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## Cincinnati Reds and MSD Team Up for Clean Water

**Cincinnati, OH** - What do the Cincinnati Reds and the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) have in common?

Clean water.

The Reds and MSD are teaming up to sustainably manage stormwater at Cincinnati's Roselawn Park. MSD's project integrates the new P&G Cincinnati MLB Urban Youth Academy under construction at the park and will improve water quality, beautify the park and reduce sewer overflows into the Mill Creek.

"We will be constructing three bioinfiltration basins, which are large rain gardens that will collect, absorb and clean stormwater runoff from the park grounds, parking lot and entrance drive using native plants and special soils," said MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott. "By teaming up with the Reds to implement green solutions, we will prevent about 507,000 gallons of stormwater each year from entering our combined sewer system and contributing to sewer overflows."

MSD's project is being coordinated with construction of a permanent home for the Reds Urban Youth Academy, a Reds Community Fund project that will feature a state-of-the-art recreational complex including an indoor practice facility and four outdoor ball fields. The academy offers free, year-round baseball and softball instruction to youths aged 8-18.

"The Cincinnati Reds and the Reds Community Fund are excited about the progress taking place at Roselawn Park, the site of the P&G Cincinnati MLB Urban Youth Academy," said Phil Castellini, Reds COO. "This is one of the most significant community investments in Reds history, and we are proud to partner with MSD to help improve the environment and water quality."

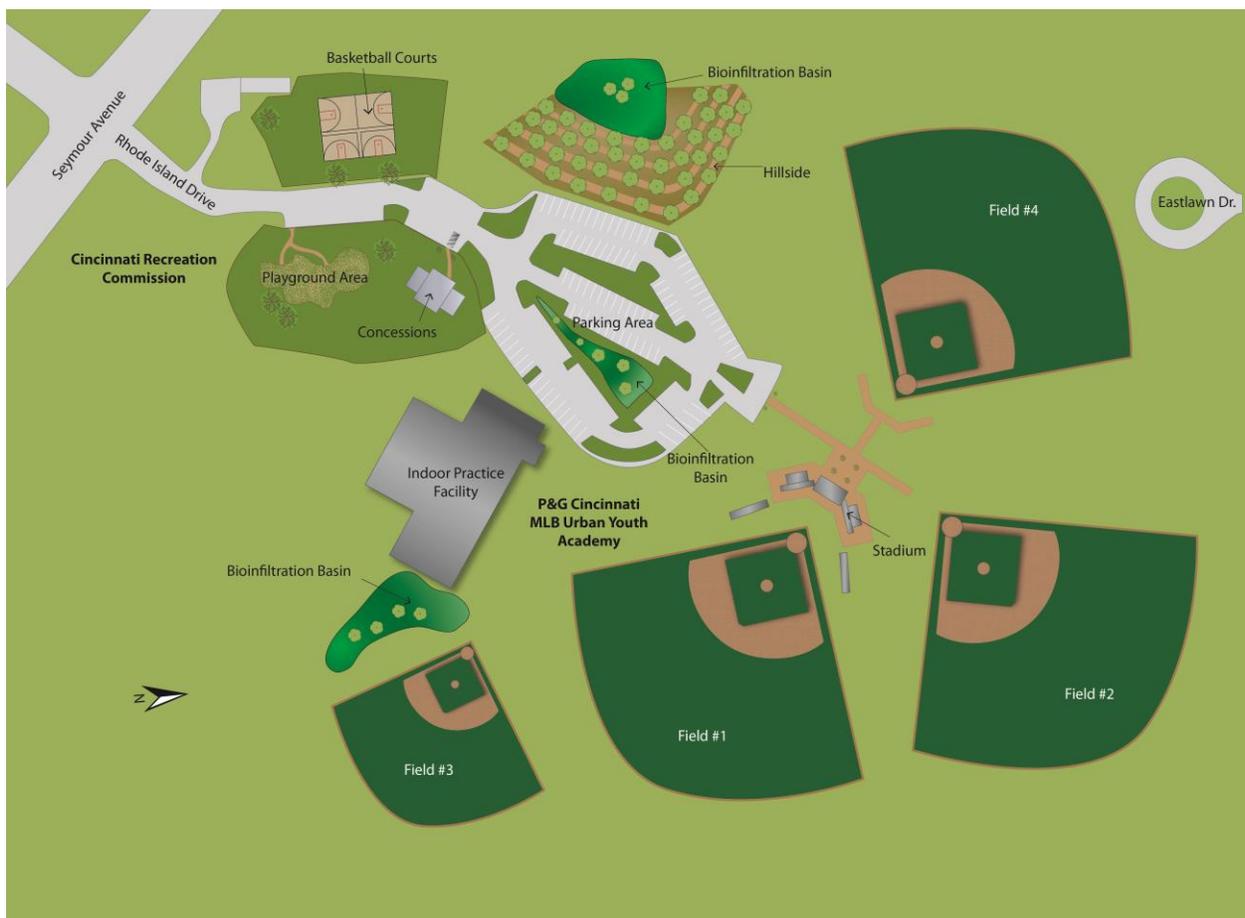
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One of the new ball fields will include a synthetic turf surface equipped with an underdrain system that will collect stormwater runoff and route it to a bioinfiltration basin located west of the existing parking lot.

Stormwater runoff from the indoor practice facility and its adjacent drainage area will be routed to a bioinfiltration basin located on the southeast side of the building.

Construction of MSD's project is anticipated to begin in early December and be completed by spring 2014. Work will be performed primarily Monday through Thursday by Rack and Ballauer Excavating Company.

The Roselawn Park project is part of MSD's Project Groundwork, our plan for reducing sewer overflows into local rivers and streams. MSD project partners include the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) and Cincinnati Park Board.



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For more information about the Urban Youth Academy, please visit [www.reds.com/academy](http://www.reds.com/academy).

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