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MSD Lick Run Project Update: Construction to Start in Westwood Ravine

CINCINNATI – The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) will begin constructing a green infrastructure project in a ravine between Harrison and Queen City avenues in Westwood this week. Construction is anticipated to be complete by fall 2018.

The project, officially known as the Queen City and Cora Avenues Sewer Separation, will collect stormwater from the ravine, located behind the Judson Care Center off Harrison Avenue, and ultimately convey it to the Lick Run Greenway in South Fairmount. *See attached project map.*

This effort, part of the Lick Run Project (www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun), will keep stormwater out of MSD's combined sewer system and help reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Mill Creek.

The project involves restoring a stream and retrofitting three existing stormwater detention basins in this greenspace area.

The work includes closing off stormwater inlets along the streambed to the combined sewer system that runs beneath it, restoring the streambed and adding natural features to slow the flow of water, stabilizing the stream banks with native plants, improving three existing stormwater detention basins, and constructing a maintenance access path.

The project also includes the construction of new storm sewers along Fenton Avenue that will discharge into the stream. In addition, MSD will reline the combined sewer that runs beneath the ravine.

About 113 trees will be removed from the project area prior to construction. However, more than 200 trees, 170 shrubs, and 51,000 plants will be planted as part of the project.

Construction will occur primarily Monday through Friday during daylight hours, depending on weather and the contractor's schedule. Work on weekends may be necessary at times. MSD's construction contractor is Sunesis Construction.

Temporary lane restrictions will occur along Fenton Avenue. Access to homes will be maintained, but delays may occur.

For additional information about the project, please contact MSD Engineering Customer Service at (513) 557-3594 or MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov or visit www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun.

Project Map

