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Partnership to build flood basins

Construction is expected to begin in 2001 on three stormwater detention basins along Beargrass Creek in Jefferson County.

The three basins are part of a comprehensive Beargrass Creek Flood Protection Project conceived by the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and MSD. The basins will be located near Bashford Manor in Buechel, Richland Avenue near Browns Lane and Hikes Lane near Newburg Road.

"This is a cooperative project that has been in development for several years and will eventually lead to construction of eight flood control detention basins at various points along Beargrass Creek," according to Beargrass Creek Area Team Leader Loyiso Melisizwe. MSD will contribute between 35 and 50 percent of the total project costs, estimated at about \$12 million.

Part of MSD's contribution is the land and easements for the basin sites. Already MSD has purchased the property necessary to build the Bashford Manor, Richland Avenue and Hikes Lane basins, Melisizwe said. The Corps of Engineers will oversee the construction.

The project may have been delayed indefinitely when no funding for construction was included in the fiscal year 2001 federal budget. But, in November 2000, Third District Congresswoman Anne Northup secured \$1 million in federal funding to begin building the three basins.

MSD's Board approved an additional \$143,910 to contribute to design and additional property acquisitions needed for the three basins.

Melisizwe said construction could begin as early as March 2001 on the three basins and is expected to take about nine months to complete.

Giving Tree helps community's neediest

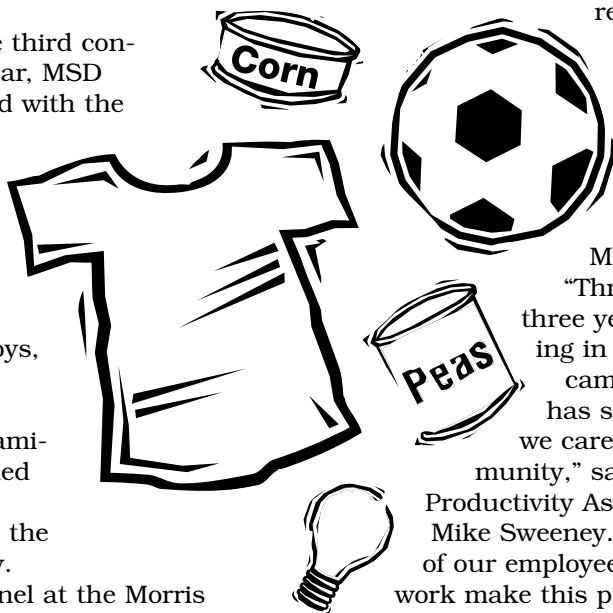
MSD employees made the holidays brighter for 29 area households through the Giving Tree campaign.

For the third consecutive year, MSD participated with the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children to provide clothing, toys, food and household items for families identified among the neediest in the community.

Personnel at the Morris Forman plant, Cabel Street, Seventh Street, Fleet, regional treat-

ment facilities and the main office pitched in to make sure each member of each family received holiday gifts they needed most. Becky Bennett, Theresa Daly and Pat Kirk coordinated and organized MSD's efforts.

"Throughout our three years of participating in the Giving Tree campaign, MSD staff has shown how much we care about our community," said Research/Productivity Assessment Director Mike Sweeney. "The generosity of our employees and their teamwork make this project worthwhile not only for the receiving families, but also for all of us at MSD."



Upcoming Events

Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. MSD offices are closed. For 24-hour emergency service phone 587-0603

Jan. 16 - Public meeting, Grafton Hall Sanitary Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

Jan. 17 - Public meeting, Venago Drive Area Sanitary Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

Jan. 22 - MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor **and** Public meeting, Black Pond BP-3C Sanitary Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.

Jan. 23 - Public meeting, Valley Trunk VT-4C Sanitary Sewer Project, 7 p.m. Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Hwy.



Pond Creek watershed area

Project to serve 700 in Valley Station

Construction will soon begin on a project to connect 705 Valley Station properties to sanitary sewer service.

The largely residential area is east of Dixie Highway and south of Valley Station Road, and includes Grafton Hall Road, Church Road, Constance Drive and Torrington Road.

Construction plans call for building a sewer interceptor and collectors, as well as drainage improvements to reduce standing water in area streets, yards and driveways. It is expected to cost nearly \$5.2 million and take almost two years to complete.

MAC Construction of New Albany was awarded the construction contract.

Employees recognized for hard work

Six MSD employees were honored with the "Exceptionally Achieves" performance rating at the January 8 MSD Board meeting.

Jim Emily and Ben Auclair, both Operations Division control systems specialists, were recognized for their managing, planning and organizational abilities, as well as working beyond their defined job responsibilities.

Their work in replacing MSD's process control system migrations project led to significant cost savings for MSD.

