Municipal Setting Designations

What is an MSD?

- A **voluntary** deed restriction that prohibits the use of impaired groundwater as potable water
  - A tool property owners can use to address environmental impairments to groundwater
  - Allows reinvestment and redevelopment of impaired properties
- A public health protection
MSD Depiction

- Houston has shallow contaminated groundwater scattered across the City

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What is an MSD?

- It is a State Program
  - Administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
  - Requires Local Support

- Article 13 of Chapter 47
  - Public Hearing Required
5311 Clinton Drive

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Earle M. Jorgensen Company

- 1936 – Developed with warehouse by Earle M. Jorgensen Company
- 1940’s to early 1980’s – Additional warehouses, office building constructed
- Past Operations: warehousing, cutting, and distribution of metal piping, tubing, and sheet metal
- 2004 – Property sold
- Current Operations: metals warehousing/distribution
Earle M. Jorgensen Company

MSD Notice Letters

Property Owners
First-Class Mail
1/4-Mile Radius
City Requirement

Water Well Owners
Certified Mail
5-Mile Radius
State Requirement

If you received a notice through certified mail that means you have a water well according to the State’s records

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