



## **PRESS RELEASE / MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Construction of the Lick Run Greenway has Begun**

*MSD to Host Public Meeting on July 20*

CINCINNATI – Construction of the nationally recognized Lick Run Greenway project in South Fairmount has begun and will continue through Fall 2019. The \$89.9 million Greenway includes a mile-long bioengineered creek in a park-like setting through the valley corridor.

Mobilization started in early July and site prep work is underway. Excavation work is anticipated to begin the week of July 25.

MSD is required, per its Consent Decree, to have a functioning project by December 31, 2018. This means an underground stormwater conveyance box must be in place so it can handle stormwater and direct it to the Mill Creek. The final look of the Greenway, including the stream, landscaping and other aesthetic features, will be completed by Fall 2019. There will be an additional two-year establishment period through Fall 2021 during which landscaping will be replaced.

MSD's contractor for this project is Kokosing Industrial Inc. Construction management is being handled by MWH/Stantec.

Morning, night and weekend work will be required. Typical work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Multiple areas will be under construction at any given time.

This project will have major impacts on traffic. There will be periodic lane restrictions on Queen City and Westwood avenues, as well as cross streets and adjacent streets. All lanes on Queen City and Westwood avenues will remain open during am/pm rush hours.

There will also be road closures on cross streets sequentially to minimize traffic impacts, including Van Hart Street, Harrison Avenue, Beekman Street, Kebler Street, State Avenue (southbound lane), and Grand Avenue.

Access to homes and businesses will be maintained but could be temporarily delayed at times. Traffic impacts will be publicized via our website, Twitter and the media.

MSD will work to minimize impacts to the neighborhood as much as possible.

During the early stages of construction, there will also be building demolitions and utility relocations to make room for the Greenway. This work is being conducted by separate contractors.

For more information and detailed maps and renderings, please visit the Lick Run Project website at [www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun](http://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun). You can click on Lick Run Greenway under Quick Links.

You are also invited to attend the Lick Run Public Meeting on July 20 (see below for more details).

## **MEDIA ADVISORY – MSD to Host Lick Run Public Meeting**

**WHAT:** Status update on MSD's Lick Run Project, which will help keep stormwater out of MSD's combined sewer system and reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Mill Creek. The meeting will focus on the Lick Run Greenway project and other projects underway.

Meeting topics will include:

- Overview of Project Groundwork
- Lick Run Project – Status Update
- Lick Run Greenway – Project Details and What To Expect During Construction

**WHEN:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, July 20, 2017

**WHERE:** Orion Academy (charter school)  
1798 Queen City Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45214 (in South Fairmount)

**WHO:** Gerald Checco, Director, MSD  
MaryLynn Lodor, Deputy Director, MSD  
Pat Arnette, Deputy Director, MSD  
Todd Papes, LMCP Program Manager, MWH/Stantec  
Tom Machinski, Lick Run Greenway Construction Manager, MWH/Stantec

For more information about the Lick Run Project, please visit the Lick Run website at [www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun](http://www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun) or contact MSD Engineering Customer Service at (513) 557-3594 or [MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov).

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