

## Air Quality

January 12, 2022  
11:00am-12:00pm  
Zoom



### Notes

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 20 attendees; 9 Camden residents/businesses

#### II. Hot Topics

- a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile
  - Conversations continuing
- b. Block 1 lot 1
  - Some correspondence from owners; no concrete updates
- c. [Camden Iron & Metal](#): Air Pollution Control Permit Construction of New Source Application, Front & Pine Streets, New Facility
  - Still reviewing the application
- d. Sustainability Ordinance: how it is used by the planning board (Dr. Williams, Director of Planning for Camden City)
  - How it works:
    - Implemented via the Zoning Code
    - When someone applies for site plan/ etc., Zoning Board has a pre-application meeting to go through requirements
      - a. Based on the type of development, they may do a different type of review
      - b. They alert the developer about what will be asked of them
    - The ordinance requires EIS or traffic analysis no matter the size of the plan proposed
    - The ordinance itself is vague and leaves the planning board and the developer to make up and address specific sustainability goals
  - Thoughts on edits/ additions to the ordinance:
    - Want it to clarify specific metrics behind goals so there is less wiggle room
      - a. Ex: Redevelopment of the waterfront, may fit the sustainability ordinance but does not acknowledge environmental justice issues; this could be addressed with new rules
    - Ordinance is from 2015, would need data to support any adjustments to keep in line with climate change (ex: [NJDEP Climate Change Report](#))
    - Look to Newark's sustainability ordinance which supposedly has bit more "teeth" than Camden's: <https://ecode360.com/36713878>
  - The ordinance does cover stormwater; CCMUA does outreach to upstream communities on their stormwater management which has an impact on Camden's

- e. Tracy Carluccio, Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) Deputy Director: update on a new effort DRN and partners have launched on the new LNG train routes
  - DRN is working in opposition to plans for trains carrying liquified natural (LNG) extracted from wells in PA through Camden (amongst other cities and towns) by train and by truck
    - In court fighting currently
    - Pipeline and hazardous material administration: approved the LNG to go from PA plant to NJ
  - Train route approved by DOT across Delair Bridge then on freight tracks (Conrail) through Camden to the Gibbstown facility
  - Transporting LNG was banned for decades due to public dangers
    - DOT considering rescinding rule to allow LNG on rail ways
  - DRN will be doing public forums and outreach to neighborhoods this goes through. Get in touch with Tracy Carluccio: [tracy@delawariverkeeper.org](mailto:tracy@delawariverkeeper.org)
    - cell: 215.692.2329
  - [Interactive map](#) of impacts, disproportionately low-income folks of color
  - Power plant in south Camden would not be supplied by this
  - What would be most impactful/useful from the CCI and residents?
    - 2 dozen municipal resolutions passed against this effort, adding Camden would be great
    - Petition for individuals to sign coming soon
  - Any effect on upcoming Camden-Glasboro line? Likely not.

### III. Air Quality

- a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report
  - 3 complaints were received between 11/18/21 and 1/10/22. Two odor complaints and one from DEP mobile app (all received in December). All complaints were investigated; none were verified.
- b. Current Issues
  - Covanta Update: no updates, meetings cancelled for COVID; should have positive news by the end of the month
  - EMR Update
- c. Key next steps
  - CCI looking to apply for [Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Funding under the ARP](#); will coordinate with Luis Lim at NJDEP
    - a. Currently have:
      - i. NJairquality.org has data from NJDEP monitor
      - ii. 3 [purple air monitors](#)
        - 1. Four additional Purple Air monitors waiting to be set up. Covid has slowed it down.
    - b. Want trainings to teach folks what this data means
      - i. EPA has a [website](#)

### IV. Traffic Management

- a. Current Issues
- b. Key Next Steps

### V. 2022 Air Quality Working Group Work Plan

- a. Revisit 2021 [Air Working Group Action Plan](#): goals, strategies, objectives
  - ALL CCI MEMBERS: Fill out this [Form](#)

**VI. Additional Information/Resources**

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*Next Meeting: CCI Air Quality Working Group Meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 am*