Green Infrastructure project in Portland beautifies while decreasing sewer overflows

Phase 2 of a green infrastructure project in the Portland area has been approved to begin construction, with expected completion by July 2017. The project area—located along 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th streets between West Market and Bank streets, and Portland Avenue—will capture rainwater runoff from 32.6-acres of hard surfaces. Curb inlets at the intersections and new pipes that capture rooftop rainfall will direct rainwater to planting areas and underground trenches. This allows absorption of the rainwater deep into the ground.

When all three phases are complete, this initiative will prevent more than 32 million gallons of rainwater mixed with untreated sewage from flowing into the Ohio River, west of downtown. Additionally, it will provide relief from surface flooding for the area.

MSD gains new Board Member

On Friday, September 30, the Board unanimously confirmed Louisville Metro Mayor Greg Fischer’s appointment of Jason C. Williams to the MSD Board. He is a member of Frost Brown Todd LLC and represents Senatorial District 26. Williams graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2003, and Yale University in 2000 where he majored in economics and was a four-year letterman of the varsity basketball team. His practice is concentrated in corporate law with an emphasis in franchise law, and mergers and acquisitions.

Advisory Committee focusing on Maple Street

The second meeting of the MSD Community of the Future Advisory Committee was held on September 20. The focus of their work is to define a publically acceptable and beneficial use for land acquired during the Maple Street buyout of flood-prone properties with the ultimate goal of creating a community asset. The Advisory Committee includes agency and neighborhood representatives, and property owners. In addition to the Advisory Committee, a subcommittee comprised of remaining residents and neighbors has been formed and will provide local feedback. The Advisory Committee is expected to make its recommendations by the end of the year.

Phase 1 of the green infrastructure project in the Portland area was completed in June.
Employees represent MSD at WEFTEC—The Water Quality Event

The Water Environment Federation’s Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) was held in New Orleans, September 24-28, 2016. MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott and One Water Director of Business Transformation Tim Kraus presented “Louisville One Water: Working to Become an Integrated Utility of the Future.”

Parrott and Organizational Development Training Manager Tony Glore presented “Creating Visionary Leadership for the Value of Water.” Other employees presenting on behalf of MSD were Jordan Basham and Erin Wagoner.

WEFTEC provides water quality professionals from around the world with an exchange of ideas concerning water-quality education, training and new water-quality technologies. The goal of WEFTEC is to foster communication between international water utilities while seeking solutions to commonly faced problems.

Learning water quality testing
MSD employee Whitney Boles provided water quality testing assistance for local students at an educational event on the Ohio River at Riverview Park on September 29. Metro Parks hosted Wilderness Inquiry’s Canoemobile program, which travels across the country with a fleet of canoes, giving urban youth opportunities to engage with local waterways. About 100 fourth-grade students from Coleridge-Taylor Montessori Elementary and Maupin Elementary: A Catalpa Model School were in attendance.

Making a difference in the health of our streams

Working together, we can achieve safe, clean waterways. Make sure that you safely and properly dispose of expired prescription drugs and other medications, like unsealed cough syrups, eye drops and nose sprays; and bulk or loose capsules and pills. MSD reminds our customers that it is never safe to flush pharmaceutical products down the toilet or drain due to the following:

- If they seep into the drinking water and the groundwater, they can contaminate the environment.
- If such products are flushed down the drain, they can kill bacteria or produce drug-resistant bacteria in sewage treatment plants and septic systems.

Instead of flushing, you can safely dispose any unused prescriptions at the following locations:

- Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office in downtown Louisville, 531 Court Place, Suite 600, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.
- St. Matthews Police Department, 3940 Grandview Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.
Encouraging students to explore construction-industry careers

MSD was one of approximately 60 exhibitors at the 12th annual Kentucky Construction Career Day, sponsored by the Kentucky Construction Career Choice Council on September 20 and 21. Troy Smith organized MSD’s participation in this event.

