



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## Centennial Trail landscape architect to meet with cycling enthusiasts

**Who:** The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)

**What:** Public informational meeting to discuss Centennial Trail improvements

**When:** 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2013

**Where:** Willow Springs Community Center, 8156 Archer Ave., Willow Springs

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will be hosting a public meeting with a landscape architect to discuss the future design of Centennial Trail between Willow Springs Road and Route 83. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 at the Willow Springs Community Center, 8156 Archer Ave., Willow Springs.

During the trail's closure, which is expected to last 30 months, users are encouraged to take advantage of the Illinois and Michigan (I&M) Canal Trail which is located approximately 350 feet to the south. Ample parking is available near the I & M Trail.

This portion of Centennial Trail is located on MWRD property southwest of the McCook Reservoir, a component of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan. The first phase of McCook Reservoir is due for completion in 2017, and when fully functional in 2029, it will have a total capacity of 10 billion gallons to capture combined sewer overflows that currently discharge to area waterways and cause sewer back-ups. It will also provide \$90 million per year in flood control benefits to 3.1 million people living in 37 communities.

Although the MWRD recognizes the inconvenience to those who enjoy this outdoor amenity, the MWRD hopes trail users realize the critical need for this project to the 3.1 million people it will serve.

The MWRD will also consider written comments before making final restoration plans; please submit comments by email to [public.affairs@mwrdd.org](mailto:public.affairs@mwrdd.org) or write to Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Office of Public Affairs, 100 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

Additional information about the project can be found at [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org).

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