

Water

June 8, 2022

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 22 attendees; 9 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot topics

- “We Live Here” Artist Collective: NJ Climate Resilience Public Art Project creating artwork around Camden storm drains to bring attention to Climate Change’s impacts
 - Vedra: grant-funded artworks to be installed (We Live Here arts collective)
 - Priscilla and Adriana: (described project and showed designs and locations)
- Adopt-A-Drain in full swing and looking to pop up at community events this summer
 - Banners, window clings, fliers to get the word out
 - Community leadership opportunity
 1. Missy: have signed up 60 volunteers; hope to get 400
 2. Email mfrankil@camdencpinc.com with any events that she could pop up in to give away kits (trash grabber, dust pan, gloves, etc.)
- Funding available from Urban Water Delaware Estuary [mini grant opportunity](#); could fund resident led projects
 - Erica Rossetti: Up to \$1500; stewardship, education, conservation; <https://delawareestuary.s3.amazonaws.com/UWFP+Delaware+River+Location+-+Community+Funds+Guidelines.pdf>
 - Fred: described application process and project plantings at Cramer Hill, Morgan Village, etc. working with DPW and PowerCorps

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- Current Issues
 - Living shoreline along back of CCMUA plant- NFWF announced NOAA funds to complete the project (3 year timeline)
 - Will also fund flood monitoring devices on 12 devices throughout the city
 1. One flood, limited data thus far
 2. Drexel work should close by the end of the Summer
 - a. Trying to surmise climate change impacts in Cramer Hill to eliminate flooding/ CSO
 - b. Need to understand accounting for that; report coming this summer
 - US Water Alliance’s One Water [Summit](#) (Sept. 13-15 in Milwaukee)
 1. Water sense team? In 2019 was CCP, CCMUA, City, CLHI, DCCB, DEP, American Water, NJ Conservation Foundation, Dreamcatchers, TPL)
 - a. Justin gave background
 - b. Frank: explained their current focus—environmental justice and climate equity
 - c. Depending on affiliation, the cost to attend may or may not be subsidized, similar to 2019 trip

- d. No stated commitment by any parties on the call to attend again
 - Harrison and State St. Green and Complete Streets EXPO pilot project update
 - 1. Missy: project delayed to September due to repaving schedules
 - ☐ Key Next Steps
- IV. Drinking Water**
 - ☐ Current Issues
 - American Water Updates
 - 1. Joey: request to not use hydrants to cool off
 - 2. Joey: Foundation still open to receive [grant applications](#)
 - Distributing 250 PUR water filters and pitchers this summer
 - 1. Email mfrankil@camdenpinc.com with any events that she could pop up in to give away free PUR water filters
 - Fred: asked for suggestions on water source for watering planted trees in Pyne Poynt and other locations
 - 1. None found to be a viable solution
 - ☐ Key Next Steps
- V. Community Access to Water**
 - ☐ Current Issues
 - Center for Aquatic Sciences [Calendar](#); Connect the Lots [Calendar](#)
 - ☐ Key Next Steps
- VI. Additional Information/Resources**
 - ☐ CCI Community Leadership Opportunities coming up
 - SJCS is putting out an environmental leadership program that will provide training for environmental leadership
 - ☐ [PSEG neighborhood grant](#) relevant to CCI Water initiatives?
 - \$500-\$1,500; email mfrankil@camdenpinc.com with any ideas

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