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TRAFFIC ALERT: MSD Waterway Protection Tunnel work requires Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue area closure

LOUISVILLE, KY — Beginning May 21, a section of Lexington Road between Hamilton and Baxter avenues will close to through traffic with local access for businesses, homes and parking lots. The closure will allow the installation of a sewer pipe under the roadway.

May 29, the intersection of Lexington Road and Baxter Avenue will also close so that connections can be made to capture overflow points and direct them to the new pipe and MSD's Waterway Protection Tunnel.

The work in this area allows the capture of nine sewer overflow points that currently discharge to Beargrass Creek.

All local roadways surrounding the construction area will be open with local access to businesses, homes and parking lots available. Commuter traffic will detour to Broadway and East Chestnut Street. The roadways are scheduled to fully open to traffic by August 7, 2018.

The public can keep up to date on the project at LouisvilleMSD.org/tunnel or Twitter with [#MSDtunnel](https://twitter.com/MSDtunnel).

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Background

The Waterway Protection Tunnel is part of MSD's larger effort to prevent sewage from overflowing into Louisville's waterways. MSD's basins and the tunnel will capture rainwater and sewage during rain events. The underground storage areas keep the mixture of rainwater and sewage until the rain subsides. Then, the mixture is gradually released back into the sewer system for treatment.

The Waterway Protection Tunnel will eliminate 22 combined sewer overflow points that put 351 million gallons of sewage and rainfall — in a typical year — into the South Fork of Beargrass Creek and the Ohio River.

By 2020, MSD will capture and treat 98 percent of the combined sewer overflow volume in a typical year of rain. Combined sewer overflows will then total only 343 million gallons in a typical year. That is substantially less than the two- to nearly six-billion gallons of combined sewer overflows per year that MSD has reported in recent years.



About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 630 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.