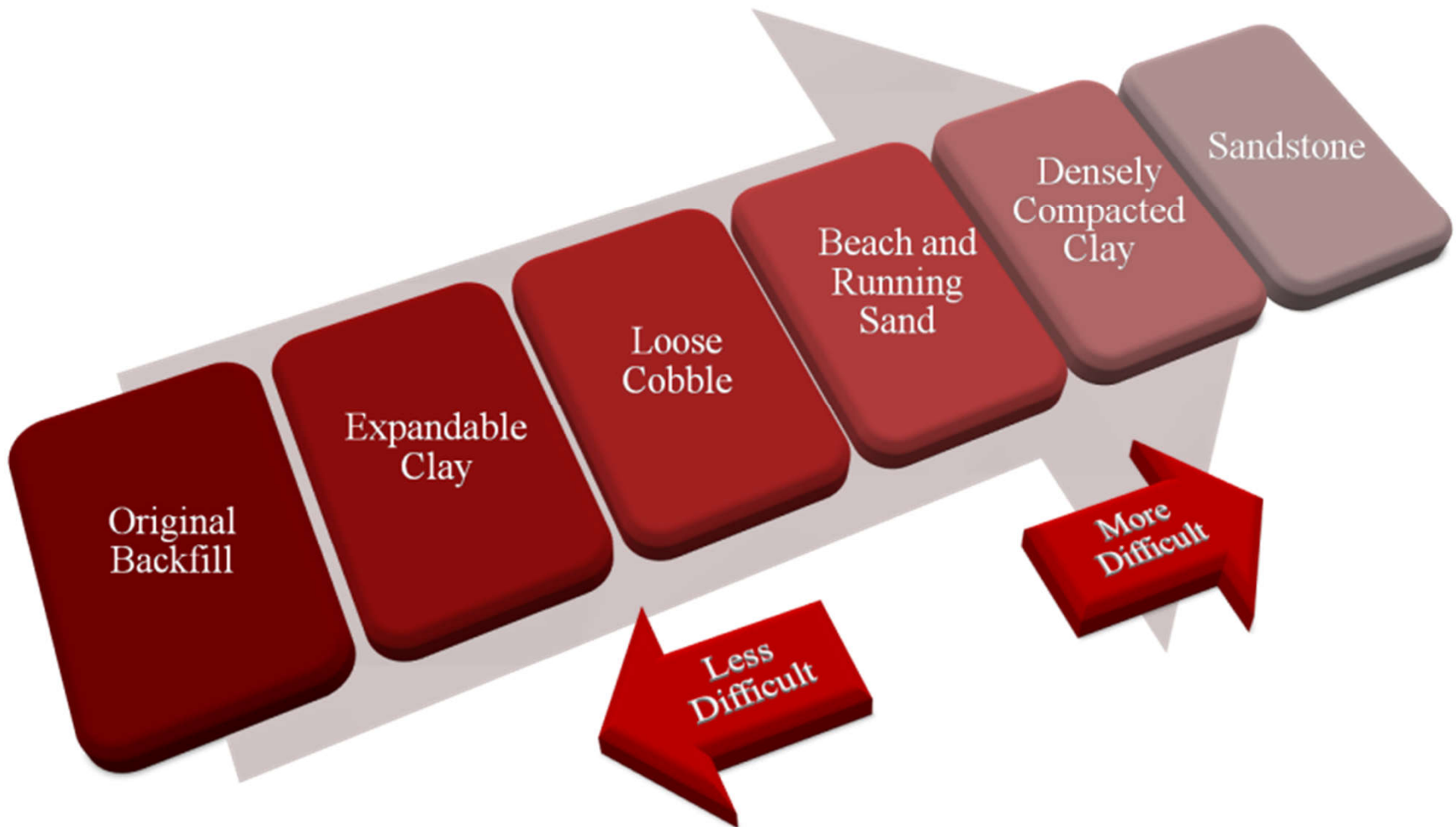
- Depth and original fill of utility
- Surrounding utilities
- Traffic flow patterns
- Temporary service needs



