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Dear Louisville Metro Resident:

MSD's service area has hundreds of points where a combination of wastewater and rainwater may discharge onto streets and into local waterways when it rains. These sewer overflow locations act as a relief valve when the sanitary sewer system becomes overwhelmed with rainwater.

You have received this letter because you live near Beargrass Creek, the Ohio River, or one of its tributaries. Because of this, you are more likely to come in contact with polluted water from one of these overflows.

MSD's Project WIN (Waterway Improvements Now) defines a plan to rehabilitate our aging sewer system and reduce the volume of overflows into our local waterways during rain events. We have constructed more storage to lessen sewer overflows.

**Since 2005, MSD projects—including those listed below—have reduced combined sewer overflows by 5.85 billion gallons in a typical rainfall year.**

- Churchill Downs Green Infrastructure Project—in service—capacity of 3 million gallons
- Clifton Heights Basin—in service—capacity of 7 million gallons
- Logan Street Basin—in service—capacity of 17 million gallons
- Portland Green Infrastructure Project—in service—capacity of 35 million gallons
- Portland Basin—in service— capacity 6.7 million gallons
- Shawnee Park Basin—in service—capacity of 20 million gallons
- Waterway Protection Tunnel—in service—capacity of 55 million gallons

**Keeping children and pets out of our waterways during—and for 48 hours after—a rain event is essential. If you come into contact with sewage-polluted water, wash with warm soapy water.**

MSD seeks to be a good steward of our ratepayers' dollars, and we are committed to providing safe, clean waterways for our community. We continually collect water-quality data and seek ways to improve our creeks, streams, and the Ohio River for recreational use and fish and wildlife habitats. Go to [LouisvilleMSD.org/WaterQuality](http://LouisvilleMSD.org/WaterQuality) to view the data.

For more information about MSD efforts to improve our waterways, visit [LouisvilleMSD.org/consent-decree](http://LouisvilleMSD.org/consent-decree) or call 502.540.6000.

Together we can achieve safe, clean waterways for our community.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



# What you don't see could harm you!

**Sewers can overflow into waterways during rainstorms, bringing harmful bacteria, which can make you sick.**

To date, MSD has **reduced combined sewer overflows by 5.85 billion gallons** in a typical rainfall year. But there is more work to be done.

To be safe, you should avoid swimming, fishing, wading, and splashing in waterways during—and for 48 hours after—a rain event.

Wash with warm, soapy water if you contact water that a sewage overflow may have contaminated.

**For information visit**  
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