

## DiverseWorks program informs businesses of upcoming opportunities

To prepare for capital construction projects under the consent decree agreement, MSD invited minority- and woman-owned businesses to learn more at **DiverseWorks from the Top** workshops.

Working with the U.S. EPA and the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, the consent decree agreement allows MSD to focus efforts and investments on making streams and waterways cleaner by nearly eliminating sanitary and combined sewer overflows.

The projected \$800 million investment also poses new contract opportunities for DiverseWorks-certified businesses during the anticipated 20 years of construction projects.

“Having our work force reflect the community we serve is a top priority for MSD,” Executive Director Bud Schardein told workshop attendees. “The consent decree gives us the opportunity to utilize more of our DiverseWorks-certified businesses with that priority in mind.”

In addition to Schardein, workshop attendees met with Chief Engineer Derek Guthrie and Regulatory Management Services Director Brian Bingham.

During the two workshops, business representatives learned more about MSD from a strategic business perspective and shared their ideas on how their company can help MSD deliver the best service possible to their customers.



*Regulatory Management Services Director Brian Bingham shared timeline and project details with workshop attendees.*

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## New connection fees being considered

MSD is exploring a new way of establishing a customer's fee for sewer connection. Each property is unique, and so are the construction costs to connect each property to the sewer system. “The new process of charging connection fees allows those properties with a standard connection to pay exactly the cost of installation,” said MSD Director of Finance Marion Gee.

Currently, sewer connection fees are flat fees—\$5,500 for residential and \$7,100 for commercial customers—based on the average cost of past installations. Administrative costs including inspection, plan review and meeting with contractors aren't included in connection fees. The new connection rates would establish a \$250 administrative fee in addition to construction costs.

Gee said the changes were recommended after a staff review of charges associated with 195 sewer connections installed between July 2004 and January 2006. That review revealed that the actual cost of the installations was about \$350,000 more than the flat-rate assessments paid by customers.

Following a public comment period, MSD's Board will consider the new method of setting connection fees. If approved, the new procedure will be effective June 1, 2006.

### CONNECT WITH MSD

502-540-6000

24/7 Customer Service:  
587-0603

[www.msdlouky.org](http://www.msdlouky.org)

TDD/TTY: 540-6233

En español: 540-6423  
(Entre 8 mañana y 5 p.m.  
lunes a viernes)

## Upcoming Events

May 8  
MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m.,  
700 W. Liberty, first floor

May 20  
Okolona Spring Cleanup,  
10 a.m. to noon,  
Southern High School,  
8620 Preston Hwy.

May 22  
MSD Board Meeting,  
10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor  
West County Wastewater  
Treatment Plant Dedication,  
11 a.m., 11621 Lower River Rd.

May 23  
Joint Utility Outreach,  
5:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency Hotel

May 29  
Memorial Day holiday. MSD's  
offices are closed. For emergency  
service anytime, phone MSD's  
Customer Relations Department  
at 587-0603.

## MSD Milestones

Welcome to MSD:  
Shawn Murphy,  
Operator-In-Training  
Basil Woods, Laborer

Congratulations on  
your promotions:  
Mike Anderson to Utility Worker III  
Rodney Johnson to Utility Worker III  
Don Larison to Utility Worker III  
Brett Parsons to Utility Worker III  
Shawn Sisk to Utility Leader  
Steve Stewart to Utility Worker III  
Jason Watson to Utility Worker III

## Area Team News

**Development Team:** MSD is extending its purchasing power to help contain costs on the construction of the **St. Anthony Interceptor**. Under a recapture agreement with the developer, sewer facilities are being built with sufficient capacity to support the area's future growth. The agreement calls for MSD to bid some construction items. Pipe and fittings, along with manholes and castings, are being purchased for \$66,216 and \$50,110, respectively.



**Floyds Fork/North County Area Team/Operations:** Reliability and safety will be enhanced at the **Beargrass Flood Pumping Station** with the replacement of existing electrical transformers. In service since 1952, the Beargrass station is a critical element in the community's flood protection system. The new equipment will be more compact and easier to maintain at a cost of \$149,188.

## Drainage Response Initiative Projects

The Project DRI partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD is solving drainage problems throughout the community. These projects are ready for construction:

Ten customer service requests will be addressed when roadside drainage improvements are constructed along **Devonshire Drive** between Morning Glory Lane and West Pages Lane. The \$74,610 project to correct a poorly defined drainage system will benefit 42 area properties.



Driveway culverts and aprons will be constructed, along with other roadside drainage improvements, along **Dyer Avenue**. The \$90,594 project will benefit 39 properties.

Paved roadside swales will be installed and driveway culverts and aprons will be constructed on sections of **Garden Green Way, Mansfield Lane** and **Armsmere Way** to address 17 customer service requests. Sixty additional properties will also benefit from the \$155,000 project.

Neighbors in the 5500 block of **Halstead Avenue** will get relief from standing water with a \$121,759 project to install roadside drainage facilities and replace driveway culverts and aprons. The project will resolve eight customer service requests and benefit an additional 62 properties. In the rear yards, a \$144,049 project will construct concrete swales to resolve four customer service requests and benefit 50 additional properties.

A poorly defined drainage system will be corrected along **Walker Road** from Rodgers Road to West Pages Lane. Seven customer service requests will be addressed and 20 properties will benefit from the \$71,080 project.

