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Statement on Wilson Park Creek incident

**Alderman Scott Spiker and Common Council President José G. Pérez
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Monday evening a tragedy occurred in the 13th District when a young boy slipped into the concrete-lined Wilson Park Creek and two men were also swept away when they attempted to rescue him. The Milwaukee Fire Department responded to the incident that night and continued their work throughout the day Tuesday in search of the individuals before it was ultimately discovered the young boy did not survive. The status of the two adults is, at this time, unknown.

We can't fathom what the family, friends and loved ones of the victims in this incident are going through. This is truly a tragic event and our thoughts and well wishes are with all those impacted.

As fathers, and with this incident occurring so close to home, it serves as a stark reminder of just how dangerous these drainage ditches can be, particularly during extreme weather events when the water can be flowing upwards of 20 feet per second and generating 400-500 pounds of pressure.

We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the Milwaukee Fire Department and their Dive Rescue Team, the Milwaukee Police Department, and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for their hard work and dedication in responding to this incident. Their efforts were not without personal risk, and their continued fortitude and bravery have not gone unnoticed.