

A Valuable Service

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Small Streams Maintenance Program (SSMP) helps prevent costly flood damage throughout Cook County. Since it began in 2006, dedicated crews have provided a valuable service by removing debris from creeks, streams, and waterways.

Project sites are determined based on reports from local municipalities and residents or from our routine inspections. The success of the SSMP depends on cooperation and coordination among all communities to efficiently and respectfully manage the waterways.

How You Can Help

Report debris accumulations in your stream to the MWRD or to your community leaders.

Remove invasive plant species (especially buckthorn) from your property.

Do not discard yard waste near your stream. When the water rises, it can wash away and contribute to a blockage.

Attend your local Watershed Planning Council meeting to learn more about the regional efforts to manage stormwater and prevent flooding.

For more information about the SSMP or to report a waterway blockage, call 708-588-3171 or go to www.mwrd.org.



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