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Hamilton County Sewers Receive Stimulus Monies
District to receive \$5 million

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) received notification that it will receive \$5,000,000 in federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for five sewer projects that will help create jobs, invest in the local economy, and invest in MSD's infrastructure.

The five projects are estimated to result in the creation of 48 jobs. The projects are:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>ARRA</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
Charlemar Sewer Replacement	Cincinnati	\$533,400	\$266,700	7
Hengehold Pump Station Elimination	Green Twp.	\$800,300	\$720,270	7
Kemper Lane Sewer Repair	Cincinnati	\$1,113,302	\$556,651	7
Little Miami Treatment Plant Improvements	Cincinnati	\$25,000,000	\$2,111,379	20
Mill Creek Treatment Plant Improvements	Cincinnati	\$2,690,000	\$1,345,000	7

"We very happy and grateful to receive this funding, offsetting the projects' investments made by our ratepayers," stated MSD Executive Director James A. "Tony" Parrott. "MSD is ready to go to work building these projects and to help put people to work. Economic reinvestment is a key component of MSD's Strategic Plan and business practice."

The ARRA funds are paired with federal Water Pollution Control Loan Funds (WPCLF), administered in Ohio by the state EPA. The ARRA funds are grants to the Sewer District; the WPCLF is a project loan, with interest rates of between 1% to 3.75%. Together, these funds provide MSD with more than \$30M in financial assistance. The Sewer District requested funding aid of approximately \$285M for 26 projects that would have resulted in an estimated 524 jobs.

"These funds are vital to the improvement of the local economy and the local environment," Parrott commented. "Good public health in the 21st century depends on a good public sewer system. These five projects will improve our system's operations to better protect the public's health and the environment."