

Municipal Setting Designations



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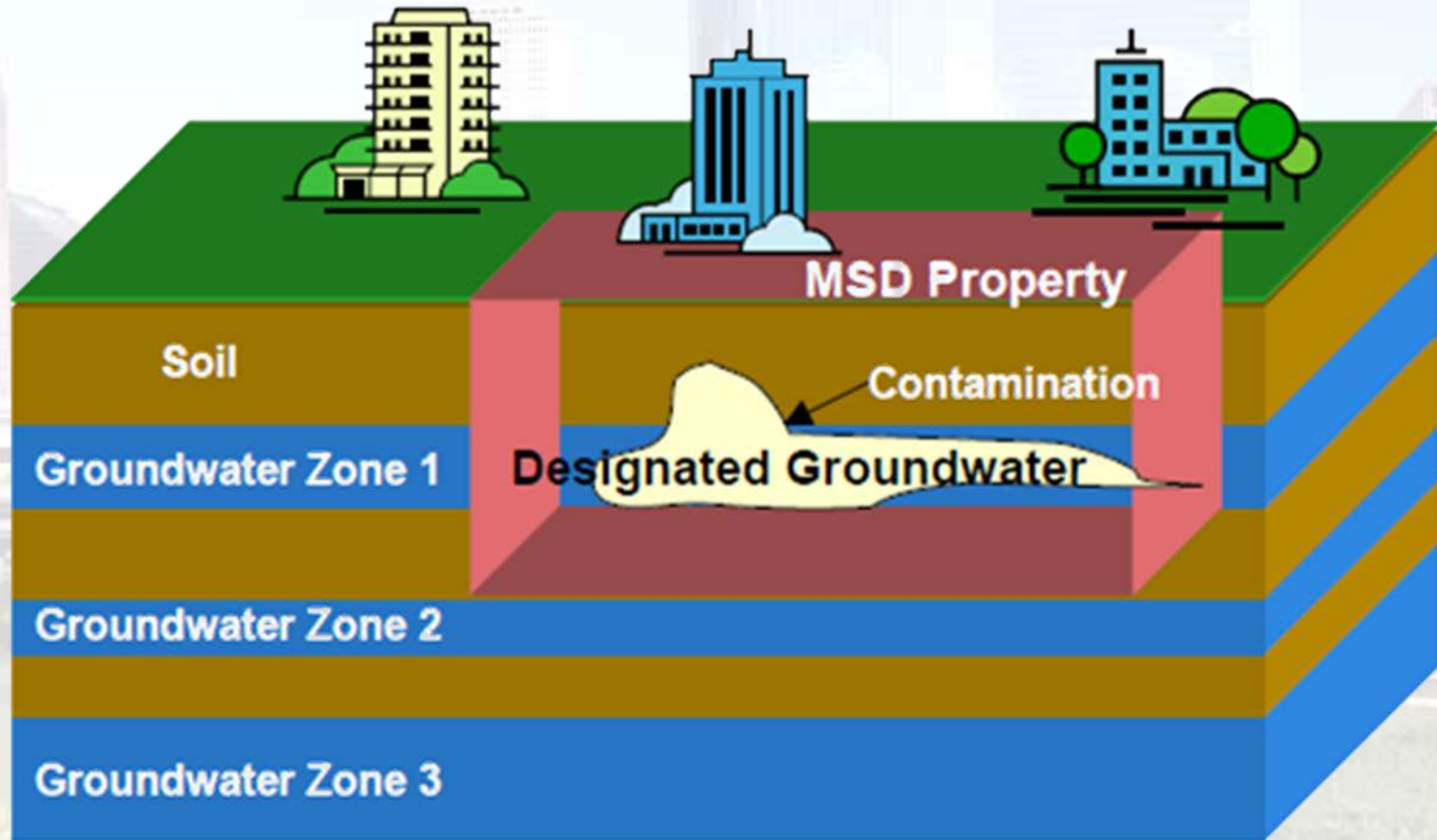


What is an MSD?

