

Thursday May 20, 2021

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

## JC START Meeting Minutes

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- I. **Introductions** (5-10 Minutes): Hun Bok Jun (NJCU), Mo Kinberg, Dawn Giambalvo, George Vallone, Ruth Mogro, Maureen Crowley, Liz P, Lee Clark, Joe Newman, Lindsey Sigmund, Bill Montgomery, Alan Miller, Ray Baylon
  
- II. **Project & Policy Updates** (20-30 Minutes)
  - a. PVSC
    - i. PVSC's consultant is working on the design of the Columbia Park GI Demonstration project
    - ii. No news on the LTCP front other than the municipalities are still deciding on how to split costs of the regional alternative.
    - iii. Sewage Free Streets and Rivers has sent a letter to PVSC Board of commissioners and the Executive Director regarding the cost of interceptor – request for cost sharing amongst the 48 municipalities in the service area rather than just the 8 with a Combined Sewer System. Submitted last week and copied to Joe Cunha. Link here: <https://sewagefreenj.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SFSRLetterMay2021.pdf>
    - iv. **Question:** Where are they with the cost sharing negotiation of the regional interceptor?
  
  - b. MUA
    - i. Bates St sewer separation in the works
    - ii. **Question:** Can MUA respond to the comment letter START sent to NJDEP at our next START Meeting? – Joe C received letter and waiting on response
    - iii. **Question:** Can Joe C let us know when he is speaking at the various ward meetings
    - iv. Federal funding for infrastructure – has been explored
  
  - c. City of Jersey City
    - i. JC Master Plan: View presentation recording and/or slides here <https://ourjc-jerseycity.hub.arcgis.com/pages/events>

There is a comment form for both the open space and land use elements if you were not able to attend and/or answer all live polling questions

Question: Has anyone done calculations if we lost open space/calculation of the stormwater detention possibilities of the Embankment and Bergen Arches – what are the detention capabilities of these spaces? What are the opportunities?

**Future meeting:** Will put a presentation and a survey together on the Master plan and overlap with impervious cover and GI and how the LTCP fits in (ex: If we are digging up streets, putting in GI at the same time)

ii. Climate Action Plan approved by City Council

d. Partner Updates

i. Resilient NJ Grant – Northeastern NJ; priority is education and outreach so people understand what this project is about

1. Website and survey: <https://www.resilient-nj.com/>

ii. Ray – Naturalist at LSP; Provides programs for youth – see attached

iii. DEP released LTCP response letters – PVSC letter may be out by our next meeting

iv. Sewage Free Street and Rivers: Capacity building grants – Greenville Neighborhood Alliance to be funded to conduct outreach to small businesses about stormwater – could they come to our next meeting?

1. SFSR working on a brochure for small businesses and stormwater utilities

v. New Trustee for JC Parks Coalition – Dawn Giambalvo from Canco Park

**Next Meeting:** Thursday June 17 2:00 PM