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Demolition of McNeely Lake WQTC

Eliminating the last of 300+ inefficient wastewater treatment facilities— Providing wastewater overflow protection to area waterways

Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m.
10300 Rod N Reel Road
Louisville, KY 40229

Representatives of Louisville MSD will speak followed by demolition of the facility

MSD is completing a 36-year journey to eliminate more than 300 inefficient water quality treatment centers (WQTCs) that are beyond their design life. In late May, MSD decommissioned the final remaining smaller inefficient treatment facility—McNeely Lake WQTC—leaving five regional wastewater treatment facilities in its system.

The final small package wastewater treatment facility—McNeely Lake WQTC—went off-line in late May. Flow was diverted to Derek R. Guthrie WQTC, providing protection from sanitary sewer overflows to the Pond Creek watershed. Demolition of the facility begins June 23 at 10 a.m.

How did we get here?

As the population of Jefferson County grew throughout the 1950s and 60s, developers built small package treatment plants for many of the new subdivision that were in areas not served by sewers. These package treatment plants had an average life expectancy of 20-30 years. With the expansion of sewer service, MSD acquired these wastewater treatment facilities with their elimination as the long-term goal.

Recent Progress—2015

At the beginning of 2015, MSD had 11 of these inefficient facilities left in its system. By the end of that year, it had whittled the number down to three.

Jeffersontown WQTC was the largest of the eliminated treatment centers. Flow to this facility was redirected to the regional Morris Forman and Cedar Creek WQTCs in December 2015, providing overflow protection to the Chenoweth Run and Floyds Fork waterways.

Also coming off-line in 2015, were five small treatment facilities in Prospect—Hunting Creek North, Hunting Creek South, Ken Carla, Shadow Wood and Timberlake WQTCs—providing protection to Harrods Creek.

2016 sees the elimination of the last three

MSD began 2016 with just three of these inefficient wastewater treatment facilities left in its system—Bancroft, McNeely Lake and Starview Estates WQTCs. In March, Bancroft and Starview Estates were taken off-line, providing sewer overflow protection to Goose Creek and Chenoweth Run, respectively.

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The benefits

Elimination of these sometimes leaky, inefficient facilities not only reduces operational costs and maintenance issues related to these sites, but also enhances water quality in our streams and the Ohio River helping MSD to achieve its mission of Safe, Clean Waterways for our community.

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.