



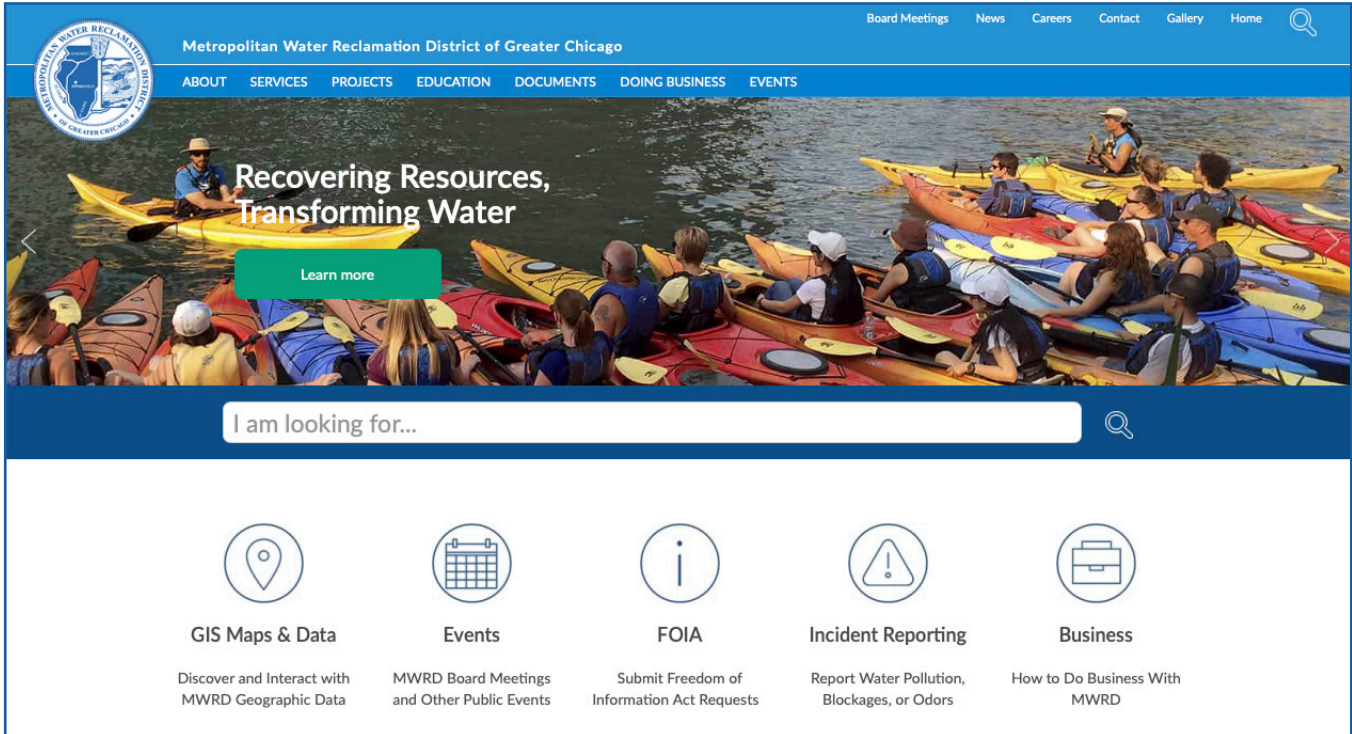
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Enhanced MWRD website connects online visitors



The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) unveiled a new website to connect the public to the innovative and essential services performed by the MWRD. To view the new website, visit [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org).

The site offers a fresh look, new content, improved search engine, video content and connection to MWRD social media and other platforms. In addition to educating the public on water quality issues, resource recovery efforts and MWRD activities, it also serves as an information hub for prospective employees and firms seeking to conduct business with the MWRD. Visitors to the website are offered a range of options: view MWRD geographic data, report on water pollution, waterway blockage or odor incidents, order rain barrels or oak trees saplings through the MWRD’s “Restore the Canopy Program.”

“We are proud to deliver this new tool to engage with area residents and businesses and shed more light on the work of the MWRD,” said MWRD Commissioner Josina Morita, chairman of the Committee on Information Technology. “We have been working to make the user experience more positive and we’ll be adding even more helpful features in the future.”

The MWRD serves 5.25 million people in an 882-square-mile area across Cook County that includes Chicago and 128 suburban communities. Its mission is to protect the health and safety of the public, protect the quality of the water supply source in Lake Michigan, improve the quality of water in watercourses in its service area, protect business and homes from flood damages, and manage water as a vital resource.

The MWRD owns and operates one of the world’s largest water reclamation plants (WRPs), the Stickney WRP in Cicero, IL. It also owns six other plants, 23 pumping stations, 560 miles of intercepting sewers and force mains, 34 stormwater detention reservoirs, and 109 miles of tunnels and three massive reservoirs that comprise the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan to protect area waterways from pollution and provide relief from flooding.

But maintaining the highest standards for water quality and protecting communities from flooding requires community engagement and education. Having an enhanced website offers the MWRD another tool to promote green infrastructure practices, like rain barrels, green roofs and rain gardens.

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