

# We Need Your Input...

to make our rivers and streams cleaner and healthier.



## Community Design Workshop #1 Lick Run Alternative Project

Thursday, August 11, 2011 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. (starts promptly at 6:00 p.m.)

Roberts Paideia Academy

1702 Grand Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45214 Map on back.

Want to tour the Lick Run Watershed? RSVP for evening tours on July 26, July 28, August 2, and August 4 starting at MSD. To sign up for a tour, email MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-244-1300.

#### Please Join Us . . .

On Thursday, August 11, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) will host the first of three "Community Design Workshops" to explore design opportunities for the Lick Run Alternative project.

The workshop will cover the entire Lick Run watershed, including the proposed stormwater conveyance system through South Fairmount (between Queen City and Westwood avenues east of White Street).

Background informational posters will be available for review from 5:30-6:00~p.m. in the school lobby.

The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation and Q&A in the cafetorium, followed by separate breakout sessions to help MSD learn about the community's ideas, concerns and priorities.

#### Future Workshops

The second and third workshops are anticipated for fall 2011 and winter 2012. The outcome of the design workshops will be a Lick Run Master Plan, which will be presented for consideration to elected officials and local authorities.



For more information about the Lick Run project, visit www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun. You can also contact MaryLynn Lodor at (513) 244-5535 or send an email to MSD.Communications@cincinnati-oh.gov.

MSD 1600 Gest Street Cincinnati, OH 45204

# LICK RUN WATERSHED MASTER PLAN

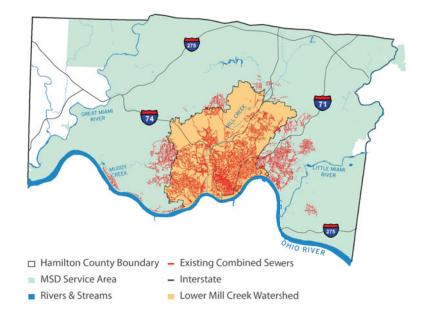
Community Design Workshop #1

August 11, 2011



# What's the Challenge?

Cincinnati is one of 772 cities in the United States with a combined sewer system.





### **Overview**

## What's the Challenge?

- Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)
- Impacts on our Communities

#### What's the Solution?

- Consent Decree & Project Groundwork
- "Default" Solution for the Lower Mill Creek (Lick Run)
- Crafting a Sustainable Solution for the Lick Run Watershed

### **Goals for Tonight's Meeting**

- Build the Foundation for a Lick Run Master Plan
- Use your ideas to inform design of the solution



## **Impacts on our Communities**

Combined sewers can become overloaded with sewage and stormwater during heavy rains, causing sewage backups in buildings and localized flooding.









## **Impacts on our Communities**

Overflow outlets on the sewers allow excess stormwater and sewage to discharge directly into waterways.



Hamilton County is one of the top 5 locations in the nation for CSOs.

Overflows occur as many as 105 times a year at some locations.



### **Consent Decree**

The Consent Decree mandates that MSD:

- (1) Capture, treat, or remove at least 85% of the 14 billion gallons of annual overflows from combined sewers (CSOs)
- (2) Eliminate all sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs)



## **Impacts on our Communities**

Overflows from combined sewers threaten public health, negatively impact the environment and degrade our quality of life across the entire Cincinnati community.









# **Project Groundwork**

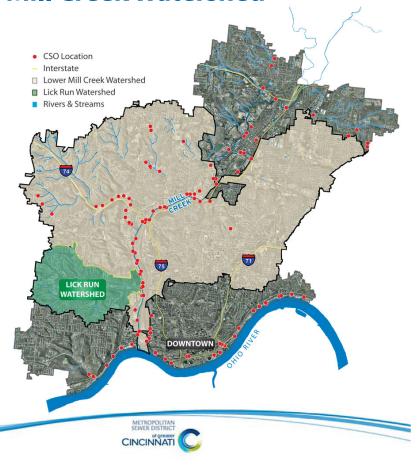


- Reduce CSOs
- Eliminate sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and sewer backups
- Reduce sewage odors and sewage debris in local waterways



**Focus on the Lower Mill Creek Watershed** 

MSD is focusing on watersheds within the Lower Mill Creek that experience high volumes of combined sewer overflows (CSOs).



### **Alternative Solutions**

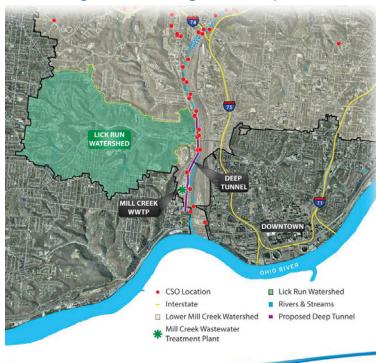
• MSD is working with public agencies, business owners, and property owners to create a more sustainable model.





## "Default" Solution

The "default" solution specified in MSD's Consent Decree is an underground storage tunnel parallel to Mill Creek.





Estimated cost (in 2006 dollars)

\$244 million

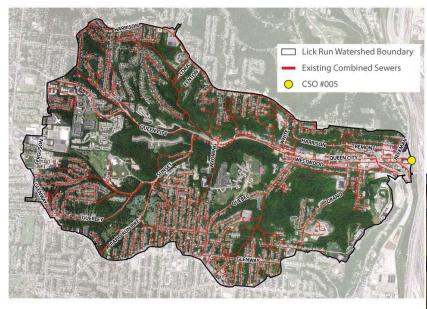


# Focus on the Lick Run Watershed



### **Focus on the Lick Run Watershed**

The Lick Run Watershed contributes the largest volume of overflows from combined sewers of any watershed in Hamilton County.



CSO #005 during wet weather





### **Focus on the Lick Run Watershed**

Declining population and households result in physical decline.

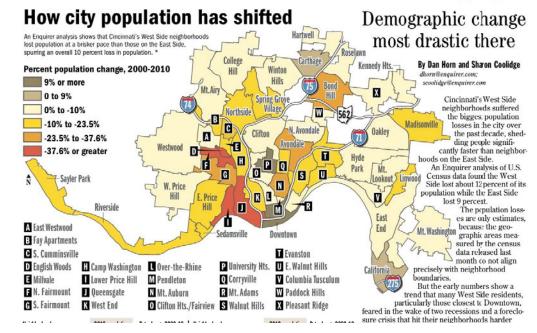


It appears unlikely that a deep tunnel could help address these challenges.



