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MSD's protection of area waterways earns regional clean water awards

LOUISVILLE – Several of Louisville's water quality treatment centers—which process wastewater before releasing it to area creeks and streams—have been recognized among the region's best. The Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky and Tennessee presented its Operational Excellence Award to Louisville MSD at the recent Water Professionals Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The award recognizes the continued outstanding operation of four of MSD's water quality treatment centers that protect the environmental quality of creeks and streams:

- Cedar Creek WQTC, located along Cedar Creek south of the Snyder Freeway near Fern Creek, with a capacity to treat 7.5 million gallons of wastewater a day;
- Derek R. Guthrie WQTC, located on Lower River Road south of Moorman Road, with a treatment capacity of 30 million gallons of wastewater a day;
- Floyds Fork WQTC, located off U.S. 60 on Floyds Fork Creek near The Parklands of Floyds Fork, with the capacity to treat 6.5 million gallons of wastewater a day;
- Hite Creek WQTC, located on Hitt Lane near I-71 and the Jefferson-Oldham county line, with a treatment capacity of 6 million gallons of wastewater a day.

"The achievement of this award is extremely difficult to obtain," said Daymond Talley, MSD operations director of treatment facilities. "It's a tribute to the resolve of all the MSD team members at these facilities who take their mission of protecting local waterways to heart, going above and beyond to maintain and operate these facilities in an excellent manner."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Kentucky Division of Water issue all water quality treatment centers a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit with stringent water quality criteria that treatment facilities must meet before discharging treated water into the receiving stream. To qualify for this award, a treatment facility can have no more than one exceedance in a given year.

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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 680 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Oldham County. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.