

Water

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



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 17 attendees; 7 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

- a. Takeaways from “Clean Water, Jobs, and Justice” — Andy Kricun and Tim Dillingham, Littoral Society
 - Pennsauken disconnect: the issue is very advanced and has been awarded for construction
 - Long term control plan updates: NJDEP issued regulatory requirements to manage the overflow
 1. CCMUA submitted a report on May 7, NJDEP had follow up questions in three areas: (1) technical concerns from the report, (2) current project updates, and (3) the funding strategy and schedule for the 25-year effort

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- a. Current Issues
 - Adopt-a-Drain program grant awarded: how to get residents interested in adopting a drain?
 1. Work with the school district on environmental events
 - a. Have schools adopt a storm drain
 - b. Can be a school project and lesson in civic engagement
 2. Pop up at River Days event
 3. Do this on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis
 4. Work with PowerCorp on participation tactics
 - Bodegas: upcoming plastics ban + Adopt-A-Drain + stormwater utility
 1. Set up a conversation with CLHI and work through them
 2. Give away reusable bags to assist Bodegas in the transition
 - Camden Reports usage down and movement towards social media; Adopt-A-Drain can be the opportunity to rebrand the platform for flooding too
- b. Key Next Steps
 - Request info on inlet trash hot spots and street sweeper
 1. GIS maps available of all of the inlets
 2. PBCIP: crew looks at high risk inlets before storms
 - a. Anecdotally, residents clean drains every day and they still overflows

IV. Drinking Water

- a. Current Issues
 - Camden Water Quality Investment: American Water
 1. Most recent studies on the [website](#) (East Camden/ Cramer Hill)
- b. Key Next Steps

- Leading with Lead:
 1. East Camden water filter and pitcher giveaway Saturday, July 24th from 11am-3pm @ 2912 Federal St. (SJCS warehouse)
 2. Connect with the Asbury UMC on church St. pastor Pedro Pillot
- Replace lead pipes like in [Essex County](#)? Use American Rescue Plan funds

V. Community Access to Water

- a. Current Issues
 - Email trails@aquaticsciences.org to request a paddle event/ tour from Pyne Poynt Park
- b. Key Next Steps
 - [Cramer Hill Waterfront Park](#) opening September 2021

VI. Additional Information/Resources

- a. Delaware River Keeper Network
 - Working with Camden PowerCorp on projects such as raingarden maintenance; no mow zones, native plantings, etc.
 - Stepping it up this year to get people to comply with stormwater permit
 - Working on collecting data to show what value these projects have for the city's stormwater permit
- b. NJTF is hosting a TreeKeepers pruning event Saturday July 24th from 9am-12pm at Cooper's Poynt Park.
 - RSVP by emailing mbrown@njtreefoundation.org
 - Participants will receive free tools!
- c. New firehouse refurbishment project in North Camden
 - State recently enacted some changes to encourage more green infrastructure rather than grey infrastructure in new construction
 - Plans indicate green infrastructure along the sides of the development

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Next Meeting: CCI Community Meeting, August 11th at 2 pm