

Water

August 10, 2022

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Opening Discussion

- 15 attendees; 6 Camden residents/businesses
- Idea of a scholarship for urban partners and perhaps young leaders interested in science/environmental issues to attend PDE's 2023 [Science & Environmental Summit](#) in Atlantic City NJ.
 - Erica Rosetti- Partnership for the Delaware Estuary – urban waters
 - Can potentially form a student and/or Camden resident cohort to attend this 3 day conference of science/ water related presentations and workshops
 - Jan 30-Feb 1: school days, might not work for student cohort
 - 1. contact: Erica Rosetti erossetti@delawareestuary.org
 - How can usual fellows get involved- staff or community members
 - 1. Pretty technical conference: would be most helpful for younger staffers
 - If we go this route, would need to do educational piece in tandem to bridge the technical gap
 - 1. We would connect anyone that receives the with CCI orgs and others to understand context of the conference for sure

II. Hot topics

- Delaware River Keeper need: ideas/ support for renting a 12-passenger van
 - Covered by Linda
 - Tuesday August 23rd (5:30-7:30): working with CLHI- connection with block supporters/ community
 - DRPA approval. Construction on sidewalk on north side. Will have to start on the South side
 - Clean water act focus; petition to upgrade river to recreational status

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- Current Issues
 - Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study Updates
 - Discussion around work that's been done partnering with the municipality/council around stormwater solutions and flooding
 - NJLCV upcoming webinar: The Challenge of Stormwater: What Public Officials & Local Leaders can do to Prevent Flood Disaster
 - 1. Weds. Sept. 7th 12-1 pm on zoom
 - 2. Register [here](#)
 - Bring Jeanne (Rutgers MACH in Camden-Camden County-Gloucester) in on this
 - Need educational programs so lay person knows the challenges are being dealt with (stormwater)
 - City does want to come up with better community education specifically with school children and the water system
 - Revived energy in city to address many topics

- NJLCV- Waterspirit webinar series to talk about education around these projects
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BScOUWPWXw&t=1s>
- CCMUA updates:
 - Presentation on Drexel work
 - Working on Cramer Hill flooding model for years before this project got into gear; expanding model to create much needed modelling on stormwater to inform the final design on Harrison
 - Working with Colliers engineering
 - flood monitoring devices on 12 devices throughout the city
 - working with PSE&G, has been time consuming
 - Updates on plans for stormwater improvements on Harrison Ave.
 - Intersection with State St.: years ago there was a desire for green and complete streets here, just recently did safety audit with DVRPC, integrating recommendations currently
 - \$1.5 million from NJDEP- CCP
 - Potential \$23 million from FEMA for stormwater reduction (green and grey); hoping to solve the combined sewer requirements coming down
 - Pre-approved
 - Designs for FEMA application should be complete by end of year, early 2023

- Key Next Steps

IV. **Drinking Water**

- Current Issues
 - American Water Update:
 - Preliminary kick off for Morris Delair wellfields: address PFAS and 1,4-dioxane treatment
 - The first phase of the project (Parkside) cost \$11 million and included the design and construction of the improvements at Parkside, the investigation studies and preliminary engineering for the Morris Delair facilities as well as provisions for additional treatment needed at Parkside for 1,4 dioxane which is anticipated as a new regulatory treatment requirement in 2023. At the August 9, 2022 City Council meeting authorized AWCS to begin the Morris Delair improvements as it seeks the remainder of these funds and addresses other pressing capital improvement needs.
- 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**

- Tim: interested in blue carbon sequestration related to water quality
 - Productive water system will absorb and store carbon
 - Tell Tim if you have any information on this: tfeeney@ccmua.org

- CCI Summit: submit keynote, theme, or other ideas to mfrankil@camdencpinc.com
- The [EJ Rule proposal](#) is open to public comment. Submit comments [here](#)

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No September meeting!

Next Meeting: CCI Water Working Group Meeting, October 12th at 2 pm