

MSD PROJECT CLEAR SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON ADDRESSING EROSION AND FLOODING PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT THE REGION

MSD Project Clear (Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District) is two utilities in one, providing both wastewater and stormwater services to nearly 1.5 million customers in the St. Louis region. While MSDPC has stable revenue sources to address the region's wastewater service needs, it does not currently raise and expend funds for stormwater improvement projects. While stormwater infrastructure improvement funding is lacking, stormwater problems are not. Erosion and flooding problems (the two largest categories of stormwater issues) are widespread throughout the St. Louis region. Since 2018, MSDPC has investigated more than 3,000 stormwater-related service requests. Currently, the District has identified nearly 500 stormwater capital improvements designed to address significant problems, but all of these improvements—totaling some \$500 million—have no funding under the current system.

Any change in MSD Project Clear's ability to fund and address stormwater improvements must be decided by voters within the service area. Therefore, MSD Project Clear will be hosting eleven Virtual Public Meetings, available to anyone with either a computer or a telephone, in the next several months. Due to continuing pandemic related restrictions, there will be no in-person public meetings. Information on the stormwater issue, a recording of a previous presentation and registration links to the upcoming Virtual Town Hall meetings can be found at msdprojectclear.org/townhalls.

One of the District's primary goals is to seek input from the public on if they would like MSD to address stormwater problems and, if so, what they are willing to pay for stormwater improvement services. To make sure your voice is heard, please make sure to sign up for one the eleven townhalls MSD will be holding. If you cannot make it to a townhall, please make sure to take the stormwater survey at msdprojectclear.org/swsurvey.