



Project Groundwork in your community

To help protect the environment and public health and improve our communities, Hamilton County, Ohio is embarking on one of the largest public works projects in its 200-plus year history.

Called *Project Groundwork*, this major construction initiative is designed to:

- Reduce or eliminate sewage overflows into local rivers and streams and sewage backups into basements.
- Create solutions that benefit communities on an environmental, social, and economic level.
- Revitalize the economy through creation of jobs and growth opportunities for local businesses.

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Building better sewers for a cleaner future



A program of the Metropolitan Sewer District
of Greater Cincinnati

What's the Problem?

Below our streets lies a maze of sewers that transport wastewater from our homes and businesses to one of seven major treatment plants across Hamilton County.

The majority of this buried infrastructure was designed to meet the needs of an earlier generation and not our modern society. For the general public, sewers are "out of sight," as well as "out of mind."

Today, parts of this system are deteriorating due to age, and during heavy rains, portions do not have the capacity to manage all wastewater flows.

Every year, about 14.1 billion gallons of raw sewage and storm water overflow into local rivers and streams and back up into basements.

To better protect public health and the environment, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) must rebuild and improve our sewer system.



What's the Solution?

The solution is Project Groundwork, a multi-year construction program comprised of hundreds of sewer improvement and storm water control projects across our area.

Project Groundwork uses sustainable infrastructure – sewer improvements that provide economic, social, and environmental benefits to our communities, now and in the future.

Sustainable infrastructure can be "gray" such as new sewers, "green" such as pervious paving and stream separations, or a blend of the two.

Project Groundwork will be conducted in two phases:

Phase 1 (2009-2018)

Phase 1 includes 45 construction projects across Hamilton County that must be completed by or before 2018.

Phase 2 (after 2018)

Phase 2 includes about 256 construction projects across Hamilton County.

Who is Paying for Project Groundwork?

Project Groundwork is expected to cost more than \$3 billion.

This major program is funded mainly by MSD customers through monthly or quarterly sewer bills, but MSD is seeking additional funding sources.

To keep the program affordable and beneficial to ratepayers, MSD is committed to finding sustainable solutions that are cost-effective and meet the environmental, social, and economic needs of affected communities.



For more information and a list of Phase I projects, please visit the Project Groundwork website at www.projectgroundwork.org

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