



## **Water**

February 10, 2021

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom

## **NOTES**

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

### **II. CCI All Working Groups Meeting**

- a. Thank you for participating!
- b. Review of feedback.

### **III. Develop 2021 Work Plan**

- Goal: To facilitate stormwater management, facilitate the construction of green and gray infrastructures, extend focus to drinking water safety, and reinforce the sustainability ordinance.
  - o Focus Areas
  - o Activities
  - o Education

*\*participants reviewed the regrouped priorities identified as per the January CCI All Working Groups meeting and developed a new list of work plan activities. See JamBoards for notes.*

### **IV. Other Discussion**

American Water mentioned several grant opportunities

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## 2021 Camden Priorities

**Lead education**

Education of municipal officials on stormwater issues

Trash and debris education as it impacts water quality

**water quality education**

health-flooding awareness

recreational swimming and swim education

**Planning and Zoning Board Members being aware of issues**

Connecting with Neighborhood Watershed Ambassadors to help us do more outreach and water quality monitoring with the public and schools

distributed water quality curriculum to all Camden schools

green schoolyards

**Major dust sites**

Lead service line replacement programs (similar to Newark)

**State Electric Vehicle Incentives**

**Stormwater Catch Basin program**

stormwater impact fees

**Stormwater Utility**

**Stormwater Utility Fee**

**Green Infrastructure**

**Green Streets**

LTCP Implementation - CSO Program

reduce impervious coverage through zoning change

**Better flood mitigation**

green infrastructure workshops

Street flooding prevention projects

Remedies to combined sewer overflow issue.

Implementing the LTCP

reduce the combined sewage flooding

Addressing CSO issues, more green infrastructure projects

**Access to On-Water Education Programs**

More public access to the Delaware River

more community on-water programming, kayak and canoe trips

**Access to Water (former HAL Site)**

Gardening for Wildlife programming for residents (New Jersey Audubon) - importance of native plants

**reduce bottled water usage**

Community confidence and trust in quality and safety in city provided supply

**Access to water filters for lead**

Maintaining a public city-owned water and sewer supply and avoiding further privatization.

water affordability

**Public Access and Local Green Jobs around water**

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## Draft Work Plan

1. Flood/CSO mitigation
  - Stormwater Catch basin program
  - Stormwater utility fee
  - Community education
2. Drinking water
  - community education
3. On-water programming/access
  - community education

**EDUCATION:** should be community-based; have a local moderator

**TOPICS:** LTCP & Camden Water Quality status

**POLICY - PLANNING - DOING**

## Flood/CSO Mitigation

**Enforcement of sustainability ordinance**

Complete stormwater utility feasibility study / community forums

Identifying where and how it floods--community engaged discussion/Camden Reports/experts and consultants

Community forum topics--basement flooding

What is target?  
What is benchmark? 85% capture of all rainfall; disconnecting 145 impervious acres from the CSO

LTCP Needs--incorporating into stormwater ordinance ; rebranding LTCP

**Stormwater Catch Basin PILOT program**

**Promote use of Camden Reports**

Support implementation of green infrastructure & green jobs

Talk about the impact of our work to-date

Rain garden work day/volunteer education events

## Drinking Water

Development of outreach materials; Increasing tap water consumption v. bottled; sharing opportunities for American Water to attend community meetings/events

Identifying grant opportunities/ support applications to update Camden school water infrastructure

## On-Water Programming/ Access

Support on-water programming by local groups

Promote value of water --why is this work important?

Delaware River Festival (last week of September)