



# MSD Clean Rivers Healthy Communities Update

## Come to an Open House Near You!

From March 26 to April 16, 2009, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) is inviting community members to attend public open houses for its Clean Rivers Healthy Communities (CRHC) program. Perhaps the largest public infrastructure program in the region's history, Clean Rivers is a multi-billion dollar, multi-decade initiative to improve the quality of area rivers, creeks and streams. The program is working with the public, municipalities, businesses, environmental groups, legislators and others to:

- Reduce the amount of sewage that overflows into local waterways during moderate to heavy rainfalls;
- Involve more citizens in pollution and storm-water control efforts; and
- Support environmentally friendly practices that encourage sustainable growth.

Accomplishing these goals will enable MSD to carry out federal and state mandates to better protect local waterways and the public's health and safety. With the public's help, MSD can be more effective in its efforts to keep area rivers and streams clean of sewage and other harmful pollutants.



People who attend the upcoming open houses will learn about existing sewer and environmental conditions, the harmful effects of sewer overflows, and the options MSD is considering to address these overflows. Overflows occur when lots of rain or snow falls in short periods of time, overwhelming the aging sewer system because of its

limited capacity. To avoid flooding people's streets and homes, the system releases excess rainwater and wastewater into nearby waterways.

Depending on where sewer overflows are located within MSD's system, they are referred to as either constructed separate sewer overflows (SSOs) or combined sewer overflows (CSOs). While MSD has been and will continue to address both types of overflows, the focus of the March and April open houses will be on reducing CSOs.

Eleven open houses will be held across St. Louis City and County to give community members multiple opportunities to hear from MSD staff and consultants about the overflow issue and the options available to protect local waterways. Attendees will review the benefits and costs of these options and find out their likely impact on monthly sewer bills. Using this information, participants will be able to identify the options they think will work best at a cost they can afford.



**To find an open house near you, see the back of this mailer. We look forward to seeing you soon!**



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**For more information call 314-768-CRHC (2742)  
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The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) needs your help addressing the pollution of our region's waterways. Learn about options to reduce the amount of sewage that overflows into our rivers, creeks and streams during rainstorms. Find out how much these multi-billion dollar options will impact your monthly sewer bills. Tell us what you think.

## ***Come to an Open House Near You!***

***All Meetings Held From 4:30 - 7:30 pm (come anytime)***

### **City of St. Louis**

**Wednesday, April 1** - Walbridge Elementary School / 5000 Davison Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63120

**Thursday, April 2** - Union United Methodist Church / 3543 Watson Road / St. Louis, MO 63139

**Monday, April 13** - Woodward Elementary School / 725 Bellerive / St. Louis, MO 63111

### **St. Louis County**

**Richmond Heights / Thursday, March 26** - The Heights Center / 8001 Dale Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63117

**Ballwin / Monday, March 30** - Ballwin Golf & Country Club / 333 Holloway Road / Ballwin, MO 63011

**Maryland Heights / Tuesday, March 31** - Maryland Heights Community Center / 2344 McKelvey Road / Maryland Heights, MO 63043

**Chesterfield / Monday, April 6** - Chesterfield City Hall / 690 Chesterfield Parkway / Chesterfield, MO 63017

**Jennings / Wednesday, April 8** - Jennings Senior High School / 2559 Dorwood / St. Louis, MO 63136

**Wellston / Tuesday, April 14** - Charles Brown Community Center / 1414 Evergreen Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63133

**Affton / Wednesday, April 15** - Affton White-Rodgers Community Center / 9801 Mackenzie Road / St. Louis, MO 63123

**Florissant / Thursday, April 16** - Florissant Valley Community College / 3400 Pershall Road / St. Louis, MO 63135