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The MDC received no written comments received on the Metropolitan District's (District) Integrated Plan Consent Order 2025 Annual Report. A draft of the 2025 Annual Report was posted on the District's website on February 9, 2026. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) provided minor written comments which were incorporated into the revised draft that was presented at the March 12, 2026 public meeting and updated on the website.

In addition, comments and questions were received from three speakers at the public meeting. Below is a summary of the questions/comments received and the District's responses. A video of the meeting is available on www.themdc.org.

March 12, 2026 Public Meeting – Comments/Questions during the meeting

Speaker: Ken and Evelyn Green, Hartford

Comment/Question: *Mr. Green identified himself as Granby Street resident in North Hartford specifically near Pembroke. He asked about previous work done on Granby Street, mentioned the stormwater outfall in the area and how much of a concern is the North Branch of the Park River and if advocacy was needed to bring more attention to it. He acknowledged taking advantage of private property protection devices offered by MDC and that MDC has been responsive to issues.*

Response: Separation work was done approximately 15 years ago under a previous phase of the MDC's Clean Water Project called the "Granby 2/5 Sewer Separation.

It is a concern to the MDC because if the Park River is flooded (and at a higher level than the outfalls), the MDC's infrastructure won't function properly. The River is the responsibility of the City.

The Drainage Study identified next steps for the City of Hartford to take and recommended that Mr. Green contact the staff at the City of Hartford's Department of Public Works. This is a concern to the MDC as for the infrastructure to properly function, the river needs to be at maximum capacity, which is why the MDC has altered which areas of Granby for the next phase of construction. The City of Hartford has a plan to clean up debris in the area but does not have a schedule yet.

The Drainage Study is in the process of being finalized, which will include an executive summary. There is a plan to present the study to the MDC District Board when completed but the exact

date has not yet been set. The District will announce when the report is finalized and made public while the MDC is in the process of modifying the Consent Order.

Comment/Question: *Mr. Green asked about other work being done as part of the North Hartford Sewer Improvements and wanted to ensure that Hartford residents are well represented with opportunities for higher skilled, better-paying jobs.*

Response: In addition to the Granby 7 that has been discussed, MDC has already completed two sewer separation projects on Durham Street and another on Woodstock and Branford Streets as well as a sewer rehabilitation / lining project in the Tower Avenue area. A third separation project is still underway in the Westland and Garden area.

MDC publicly bids their projects and doesn't have control of who the contractors is going to be ahead of time. However, the MDC has dedicated staff that work directly with area contractors with matchmaker events and training to help develop a workforce of local contractors. (This information was provided as part of the presentation prior to the public question / comment portion of the meeting)

In addition, the MDC has pre-bid meetings with potential contractor bidders for major projects where they identify the goal of 30% Hartford resident workforce on North Hartford Projects. Staff gave examples of several local Hartford contractors who are Hartford based and/or have Hartford residents as employees, specifically citing the contractors who do some of the private property improvements, which includes in some cases, 45% Hartford residents as part of their workforce.

Staff identified that flagger jobs are high paying, often close to \$40 per hour jobs and have opportunity for overtime programs but nonetheless still have a robust program to increase skill level get additional licenses and development which allows local Hartford residents to apply for in-house MDC positions as well. These efforts have proven to be beneficial over the last several years for the MDC workforce with several full-time employees coming through these programs.

There is more Police control in Hartford more than flaggers – but we also use Hartford residents in projects that take place non-Hartford MDC towns, which are more likely to use flaggers than police. Those towns tend to have less of a need for police in construction projects and can utilize flaggers.

Comment Question: *Mr. Green asked about work taking place on Tower Avenue and Windsor Street*

Response: The Tower Avenue sewer rehabilitation work has already been completed and the area already was separated about ten years ago. The work on Windsor Street has three phases – the first is sewer rehabilitation work taking place right now, with water main and storm drainage improvements scheduled for 2026 and 2027, respectively.

Comment/Question: *Mrs. Green asked what is in the water when pipes overflow and how could sewage be in the pipes if their neighborhood had already been separated.*

Response: Other areas are that are upstream of their specific neighborhood Granby are not yet separated. The pipe on Granby is a (CSO) combined sewer overflow pipe so it still conveys combined stormwater and sewage – of which most of it is stormwater when it overflows. When separated, it will only be stormwater that flows into the river. The Blue Hills area will be positively impacted by the Granby 7 project.

Comment/Question: *Mr. Green asked about what the grey boxes that are found along the streets in Hartford neighborhoods are for. There is one near his home.*

Response: The grey boxes (that look like traffic control boxes) are called CSO boxes and are used to monitor the water levels in combined sewer pipes. There are 83 of these boxes located in Hartford. MDC stated that the boxes provide helpful, real-time communication for engineering staff to evaluate the system's conditions. These boxes are not common.

As more separation takes place and capacity in the system is increased, stormwater will be diverted to the river, as future plans include five new pipes in the Granby area identified. While permitting for these improvements can be challenging, the MDC continues to move forward with this work with existing infrastructure as well.

Speaker: Rhonda Leonard, Hartford

Comment/Question: *Ms. Leonard asked if there is a plan for the Park River to be dredged and if sewers from West Hartford flow into the sewers in this area of Hartford.*

Response: There were recommendations made as part of the Drainage Study that identifies steps the City can take, such as debris removal, but it will be a City of Hartford plan. The sewers that flow into this area of Hartford in the MDC are primarily from Bloomfield, not West Hartford.