### **Focus on the Lick Run Watershed**

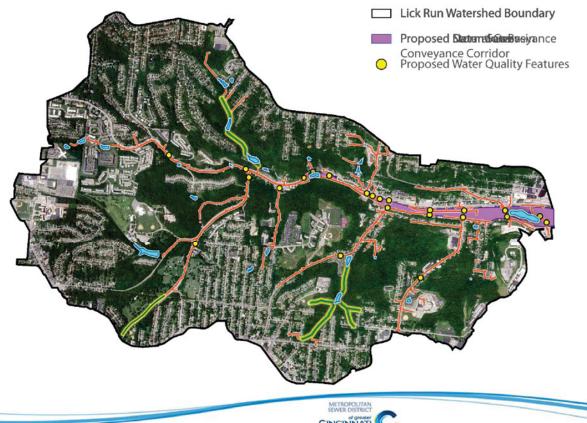
# **West Side shrinks sharply**



April 8, 2011 Cincinnati Enquirer

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### **Sustainable Solutions**





#### Defining a source contr long-term, sustainable

#### WHAT ARE POTENTIAL CONCEPTS FOR LICK RUN?

Defining a source control solution for Lick Run is a complex process, but with community input this approach may provide long-term, sustainable benefits and the potential for community amenities.

# **Stormwater Conveyance**











# **Comparing Two Solutions**

DEFAULT DEEP TUNNEL COMMUNITIES OF THE FUTURE SOLUTION

Reduce CSOs from the Lick Run Watershed





Remove stormwater runoff from the combined sewer system





Create more green space through development of green infrastructure





Provide a potential catalyst for community reinvestment



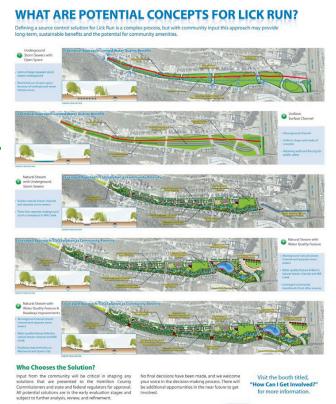


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## **Stormwater Conveyance**

### These concepts are <u>not</u> design plans.

Input from the community is critical in shaping any solutions that are presented to the Hamilton County Commissioners and state and federal regulators



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## **Community Design Workshop #1**

What we learn from you today will help MSD and its partners create a Lick Run Master Plan.

### Workshop #2 (October)

Review alternatives and options

## **Workshop #3 (February)**

 Review Preliminary Master Plan





## **Community Design Workshop #1**

The Lick Run Master Plan will be organized by topics in order to fully represent the comprehensive nature of a watershed-based solution.











## **Break-out Sessions**



### Focus:

Neighborhood Character Building Scale and Uses



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## **Break-out Sessions**



### Focus:

Proposed Urban Waterway
Potential Open Space & Community Amenities



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## **Break-out Sessions**



## Focus:

Neighborhood History Important places, people, events



## **Break-out Sessions**



#### **Focus:**

Watershed-based Planning Connecting People & Places



# **Community Design Workshop #1**

Tonight's plan for each break-out session:

### **Introduction** (approximately 5 minutes)

• You will be given a brief overview of the content and objectives of the work session for each station

### Visual Preference Survey (approximately 10 minutes)

• You will see displays containing a variety of images that show possible outcomes that represent your vision for the community in the future

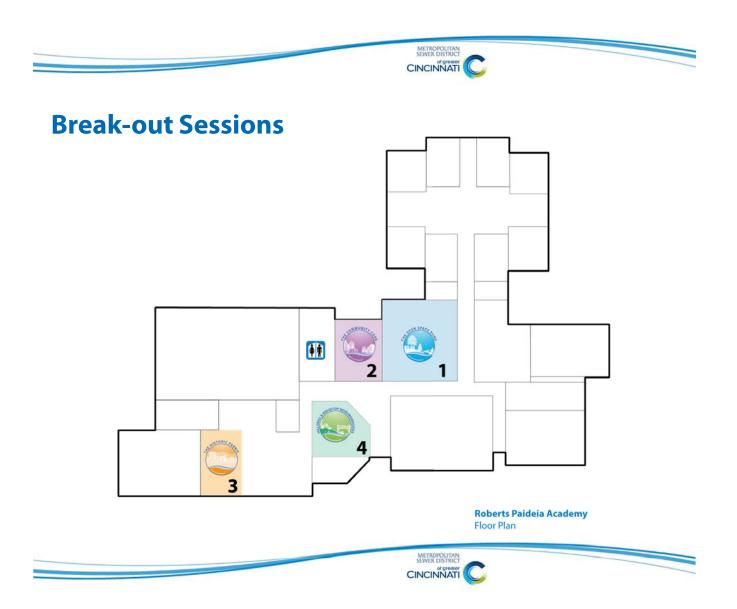
#### **Questions** (approximately 10 minutes)

• We will pose a few questions to learn about your priorities, your ideas, and concerns

After approximately 25 minutes, you will move to the next work session.