# Soil Conditions



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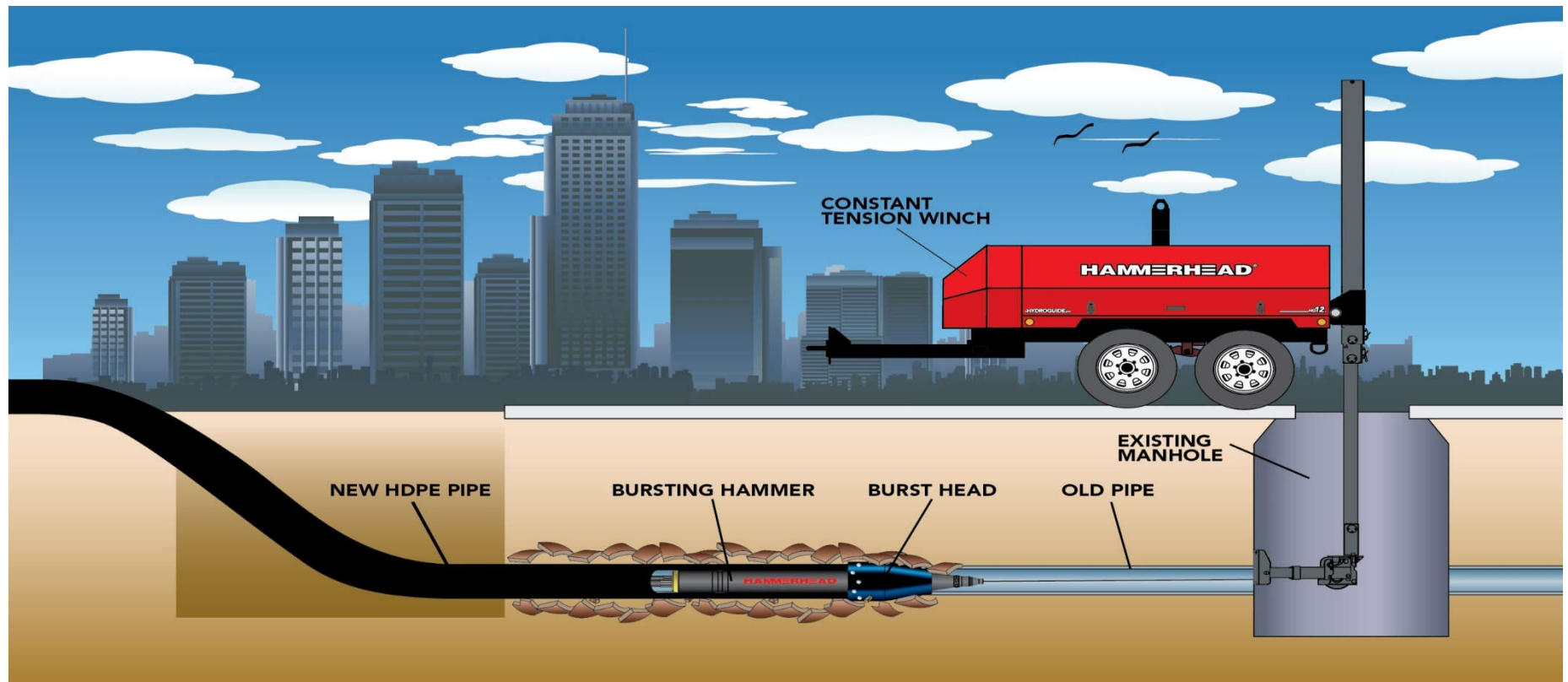
# PNEUMATIC PIPE BURSTING – COMPONENTS







