

SEE WHERE YOUR WATER GOES

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has multiple facilities open for walking tours, including one of the largest wastewater treatment plants in the world (Stickney Water Reclamation Plant) and the lowest structure in Cook County (Mainstream Pumping Station, 350 feet below ground).

Facility tours are offered for groups of up to 30. Scheduled on an as-needed basis, tours may begin between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are available Tuesday through Friday. Please allow approximately two hours for your tour. All tours must be scheduled at least one month in advance and are open to adults of all ages and students in grade seven or higher.

Can't come to us? We'll come to you! We are available to participate in community events and to give presentations at schools, neighborhood organizations and government meetings. We look forward to showing you how we improve water quality and prevent flooding.



PROTECTING OUR WATER ENVIRONMENT The Stickney WRP is one of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in the world, capable of cleaning 1.4 billion gallons of water per day. Located on 570 acres of land in Cicero, it is one of seven WRPs open for tours. We welcome nearly 2,000 visitors to our facilities annually.

Contact the MWRD Office of Public Affairs to schedule a tour or presentation. Tours and presentations can also be requested on our website mwrdd.org.

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



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WALKING TOURS

Water Reclamation Plants

Get a fascinating behind-the-scenes view of wastewater treatment and resource recovery processes at one of our award-winning water reclamation plants (WRPs). See how wastewater and stormwater is converted into clean water and other valuable resources.

Tours are available at all seven WRPs:

Calumet WRP, 400 E. 130th St., Chicago, IL
 Stickney WRP, 6001 W. Pershing Rd., Cicero, IL
 Terrence J. O'Brien WRP, 3500 Howard St., Skokie, IL
 John E. Egan WRP, 550 S. Meacham Rd., Schaumburg, IL
 James C. Kirie WRP, 701 Oakton St., Des Plaines, IL
 Hanover Park WRP, 1200 Sycamore Ave., Hanover Park, IL
 Lemont WRP, 13 Stephen St., Lemont, IL

Mainstream Pumping Station

Take an elevator down 350 feet to the largest pumping station in the world and the lowest structure in Cook County: our Mainstream Pumping Station in Hodgkins. Learn how the MWRD leads the world with the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), also known as the "Deep Tunnel," and how it has improved water quality in our region.

Lockport Powerhouse

Completed in 1907 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Lockport Powerhouse and Controlling Works in Lockport is used to control levels in the Chicago Area Waterway System and to generate electricity. Learn how the facility generates more than \$1 million worth of hydroelectricity every year and how the waterway system helps prevent flooding.

Release Form Required Each tour participant must submit a release form a minimum of 14 days in advance of the tour. Anyone over 18 years of age must provide a scan or photocopy of their state ID or passport for a security check, and present it on the day of the tour. Substitution of persons or identification is not permitted. For safety, long pants and sturdy shoes are required (no shorts, dresses, sandals or heels). All photographic equipment, backpacks, purses, food and drink are not permitted in the facilities. All participants are subject to search.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

MWRD staff are available to discuss our areas of expertise and responsibility to all age groups. Our speakers can present information about TARP, wastewater treatment and resource recovery processes, how sewers work, green infrastructure and stormwater management. We can also provide guidance on what you can do to improve water quality and prevent flooding.