Smith states, “This is a huge event for us. MSD is introduced to 2,500 high school students interested in the construction industry. We create excitement about MSD job opportunities through hands-on experiences, including a timed sewer pipe-cutting contest, confined entry experience, operating an excavator and operating MSD’s underground camera.” Students come from numerous Kentucky counties, including Bullitt, Jefferson, Meade and Shelby counties attend the event.

The following employees represented MSD at the event:

| Tom Armistead | Vikki Huelsman | Dave Miller |
| Chris Asher  | Danny Janssen  | Tom Mullins |
| Rick Bledsoe | Jesse Johnson  | Derek Northington |
| Charles Buckner | Coye Keller   | Tim Payton |
| Ralph Burba  | Mark Keller    | Steve Robbins |
| Pat Busby    | Mary Landgrave | Ron Simpson |
| Dave Ciez    | Sheryl Lauder  | Troy Smith |
| Sean Craig   | Steve Leong    | Pat Teeter |
| Chris Davidson | Tony Linton  | Eric Toller |
| Glenn Ellers | Nelson Little  | Christina Tomasulo |
| Joe Exely    | Larry Marsh    | Jim Vaughan |
| Gary Feldkamp| Brandon McKenna| Val Winburn |
| Dan French   | Eldra McWhorter| John Yarbrough |
| Nkenge Hannah| Ben Merry      | |

Customer Compliments

Connie Rhodes is terrific! She was patient and very good at explaining an issue I had with my bill. Thanks so much!
— Jim Massey

One of my constituents had an erosion problem on his property. Jay Kustes, James Rutledge and William Sanders conducted the erosion repair, and I would like to thank them for a job well done. I saw the work myself, and it looks great! It is so nice to know that the job has been done and done right!
— Councilwoman Cindi Fowler
District 14

I was very pleased with the ditch cleaning Matthew Clark, Robin Ferrell, Van Johnson, William Phillips and Kirk Willis performed on my property. They worked well together.
— Willena Sloan

Louisville MSD’s Drainage and Flood Protection Department does an outstanding job of keeping Louisville safe from flooding.
— @holznec (via Twitter)

MSD Milestones

Welcome to MSD
Charles Bright, Reception Security Officer
Matthew Clark, Utility Trainee
Lavon Cook, Seasonal Employee
James Ellsworth, Process Technician Trainee
Johonne Hamilton, Customer Relations Agent
Samuel Miller, Finance Intern
Elzie “Lee” Moss, Maintenance Mechanic
DJ Owen, Temporary Facilities Administrator
Kayla Scheckell, Accounting Associate
Tremaine Williams, Process Technician Trainee

Congratulations on your promotion/reclassification
Thaddeus Gough, Utility Worker II
Stephen Hardin, Utility Worker II
Damien Hughes, Utility Worker II
Kevin King, Process Technician Trainee
David Reynolds, Utility Worker II
Ronald Scherer, Training Specialist-Treatment Operations

Welcome to a new role
Rickie Jackson, Control Systems Technician

Happy service anniversary
35 years James Bridges Jr.
20 years Rick Bledsoe
15 years Clavon Armstrong   Jeffery Fields
10 years Edward Mattingly   Nathaniel Richardson
5 years Thomas Armistead    Steve Tedder
   Ryan Broome
Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 11
Story & Main CSO Basin Update Meeting
6:30 pm, American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue

OCTOBER 18
Lexington & Payne CSO Basin Update Meeting
6:30 pm, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Building
2115 Lexington Road

OCTOBER 20
MSD Audit Committee Meeting
4 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

OCTOBER 24
MSD Board Meeting
1 pm, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street

67,668 catch basins...
...billions of leaves!

Prevent surface flooding in your neighborhood by raking leaves and debris away from catch basins, and properly disposing of the debris.

If basins are still clogged, contact MSD Customer Relations—at 502-587-0603—we will send someone to help.