



PROJECT GROUNDWORK
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We Need Your Input...

to make our rivers and streams cleaner and healthier.

Please Join Us . . .

On Thursday, August 11, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) will host the first of three "Community Design Workshops" to explore design opportunities for the Lick Run Alternative project.

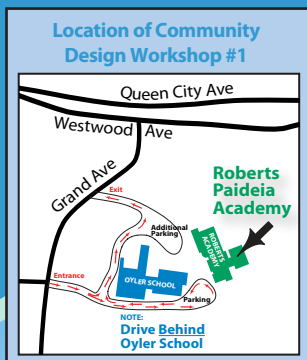
The workshop will cover the entire Lick Run watershed, including the proposed stormwater conveyance system through South Fairmount (between Queen City and Westwood avenues east of White Street).

Background informational posters will be available for review from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the school lobby.

The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation and Q&A in the cafetorium, followed by separate breakout sessions to help MSD learn about the community's ideas, concerns and priorities.

Future Workshops

The second and third workshops are anticipated for fall 2011 and winter 2012. The outcome of the design workshops will be a Lick Run Master Plan, which will be presented for consideration to elected officials and local authorities.



Community Design Workshop #1

Lick Run Alternative Project

Thursday, August 11, 2011

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

(starts promptly at 6:00 p.m.)

Roberts Paideia Academy

1702 Grand Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45214



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Want to tour the Lick Run Watershed?

RSVP for evening tours on July 26, July 28, August 2, and August 4 starting at MSD.

To sign up for a tour, email - MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-244-1300.

Project Groundwork and the Lick Run Watershed

What's the Issue?

During heavy rains, raw sewage - mixed with storm water - overflows from our sewers into local rivers and streams and can also back up into basements.

The vast majority of overflows occur from combined sewers, which carry both sewage and stormwater in the same pipe. Combined sewers are typically located in the older areas of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

When large amounts of stormwater enter combined sewers, these pipes - many built more than 100 years ago - are often filled beyond their capacity and overflow directly into local waterways through outfalls known as combined sewer overflows or CSOs.

Hamilton County is among the top five locations in the nation for urban CSOs. Overflows occur as many as 105 times a year at some locations.

What's the Solution?

To resolve this public health and environmental issue, MSD has embarked on the largest public works project in the history of our community to rebuild and improve our sewer system.

Called *Project Groundwork*, this multi-year and multi-billion dollar initiative includes hundreds of sewer improvements and stormwater control projects.

Federal and state regulators, including the U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA and the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), have mandated that MSD capture, treat, or remove at least 85% of the 14 billion gallons of annual overflows from combined sewers and eliminate all overflows – about 100 million gallons annually – from sanitary only sewers.

Lick Run Watershed

The Lick Run watershed is home to CSO 5, the largest CSO in Hamilton County. The watershed, located within the larger Lower Mill Creek watershed, includes Cincinnati's South Fairmount neighborhood and portions of East and West Price Hill and Westwood.

Every year, about 1.7 billion gallons of combined sewage and stormwater overflow from CSO 5 - located at the east end of Queen City Avenue - into the Mill Creek. Of that total, less than 25% is sewage – the rest comes from stormwater and what used to be natural stream flow.

Your Input

MSD is committed to keeping the community informed and involved. The Community Design Workshop #1 will be one of three workshops offered to help you learn more, to ask questions and to share your opinions or concerns. We hope you can attend.

Need More Information?

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