

Water

October 13, 2021

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 15 attendees; 8 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot topics

- a. Takeaways from “Discussion on Discover the Delaware” – Don Baugh, [Upstream Alliance](#)
- b. New rule of water access requiring places such as community gardens to meter and pay for the water used. Still, spray grounds spew water all day.
- c. [Article](#) came out describing the bacteria monitoring technology being installed around Pyne Poynt Park

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- a. Current Issues
 - Camden Reports usage down and movement towards social media
 1. Want to get it on the news real time (when it rains)
 2. Get news reporters to do it live... think about who is known for reporting in the Camden area
 3. Get it in the newsletter more
 4. Make map available to see changes in reports in certain locations
 5. Talk to HopeWorks about updating the page
 6. Tap into Camden’s list of flooding locations: Ida came through, roads listed that were closed- Sept. 2
 - a. Peter Kroll to follow up
 - Need a sustainable funding source for maintenance of green infrastructure
 1. Day of service incentivizing residents to do so
 2. PowerCorp maintains rain gardens
 - a. Work with Delaware river keeping network
 - b. Bandwidth for this depends on the season, location, and kind of invasive plant
 - i. Need: People power
 - ii. Need: Education piece for what is actually the weed
 3. Potentially helpful resources:
 - a. Rutgers Master Gardeners Camden
 - b. Tree foundation
- b. Key Next Steps
 - Re-energize Camden Reports for flooding reporting

IV. Drinking Water

- a. Current Issues
 - Camden Water Quality Investment: American Water updates
 1. Have an ongoing PFAS upgrade at Parkside
 - a. Expected completion by the end of 2022
 - b. Borderline of exceeding MCLs (maximum contaminant levels)

- c. Second phase of the project -> RFP to go out soon and start 2023
 - Leading with Lead Water Pitcher/ Filter giveaways for East Camden residents:
 1. **This Friday** (in two days) giveaway in Dudley Grange Park from **11 am-2pm** (HFC DV Walk) **and 5-6:30** (prior to movie night showing of Dora)
 - b. Opportunities:
 - [Water Data Prize](#): Prize for ideas in sharing information about water quality (4 categories: equity, communications, inventory, mapping)
 - c. Key Next Steps
 - Research eligibility of lead pipe replacement under American Rescue Plan
- V. **Community Access to Water**
 - a. Current Issues
 - [Imagine a Day Without Water \(Oct. 21\)](#): Ideas for activities, any existing events/ programs to build on?
 - b. Key Next Steps
 - [Cramer Hill Waterfront Park](#) ribbon cutting Oct. 26th. Opening event Nov. 6th
- VI. **Additional Information/Resources**
 - a. Environmental Summit 2021: November 23rd
 - Send nominations for Environmental Heroes to mfrankil@camdencpinc.com

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Next Meeting: CCI Water Working Group Meeting, November 17th at 2 pm