# Question & Answer Session





## **VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY SHEET**

<b>HILLSIDES &amp; RIDGETOP NEIGHBORHO</b>	OODS	COMMENTS
<b>A. HILLSIDES</b> (pick all that apply) Preservation	on 1 2 3 4 5 6 Development	
B. COMPLETE STREETS (pick all that apply)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
C. GREEN PLANNING PRINCIPLES (pick all that apply)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
D. PARK & OPEN SPACE STRUCTURES (pick two)	1 2 3 4 5 6	
E. BRIDGES (pick two)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
F. PEDESTRIAN TRAILS (pick two)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
G. ACCESSIBLE DESIGN (pick all that apply)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	





1. Which of the following statements best describes you? (fill in those that apply)

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South Fairmount	0	$\circ$	0	0
Lick Run Watershed (outside of South Fairmount)	0	0	0	0
Outside of the Lick Run Watershed	0	0	0	

- 2. Green planning principles are appropriate for the Lick Run Watershed.
  - **a.** I agree with this statement
  - **b.** I disagree with this statement
  - c. I have no opinion on the matter
- 3. When incorporating green features into my home, I would consider: (circle all that apply)
  - **a.** rain barrels
- **e.** native plants
- **b.** porous pavement
- **f.** trees
- **c.** green roof
- **g.** other
- **d.** rain garden

- 4. The forested hillsides within the Lick Run Watershed should be: (circle one)
  - **a.** left alone
  - **b.** preserved and managed for environmental benefit
  - **c.** developed
  - **d.** other (please specify)\_
- 5. Parks, public open spaces, and undeveloped hillsides should include green features for stormwater management. (circle one)
  - **a.** Lagree with this statement
  - **b.** I disagree with this statement
  - **c.** I have no opinion on the matter
- 6. The Lick Run Watershed should include multiple modes of transportation (e.g., buses, bicycles, pedestrians). (circle one)
  - **a.** Lagree with this statement
  - **b.** I disagree with this statement
  - **c.** I have no opinion on the matter
- 7. I would like to learn about stormwater management in my community by: (circle all that apply)
  - **a.** web site
- e. mailed newsletter
- **b.** email **f.** neighborhood meetings
- **c.** presentations
- **g.** local news
- **d.** smart phone app
- **h.** other\_





## **VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY SHEET**

THE COMMUNITY CORE		COMMENTS
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B. MIXING USES (pick all that apply)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
C. REUSING EXISTING BUILDINGS (pick all that apply)	1 2 3 4 5	
<b>D. CIVIC SPACES</b> (pick all that apply) Person	onal 1 2 3 4 5 6 Group	
E. PARKING (pick two)	1 2 3 4 5 6	
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G. STREET CHARACTER (pick two)	1 2 3 4 5 6	
H. STREET AMENITIES (pick all that apply)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	





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2.	The character of the district should be: (c		•	ne futur	e South Fairmo

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  - **b.** transitional
  - **c.** modern/contemporary
  - **d**. a mixture of different styles
  - e. other (please specify)\_
- 3. Residential uses and businesses in the future South Fairmount business district should be: (circle one)
  - **a.** in separate buildings
  - **b.** mixed in the same building (e.g., residential above businesses)
  - **c.** a mixture of both a & b
  - **d.** other (please specify)\_

4.	Reusing existing buildings makes sense because
	(circle all that apply)

- **a.** some have sentimental value to the community
- **b.** some are community landmarks
- **c.** it saves resources and energy
- **d.** existing buildings should not be reused

5.	what are the <b>existing</b> businesses/uses/services within the neighborhood that you use the most? (please explain)
6.	What is missing in the business district today, but would be desirable for the future?





1. Do you live in South Fairmount now? (circle one)	res NO	b. reopie
2. Have you ever lived in South Fairmount? (circle one)	Yes No	
Did you grow up in South Fairmount? (circle one)	Yes No	<u> </u>
, ,		
4. Do you live outside of South Fairmount, but visit the area regularly? (circle one)	Yes No	
5. Are there important stories that need to be told? If so, plea	se elaborate on the following:	c. Events
a. Places		
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THE OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR COMMENTS

<b>A. WATERWAY CHARACTER</b> (pick all that apply)	Natural 7	<ul><li>(2) (3)</li><li>(8) (9)</li></ul>	(4) (5) (10) (11)	6 Urban	
<b>B. WATER QUALITY FEATURES</b> (pick all that apply)	1	2 3	4 5	6	
C. SPECIAL WATER FEATURES (pick all that apply)	1	2 3	4 5	6	
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# QUESTIONS

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  - **a.** I agree with this statement
  - **b.** I disagree with this statement
  - **c.** I have no opinion on the matter
  - d. I am still forming my opinion
- 3. The potential open space corridor could benefit me because: (circle one)
  - **a.** I would use the open space corridor (*e.g.*, recreation, biking, hiking, community events)
  - **b.** I would <u>not</u> use the open space corridor, but I like knowing that it is there
  - **c.** I see no value in having an open space corridor

1.	What are the most important <b>existing</b> open space areas and recreation facilities in the neighborhood?
5.	
5.	What is your favorite open space or park within the Cincinnati / Hamilton County region? Please explain. (you can list more than one

