

Thursday April 1, 2021

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

JC START Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

I. Introductions (5-10 Minutes)

II. Project & Policy Updates (20-30 Minutes)

a. PVSC

- Regional Plan under review. Jan 31 closed public comment period
- Meeting last week with CSO group to confer with all permittees
- 27 individual groups and people provided comments to NJDEP so they have a lot of comments
- Not sure how they are going to respond to public comment
- CSO Supplemental Group – not sure when they are meeting again
- PVSC is moving forward with the GI Demonstration projects in Jersey City, although the Columbia Park site won't work for the original concept due to high GW, an alternative design is being worked on

b. MUA

- No update on LTCP
- Question for MUA – do they have the comments from JCSTART? Yes, they have the comments and they were forwarded to the director – **we can follow up with Joe C**
- Sub regional exception area for groundwater contamination issues. **George Vallone to send white paper**
- Rich – call on Monday regarding cost sharing. May have a better idea next week

c. City of Jersey City

- Stormwater Ordinance effective March 2, 2021 – **Lindsey to send slides**
 - George Vallone – issue with SW ordinance - Groundwater study with DEP regarding downtown jersey city. Samples taken from prior developments
 - Spreadsheet of data; Created a common profile
- Master Plan – May 5 & 6 public meetings – **flyer sent out**
- Resilient NJ Grant – regional plan with municipalities and community based organizations
 - <https://www.resilient-nj.com/>

III. LTCP Comment Letter & Next Steps (30 Minutes)

- Hoping for responses from MUA

- Canco Park, Embankment, Powerhouse, Greenville, Riverview, SJC submitted comments together – focused on water quality, what are the impacts in terms of JC waterways if we go with the regional plan
- Impacts on access to the waterways, especially environmental justice communities
- Want to include water quality issues since that is not included in START comments
- Question: How is testing being done? Shoreline and mid channel?
- Question: How are bigger projects being incorporated into stormwater solutions? – Answer: developers are contributing financially to sewer upgrades (MUA)
- Question: PSEG power plant project – further development could degrade waterway, is that being considered? Answer: – yes, goal for SW to not divert to combined sewers but into the river in some way
- GV: City charges a connection fee; MUA gave them a credit to rebuild the sewers. Could that be codified? In lieu of connection fee, pay to replace/upgrade sewers
- Other comments questions on submitted comments:
 - GI – overlap in comments
 - Equitable financing – SW utility
 - Can the 30-year timeline be reduced?
- Future meetings with START on these issues – Resilient NJ overlap, new technologies and how are we going to ensure that they are included in LTCP

IV. Next Meeting Date Discussion (5-10 Minutes)

- Google survey sent out – 3rd Thursday every month at 2:30

Next Meeting: Thursday May 20 2:00