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MWRD Commissioner Spyropoulos addresses Chambers of Commerce to discuss wastewater

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos recently addressed the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce and the Portage Park Chamber of Commerce during the groups' monthly luncheon held at St. Pauls House, 3800 N. California Ave., Chicago. She explained the history of the MWRD as well as its role in stormwater management. She also addressed small business opportunities with the MWRD.

Commissioner Spyropoulos explained how and why the MWRD reversed the Chicago River in 1900, which was considered one of the greatest achievements in engineering history.

"Not only did this monumental effort help save many lives, but it also contributed to Chicago's growth and prosperity," Comm. Spyropoulos said.



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To help the audience understand the MWRD's role and impact, Comm. Spyropoulos displayed historical photos, including a water intake crib from 1867 and construction of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. She also discussed the evolution of sewers and the wastewater treatment system.

"Our water supply is one of our most precious resources," said Comm. Spyropoulos. **"That's why the MWRD goes to such great lengths to protect it."**

She encouraged small business leaders to pursue potential opportunities by visiting the MWRD's website at www.mwrdd.org.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.