

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Executive Director's Report

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MSD Overview

Public wastewater and stormwater utility

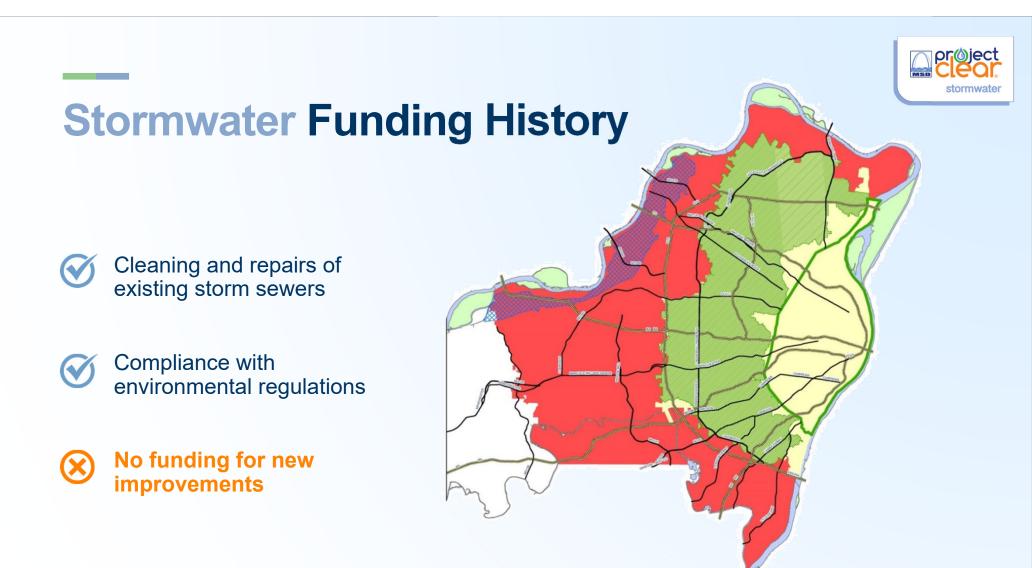
4th largest wastewater/stormwater system

in the nation

600 square mile service area

- 1.3 million customers
- ~1,000 employees
- 6-member Board of Trustees







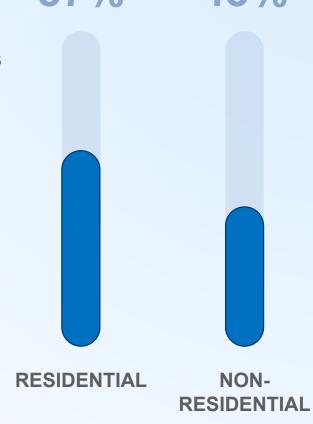
Stormwater Funding Revenues



The Stormwater Rate Proposal is designed to address the growing need for *flooding and erosion control*.



The proposed amount collected from residential and non-residential customers is designed to match the percentage of stormwater runoff generated by each type of property, which is what causes flooding and erosion problems.





Stormwater Funding Expenditures

\$ 700 milion for stormwater solutions in the next 20 years

\$ 50%

goes to the most pressing stormwater issues across MSDPC's service area

\$ 30%

goes to Municipal Stormwater Grants, allowing for local decisions on funding priorities

\$ 10%

goes to an environmental justice fund to aid solutions in poor and marginalized communities

\$ 10%

goes to projects identified by MSDPC and a regional advisory committee, perhaps through the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis



Wastewater System Improvements



MSD Project Clear is in the midst of a three-decade, \$7.2 billion (2023 dollars) wastewater improvement program, part of an agreement with EPA and Missouri Coalition for the Environment.



These improvements are on schedule and on budget.



This program is the St. Louis region's largest public utility investment ever, enabling a cleaner water environment and sustainable economic growth.



Wastewater System Progress



Reduction in SSOs

25%

Reduction in building backups

90%

Expanded treatment capacity complete

650+

Projects complete

\$200

Million in green infrastructure projects



Proposed and Alternate Wastewater Rates

VOTERS APPROVE BOND FINANCING



VOTERS REJECT BOND FINANCING

Fiscal Year	Yearly Change	Average Monthly Residential Bill	Yearly Change	Average Monthly Residential Bill
2025	1 7%	\$ 61.04	1 35.4%	\$ 77.26
2026	1 7.6%	\$ 65.66	1 35.1%	\$ 104.34
2027	1 7.5%	\$ 70.60	- 20%	\$ 83.50
2028	1 6.6%	\$ 75.23	1 5.1%	\$ 87.72

For actual dollar increase related to your usage, see pages 6-2 and 7-5 of the rate proposal: MSDProjectClear.org/2023RateProposal. Rates will be effective July 1st preceding the years listed. For example, the FY 2025 rate will become effective on July 1, 2024.



Diversity Goals



Construction Subcontract Goals (Projects over \$50,000)

OLD GOALS:

NEW GOALS:

Non-Building:

17% MBE (African American)

10% MBE, 10% WBE

Building:

30% MBE (African American and/or

Hispanic)

21% MBE, 10% WBE



OLD GOALS:

NEW GOALS:

Under \$500,000:

None

18% MBE, 13% WBE (combined)

Over \$500,000:

None

18% MBE, 13% WBE (Separate)



Diversity Workforce Goals



Construction Goals (over \$500,000):

OLD GOALS:

NEW GOALS:

Construction: 30% Minority, 7% Women 37% Minority, 11% Women

Apprentice: 40% Combined (Minority and Women)

46% Combined (Minority and Women)



OLD GOALS:

NEW GOALS:

Prime's Local Office Only:

18% Minority, 32% Women

31% Minority and 37% Women



Election Communication Plan

- Research: Use scientific customer surveys to guide outreach and messaging strategies
- Milestones: Leverage key events and milestones to demonstrate environmental and fiscal responsibility
- Government Engagement: Activate government officials through lunchand-learns, feedback, and toolkits to help us educate voters
- Earned Media: Host media tours and utilize op-eds to highlight stormwater issues and management efforts
- Workshops and Public Meetings: Facilitate workshops on stormwater management and host public meetings to educate voters



Thank You & Farewell