- 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

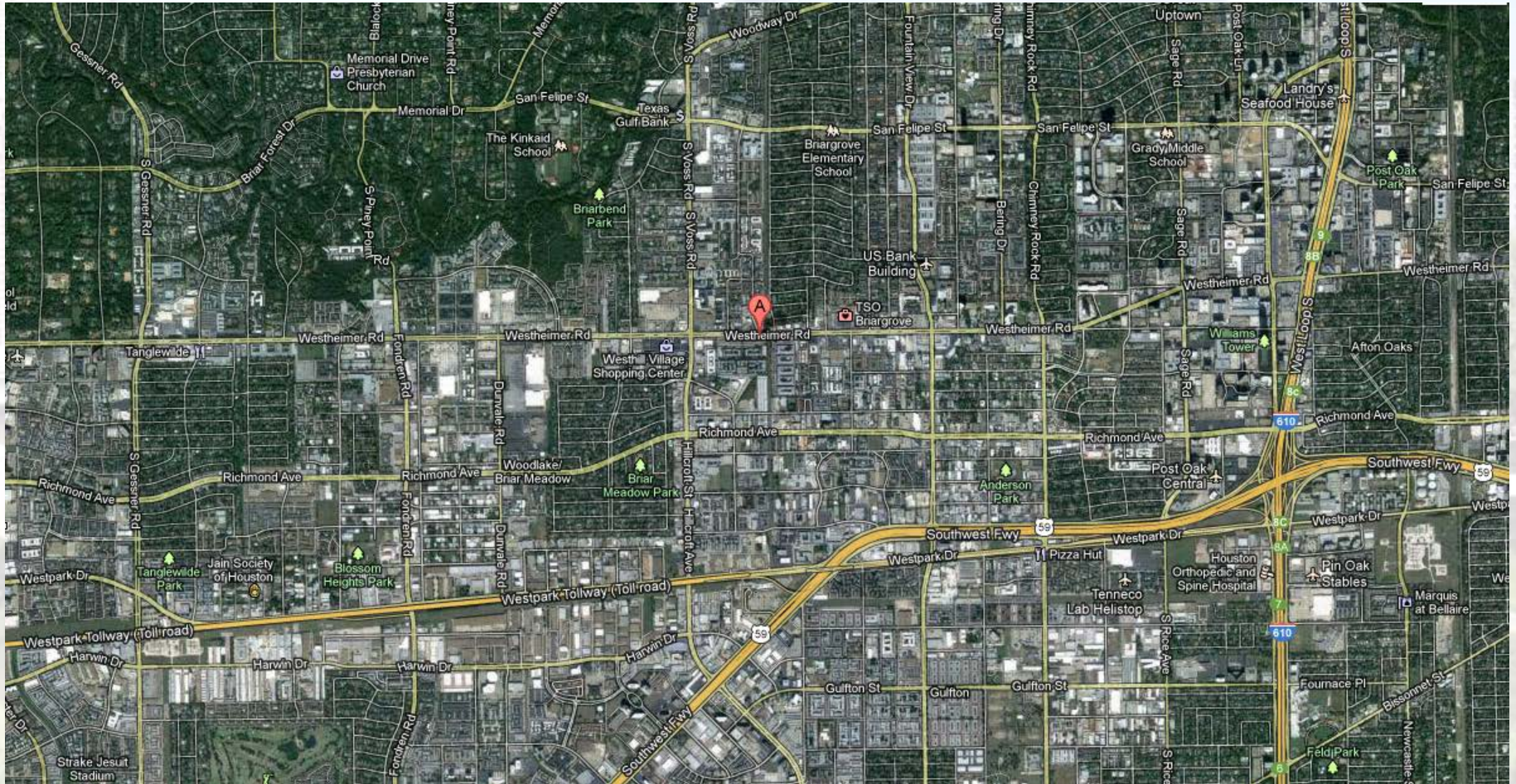


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- It is a State Program
 - Administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 - Requires Local Support
- Article 13 of Chapter 47
 - Public Hearing Required



6347 Westheimer Road



Mariner Village Shopping Center

- Historical Property Use
 - Used for agricultural purposes prior to development.
 - Developed in mid 1970s.
 - Dry cleaning operations in one tenant space from 1980 – 1998.
- Current Use
 - Multi-tenant shopping center.
 - Lease spaces contain retail outlets and restaurants.
 - No dry cleaner operations being conducted on the property.