LICK RUN WATERSHED
Questions

1.	How did you hear abou	t this workshop? (choose all that apply)			
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2.	Do you feel better inform (If not, please explain why.)	med after this meeting than before?	[ ] <b>Yes</b>	[ ] <b>No</b>	
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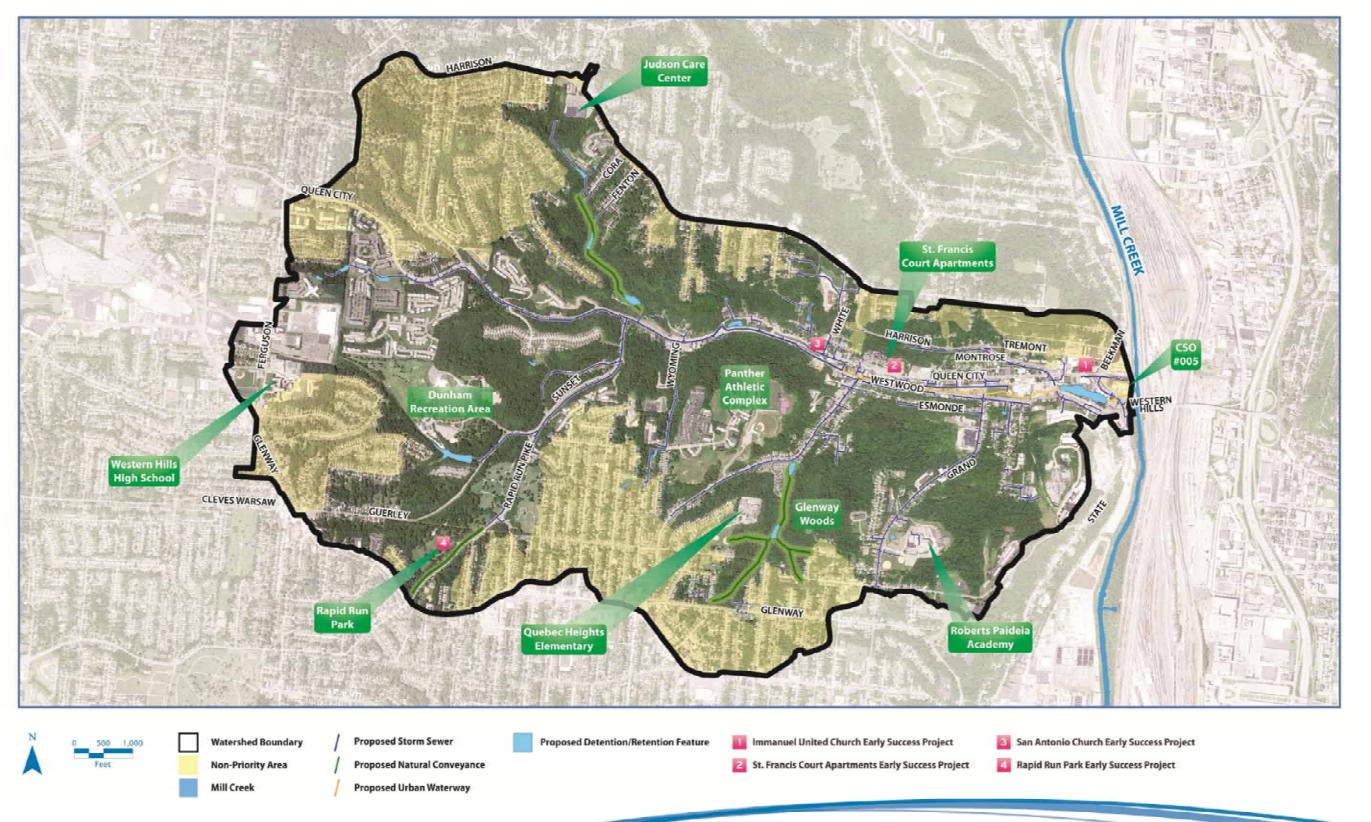


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6.	Will you attend the next Lick Run Community Design Work (If not, please explain why.)	kshop in Oc	tober 2011?	[ ] <b>Yes</b>	[ ] <b>No</b>
7.	Would you be interested in taking a Lick Run Watershed to (If so, please provide your contact information below)	Email:	[ ] <b>Yes</b>	[ ] <b>No</b>	
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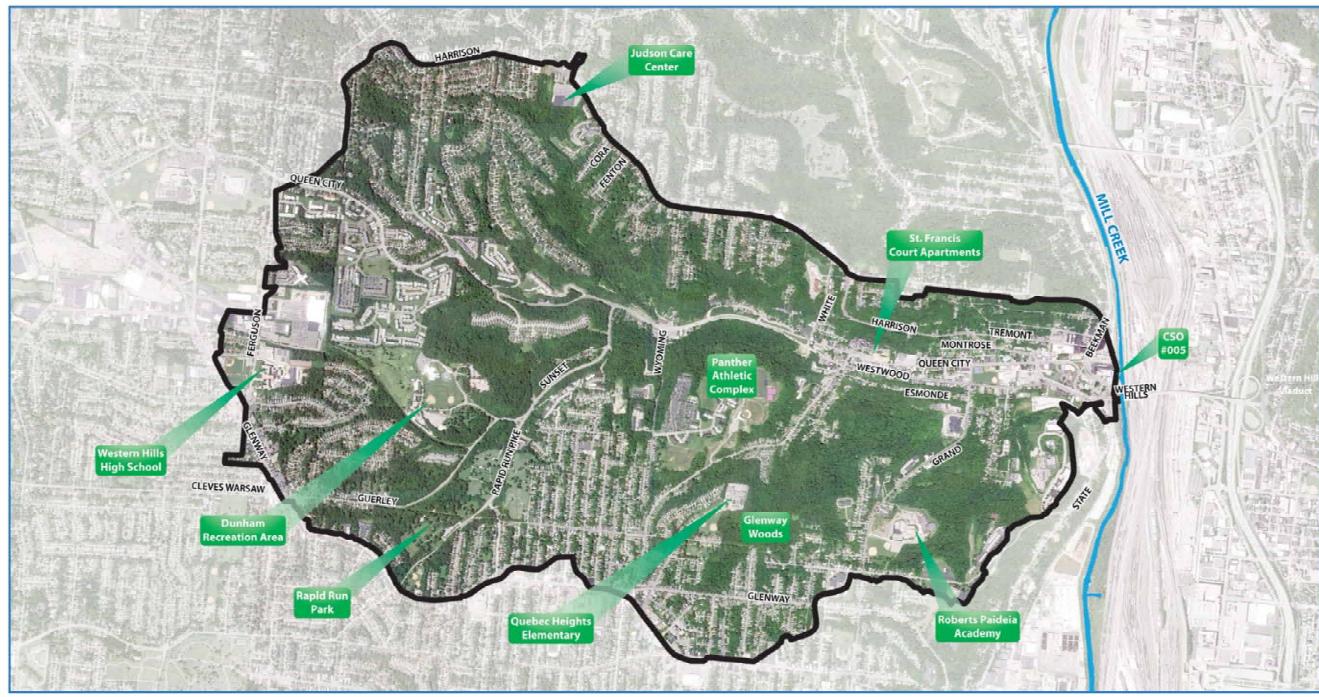
# PROPOSED SOLUTIONS IN THE LICK RUN WATERSHED