# Pneumatic Pipe Bursting – Process Illustration





# MANHOLE EXITING





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# Operational Video







# Static Bursting Systems

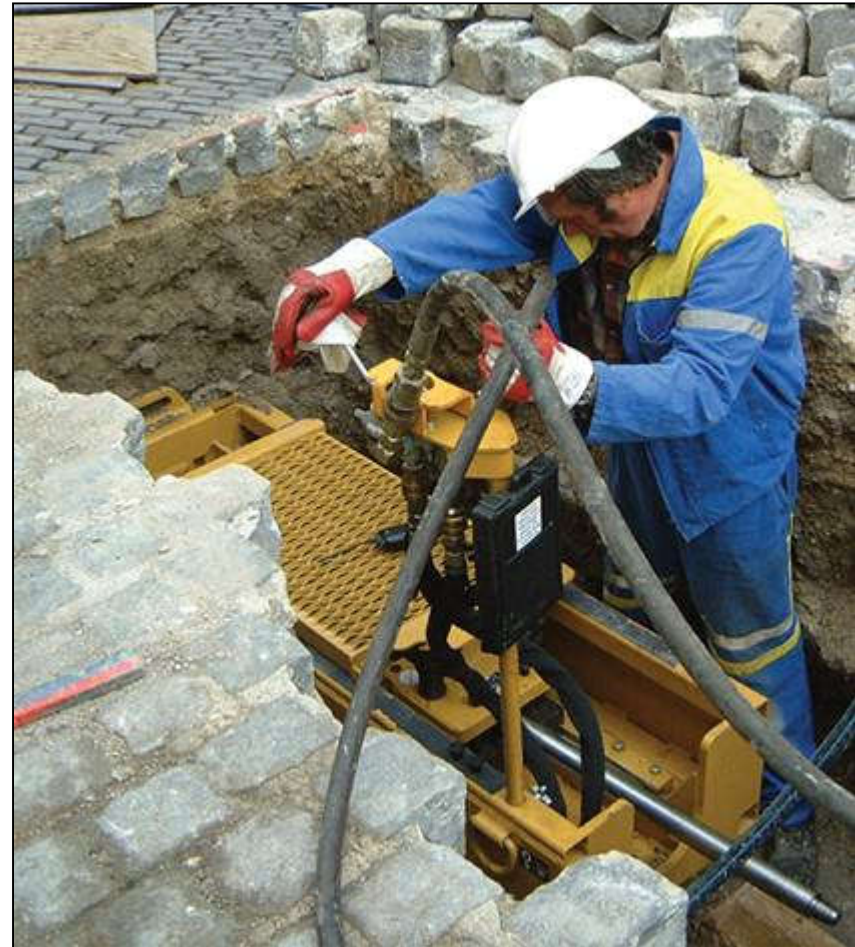
- Easy to operate
- No pipe contamination
- Continuous HDPE pipe
  - Less or no fusion time
  - Pre-chlorination
- Compact
  - Minimal surface disruption





# Static Bursting Systems

- High tonnage pull back force
- Bursting Head/Slitter
  - Breaks existing pipe
  - Expands surrounding soil
  - Pulls in new pipe

