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Photo/Video Opportunity

With Flood Season Here, MSD to Test Slugger Field Floodwall Closure

MSD aims to protect Louisville residents by testing floodwall closure as preventative measure

With flood season upon the River City, MSD will test an Ohio River floodwall closure located near Louisville Slugger Field, as a preventative measure to help keep Louisville residents safe from flooding. The test is prescribed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which designates November through May as the official flood season.

The floodwall closure, which spans an entire city block, is part of a system managed by MSD that includes 29 miles of Ohio River floodwalls and levees. The closure extends along Main Street from the east side of the Jackson Street entrance to the Slugger Field parking lot, to the west side of Preston Street.

WHAT:

MSD to Test Downtown Floodwall Closure near Louisville Slugger Field

WHEN:

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
November 29, 2016

WHERE:

401 E Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

OPPORTUNITIES:

Photo/Video of MSD employees performing floodwall closure tests
Interview with John “JP” Carsone, Flood Protection Supervisor, MSD

MORE:

Major storm and flooding events have increased in Louisville, with the past ten years seeing nearly triple number of extreme storm events than in the 20 years prior. The Slugger Field

closure is one of the newest and longest service closures in the MSD system, and was modified when Slugger Field was built in 1998 to open up the front of the field. The downtown closure spans 790 feet, and is six to eight feet tall. The Louisville Metro Flood Protection System boasts 80 floodwall closures. Nineteen are sandbag closures and 61 are movable service closures.

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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 600 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.