# **HILLSIDES & RIDGETOP NEIGHBORHOODS**







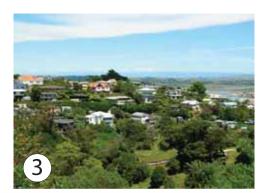




## **A. HILLSIDES** (pick all that apply)













**Preservation** 

# **B. COMPLETE STREETS** (pick all that apply)















Street Trees

Street Plaza

**Planters** 

Bike Lanes

**Multi-Modal Facilities** 

Traffic Calming

**Enhanced Crosswalks** 





## **C. GREEN PLANNING PRINCIPLES** (pick all that apply)





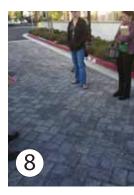












Retention

Bioswale

Street Planter

Rain Garden

**Curb Cuts** 

Rain Barrel

**Green Roof** 

**Porous Pavement** 

## **D. PARK & OPEN SPACE STRUCTURES** (pick two)

















# **E. BRIDGES** (pick two)















# **F. PEDESTRIAN TRAILS** (pick two)



















## **G. ACCESSIBLE DESIGN** (pick all that apply)















Crosswalks Entries

**Graded Paths** 

Playgrounds

**Textures** 

Sounds

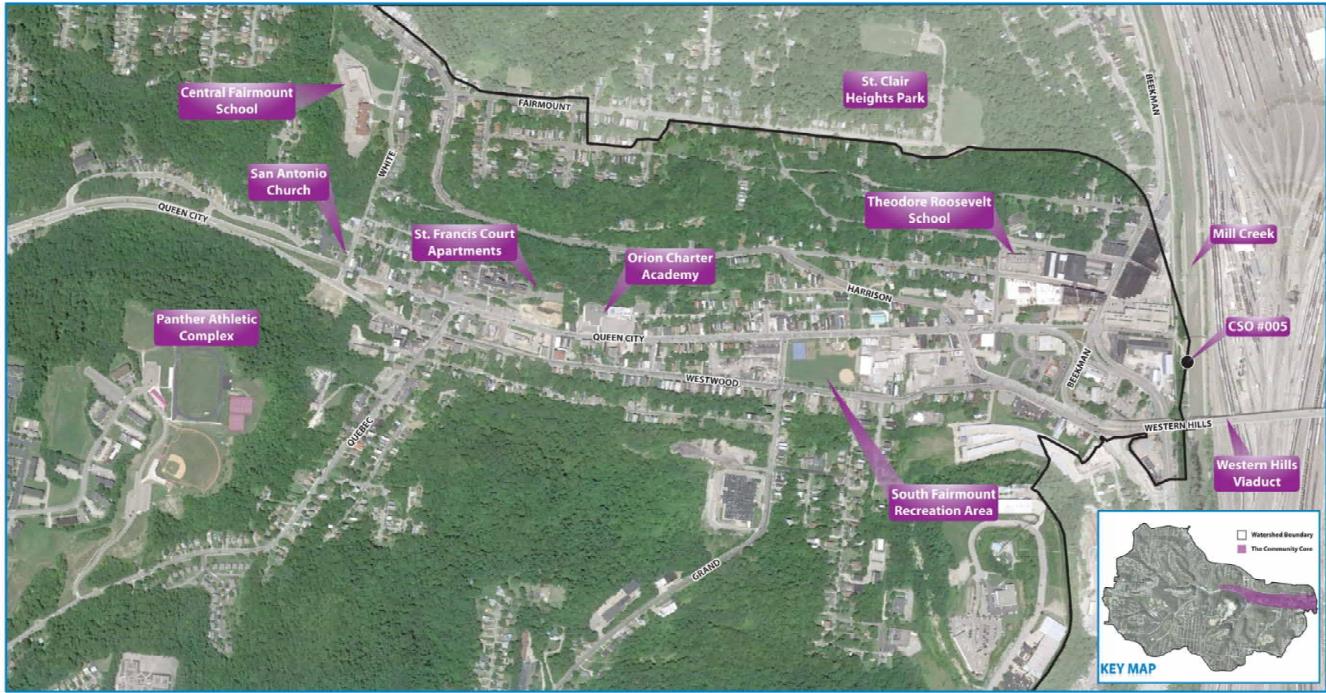
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# THE COMMUNITY CORE







Watershed Boundary



# **A. ARCHITECTURAL TYPES & STYLES** (pick all that apply)













Historic

# **B. MIXING USES** (pick all that apply)



Single, Stand-Alone Use



Stand-Alone, Adjacent to District



**Cluster Development** 



Main Street



Live/Work



High-Density Live/Work



Modern

Work/Play Hub





# **C. REUSING EXISTING BUILDINGS** (pick all that apply)



Industry Converted to Mixed-Use

Church Converted to Other Use



Warehouse Converted to Mixed-Use



Historic Building Converted to Cafe



Factory Converted to Community Space

# **D. CIVIC SPACES** (pick all that apply)













Group

**Personal** 



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# **E. PARKING** (pick two)







Attached Parking Garage



On-Street District Parking



Public Parking Between Buildings

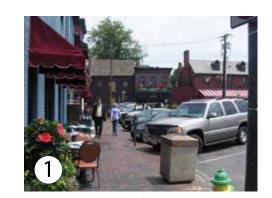


Small Front Parking Lot



Large Surface Lot

# **F. SCALE OF STREET CORRIDORS** (pick all that apply)













Small



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# **G. STREET CHARACTER** (pick two)



Informal Layout



Gathering Space(s)



