The ribbon is cut and Logan Street Basin is operational

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Logan Street Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Basin on December 19 capped several years of work and community conversation that will now help maintain safer, cleaner waterways.

The basin will capture 11 combined sewer overflow points that in the past have discharged 15,400,000 gallons of a mixture of sewage and rainwater per year into the South Fork of Beargrass Creek. The basin will allow capture of 98 percent of these overflows for a typical year of rainfall.

The Logan Street CSO Basin is a concrete underground structure with a storage capacity of 16.7 million gallons. It has an above ground operations building and an access ramp to allow service vehicles to enter for periodic maintenance. There are 10,000 feet of 24- to 96-inch sewer pipes that collect flow from 11 overflow points and convey it to the basin. The sewer water is stored in the basin until capacity is available in the sewer system. At that time, the water is conveyed to Morris Forman Water Quality Treatment Center, treated and released into the Ohio River.

MSD will transfer the site to the Louisville Metro Housing Authority to better accommodate public use and maintenance of the site. The Housing Authority will partner with the local community to develop and implement a plan for public use of the property. MSD will retain an easement to allow maintenance of the basin.

“The below grade basin reflects an $82 million investment in the Smoketown community.”
— MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott

One-story building with a grassy top that created a green-space addition to the neighborhood.

The grassy top on the Logan Street Basin adds a green space to the Smoketown Neighborhood.

Scissors at the ready! (left to right) Louisville Metro Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith; Mayor Greg Fischer; Nachand Hyde Trabue; MSD Board member John Phelps; MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott; Bates Memorial Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Bruce Williams; MSD Chief Engineer Angela Akridge; Louisville Metro Housing Authority Board Member Lance Gilbert; Walsh Construction Project Manager Bryan Meyer; and, Smoketown Neighborhood Association President Randy Webber cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of the Logan Street Basin.

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MSD commits to large impact for local labor and economy

The MSD Board has voted to change the threshold for MSD’s Local Labor Preference for construction contracts to include contracts of $5 million or more. Previously, MSD procurement regulations required a Local Labor Preference for construction contracts of $10 million or more.

“Local labor” is defined as individuals who have a primary legal residence within Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties in Kentucky; and, Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington counties in Indiana.

MSD is an economic engine in our community, supporting 3,000 jobs annually. Last year alone, construction companies had an opportunity to participate in more than $300 million in MSD construction contracts. The agency is expected to have an economic impact of $4.3 billion over the next 20 years.

To aid contract holders with this preference, MSD is establishing an online portal to connect potential community workers with the contract holders. “MSD JobLink” will launch on January 24, 2018. The site is intended to help contractors fulfill the Local Labor Preference. An introduction to this portal will be provided to contractors at our “Can You Dig It” outreach event, January 24, 2018, 10 a.m. to Noon at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 1701 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard. For more information on this event visit, MSDBIDS.com or register at msd-can-you-dig-it-2018.eventbrite.com.

Information about the “MSD JobLink” portal will be available on LouisvilleMSD.org and MSDBIDS.com on January 24, 2018.
Did you know homeowner’s insurance does not cover flood damage?

MSD wants you to know that anyone in Louisville Metro can purchase flood insurance. Residents of Jefferson County receive up to a 35 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums because MSD participates in the Community Rating System.

Lenders require flood insurance for those inside the mapped floodplain. Those who live outside of these areas can still be at risk for flooding. More than 20-percent of all National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance claims are from areas outside the mapped high-risk areas. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Protect yourself and your home by calling your insurance agent to learn more about flood insurance or by going to www.floodsmart.gov.

Plan your rain garden now

Rain gardens help infiltrate rainwater before it reaches the drainage system, and reduce the amount of stormwater and pollutants running into storm drains, combined sewers or streams.

For your FREE Rain Garden Guide, contact MSD Customer Relations at 502.587.0603, or online at CustomerRelations@LouisvilleMSD.org.

Customer Compliments

I would like to thank and wish a Merry Christmas to Troy Smith’s crew of Chey Burkhead, Dwayne Edwards and Jonathan Trimble did a great job installing the pipe and fixing the headwall in the drainage area on my property.

— Dan Hazel

On December 26, I called MSD Customer Relations about a plumbing issue. Marya Summers was so helpful. She explained the MSD Plumbing Modification Program to me, and promised to call me back the next day with more information. I could not believe she actually called me back! I cannot get over the excellent customer service she provided. That kind of service is hard to find.

— Donna Porter

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to Erin Wagoner. You have no idea how much you have helped my students. They told me that the experience helped them think about things that they had not considered. I am grateful to have professionals in this community who are willing to help me be a better teacher and my kids be better students.

— Angela Durbin Page
Louisville Male Traditional High School
Help keep street drains flowing

Catch basins and street gutter drains cannot function properly when their grates are clogged with leaves, ice and snow.

Please clear away debris from catch basin grates — if you can do so safely.

If a basin still does not drain, contact MSD Customer Relations—at 502-587-0603—we will send someone to help.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 10
MDT Tunnel Groundbreaking
1:45 PM, 200 N 12th Street

MDT Audit Committee Meeting
4 PM, 700 West Liberty Street

JANUARY 15
MDT Offices closed
For emergency service anytime, phone MDT's Customer Relations at 502.587.0603

JANUARY 22
MDT Board Meeting
1 PM, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street

JANUARY 24
Can You Dig It? Contractor Outreach Event
10 AM, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage
1701 W Muhammad Ali Boulevard