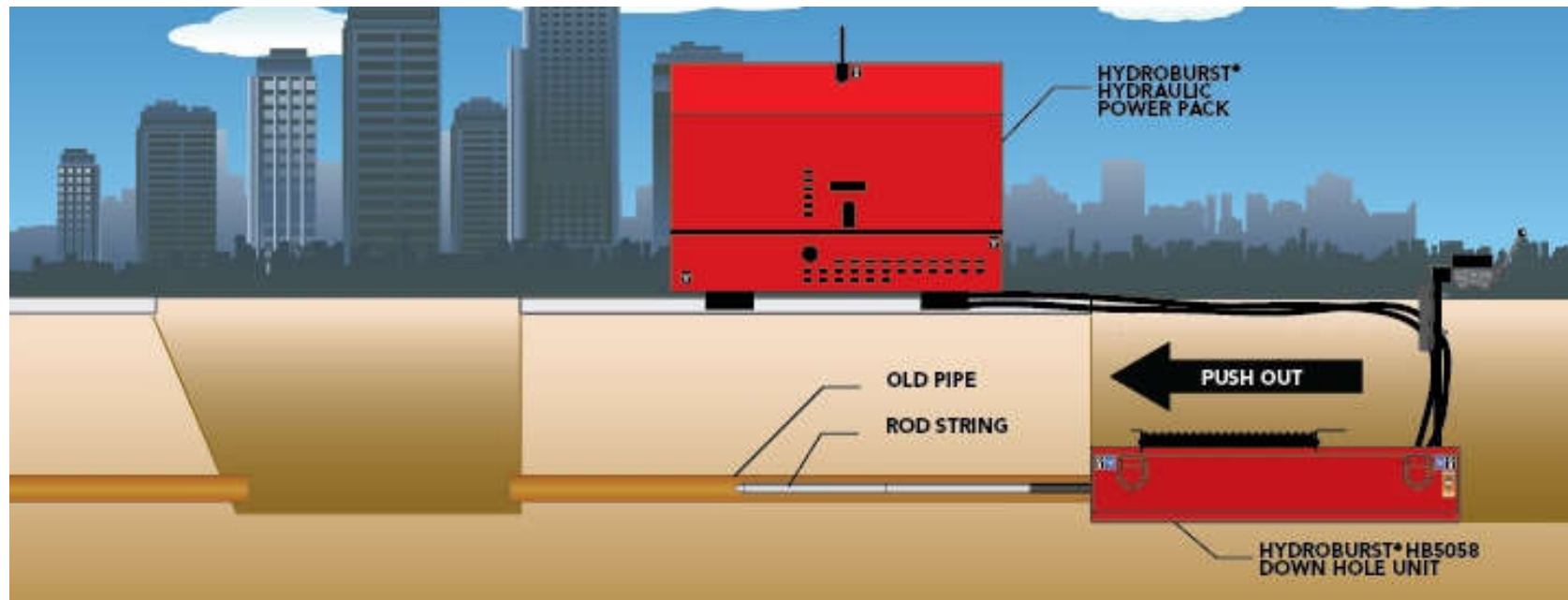




# Push out rod



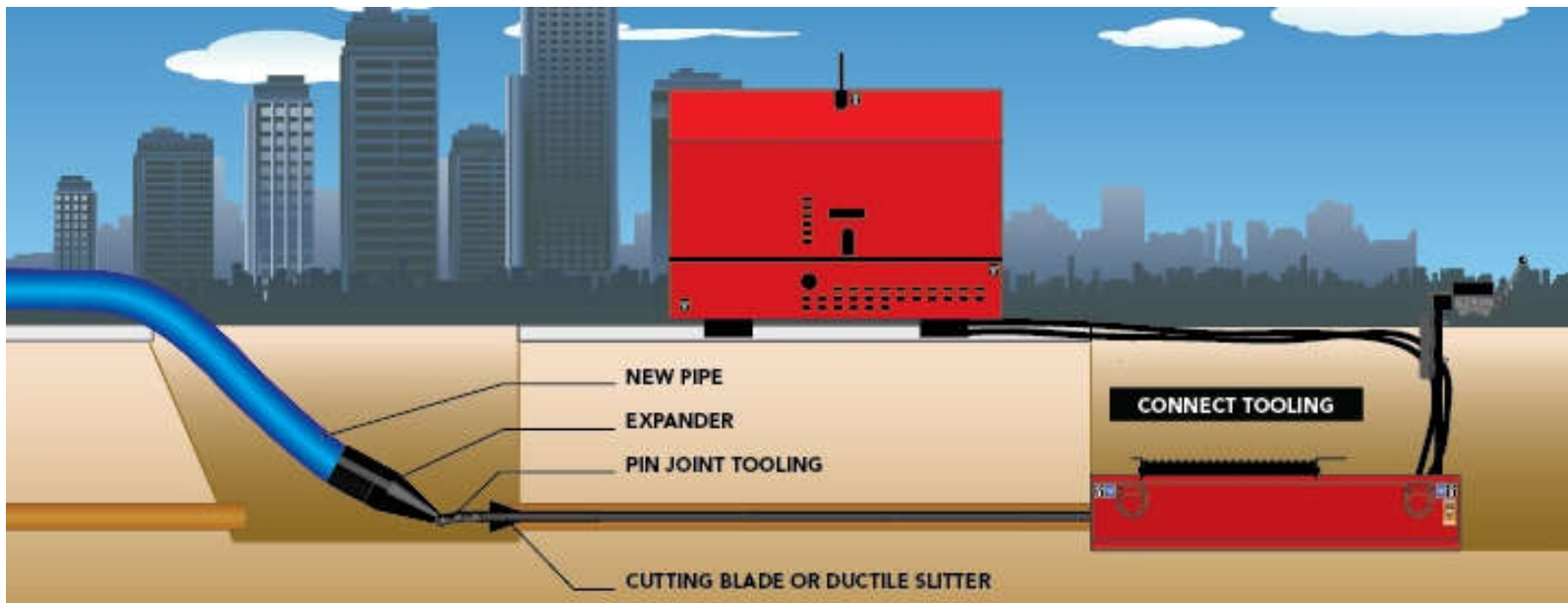
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# Attach tooling and pipe