Street & Sidewalk Blend Together



Simple Materials



Ordered, Historic



**Integrated Walls** & Streetscape

# **H. STREET AMENITIES** (pick all that apply)



Lighting



Signage



Bike Racks



Trash Cans



Benches



**Street Trees** 



Public Art







# THE HISTORIC FABRIC





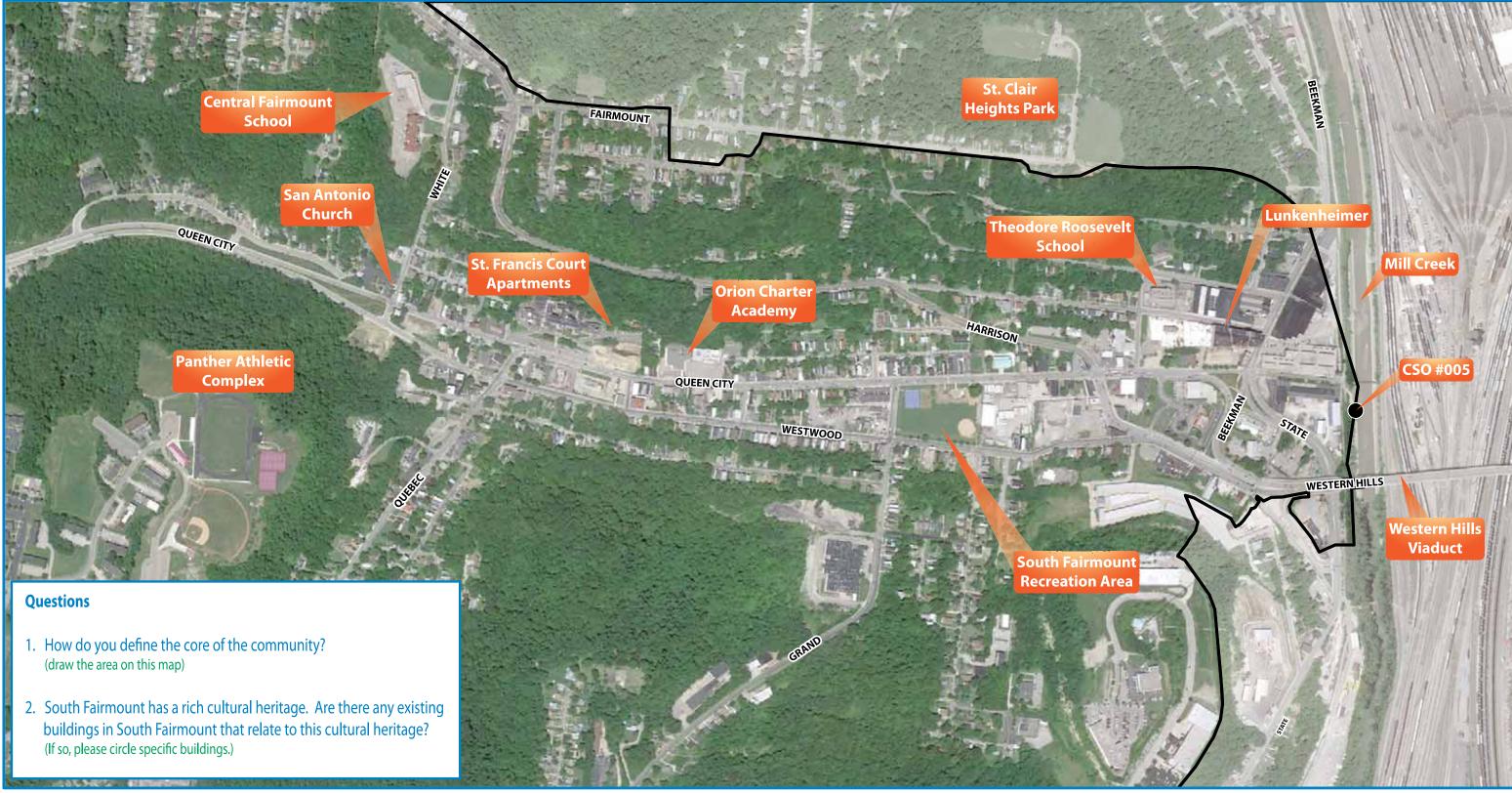




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Historical Railroad (abandoned)





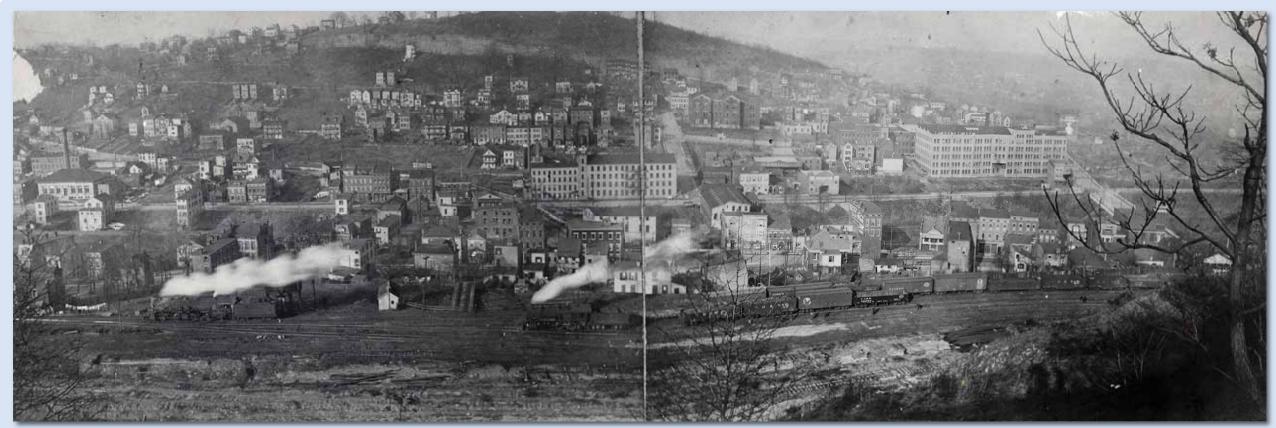




Watershed Boundary



# **SOUTH FAIRMOUNT HISTORY**



**1913** South Fairmount viewed from the south.



Early 1900s Mill Creek Valley



South Fairmount showing St. Francis Hospital, St. Bonaventure Church, and other buildings along Queen City and Westwood avenues.



