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Dear Louisville Metro Resident:

Throughout MSD's service area, there are 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 their tributaries. Because of this, you are more likely to come in contact with polluted water from one of these overflows. As MSD continues its work to reduce sewer overflows, we must caution you to stay out of these waterways during — and for 48-hours after — a rain event.

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 are constructing more storage to lessen sewer overflows. Recently, we are seeing a difference with the following projects that are now in service, and look forward to the Portland Basin and our Waterway Protection Tunnel providing even more protection for our community.

- **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
- **Shawnee Park Basin**—in service—capacity of 20 million gallons
- **Portland Basin**—under construction—will capture 6.7 million gallons
- **Waterway Protection Tunnel**—under construction—capacity of 55 million gallons

These and other MSD projects will significantly reduce the incidence of sewer overflows, but you should still guard against polluted waters. The enclosed flyer provides easy steps that you can take to protect your health and safety should you come in contact with sewage-polluted water. It is essential to keep children and pets out of these waterways during and following a rain event.

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, as well as 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 a healthy and vibrant community.

Sincerely,  
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