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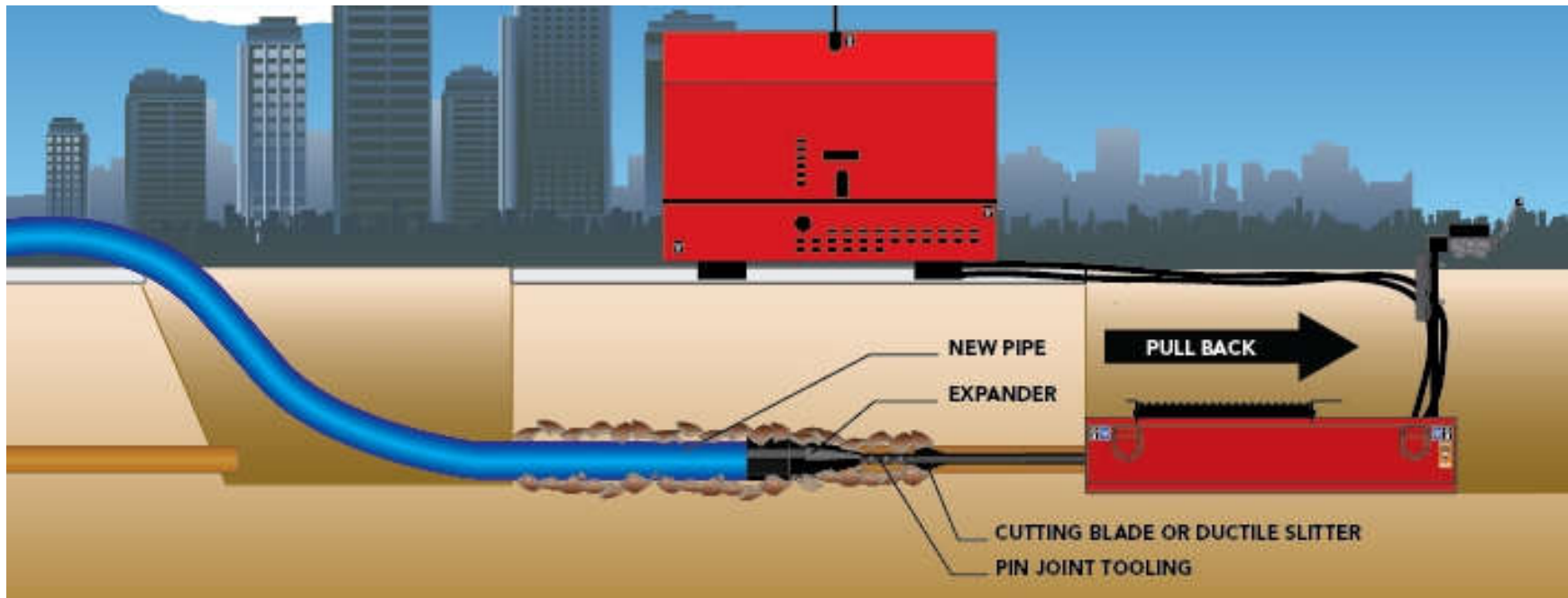




