

Louisville is enjoying a time of dramatic transformation for economic prosperity and quality of life. Yet as we have seen, our city faces the real possibility of being brought to its knees each time storm clouds form overhead. Flooded roadways, destroyed homes, and raw sewage overflows remind us that our ability to transform is constrained by the aging system that sustains us.



Tony Parrott
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What value do we as a community place on the public health and safety of families, homes, and businesses across the Louisville area?

Louisville is served by an aging system built to support a community much smaller than our current metropolitan region and economic center. Sewer lines that pre-date the Civil War serve some of our most populous areas. Construction on much of the 29-mile flood protection system that keeps the Ohio River at bay began while Harry S. Truman was President. Our aging system is strained by the increased frequency of extreme storms, and has endured 11 of these events in the past 10 years.

Funding limitations have forced a “band-aid” approach to system repairs rather than permanent fixes. MSD revenue—which is tied

to the amount of customer water consumption—is not keeping pace with our growing community. During the past three decades, the MSD customer base has increased by almost 50 percent while total community water consumption has remained generally flat.

The federally mandated Consent Decree required an \$850 million investment to eliminate raw sewage from entering our waterways. A recent independent third-party review found that MSD has executed the 10 year-old Consent Decree program on time and under budget since its launch in 2005. However, dedicating funding for this initiative has led to deferred maintenance/replacement of vital infrastructure.

As committed guardians of the community’s wastewater, stormwater and flood protection systems, we have prepared a data-driven comprehensive Facility Plan assessing the condition of these systems and the cost to fund vital repairs.

The continued transformation of our community is dependent on properly functioning sewer, drainage and flood protection systems. We invite you to join us in the coming year for this critical community dialogue.

MSD Board endorses rate increase

The MSD Board has approved a rate increase of 6.9 percent for MSD customers for wastewater, drainage and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) surcharge fees on all bills to take effect **August 1, 2016**. The **average** monthly residential wastewater bill (based on 5,000 gallons per month) issued on or after August 1, 2016, will reflect an **increase of \$2.82—from \$41.02 to \$43.84**. Monthly stormwater drainage fees will **increase by 56 cents—from \$8.10 to \$8.66**.

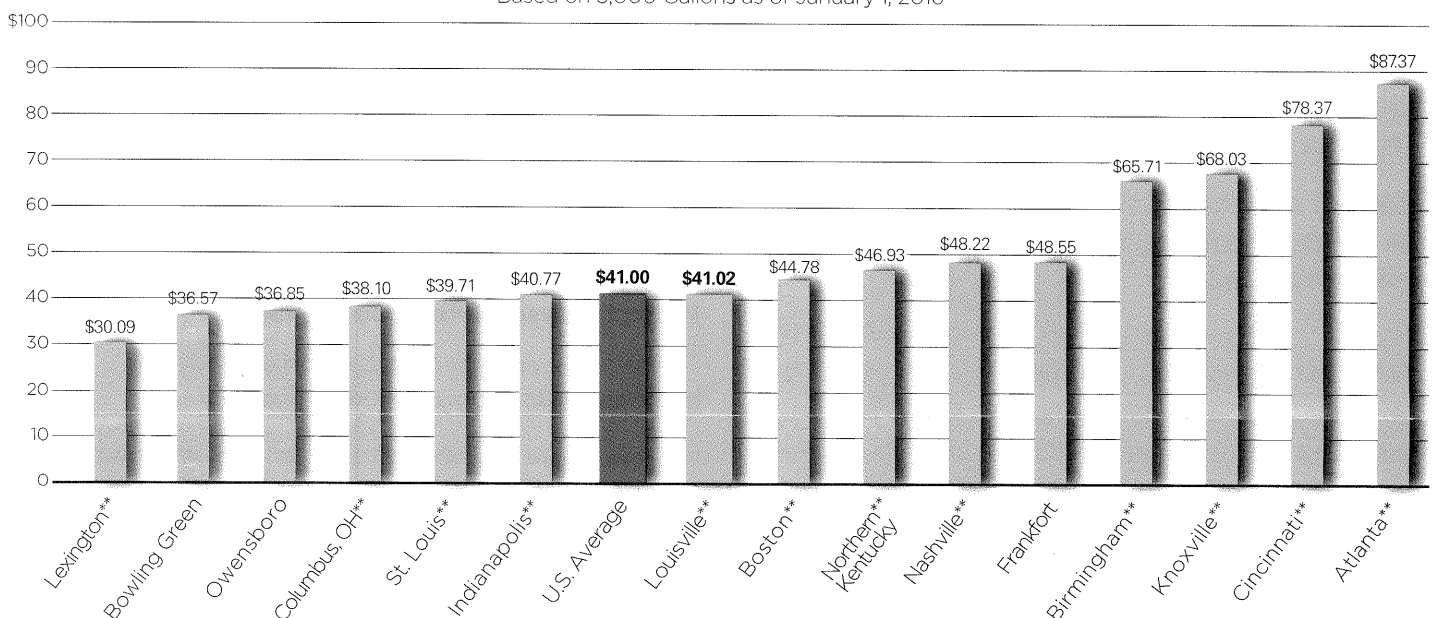
MSD will continue to offer a 30 percent discount on the surcharge and wastewater charges to qualified senior citizens.*

Wastewater

5,000 gallons x \$3.76 (Wastewater rate is \$3.76 per 1,000 gallons)	= \$ 18.80
Monthly service charge	= \$ 13.78
Monthly EPA Consent Decree Surcharge	= \$ 11.26
Total as of August 1, 2016	\$43.84

Projected 2016 NACWA Average Monthly Residential Wastewater Bill

Based on 5,000 Gallons as of January 1, 2016



Based on information collected as of January 1, 2016, by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), MSD’s wastewater bill of \$41.02 is \$0.02 higher than the national average. Nationally, the average wastewater bill will increase an estimated 5 percent.

* Senior citizens who are age 65 or older, have a gross annual household income of \$35,000 or less and are both Louisville Water Company and MSD customers may request an application for a 30 percent discount on wastewater charges and the EPA surcharge through MSD’s website, LouisvilleMSD.org, or by calling Customer Relations at 502-587-0603.

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