

WIFIA loan for Morris Forman project marks MSD commitment to community



MSD's Morris Forman Water Quality Treatment Center is Kentucky's oldest and largest wastewater treatment facility.

The \$97 million Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan to Louisville MSD marks a commitment to safe, clean waterways for the community while saving money. The loan will finance almost half of the \$197.8 million project costs for improvements on processing biosolids at Morris Forman Water Quality Treatment Center (WQTC), the oldest and largest wastewater treatment plant in Kentucky. The agency will begin to draw on the loan in its fiscal year 2023 after incurring eligible project expenses. The terms were set at closing in mid-March 2021.

The improvements will create the capacity to produce 40,000 dry tons of exceptional quality biosolids for beneficial reuse per year. Also:

- reducing reliance on landfills
- significantly increasing energy production
- bring the facility closer to energy independence
- improving system operations and reliability
- maintaining affordable wastewater services

MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott says, "The loan's terms and long repayment schedule will save ratepayers about \$15 million in interest over the life of the loan. The improvements to our solids handling process will result in a win for our customers and the environment for generations to come by bringing our solids handling process up to 21st century standards."

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The six-acre Seventh Street Community Garden sits on MSD owned land, which can never be developed in the traditional sense due to vital infrastructure deep below the surface.

Vacant land to beautify and support the environment

Seventh Street Community Garden

MSD is putting our vacant parcels of land to use to support the community and the environment. Some land that MSD owns must never be developed in the traditional sense due to the critical structures that serve our community far below the surface but can be used to beautify a neighborhood.

One such parcel of property in the Taylor-Berry area now serves as a community garden. Deep below the surface where more than 300 gardeners work the land is the largest sewer pipe in MSD's vast system.

In partnership with Catholic Charities and Common Earth Gardens, Jefferson County Cooperative Extension manages the Seventh Street Community Garden. These six acres of urban farmland—rented by farmers—provide more than 230,400 pounds of produce to local gardeners annually, supporting the gardeners and their families.

This spring, volunteers planted more than 50 trees provided by Louisville Metro Parks and Community Forestry. The trees will not only beautify the site but add to the urban

tree canopy. Careful planning ensures that roots will not go deep enough to interfere with any of the pipes.

Beechmont pollinator garden

Another MSD owned parcel of vacant land—where deep below the surface is a large sewer interceptor pipe—is now home to a pollinator garden in the Beechmont Neighborhood. In May, the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Beechmont Neighborhood Association, kicked off the installation of the garden bringing new life to the third-of-an-acre property. The two groups have agreed to maintain the property.



A new pollinator garden is sprouting on vacant MSD owned land in the Beechmont area. The land must remain undeveloped due to the infrastructure far underground.

Increasing opportunities for small local businesses with MSD

MSD will launch a Small Local Business Enterprise (SBE) Program to assist smaller enterprises in finding construction contract opportunities. The new program builds on the utility's 35-year track record of supporting minority- and woman-owned businesses through its Supplier Diversity Program.

“The SBE Program allows MSD to more effectively target small business participation relating to MSD’s contracting and procurement.”

— MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott

The goal of the SBE Program is to develop, promote and foster inclusiveness and economic development by assuring small, local businesses in MSD service areas have equitable access and opportunity to compete for MSD construction contracts.

Companies in Jefferson County or Oldham County, with an average annual revenue over the past three years less than \$5 million, may register with MSD

to participate in the program. MSD will designate a number of construction projects, ranging between \$30,000 and

\$150,000 in scope, for which SBE-registered companies may bid.

The new SBE Program is a two-year pilot program, beginning July 1, 2021. In addition to the program serving as a race- and gender-neutral initiative to increase opportunities for small businesses to work with MSD, it is expected to diversify and expand the companies doing business with MSD—thereby developing new capacity and resources to compete for MSD prime contracts and increasing competition in the contracting community.

The SBE Program is one of several recommendations MSD is implementing following a 2018 study by Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd., that reviewed MSD’s procurement and made recommendations for enhancements to deepen community impact and economic development. MSD has already expanded the level of contracting with M/WBEs, in addition to launching a broader Community Benefits Program that enhances employment and education, along with including a community give-back component to MSD’s larger construction projects.

For more information about the SBE Program, visit LouisvilleMSD.org/SupplierDiversity or supplierdiversity@louisvillemsd.org

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LouisvilleMSD.org/ewrap

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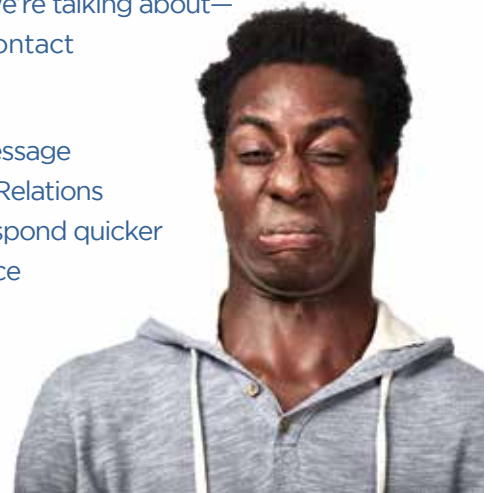
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