

Water

March 9, 2022

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 28 attendees; 15 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot topics

- American Water Updates on [Lead Service Line Replacement and Communications](#)- Denise Venuti Free (Director of Communications & External Affairs, NJ Am. Water) and Alicia Barbieri (Corporate Communications, American Water)
 - New legislation mandated:
 1. By Jan 22- complete the public inventory
 2. By Feb 21- mail letter to customers with lead/galvanized lines
 - 1/3 of city: owned and operated by NJ Am Water
 1. Whole site (linked above) can be translated into Spanish now (upper right corner button)
 2. Interactive map shows service lines and property conveyance lines (which are lead, not lead, galvanized, or unknown)
 - a. If your service line is unknown, there is a survey to upload pictures of the line; more information would help with planning
 3. Website includes tips to assess and reduce your exposure
 4. Don't call the call center (would get in same pool as folks asking about water shut offs), contact us form [on the website](#)- water quality expert responds in 3 days
 - 2/3 of city: Owned by city, contracted by American water
 1. Also getting a letter from the city saying about same thing to folks who have lead/ galvanized service lines
 2. Online list anyone can search their address/ other addresses ([here](#))
- Justin Denis (TPL) updates from Molina drop test drop
 - Passed testing, good to go
 1. Opening celebration targeted for the end of April/ early May, flier to come
 2. 1.5 million gallons of stormwater captured per year from new GSI

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- Current Issues
 - CCI submitted two proposals to [NJDEP's Water Quality Restoration Grant](#) opportunity
 1. Harrison & State St. Complete Street Project- CCMUA + CCP
 2. Yaffa Site cleanup/ stormwater project- CRA
 - NJ Climate Resilience Public Art Project: Vedra Chandler (CCP) is coordinating a project with local artists to create artwork around Camden storm drains to bring attention to Climate Change's impacts
 1. Schools would be great to partner with
 2. Mastery high school- engage the art club who helped paint the illegal dumping barriers at 4th and Byron St.

- Key Next Steps
 - Connect with Erica Rossetti who has resources from similar projects

IV. Drinking Water

- Current Issues
 - American Water PFAS project in Parkside: went online in January
 1. Putting in some new piping and restoring old piping
 - a. 3rd quarter of this year finishing up
 - *Leading with Lead* continuation in Cramer Hill neighborhood: Spring/ Summer 2022 filter/ pitcher giveaways
 1. East Camden Lead Dust Control Conceptual Planning project RFP out
- Key Next Steps

V. Community Access to Water

- Current Issues
 - Kayaking and fishing coming this summer
- Key Next Steps

VI. Additional Information/Resources

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Next Meeting: CCI Water Working Group Meeting, April 13th at 2 pm