

Water

February 9, 2021

2:00pm-3:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 26 attendees; 15 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot topics

- Molina drop test is occurring to ensure safety of playground (location of new GI via TPL)
- Questions, comments, or continuing thoughts on last month's special presentations:
 - **Sustainability Ordinance**, how it is used by the planning board (Dr. Williams, Director of Planning for Camden City)
 - **LNG Train Route Plans**, new effort DRN and partners have launched opposed to [the plans](#) (Tracy Carluccio, DRN Deputy Director/ Fred Stein, DN Citizen Action Coordinator)
 - **Stormwater utilities in Camden** (Molly Riley, Water Quality Coordinator for NJ League of Conservation Voters)
 1. Camden City just put together an RFP with the city engineer for a stormwater utility feasibility study to be released to bid for consultant services soon
 - a. Will take some time, want it done right
 - b. State looking to make this lucrative for folks who want to help mitigate stormwater
 - c. To-do long term: loop in eventual consultant with la Tourette
 - Urban Waters- Partnership for Delaware Estuary: Have money to assist with greening/ waterfront projects (reach out to ERossetti@DelawareEstuary.org to inquire about project potential)
 1. Order of magnitude: a couple hundred dollars
 2. Timeline: by the end of the year
 3. Eligibility: Can go to any sort of organization

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- Current Issues
 - Submitting a proposal to [NJDEP's Water Quality Restoration Grant](#) opportunity
 - DEP [accepting comments](#) on water infrastructure investment plan
 1. American littoral society submitting comments in support of CCMUA plans
- Key Next Steps

IV. Drinking Water

- Current Issues
 - Camden Water Quality Investment: American Water updates
 1. Parkside plant has been brought online, operational but not complete
 2. Created a robust, interactive [webpage](#) and map that will allow customers to view the service line material of their property or any property in its service areas in the state

- *Leading with Lead* continuation in Cramer Hill neighborhood: Spring/ Summer 2022 filter/ pitcher giveaways

1. East Camden Lead Dust Control Conceptual Planning project RFP out

Key Next Steps

V. Community Access to Water

Current Issues

- 4-5 openings for watershed fellows, any young adults 18 years or older
 1. 30-40 hours for 10ish weeks, \$15/hour
 2. Potential placement at: the Center for Aquatic Sciences, CC Environment Center, NJ Conservation Foundation, Camden Children’s Garden
 - a. Fliers coming soon
- Brian DuVal is retiring from the Center for Aquatic Sciences

Key Next Steps

VI. 2022 Water Working Group Work Plan

[2022 Water Working Group Work Plan Progress Report](#): shortfalls, accomplishments, and a path forward

- **ALL CCI MEMBERS:** Fill out this [Form](#)

VII. Additional Information/Resources

- Fred Stein, Delaware River Keepers: RSIS disconnect with NJDEP stormwater rules
 1. The NJ Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA) is currently being lobbied by multiple building associations and developers to, per ANJEC communications, "publish regulations that would prohibit municipalities from adopting stormwater management ordinances that are stronger than the minimum requirements set forth by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for residential development." This conflicts with DEP stormwater rules, which encourage municipalities to adopt standards that are more protective than the DEP's model ordinance and allow for improvement of Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS) as each town sees fit.
 2. Please contact Fred Stine at fred@delawareriverkeeper.org with any questions, for more information, for a resolution template to send to your municipal elected officials, Planning and Zoning Boards, Environmental Commissions, and Green Team, or for sample language to include in an email to your officials and/or to cover in a phone call follow up to your local officials as well as instructions for where to send signed resolutions

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Next Meeting: CCI Water Working Group Meeting, March 9th at 2 pm