Drainage pipe and yard inlets will be installed along **Wendell** and **Brookdale Avenues** as part of a \$149,730 project to reduce standing water along the street. The project which also includes the construction of driveway aprons, will resolve six customer service requests and benefit an additional 52 properties.

## Annual Spring Clean up planned for Okolona

Metro Councilwoman Madonna Flood (District 24) is inviting individuals and organizations to help, **Keep Okolona Clean**. On Saturday, May 20 groups will meet at the north parking lot of Southern High School beginning at 10 a.m. Volunteers will be treated to a cookout at noon.

As an added incentive, Councilwoman Flood will be awarding cash prizes to non-profit organizations with the most volunteers. The team with the most volunteers will be given \$750, the second place team will be awarded \$500 and \$300 will be given to the third place team. All groups wishing to participate must have all team members at Southern High School by 9:30 a.m. to register.

MSD routinely assists with neighborhood cleanups throughout the community by providing trucks and personnel to pick up bagged trash.

For more information, call Councilwoman Flood's office at 574-1124.

## Capturing rainwater is easy and beneficial

At neighborhood workshops, MSD is showing customers how to use rain barrels and rain gardens to help reduce combined sewer overflows.

Water collected in a rain barrel or rain garden would normally flow through downspouts onto a paved surface, and eventually into a storm drain. Keeping excess rainwater out of sewers helps the sewer system work more efficiently and reduces overflows from combined and sanitary sewers.

Storing rainwater for garden and lawn use helps replenish groundwater naturally. Reducing stormwater runoff lessens water pollutants. Rain barrels are inexpensive, easy to install and require little maintenance.

Rain gardens are an attractive landscaping feature planted with perennial native plants. The gardens are designed to absorb stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, such as roofs and parking lots.

Rain gardens collect rainwater from downspouts that are directed towards them. That reduces the amount of runoff that enters the combined sewer system and our community's streams. In one year, a 700-square-foot garden can intercept enough water to fill five semi-tanker trucks.



*Stormwater from a downspout is directed to a rain garden for thriving plants and to reduce the stormwater burden on combined sewers.*

## Customer First at Work

"After my wallet was stolen, Phillip Vinegar contacted me to tell me he'd found it while cleaning out a catch basin. I can't thank him enough."  
--Judy O'Connell, St. Vincent DePaul

"Gerald Dunlap, Tony Kimbrough and Steve Snawder worked very hard and their response to my problem was quicker than I expected. I'm also pleased to have my calls answered by a person rather than a computer."  
--Susan Grubbs, Crescent Hill

"Thanks to the quick response of Donald Burrus, Robin Ferrell, Kenny Patton and Tony Porter, my sewer is back in service."  
--Stuart Pass, Crescent Hill

"My faith that our sewer backup would be corrected was restored, thanks to the professionalism and courtesy displayed by Tony Kimbrough and Angel Smith."  
--Mary Ann Porta, Highview

"Donald Burrus, Jackie Miller, Eugene Nowlin and Karen Roberts did a great job and could not have been more helpful!"  
--Mable Mickres, St. Matthews

## Certified Success

DiverseWorks for these recently certified businesses:

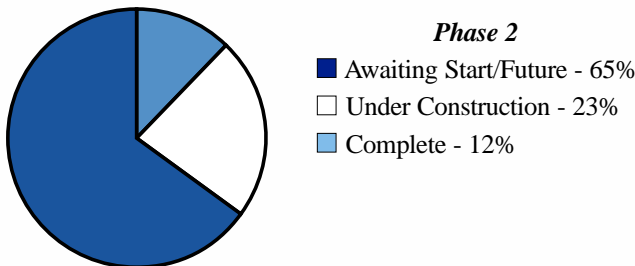
Cliff Cutz, LLC (MBE)  
Clearing, grading, lawn maintenance, mowing, landscape installation  
Contact: Randy Cliff 502/418-1862

V & V Industries d/b/a 2V Industries, Inc. (MBE)  
Chemical management; wholesale chemical and allied aluminum product; manufacturer of coolants, cleaners and hydraulic oil; warehousing and distribution  
Contact: Vijay Bedi  
248/624-7943

WMI, Inc. (MBE)  
Industrial supplies, miscellaneous rigging, safety services  
Contact: William McClain  
502/664-6406

## Project DRI Progress

Project DRI, a partnership between Louisville Metro and MSD that began in 2003, has improved drainage with 381 projects completed throughout the Metro area during Phase 1. Since Phase 2 began in 2005, 35 percent of 335 planned projects are underway or completed.





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## Sometimes NOT mowing is best



*Many drainage channels are not mowed to preserve the natural vegetation.*

To keep drainage channels clear for moving storm water, MSD routinely mows major channel and ditch banks.

Just as important are the miles of banks that MSD does not mow. Some areas surrounding drainage channels and ditches are in a “no mow” zone to preserve natural vegetation, reduce erosion and improve stream water quality.

As Louisville Metro residents gear up for a summer of lawn mowing, they also can help improve air quality. From March 1 through September 30, the Metro Air Pollution Control District's Lawn Care Rebate program offers \$100 toward the purchase of electric, battery or reel-powered lawn-care equipment when you recycle your gas-powered tools.

For details about the rebate program and a list of participating retailers, call 574-6000 or visit [www.apcd.org/lawn-care/rebates/](http://www.apcd.org/lawn-care/rebates/).