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Ald. Terry Witkowski
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderman Calls On MMSD To Clear Brush, Debris From Concrete-Lined Creek Beds

Ald. Witkowski Says MMSD 'Shirking Responsibility,' Jams Hike Flood Threat

Ald. Terry Witkowski will be available to the media during an appearance this afternoon near an area where residents say heavy brush and debris is jamming concrete creek beds, causing rising floodwaters to threaten their properties during heavy rain storms. The rising waters have spurred Ald. Witkowski to ask why the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) isn't maintaining the south side creek beds, structures it constructed years ago but which now it considers to be "frontage" for property owners.

"MMSD contends that private property along the creek bed is 'frontage' like lake frontage or river frontage, and that adjacent property owners are responsible for clearing brush and debris from the waterway," said Ald. Witkowski. "It's absolutely absurd and I plan on bringing this situation to light so that this whole issue can be properly addressed."

Ald. Witkowski will be available for media interviews beginning at 1 p.m. today (Thursday, July 20, 2006). The alderman will meet reporters just south of where S. 5th St. meets W. Armour Ave. near the creek bed.

WHAT: Ald. Witkowski media availability
WHEN: Thursday, July 20 at 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: S. 5th St. & W. Armour Ave.

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