Louisville, like many cities, is faced with aging infrastructure that must be maintained and refurbished in order to continue to serve a growing community. Some of MSD’s underground infrastructure predates the Civil War, and much of our flood protection system was built in the 1940s and ‘50s. In addition, an increased frequency of severe storms in recent years has amplified the need for our system to be ready to protect against the worst of today’s weather.

MSD has completed an extensive analysis of these systems and has developed a Critical Repair & Reinvestment Plan to address the challenges posed by this aging infrastructure. The difficult truth is the solutions come with a price tag of $4.3 billion over the next 20 years, including almost $500 million to finish the remaining Consent Decree projects to meet the federal order to reduce sewer overflows.

**We want to hear from you:**
Louisville can no longer avoid renewing and restoring its vital wastewater, flood protection and stormwater management facilities. Input is needed from the community to determine how soon the critical projects should be completed.

The entire Critical Repair & Reinvestment Plan is online for your review, as well as available in each of Louisville’s public library branches. To view the Plan and provide feedback, visit: [LouisvilleMSD.org/CriticalRepairPlan](http://LouisvilleMSD.org/CriticalRepairPlan)

The bottom line is this: at MSD, we’re here to make Louisville a better place. A cleaner place. A healthier place. To have a real impact on the quality of life of the place we all call home. Working together, we can continue to pursue our Vision of “Safe, Clean Waterways for a Healthy and Vibrant Community.”

Sincerely,

James A. Parrott
MSD Executive Director
Remembering The 1937 Flood

In January 1937, seventy percent of Louisville was flooded, mainly in the western and central sections, requiring evacuations of more than 230,000 residents. Ninety people lost their lives due to the event. Property damage from that flood calculated in today’s dollar value would top $3.3 billion.

Louisville was just one of many Ohio River Valley cities to suffer devastation from the flood. On January 27, 1937 the river at Louisville reached its highest recorded level of 57.15 feet. This record still stands today. Crews at the Louisville Water pump station kept the city in clean drinking water despite being stranded at the site for days.

The Ohio River Flood Protection System—was built in response to The 1937 Flood. Construction was scheduled to begin in 1941, but was delayed due to U. S. involvement in World War II. Construction finally began in 1947. The city and county governments paid for the land and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided the design and construction work. Each completed section was turned over to the city of Louisville. MSD became responsible for the Flood Protection System in 1987.
Customer Compliments

I called MSD to get information about a service request at my property, and Marya Summers was very helpful, polite and gave me all the information I needed. She provided very good customer service.
— Kathy Anderson

Da’Rius Calloway, Christopher Hendrix, Ronald Smith, Kevin Snodgrass and Denzil Whalin came out to my property and were very neat, polite and informative. They did an awesome job. This was my first customer service experience with MSD, and it was very pleasant.
— Ben Hundley

I really appreciate the work that Pat Berry, Vikki Huelsman, Horace Gaither and Jeff Nalley do for MSD’s Plumbing Modification Program. I appreciate that MSD pays for this service to help protect residents’ basements. What a way to give back to the community!
— Malisa Hlavacek
Use kitty litter on your sidewalks this winter instead of salt

When it rains or snows, all that stormwater has to go somewhere. As it flows into creeks and streams, and eventually to the Ohio River, stormwater accumulates things like sidewalk salt, which can harm our waterways. This winter use kitty litter on your sidewalks instead of salt. Together we can achieve safe, clean waterways for our community.

Make plans now to attend Ohio River Sweep

Saturday • June 17, 2017 • 9 a.m. to Noon

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 14
MSD Infrastructure Committee Meeting
1 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

FEBRUARY 16
MSD Customer Service Committee Meeting
1 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

FEBRUARY 21
Derek R. Guthrie WQTC Facility Plan Public Hearing
6 pm, Southwest Regional Library
9725 Dixie Highway

FEBRUARY 23
MSD Personnel Committee Meeting
2 pm, 700 West Liberty Street

FEBRUARY 27
MSD Board Meeting
1 pm, Open Session, 700 West Liberty Street