

## **Water**

April 14, 2021  
2:00pm-3:00pm  
Zoom



## **NOTES**

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- 20 attendees; 10 Camden residents/businesses

### **II. Flooding/CSO Mitigation**

#### **a. Current Issues**

- Adopt-a-Drain program discussion
  1. CFP applied for a grant for the kits
  2. Rain barrel program: no new plans to move forward due to a lack of funding
  3. Components: kits, training, monitoring
    - a. Monitoring: either regular monitoring of adopted drains via a form or only ask for updates when there is an issue
  4. Utilizing existing infrastructure:
    - a. CCMUA and Dept. of Public Works could be helpful for distribution aspects
    - b. Can leverage the work Jess is doing in North Camden with the Block Supporter Initiative: bake this idea into 'adopt a block' as a pilot
    - c. Work with bodegas, most blocks have a bodega (coalition: bodega businesses)
    - d. Urban Promise can work with the kayaking program to connect the dots with where trash comes from and goes
    - e. Watershed Alliance interns could be a good partner with the educational component
  5. Where are storm drains routinely flooding? Can point outreach in those neighborhoods
    - a. That list does exist, need to locate it

#### **b. Key Next Steps**

- Possible presentation from DEP on stormwater rule and how it applies to Camden ordinance and LTCP
- Request from American Water info on inlet trash hot spots and street sweeper data
- Develop list of next steps and resource needs for catch basin program

### **III. Drinking Water**

#### **a. Current Issues**

- Camden Water Quality Investment: American Water

1. PFAS treatment investment (6-8 months starting in August for Parkside wells; next year for Morris-Delair wells)
  2. NJ American will supply additional water
  3. Going to be communicating with Parkside community- will be disturbed by construction. Looking for advice on engagement:
    - a. Watershed Alliance interns could be a good partner with the educational component
    - b. Will present at CCI public meeting in May
- Leading with Lead
    1. Pilot project focused on East Camden neighborhood to distribute filters and canvas with postcards and brochures
    2. Follow back up with CCMUA to distribute fliers (opportunity for future mailing?)
  - b. Key Next Steps
    - Distribute postcard & brochure to residents

#### **IV. Community Access to Water**

- a. Current Issues
  - Will kick off kayaking by June
  - Center for Aquatic Sciences is seeking to hire someone to lead the kayaking trips
  - CTL “I paddle Camden” is scheduled for August 14th; will be in conjunction with a take home pizza party
    1. Baked on a site of A New View at 5<sup>th</sup> and Eerie St.
    2. Stay tuned for a flier on this
- b. Key Next Steps
  - Speak with Peers:
    1. Discover the Delaware
    2. Delaware River Water Trail folks

#### **V. Additional Information/Resources**

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