



Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)
Meeting #2
Scoping/Data Gathering Meeting

NEW MEADOWLANDS REBUILD BY DESIGN

PHASE 1 PILOT AREA
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

APRIL 26, 2016

Agenda

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Project Status Review and Meeting Objectives

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CAG Member Introductions

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Status of the Project

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Status of the NEPA Process

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Responses to Questionnaire #1

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Workshop Structure

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Workshop – Break-out Sessions

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Reconvene and Review

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Questions and Answers/Closure

Linda Fisher, NJDEP Project Manager

- NJDEP appreciates the CAG Responses to the Questionnaire!
- The Project will focus on reducing flood risk
- We will have about \$110M to build the Project after all analyses are complete
- Status of Project Area Ditch Mapping Exercise
- Draft Citizen Outreach Plan posted to Project website
 - ✓ Website: www.rbd-meadowlands.nj.gov
 - ✓ E-mail: rbd-meadowlands@dep.nj.gov
 - ✓ **Accepting comments through May 6, 2016**
- **Meeting Objective:** Obtain CAG Input on Local Flooding

CAG Members: Please introduce yourselves

- Name
- Town and/or Affiliation
- Length of Residency
- Ideas/Concerns/Area(s) of Expertise

Christopher Benosky, Vice President, AECOM

- Current Project Status/Goals (update since March 23, 2016)
- Status of Alternatives and Data Gathering
- Status of Drainage Study

Brian W. Boose, AECOM NEPA Team Leader

- Status of the Notice of Intent
- Status of the Public Scoping Document
- Status of the Public Scoping Process

- Purpose & Need*
- Flooding Problem Areas*
- Alternatives*
- Locations of CAG and Public Meetings*
- Next CAG Meeting and Format*
- Stakeholders
- Best Local Newspapers
- Newsletter Location
- Other Suggestions

* = Addressed in this meeting.

- Break-out Session tables
- Google Earth
- Dots and maps
- Facilitator/recorder at each table
- Photos to central table
- About 1 hour to share your concerns, ideas, and locations

We welcome and need your input!

- Table-by-Table Summary and Review/Discussion
- Next Steps

Next Steps

Linda Fisher, NJDEP Project Manager

NJDEP/AECOM Upcoming Activities

- Prepare Meeting Summary for this meeting, including consolidating data
- Continue developing:
 - Initial Alternatives
 - Feasibility Study
 - Draft Public Scoping Document
- Finalize the Citizen Outreach Plan, including responding to comments on the Draft and posting the Final to the website (May 2016)
- Provide CAG with Preliminary Draft Public Scoping Document for review and comment over a 15-day period (May 2016)
- Prepare for Public Scoping Period and Public Meeting
- Implement Public Involvement Plan, including website, newsletter, etc.
- Prepare for next CAG Meeting in May 2016 (approx.)
- Publish the NOI in June 2016

Next Steps

CAG – Call to Action

- Review and comment on Meeting Summary for this meeting
- Review and comment on the Draft Citizen Outreach Plan
- Share information from this Meeting with friends and neighbors
- Educate constituents on the project and NEPA Process
- Build interest in the Project
- Assist in disseminating information concerning the Public Scoping Process and Meeting
- Review the Preliminary Draft Public Scoping Document over a 15-day period; provide comments in May 2016
- Continue obtaining information, ideas, and potential concerns from constituents

Next Steps

Critical Schedule Dates (approximate)

- **Late May – early June** – Publish NOI
- **At NOI Publication** – Make Available Draft Public Scoping Document
- **Mid-May** – CAG Meeting #2b – Scoping/Data Gathering 2.0 (tentative)
- **Mid-June** – Public Scoping Meeting (tentative)
- **Mid-July** – CAG Meeting #3 – Screening Criteria/Metrics (tentative)
- **Mid-August** – CAG Meeting #4 – Alternatives Screening (tentative)
- **Mid-September**– CAG Meeting #5 – Alternatives Analysis (tentative)

Key Contact Information and Communication

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The NJDEP will be the key agency responsible for receiving, publicly distributing (including via the CAG), and coordinating all information relative to this NEPA process

Open Group Discussion

- Additional thoughts on the CAG Questionnaire #1
- Next CAG Meeting logistics
- Other concerns and ideas

Thank you!