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# Volunteers needed to clean the banks of the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek

*COVID-19 cautious event planned for November 7*

LOUISVILLE, KY— Picking up trash along our waterways is a little thing that can make a big difference for our streams. Louisville MSD, Louisville Metro Parks and Kentucky Watershed Alliance (KWA) are hosting a “COVID-19 cautious” volunteer effort to improve water quality in the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek.

This free event is Saturday, November 7, from 8:30 AM to noon. Volunteers must wear a mask and practice social distancing during the event. MSD, Metro Parks and KWA will provide trash bags, gloves, a free t-shirt, a sanitizing station and trash pickup.

To keep our groups to 10 or less, please register one of five locations at <https://bit.ly/31oINbh>.

- Cherokee Park at Lexington Road
- Cherokee Park near Big Rock
- Arthur K. Draught Park
- AB Sawyer Park
- Forest Green Trail

About one-third of all water that falls in the Beargrass Creek watershed lands on impervious surfaces, such as roofs and pavement—collecting toxins, pollutants, and sediments as it makes its way to the creek.

Picking up trash in and around the area helps reduce pollution in our waterways.

This event is part of the 319 Grant Watershed Planning effort.



### 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 670 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.