

Numbers show DiverseWorks at MSD

DiverseWorks

Connecting Diverse Capabilities
with Business Opportunities

More minority- and woman-owned companies are doing business with MSD, according to a fiscal year-end report on DiverseWorks, MSD's program that certifies businesses as minority- and woman-owned.

Minority-owned businesses showed the greatest gains during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2000. MSD awarded more than \$30 million in professional services and construction services contracts to 46 minority-owned firms, about 10 percent more than the value of contracts awarded to minority businesses in the previous fiscal year.

That represents about 17 percent of all professional services contracts and 22 percent of all construction services contracts awarded by MSD during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2000.

Also in fiscal year 2000, MSD awarded \$14.7 million in professional services and construction services contracts to 38 woman-owned businesses. Construction services firms owned by women won 11 percent of MSD's construction contracts awarded in fiscal year 2000, an eight percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

DiverseWorks Program Administrator Deby McDaniel attributes the

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Scouts sweep Goose Creek

Boy Scouts from Troop 308 spent Saturday, September 16 cleaning up a portion of Goose Creek from Hounz Lane to Westport Road.

The Scouts collected trash from Goose Creek and took it to three pick-up points. MSD crews hauled off the debris.

Environmental Engineer Sarah Lynn Cunningham says MSD appreciates volunteers who help clear area streams and banks of trash, limbs and other debris. "Troop Leader Chris Preu managed to turn community service

into a valuable learning experience," she said.

Preu said the project taught Scouts about the ment. "I was able to point out the return of small fish, snakes, mallard ducks, and other wildlife that has returned to the creek since the removal of var package treatment plants," he said.

To learn more about MSD's Creek Sweeps, contact Cunningham at 540-6118 or cunningh@msdlouky.org.

Ratings reduce flood insurance cost

Louisville and Jefferson County's flood insurance ranking has changed, reducing flood insurance rates for local residents who own property in the area's floodplain.

The community's Class 6 rating, the best in Kentucky, means a 20 percent discount on flood insurance premium rates for homeowners and businesses in the community.

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) community rating system (CRS) ranks local community efforts to meet National Flood Insurance Program standards for floodplain regulations. The CRS program in Louisville and Jefferson County ranks among the top 3.5 percent in the nation, with only six of the 894 CRS communities nationwide ranking higher.

NFIP makes flood insurance available to people living in a floodplain, in exchange for the community adopting and enforcing floodplain management standards. CRS classifications provide a five percent reduction per classification in flood insurance rates for participating communities. To maintain the ratings, communities must report continued progress in floodplain improvement through stormwater, watershed and emergency management.

MSD is the CRS program coordinator for both the City of Louisville and Jefferson County.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 27-Public meeting, Tiedman Drainage Improvements, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

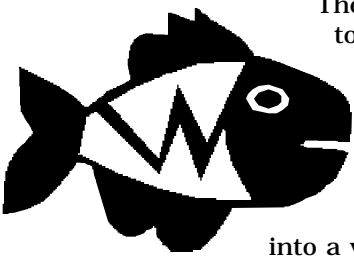
Sept. 28-B District Town Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fairdale Playtorium, 10616 W. Manslick Rd.

Oct. 2-Public meeting, West County Inflow & Infiltration Project, 7 p.m., Central Government Center, 7201 Outer Loop

Oct. 9-MSD Board meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor

Oct. 12-Public meeting, McNeely Lake Phase 1B Sewer Project, noon to 8 p.m., Central Government Center, 7201 Outer Loop

Oct. 17-Public Meeting, Bruce Creek Restoration, 7 p.m., Kenwood Elementary cafeteria, 7420 Justan Ave.



Keeping Customers First

The following is an excerpt from a letter recently received at MSD:

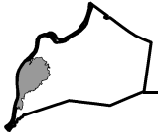
"My wife and I would like to thank MSD's work crew of Tony Kimbrough, Fred Harris and Charles Oglesby for the excellent work they did repairing our sewer lines. The work on our property was superior to any similar work I have witnessed. They were kind and courteous. Not only was their work extremely neat, they went out of their way to cover and mark each hole to prevent accidents. We are so impressed by these men's professional attitudes and dedication."

—James A. Davis, Louisville, 40215



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Mill Creek watershed area

Satellite office connects customers, MSD

A Dixie Highway office created to process sewer assessments in the Mill Creek watershed will remain open following a successful pilot run.

