

Water

April 13, 2022
2:00pm-3:00pm
Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 22 attendees; 9 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot topics

- Stormwater Feasibility Study RFP deadline passed
 - NJLCV + CCP: worked to get city grant to do a stormwater feasibility study to determine if, how, and under what scenarios the city may have a stormwater utility
 1. Charge user for their capacities
 2. Proposals under review by city of Camden
 3. Hope to have a consultant selected, review, and approved at the June city council meeting
 4. Will have community outreach coming down the line
 - No one in NJ has passed a utility yet but some have done their studies; Camden may be able to be the first in the state
 - Timeline on outputs?
 1. Don't have that knowledge yet; dependent on the consultant selected; RFP had a 6-month time frame

III. Flooding/CSO Mitigation

- Current Issues
 - NJ Climate Resilience Public Art Project: Vedra Chandler (CCP) is coordinating a project with local artists to create artwork around Camden storm drains to bring attention to Climate Change's impacts
 - Harrison and State St. Green and Complete Streets project funded by NRTC
 1. Several pieces; state street from bridge to river Rd. and Harrison from state St. to 27th St.
 2. Plan redevelopment for Ablett village and Cramer Hill Waterfront Park confluence for this opportunity
 3. Combined effort to bring a full concept for green (flooding interventions) and complete streets (all users provided safe and adequate services)
 4. Short term (DVRPC EXPO program)
 - a. Summer months will have interventions to have temporary measures
 5. Long term- requiring modelling for flooding, concept development
 - a. Scott and CCMUA working on concept design for Harrison Ave.
 - b. CCMUA and CCP worked on DEP grant for construction on State St.
 - c. NRTC funding available for design
 6. CCMUA: Data gathering hard to advance a design without sufficient data

- a. Colliers Engineering holds design contract
 - b. Drexel is doing climate change modelling
 - i. Installing flow monitoring devices
 - c. Concept design coming soon
 - 7. KEEP GROUP UPDATED on the pilot
 - Key Next Steps
- IV. Drinking Water**
 - Current Issues
 - American Water Updates
 1. No major updates: lead pipe removal moving along as planned
 2. Water truck is back for the summer!
 - Key Next Steps
- V. Community Access to Water**
 - Current Issues
 - Kayaking and fishing coming this summer
 - Center for Aquatic Sciences: [Calendar](#)
 1. Can register for each event on this link
 2. Happy to add any other events to the calendar if it is free; email your events to Linda at lcairnes@aquaticsciences.org to add them to the calendar
 3. Open fishing, birding, and kayaking programs coming soon
 4. Do you know of a group that wants to do something in the parks? Linda can make it happen as long as it is free for Camden residents (email above)
 - Key Next Steps
- VI. Additional Information/Resources**
 - Kick off for Mayor's [Camden Strong Initiative](#) ; fill out [this interest form](#)
 - **CCI table:** Info on CCI meetings; NJDEP hotline information; Reusable bag giveaways and resources; resident leader opportunity; Adopt-A-Drain
 - [EPA ECHO](#): provides weekly email notifications of changes to enforcement and compliance data
 - Collaborate on a public zoom meeting with NJ bulletin and other resources for residents to share

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Next Meeting: CCI Water Working Group Meeting, May 10th at 2 pm