

Water

January 11, 2023

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Opening Conversation

- DRBC webinar ideas: what are the gaps in the CCI's collective knowledge of water issues? Webinar interest to build interest and awareness of DRBC.
 - Best practices for monitoring flooding (apps, sensors, etc.) and management of that data into actionable solutions
 - Clarity around how DRBC might be able to forward CCI's goals/ objectives
 1. Illustrative examples of how DRBC and similar bodies have affected change in the realm of water management
 - Information on permits for water withdrawals
 1. Talk about Camden's water source
 2. What has been done to address new legislation on PFAS, talk about American water projects
 - Use this as a forum to discuss why rate increases are necessary in Camden-talk to municipal officials
 - DRBC's experience with wastewater services (best practices, lessons learned, etc.)
 - Recognize and honor successes in Camden
- DRBC report on groundwater
 - https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/home/newsroom/news/approved/20230110_DRBC-GW-Report.html
 - Reach out to Beth Brown with any questions on this: Elizabeth.Brown@drbc.gov

III. Discussion around 2023 Air Quality priority projects/ objectives

- Monitor and Report on: Stormwater utility feasibility study and GI tour
 - Move along the City's stormwater utility feasibility study, sign contract with consultant
 - Have GSI tours with (1) public elected officials, (2) general public, and (3) stakeholders
- CSO education
 - Hold public information sessions about flooding, combined sewer systems, etc.
 - Place 5 public art works around GSI sites as a part of the 2023 "Art for Change" project with We Live Here artists, link artwork to web page of information for people to learn more
- Monitor and Report on: GSI construction
 - Finalize design for construction at state and Harrison for green and complete street
 - Finalize design for sewer separation at Von Nieda
- Waterfront South:
 - EPA EJ community block grant community: Waterfront south neighborhood

- Test kits and filters
 - Drinking water education
- Aging infrastructure of pipes
 - City does twice a year flushing to get out dead spots (iron stains)
- Camden and CCMUA permit from DEP
 - 4th in line currently
 - Will require CSO supplemental plan
- Paddle Parties
 - Come up with advertising campaign
- Look to Lehigh valley water suppliers
 - [Hydromania](#): geared towards grade school students, learn about water cycle and clean water issues

IV. Discussion around 2023 Water Working Group Sessions (all sessions at 2 pm unless otherwise noted)

- January 11th (Zoom):
 - Focus: agenda for 2023
- February 8th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus: Working with We Live Here artists to create content for public art around GSI
- March 8th (In person all working group meeting at Cramer Hill Rec Center, 11 am-1 pm):
 - Focus: (1) CCI member updates, (2) Environmental Summit Planning, (3) Cramer Hill 2030 Plan environmental recommendations
- April 12th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus:
- **April 19th, 2023: Camden Environmental Summit**
 - **Beth is happy to help out with presenters- DRBC**
 - **Urban promise**
 - **Hydromania**
- May 10th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus:
- June 7th (In Person all working group meeting at Camden County College, Camden City Campus, 11 am-1 pm):
 - Focus: (1) CCI member updates, (2) [DRBC](#) engagement, (3) CCI tour?
- July 12th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus:
- August 9th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus:
- September 13th (In person all working group meeting at American Water, 11 am-1 pm):
 - Focus: (1) CCI member updates, (2) North Camden Plan environmental recommendations
- October 11th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus:
- November 8th (In Person at CCP conference room, with call-in line):
 - Focus:
- December 13th (In person all working group meeting at The Hilton, 11 am-1 pm):
 - Focus: 2023 in review, looking ahead to 2024

V. Additional Information/Resources

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Next Meeting: CCI Water Working Group Meeting, February 8th at 2 pm