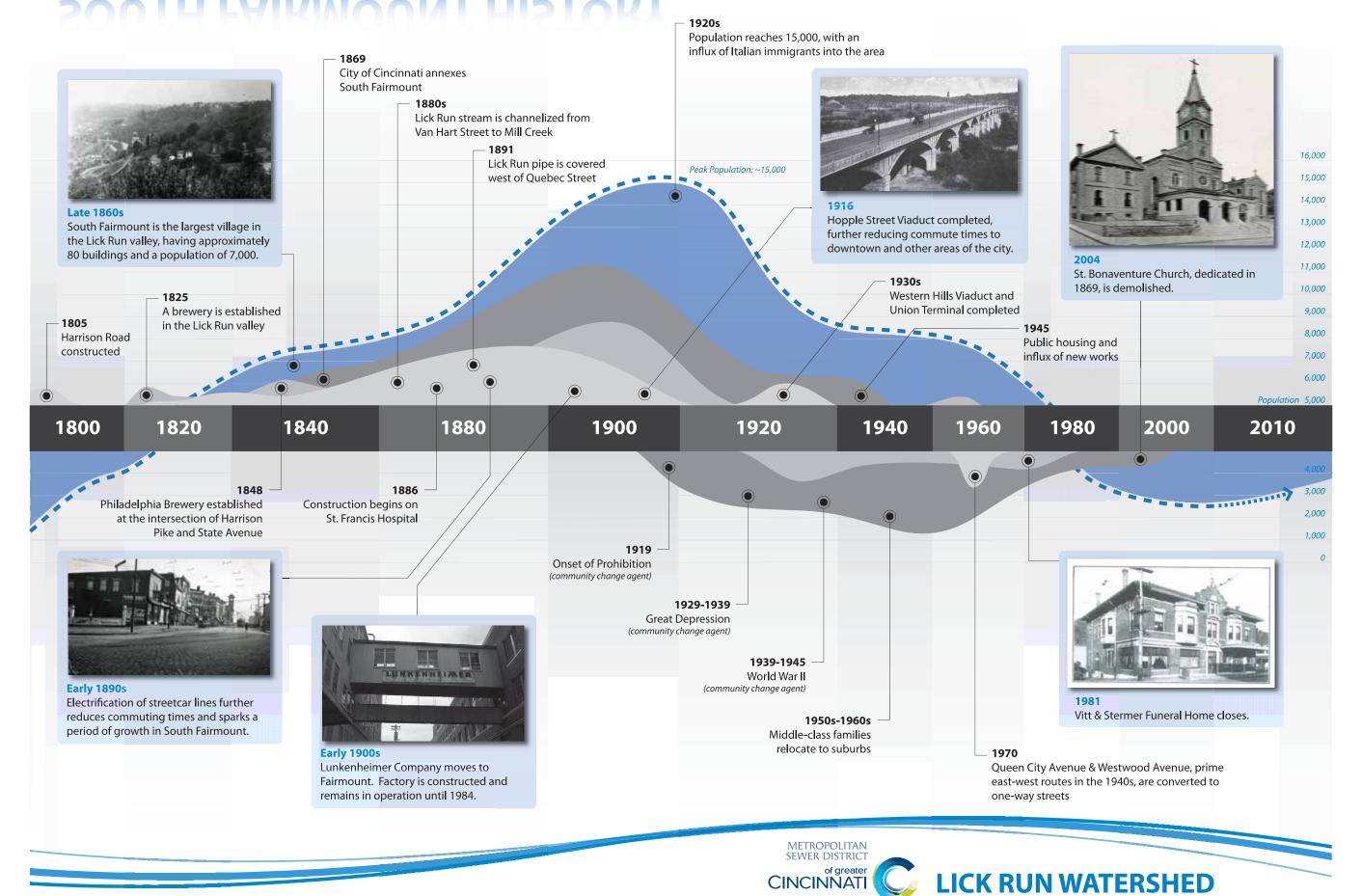
The Woolen Mills at the intersection of Queen City and Harrison avenues.



1931
Western Hills Viaduct connects South Fairmount with other parts of the city. Knob Hill (background) was quarried for the construction of Union Terminal (1933).

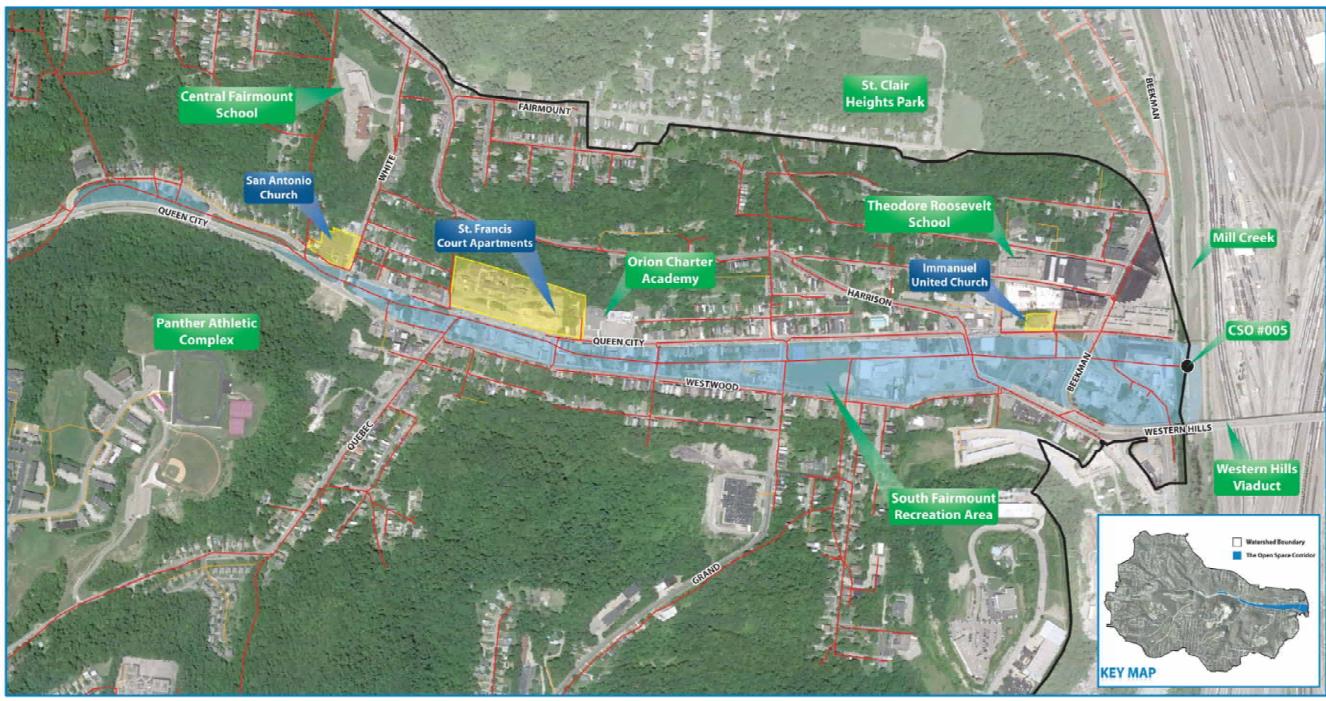


# **SOUTH FAIRMOUNT HISTORY**





# THE OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR









The Open Space Corridor

Early Success Project Site

Existing Combined Sewer





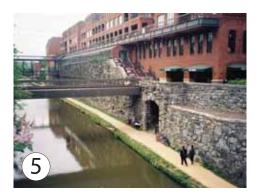
# A. WATERWAY CHARACTER (pick all that apply)