Since the office opened August 22, about 492 sewer assessment agreements have been processed. "That's an average of about 62 per day," according to Finance Director Marion Gee.

Part of the office's success is its location in the Mill Creek watershed, where 4,550 properties were connected to sanitary sewers during the past 18 months, and evening hours of operation. "Before, customers had to come to our downtown office during normal business hours for help," Gee said.

MSD personnel from the main office staff the satellite office from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "We're finding that we have more one-on-one time to meet with customers, answer their questions and address their concerns," Gee said. It takes an average of 15 minutes to process the assessment paperwork, according to Gee.

In the past year and a half, assessments totaling \$21 million have been issued to property owners in the Mill Creek watershed to connect to sewer service. Assessments are each property owner's share of the cost to extend sanitary sewer service. So far, the satellite office has processed about \$2.46 million in assessment loans.

Located in the K-mart Shopping Center on Dixie Highway, MSD's satellite office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m.

Fun, fundraising planned for picnic

MSD's first picnic in a long time promises to be different. While fun is the focus-there will be food and games-a goal of this company picnic will be fundraising.

MSD employees, spouses, children and significant others can help raise money for MSD's annual holiday community service campaign, the Giving Tree, which provides

clothes and gifts for less-fortunate area families. Throughout the day, raffle tickets will be sold for door prizes, and E-Team members will be available for dunking in a dunking booth.

Usual picnic activities, including softball, volleyball and horseshoes, are planned, along with special activities for children.

It wouldn't be a picnic without lots of food. Hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be available. Each family attending is asked to bring a large side dish or dessert to share.

The picnic is Saturday, September 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at George

Rogers Clark Park, off Poplar Level Road. For more information, contact Sharon Worley at 540-6464 or worley@msdlouky.org.

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and its prime contractors. "We now have an average of two new applications coming in every week-about 100 new applicants for certification a year," she said.

McDaniel attributes the increase in certified businesses to MSD's outreach program designed to heighten awareness of certification benefits. "Now, the community is coming to us."

McDaniel said MSD's move to design/build construction projects also has contributed to greater opportunity for minority- and woman-owned construction services companies.

As example, two recent design/build contracts, for the Floyds Fork Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility and alternative solids processing at the Morris Forman Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, combine for more than \$25 million in contracts and subcontracts awarded to minority- and woman-owned firms.

While DiverseWorks participation has increased incrementally over the years, McDaniel said the past fiscal year's performance was better than usual. "We've managed to grow a few points every year, but nothing like this."

McDaniels' efforts earned an Exceptionally Achieves performance rating from MSD's Board and she was wished well in her new post at Kentuckiana Minority Supplier Diversity Council, beginning October 2.

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Beargrass Creek watershed area

Partnerships create Hurstbourne plan

Work will soon begin to reduce flooding from Hurstbourne Creek through a cost-sharing agreement between the cities of Hurstbourne and Jeffersontown, and MSD.

The plans and agreements are the result of nearly three years of meetings with area residents and city officials, according to Beargrass Creek Area Team Leader Loyiso Melisizwe. Upstream development has increased erosion of Hurstbourne Creek's banks, causing properties between Hurstbourne Lane and Dennington Drive to flood.

The drainage improvements will be completed in two phases. In phase one, a stormwater detention basin will be constructed at Plainview Lake and storm structure modifications will be built along Whetstone Way. Phase two will involve stream bank stabilization of Hurstbourne Creek.

Cost for phase one is estimated at \$779,733. The City of Jeffersontown will contribute \$650,000 and the City of Hurstbourne will contribute \$300,000 to complete both phases.

MAC Construction & Excavating was awarded the contract to construct phase one of the improvements.



Pond Creek watershed area

Drainage project to help Treasure Island

Improvements planned for Kurtz Avenue will enhance roadside drainage on the main roadway in the Treasure Island subdivision.

"Like many older subdivisions, Treasure Island was built with swaled driveway aprons and grass swales on relatively flat slopes," according to Pond Creek Area Team Leader David Schaftlein. "Many property owners have replaced driveway aprons without considering the through-drainage system."

To promote roadside drainage, culvert pipes will be installed and roadside swales will be regraded along the 3900 through 4100 blocks of Kurtz Avenue. An 850-foot paved ditch also will be constructed to serve as a drainage outlet for the area.

Precision Contracting will perform the work for \$182,484.

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