# Pull back



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# Mainline Pipe Bursting



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- Static Systems
  - Full range of equipment for projects from 2" - 24"
    - HB3038
    - HB5058
    - 100XT
    - HB125
    - HB175

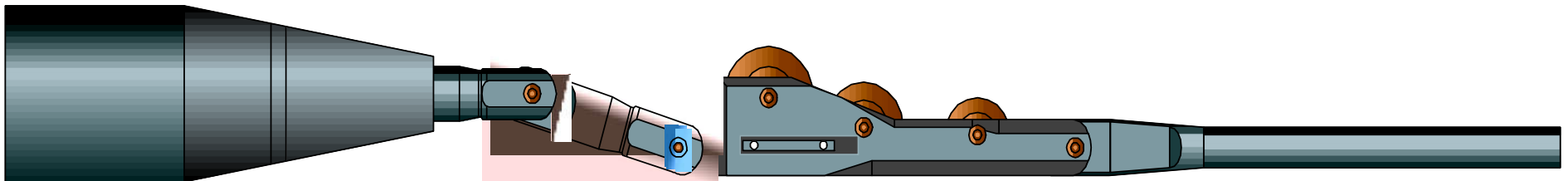






# Static Pipe Bursting Systems

- Ductile Slitter
  - Ductile iron
  - Steel





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# Open Cut VS: Bursting Cost Comparison



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**Project #1** 7,250' existing 8" VCP replacing with 8" DIPS HDPE and replacing 40, 4' pre-cast manholes.

**Open cut=\$281,262.00      Pipe Burst=\$162,422.00**

**Project #2** 2,569' existing 8" VCP replacing with 8" DIPS HDPE and replacing 10, 4' pre-cast manholes.

**Open cut=\$123,056.00      Pipe Burst=\$51,485.00**

**Project #3** 2,771' existing 8" VCP replacing with 8" DIPS HDPE and replacing 13, 4' pre-cast manholes.

**Open cut=\$130,764.00      Pipe Burst=\$62,447.00**

**Project #4** 4,200' existing 8" VCP replacing with 8" DIPS HDPE and replacing 16, 4' pre-cast manholes.

**Open cut=\$206,353      Pipe Burst=\$111,823.00**

**Total Savings=\$353,258.00**

# Pipe Bursting Project Implementation



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- Utilized HDPE pipe because of its flexibility and strength and longest trenchless track record
- Previous pilot test used FPVC but it failed through rapid crack propagation



# Pipe Bursting Project Implementation



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- PE4710 pipe can be bent to a radius 25 times the nominal pipe diameter, see AWWA M55, table 8-2
- Eliminates many fittings required for directional changes
- Refer to PPI PE Handbook chapter 16, pipe bursting
- HDPE is easy to handle in the field





# Pipe Bursting Project Implementation



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- PE4710 butt fused joints per:
  - ASTM F2620, heat fusion
  - PPI TR33, generic butt fusion procedure
  - PPI TN42, training guidelines
- HDPE fused joints are stronger than original pipe
- Thrust block required when connected to jointed pipe – see AWWA M55, chapter 8, installation





# Pipe Bursting Project Implementation



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# Pipe Bursting Project Non-Invasive to Residents



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- Bypass pumping eliminated through accepted outages
- 300-400 lf per day of bursting production
- 2-3 month project duration for urban neighborhoods minimizes resident impact
- Minimal Excavations compared to open-cut or directional boring
  - Reduces restoration costs and time
  - Reduces time construction crews are present in front of residents



