



## **Jersey City START – Meeting Minutes**

*Present:* Lindsey Sigmund, Kate Lawrence, Alan Miller, Deb Italiano, John Pietrykoski, Kevin Force, Joe Newman, Dawn Giambalvo, Mo Kinberg, Jocelyn Patrick, Lee Clark, Liz Pyshnik, Chris Obropta, Bill Montgomery, Scott Mittman

*Next Meeting:* TBD

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### **I. Introductions**

### **II. Project and Policy Updates**

- a. PVSC – John Pietrykoski
  - Supplemental CSO Meeting held September 2nd. Link to virtual rooms: <https://gather.cdmsmith.com/v/4e0jDR4M1r9>
  - Deadline for LTCP submissions is still October 1<sup>st</sup> and no deadline extensions will be granted
  - Asked John P. who was present in JC MUA’s break-out room. Lindsey followed up after meeting and one rep from Arcadis was presenting with 5 community members present in the room
  - Asked about the presentation – slides attached to email
  - Was informed that a draft LTCP will not be made available and the presentations given during the meeting should suffice
  - Costs have not been figured out. Says there are trade-offs for each option (local vs. regional)
  - Deadline October 1<sup>st</sup> plus 9 months to negotiate regional alternatives. State reviews and issues a new permit. This could take 1 to 2 years. Could be 5 years until shovels in ground.
  - Chris O: While construction of grey infrastructure could be 5 years away, we could start installing green infrastructure now
  - JC START to draft letter to MUA regarding the installation of GI ASAP
    - **Action Item:** Lindsey to circulate draft letter to group
- b. MUA
  - Still having meetings regarding the LTCP and final selection of alternatives
  - Joe Newman present at START meeting representing MUA, but does not sit in on the LTCP meetings



- In response to early GI implementation – There is an implementation section of the LTCP
- Mo K: Can someone from MUA attend the Sewage Free Streets and Rivers event 9/15?
  - **Action Item:** Joe Newman to follow-up with Rich
- JC Environmental Commission to send letter to Council requesting a LTCP meeting
- Chris O: Newark Green Works: Green Infrastructure workforce development
  - Should look into something similar for Jersey City to ensure maintenance of GI and provide green jobs in the City

c. Jersey City

- Master Plan underway. Open Space Element and Land Use Element. Take a look at the website: [www.jcnj.org/ourjc](http://www.jcnj.org/ourjc)
- Take the surveys! <https://ourjc-jerseycity.hub.arcgis.com/pages/surveys>
- City Planning working with MUA on Stormwater Ordinance Update
- Model SW Ordinance provided by the Watershed Institute: <https://thewatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/TWI-Enhanced-Ordinance-highlights-final.pdf>
- Climate Action Plan underway: <https://jcmakeitgreen.org/climate-action/>
- Jersey City's composting program expanded to include additional drop-off locations. More info here: <https://jcmakeitgreen.org/composting/>
- Tree mapping initiative now completed mapping of 3 wards (A, B, F). Ward A completed this summer with the help of Montclair's Green Team program
- New EV Stations can be found here: <https://jcmakeitgreen.org/sustainable-mobility/>

d. DEP

- New/re-assigned Assistant Commissioner's throughout department
- Land Use program restructured and re-named
- Focus on environmental justice throughout the department

e. Community

- Sewage Free Streets and Rivers Meeting/Presentation **Tuesday September 15, 2020** at 7 PM. Flyer Attached to email. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdu-vrTliH92BX0EB14IF6Pc1qDeBUPIJ>
- SJC OTM Tree Mapping Census / 300+ Volunteer Citizen Science Initiative 5K+ Trees; Eco Benefits Calculator = approx. \$330K Annual Cost Savings For JC Example: Stormwater filtered 8,432,052 gal/year saved \$6,745  
<https://opentreemap.sustainablejc.org/jerseycity/map>

- SJC: Jersey City 2015 - 2020 Tree Canopy Report – 6%+ Deterioration in JC Tree Canopy Since 2015 JCEC Study  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xpvAuJm7iikqzM\\_DH6mqd7bhHhNrcOej/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xpvAuJm7iikqzM_DH6mqd7bhHhNrcOej/view)
- League of Conservation Voter’s Stormwater Utility petition:  
<https://secure.everyaction.com/SxYs8ohSKk2NhFbXC1O14A2>
- New ‘Hope Garden’ in the Heights, rain garden planting led by Dawn from Canco Park Conservancy. Picture below
- RNA presentation on Hope Garden