Julia Muller, Judy Storer and Dennis Corolla all worked on the replacement of MSD's Customer Response System. Muller, GIS serv-

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Beargrass Creek watershed area

Drainage, sewer projects ready to build

An unusual sewer project and three drainage improvement projects are ready for construction in the Beargrass Creek watershed.

The Durrett Lane Sanitary Sewer project will extend service to a dozen businesses along Durrett Lane and Preston Highway. The project was conceived to connect the entire neighborhood near Male High School to sewer service, according to Beargrass Creek Area Team Leader Loyiso Melisizwe. "Residents along Hannah Lane voted it down because of the cost proposed as each property owner's share, or assessment," he said.

When the commercial properties asked for another vote for only the business section of the neighborhood, sewer service was approved. While the project will connect only those 12 commercial properties to sewers, Melisizwe said it will be built so that the residences in the area may connect in the future.

E-Z Construction was awarded the \$181,531 contract to build the project.

In response to customer requests, **a drainage improvement project along Packard Avenue and Perennial Drive** will help reduce standing water and promote drainage during heavy rains.

About 53 homes will benefit when the project is completed. The

City of Parkway Village is contributing \$100,000 to pay for pavement restoration in the area.

Basham Construction & Rental Co. will perform the work for \$147,396.

The second phase of the Kennedy Avenue Drainage Project is beginning to improve roadside and rear yard drainage along this Crescent Hill street.

The project began in mid-2000 at the request of First Ward Alderwoman Tina Ward-Pugh. The City of Louisville is funding 40 percent of the cost.

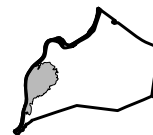
Phase II provides another drainage outlet for the area and includes catch basins, sidewalk replacement and constructing box curb.

Berry Contracting Company, which built Phase I, also will construct Phase II.

As part of a Metro Parks project to widen and improve lighting in the **1400 block of Cherokee Road**, MSD will improve drainage in the area.

Area residents and Third Ward Alderman Bill Allison approached Metro Parks about restoring the road to its original glory when planned by Frederic Law Olmstead. Metro Parks asked MSD to oversee and fund the drainage improvements.

MSD is contributing up to \$81,475 to the project for drainage facilities.



Mill Creek watershed area

Work to begin on sewer projects

Construction will begin soon on three sewer projects in southwestern Jefferson County.

The Black Pond (BP-3C) project will extend sanitary sewer service to 354 properties bound by Johnstontown Road, Devonshire Drive, West Pages Lane and Terry Road. Construction is expected to take up to a year to complete.

Flynn Brothers Contracting, Inc. was awarded the \$2.8 million contract to build the project.

The Valley Trunk (VT-4C) project will extend sanitary sewer service to 181 properties north of Johnstontown Road, including Thompson Lane and Bradbury Avenue. Construction is expected to be finished in eight months.

Cyclone, Inc. was awarded the \$974,106 contract to build the project.

The Determine Lane Collector project will provide sanitary sewer service to 287 properties along Determine, Weber and Paddock lanes, northwest of Upper Hunters Trace. Construction should be completed within 12 months and will cost \$1.3 million.

Hidden Hollow Construction was awarded the construction contract.

Financial reporting honored

For the 10th consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded MSD a Certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The certificate was awarded to MSD for its comprehensive annual financial report for the year ended June 30, 1999 and is valid for one year.

Finance Director Marion Gee said the recognition is due to the

dedication and professionalism of finance division staff, and they hope to extend the 10-year streak of certificates.

"Finance staff believe that the fiscal year 2000 comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Association's requirements," Gee noted.

"The current report has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association to determine eligibility for another certificate.



Employees recognized

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ices and records manager, was responsible for converting old data to the new system. Storer, applications support administrator, helped create a scripting system to guide the call-taking process. And Corolla, a network analyst, helped solve many problems MSD staff had experienced with the computer network.

Research Chemist **Clifford**

Wilson Jr. was recognized for helping to start the Laboratory Information Management System while assuming responsibilities that had been performed by employees in three different jobs.

"These six employees have demonstrated extraordinary performances in their areas that really stands out," said Human Resources Director Michael Crawford. "Their work has truly added value to MSD during the past year."

Keeping Customers First

Following is an excerpt from a customer letter:

"On Saturday, December 30, you sent a crew to my home because sewage was backing up into my basement. They were wonderful, working in the freezing cold and assuring me that they would be able to fix it. They were! My basement was scrubbed and the drains are draining. I'm sorry I didn't get their names—the woman and three men in the service crew, the kind person who took my distress call and the gentleman who brought the waiver to dig for me to sign. Please thank them for me."

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