Groundwater Impacts



MSD Notice Letters



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February 3, 2010

RE: MSD Application #2009-022-FCE
1111 Lockwood Drive, Houston, TX 77020

Dear Recipient:

Enclosed is a public meeting notice about an upcoming meeting in your area. This is an informational meeting about a property at 1111 Lockwood Drive, Houston, TX 77020 that has contaminated groundwater. We welcome you to attend the public meeting, but it is not mandatory that you come.

The public meeting will be held at:
3/11/2010
6:00 PM
Ripley House
4410 Navigation, Houston, TX 77011

The following notice will give you additional details about the type of contamination that has been found at the site. Please note: the groundwater contamination at the site is very shallow and is not the groundwater that the City of Houston uses for some of its drinking water. Most of the City's drinking water is now from surface water (Lakes Houston, Conroe, and Livingston).

The purpose of this public meeting is to inform you, the nearby neighbors and well owners, about the Municipal Settings Designation (MSD) program and the application. During the meeting a representative from the city will talk about the MSD program and then the MSD applicant will talk about the site. You may come to the meeting just to listen or you can share a comment. Comments can be given in person at the meeting or you can send them to the State of Texas and/or to the City of Houston at the following addresses.

Mr. Scott Settemeyer
Remediation Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13057, MC-225
Austin, Texas 78711.

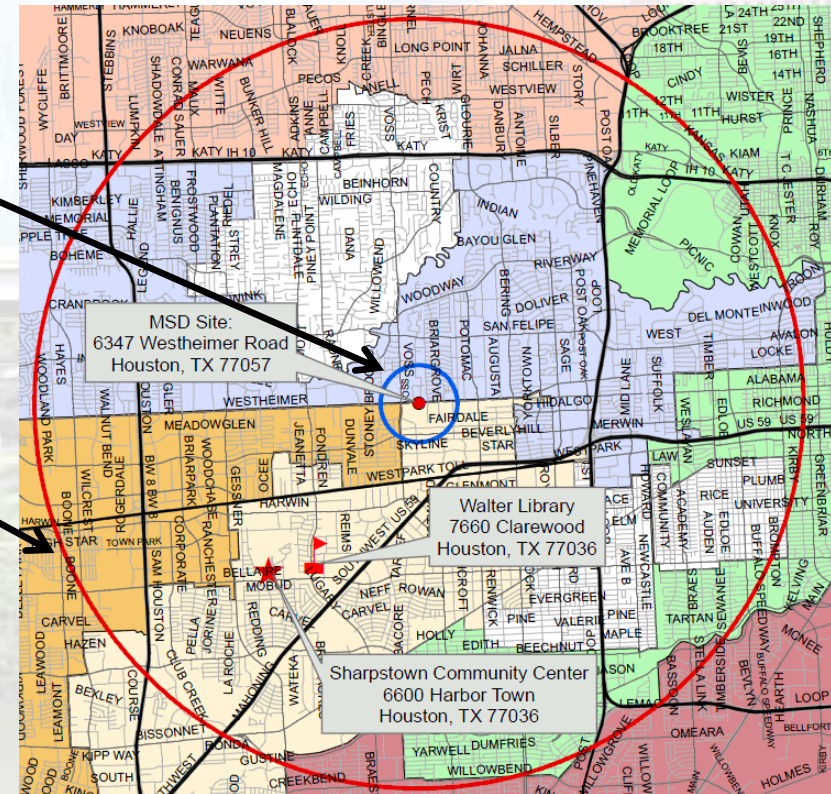
Richard Chapin
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City of Houston
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A MSD is the way the city can legally say that the contaminated groundwater at a property cannot be used for drinking water now or in the future, thereby protecting public health. It may also help a contaminated site develop or redevelop because the state's requirements to clean up contaminated groundwater may be set at levels based on this restriction. The MSD does not excuse the applicant from clean up activities such as removing the surface soil or reducing other risks to the public.

Council Members: Brenda Stearns, Jenie Johnson, Anne Clatterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, Ai Hoang, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, James G. Rodriguez, Stephen C. Costello, Sus Lovell, Melissa Noriega, C.O. "Red" Bradford, Jolanda "Jo" Jones, Controller: Ronald C. Green

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½-Mile Radius
City Requirement

Water Well Owners
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