



Water

August 9, 2023

2:00pm-3:00pm

Hybrid: Teams and In-Person at Am. Water

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Opening Question: What should be this working group's focus for the rest of the year?
 - Water quality- water quality
 - Education is key: what collects at the drains is important to talk about

II. Today's Focus: a Hodge Podge

- Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund Regrant Program: Kelly Wenzel, MCRP Program Manager, Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund
 - She has money that can go towards water quality
 - More info to come
- NJLVCV flooding listening session at the MJD Fieldhouse at 6:00PM on August 14th in Waterfront South
 - A space for residents to talk about how flooding is impacting them, and to discuss solutions together; register [here](#)
 - Recently had a listening session in Cramer Hill
 1. Councilwoman bouche wanted to keep it small
 2. 8-15 people
 - a. Since its small, should we do multiple in each neighborhood?
 - b. Yes want to do two in each ward... maybe 8 total
 - Next one in waterfront south at the field house, refreshments provided
 1. Ask Kathryn for fliers
 - Maybe Parkside would be good... connect with Sheila Green of PBCIP
 - Primary function of these: give residents space to share concerns... recording everything... currently doing feasibility study for flooding in the city
 - Unsure if there will be a larger meeting or report
 - Last time: talked about My Camden NJ app
 - Notes are being collected
 - Meetings with City Council members to talk through what will come out of these
 1. Councilwoman Boucher
 2. Letters to the editor
 - Maybe could dovetail with the CCMUA adopt-a-drain program
 1. CCMUA is doing adopt a drain but more tech involved with notifying volunteers when rain is coming
- Grant: Linked here is an [RFP](#) for a pilot program for 100% federally funded Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) projects in disadvantaged areas. Flooding, ecosystem restoration, etc.

- Non-Federal municipalities, agencies, stakeholders must submit applications by 21 Aug 2023
- Example eligible projects: coastal protection projects, aquatic ecosystem restoration, flood protection measures, etc.
- Kaighn Ave. by the pub always an issue
- CFET out of the blue applied for a NFWF grant and got notified that they won
 - Coastal resiliency plan for the whole city
 - Collaborative grant process over two years to address flooding in the city
 - These are the problems around flooding in the city and develop a plan to say which areas will be addressed and how to go after other monies
- Linda Cairnes, NJ Natural Lands Trust- Petty's Island Tours
 - Pettys Island tours for community groups
 1. 12+ years old
 2. UP, CLHI, etc. typr of groups
 3. Maybe set up a monthly stroll
 4. CFFS
 - What to figure out how to use this island. Either a passive space or state park
 1. No playgrounds, ballfield, etc.
 2. Eco-hotel?
 3. Yoga?
 4. Bee habitats?
 5. Cant do much disturbance of the land
 6. Burlington island (friends of) could have some similarities
 - CAS has a contract to do 12 public programs
 1. 3 more this year
 2. Likely will be renewed
 - If you want to get to Petty's Island or know who does, talk to Linda
 1. Cairnes, Linda [DEP] Linda.Cairnes@dep.nj.gov
 - Cleanup on sept. 30th at Petty's from 8:30am-11:30 am
 - Delaware river festival: Sept. 9th
 1. CAS coordinating Camden side... food trucks, crafts, etc.
- Kaighn Ave. and 7th street property sold (was considered for retention basin)
 - Was it 6th and Kaighn for the retention basis
 - Seems like they have funding for a shallow clean up before capping the site
 1. Info from the article – public
- [US Water Alliance](#): DRB Regional Cohort update
 - Will report on email update
- Water Access Community Events
 - I Paddle
 - Center for Aquatic Sciences

III. Additional Information/Resources

- DRBC 3rd quarter cycle is underway
 - Nothing in Camden or even the state up for review right not but public comment is open

- <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/meetings/upcoming/#2>

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Next Meeting: All Working Group Meeting, September 13th 10 am-12 pm location TBD