

**Waste Management**

March 9, 2022  
10:00am-11:00am  
Zoom

**Notes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. 11 attendees; 8 Camden residents/businesses

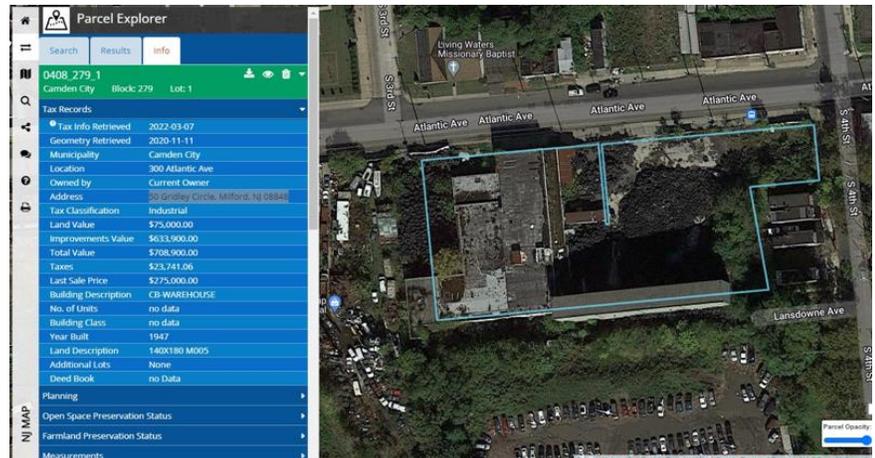
**II. Hot Topics**

**a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile**

- Conversations between commissioner and mayor
- City and NJDEP are taking legal action
- NJDEP is trying to find some money to do additional sampling
  1. The samples collected to date are very limited, as in, they are not nearly sufficient to characterize the soil material
  2. The data that was provided indicates that contamination is present in exceedance of various DEP soil standards, but is not bad enough to be considered hazardous waste
- Q: Are there similar precedent cases? Right now, it is feeling like a sit and wait game (which we want to avoid)
  1. Emergency mobile action programs (similar to emergency response programs), but it would need to make threshold of acute immediate threats (it does not right now)
  2. Silt grates over sewers would be a nice temporary solution in the interim
  3. More long term: should consider pulling licenses to operate
- Q: Where does fine money go?
  1. Enforcement settlements are going back to local areas that had loss
- This is a \$4 million problem, not to mention the public health impacts
- Need better disincentive than a small fine. Is there energy in DEP to increase fines to be commiserate with the environmental injustice in the future?
  1. Frank will elevate this issue in the NJDEP

**b. 300 block of Atlantic Ave. south side: tire stockpile**

- Not an acute issue now, could become one if it catches on fire
- It is a good idea to call NJDEP hotline to get it on their radar



(1-877-warn DEP)

1. Energy behind making that an easier to reach number? Marketing materials to share?
  - a. Let frank know how it can be better advertised; he is happy to make another push and share any resources
- Also reach out to local authorities, state, county, local
- c. Block 1 lot 1
  - Owner has not been responsive to enforcement action, legal action is coming
  - Camden County Historic Society is working on getting an easement for the historic building rehab and trail
- d. GovAlert App: the new Camden Reports, going live to the public soon

### III. Zero Waste

#### a. Current Issues:

- Plastics Ban: how to prepare residents, businesses for May 1 deadline
  1. Billboard: Who would pay?
    - a. CLHI: plastic bag ban bill board for North Camden Community
      - i. Potentially put more than one billboard in the city, one in the north, one in the south
    - b. Potentially a larger one visible by the Ben Franklin Bridge
      - i. Send letter requesting support from EMR
    - c. Fliers at corner stores/ bodegas? Might be more effective
      - i. Give store owners a piece of education, cost of non-plastic bag, provide alternatives to plastic
    - d. Will and Stacey canvas frequently- they can give out these fliers too
  2. We could mail a flier in the water bill: who will pay to print them?
  3. Who to reach out to right now to ask if/how they can distribute free re-usable bags:
    - a. Cousins: No one has a contact
    - b. Env. Non-profits: TPL, NJ Conversation foundation, Center for Aquatic Sciences
    - c. CSSD
    - d. Kroc Center
    - e. YMCA
    - f. Family dollar/ dollar general
    - g. Covanta/ EMR: potential partner to fund and/or distribute
      - i. Stacey and Alyssa best contacts
  4. Mutual Aid Approach? Can advertise that folks can bring in their extra re-usable bags for re-distribution
    - a. Faith based community could help with that
  5. Enforcement: Camden County Division of Environmental and Consumer Health would be doing the checks; 50 or so stores will be checked starting May through June

#### b. Key Next Steps

- Follow Philadelphia's venture with their plastics ban
- Check in with Camden County Division of Environmental and Consumer Health to discuss ban roll out and communications

**IV. Illegal Dumping**

a. Current Issues

b. Key Next Steps

- Illegal Dumping intervention toolkit for local community groups

**V. Waste Collection**

a. Current Issues

b. Key Next Steps

- Tap into Mayor's [Camden Strong Initiative](#) with waste removal materials
  1. Starting in April, looking about the same
  2. Reach out as soon as possible
    - a. Let frank know when the date is decided- first is April 22<sup>th</sup>  
location TBD
  3. Get reusable bags there, advertise green groups

**VI. Additional Information/Resources**

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*Next Meeting: CCI Waste Management Working Group Meeting, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*