# **B. WATER QUALITY FEATURES** (pick all that apply)













Pond

Sidewalk Stormwater System

**Educational Programs** 

**Bioretention Feature** 

Bioswale

# **C. SPECIAL WATER FEATURES** (pick all that apply)







Pools



Water Jets



Civic Fountain



Cascades



Outfall





# **D. GATHERING SPACES** (pick two from each row)













Group

Urban

Personal

**Open Landscape** 



















# **E. RECREATION TYPES** (pick all that apply)



























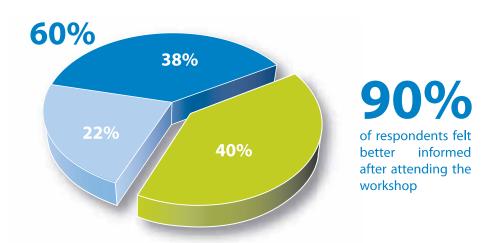




number of attendees at Community Design Workshop #1 on August 11, 2011

#### **Based on exit survey results:**

- The majority of participants live in the Lick Run Watershed
- South Fairmount
  - Other Lick Run Watershed Neighborhood
  - Outside the Lick Run Watershed



• Respondents support MSD's investment in the Lick Run Alternative



deep tunnel (11%)



of respondents believe the proposed urban waterway as a central feature in South Fairmount could benefit the community

Nearly all respondents said that a strong neighborhood core is ------ existing traffic patterns important to the future of South Fairmount

A majority identified as a major obstacle for the neighborhood

#### **What was Community Design Workshop #1?**

MSD is seeking the best and most cost-effective strategy to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the Lick Run Watershed. Community Design Workshop #1 was the first of three meetings that will help inform a Lick Run Master Plan – a plan that identifies MSD's alternative to the deep tunnel and represents a solution that includes several phases of community input.

This workshop was held at 6:00 on Thursday, August 11 at Roberts Paideia Academy in East Price Hill. During four separate break-out sessions, participants provided MSD with valuable input through visual preference surveys, questionnaires, and discussion.

#### **Break-out Session Topics**









#### **How will MSD use the Information from Workshop #1?**

Input from the community will be critical in shaping any solutions that are presented to the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners and state and federal regulators at the end of 2012.

The input gained from Workshop #1 will help MSD and its partner agencies refine watershed-based CSO reduction solutions and maximize the potential for other community benefits and amenities.

At Community Design Workshop #2 in October, MSD will present conceptual-level alternatives for the proposed urban waterway in South Fairmount, and outline the objectives that will support the community's vision for the future of the Lick Run Watershed.

**™**character & maintain natura development space space space design trees important parking possible hillsides



**COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP #1** 



- Citizen employed in South

# "Make Lick Run beautiful and exciting and bring it into a very urban setting, where many people can urban functional natural

#### WATERWAY CHARACTER









Respondents preferred a natural-looking waterway that is compatible with an urban setting and that encourages interaction.

#### **WATER QUALITY FEATURES**







Well-planted, green water quality features should be integrated throughout the proposed conveyance corridor to improve water quality.

#### **SPECIAL WATER FEATURES**







The waterway character should nclude in-stream water features like cascades, pools and riffles. Interactive elements should also be incorporated, where possible.

#### **GATHERING SPACES** (scale and uses)







nages represent those selected by a majority of workshop participants.



Hospital



The general preference was for open gathering spaces that allow for passive recreation and for community events. The potential open space network should include an assortment of active recreational uses, with an emphasis on bike and pedestrian trails.



"Focus on destinations, safety, walkability, local foods and community amenities."

- South Fairmount Resident



#### **ARCHITECTURAL TYPES & STYLES**







#### **Community Preference Summary**

Architectural types and styles should primarily be historic and traditional with the potential for well-integrated modern architecture.

#### **BUILDING USES**







Respondents preferred mixing uses as part of a vibrant live/work zone, reusing existing buildings where possible, and including basic services (e.g., grocery store, pharmacy) in the business district.

Civic spaces should focus on small, green areas for personal interaction, but also include common areas for community

events.









Parking needs in the business district would be best served by a mixture of on-street and surface lots integrated between buildings.

#### **STREETS** (scale, character, and amenities)







Images represent those selected by a majority of workshop participants. district to be successful.

#### Respondents preferred neighborhood-scale street corridors with spaces for gathering, improved lighting, and plenty of amenities. Nearly all respondents said existing traffic patterns need to change for the business



"Green planning should be the overall vision for the community."

- South Fairmount Resident



#### **GREEN PLANNING PRINCIPLES**







#### **Community Preference Summary**

Respondents supported integrating green planning principles, like green infrastructure, for responsible and sustainable stormwater management.

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES**





The watershed's physical assets (e.g., forested hillsides, parks, and open spaces) should be preserved and responsibly managed for environmental benefits.

#### CONNECTIVITY









Respondents overwhelmingly supported complete streets concepts (e.g., dedicated bike lanes, street trees, multi-modal facilities), improving pedestrian safety, and enhancing watershed connectivity with accessible trail networks that complement the immediate surroundings.

#### **AESTHETICS**





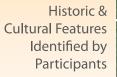


Aesthetic preferences focused on natural materials like wood and stone. Structures and bridges should be well integrated with the watershed's unique physical characteristics.



"Historic buildings are important, but it is also about the people, the culture."

San Antonio Church Sharriso - Citizen's comment during break-out session discussions



(Note: size of circle corresponds with number of responses)

Westwood Avenue Lunkenheimer

#### **South Fairmount Corridor**