# Pipe Bursting Sites



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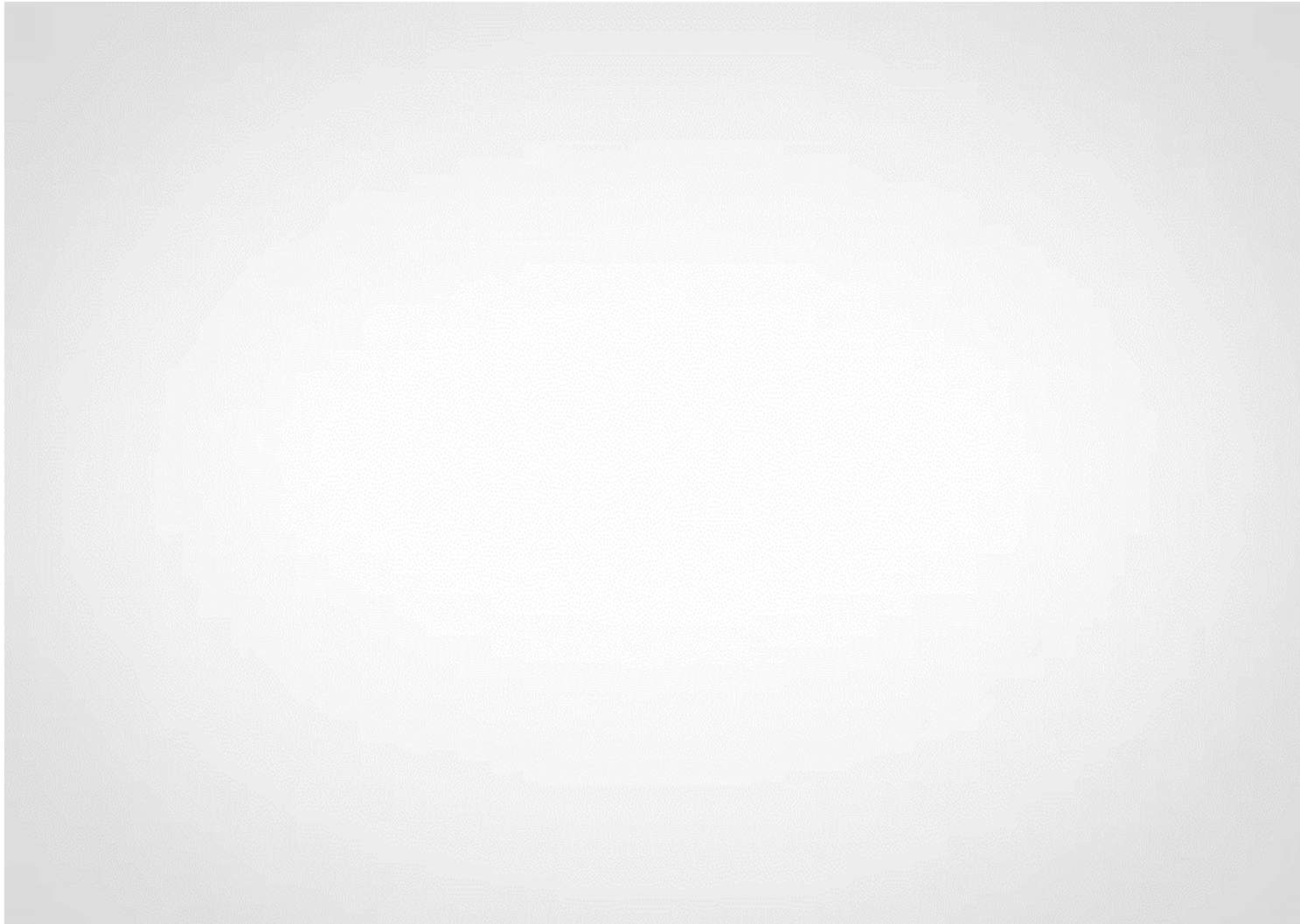








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