

Open Space & Brownfields

August 10, 2022

1:00pm-2:00pm

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Opening Discussion

- a. 8 attendees; 2 Camden residents/businesses
 - Jeanne and climate conditions: Rutgers MACH in Camden-Camden County-Gloucester
 1. Embedding in communities to help guide decisions with long-term implications
 2. Deep bench of expertise environmental modelers
 3. Send Jeanne projects to advise on (ex: conceptual plans for lead dust reduction)
 - Isabel- remediating brownfields and open space
 - Fred- looking to get Delaware river to recreation status
- b. How should we promote access to the water trail (assuming funding could be secured)?
 - Capacity issues in CAS & UrbanPromise
 - Tied to the tides- cant be as easy as "every week 9-1 pm" due to tides
 - First need to:
 1. figure out communications
 2. a place to post fliers for upcoming events
 3. storage container
 4. Pyne point has to get renovated, gravel is an issue
 5. fund portable floating dock: NJDEP might want to fund a dock or another storage container
 - A few weeks ago- Upstream Alliance, NJDEP, and others put in application for Pyne Poynt Park renovations- NFWF money- optimistic they will get it
 - Also: NFWF grant for programming at certain sites, cobbling together funding
 - Tour with Shawn LaTourette and other dignitaries
 1. Toured Cramer Hill Waterfront Park and other sites to see accomplishments and what might be possible with additional funding

II. Hot Topics

- a. North Camden Waterfront Park:
 - Project is fully designed and currently being packaged by the city and the engineer (T&M) for NJDOT authorization. Once DOT authorizes, then the city will go out to bid (likely this fall). Construction will likely start in 2023 (probably the spring).
- b. Ongoing issue sites:
 - Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 1. Working on county issuing health violation notice
 2. Then 30 days later can get on site to sample
 3. By September will get LSRP out to site to sample
 4. One of 3 bids in, want to get him out there by end of year to start soil removal process
 - Block 1 lot 1: CRA/City, NJDEP updates

III. Park Planning, Security, and Maintenance

a. Current Issues

- [RGGI Grant application](#) (due date extended to Sept. 16th)
 1. Could bring in Rutgers MACH
 2. Equipment needs (goose poop, connection to collecting carbon, carbon capture); will find a study on that

b. Key Next Steps

IV. Brownfields

a. Current Issues

- Lead Dust Abatement Plans: recording [here](#), submit feedback [here](#)
- EPA funding available in Fall for [cleanups/ remediation](#); potential to apply with site owners (City/ CRA to realize these concept designs)
 1. EPA brownfields NOFA not out yet
 - a. CRA will be resubmitting for Federal St. Proposal
 2. EPA brownfields workshop for south jersey will follow up

b. Key Next Steps

V. Programming

a. Current Issues

- Center for Aquatic Sciences [Calendar](#); Connect the Lots [Calendar](#)

b. Key Next Steps

VI. Additional Information/Resources

- a. CCI Summit: submit keynote, theme, or other ideas to mfrankil@camdencpinc.com
- b. The [EJ Rule proposal](#) is open to public comment. Submit comments [here](#)
- c. Virtual public meeting Weds. Aug. 17th (6-7 pm) to present the preliminary design for the Cooper River bike / ped Bridge project. Register [here](#).
- d. Youth inclusion initiative: local young adults (Camden, Newark, and Elizabeth) have been hired to initiate them into DEP activities
 - Brownfields office: took 12 Camden students on a tour of brownfields, raingarden park in south Camden
 - Developing youth corps of stewards
- e. Hybrid model moving forward- maybe every other is in person/ hybrid and the next is just virtual
- f. Natural lands working strategy: need to make the recommendations still
 - Finishing up in the next week or so
 - Tremendous opportunity to green urban areas, street trees, urban ag, etc.
 - Influences people decisions on where that funding goes
 - Any particular urban areas viable for this? Any potential funding available?

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Next Meeting: CCI Open Space & Brownfields Working Group Meeting, October 12th at 1 pm
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