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Tantallon Infrastructure & Flood Mitigation Workgroup Meeting Minutes September 22, 2021

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction of Working Group Members
- Purpose and Structural Update
- Communication Enhancements
- DPW&T Updates: Charlie Griffith – Brief status on Infrastructure Phase One
- Jason Washington – Briefing on status of School Construction
- Q&A
- Next Steps

Attendees

- Floyd E. Holt, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Working Group Chair
- Dana Cooper, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Anthony Foster, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Andrea Crooms, Director, Department of the Environment
- Jeffrey DeHan, Associate Director, Department of the Environment
- Frank Galosi, Project Manager, Department of the Environment
- Charlie Griffith, Associate Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Melinda Bolling, Director, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
- Jason Washington, Director, Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development, PGCPS
- Ronald Weiss, Working Group Co-Chair, Board Member of the Tantallon Civic Association,
- Carter Farrington, President, Tantallon Citizens Association
- Hazel Robinson, President, Tantallon Square Civic Association
- Herbert Jones, President, North Tantallon Civic Association
- Delores Holmes, Resident, Member of Tantallon Square Area Civic Association
- Zeneta Walthour, Resident, Member of the Tantallon Citizens Association

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- A webpage is being developed to provide access to updates and information. By logging onto the webpage and signing up, you become a part of a listserv specific to the working group. We will inform the group when the site is live.
- An online contact form will also be made available for comments and questions. The link will be available on the webpage.
- Group Email Address: TantallonGroup@co.pg.md.us . Emails sent to this address will be routed to the appropriate agencies for responses. However, we do not want to negate 311 which is used to track information. If the question is a matter that 311 can address it will be transferred to their team. This email can be used for suggestions and input related to the working group.

- Where land was once vacant in 1980, much of it has now been filled by residential development in 2020 with no overland relief.
- Stormwater service requests/calls are across the Fort Washington area but are concentrated in neighborhoods along E. Swan Creek Road.
- Phase One of Swan Creek construction is the east-west lateral running behind several homes and discharging behind the golf course. The Office of Stormwater Management Maintenance is talking with several contractors. Discussions are not just regarding repairs but also improving the infrastructure for better interception. The County is looking at multiple projects throughout the area.
 - **Q:** Does any of that work include the golf course area?
 - **A:** Yes, Phase One will include work on the first two ponds.
 - **Q:** How far are we into Phase One and how long will it take?
 - **A:** Unable to provide specific dates at this time. Supply and demand for parts is limited right now. Whereas in the past it could take just 2-3 weeks for orders to arrive, right now it could take 6-8 weeks. However, we are working diligently to get construction going as soon as possible.
 - **Q:** When you think about Phase One construction and the size of the pipe, you are looking at building for future resiliency. Will the size of the pipe that will be put there be double the size of the current pipe?
 - **A:** Yes, the design that is happening upstream in Phase One and Two is for the 100-year plan and we are adding cushion to that as well. One of the things that we have to work through as we go beyond that size is that we then start to encroach on private property. We would have to work with the residents because it may require easements to place pipes larger than that.
- Jason Washington conveyed that they are in the midst of clearing out the school site and placing erosion and sediment controls. They have proceeded with the plan of action for further clearing of the site after final approvals. There was an individual who chained himself to a tree recently and was arrested as a result. The current focus is re-grading the site further down to prevent as much runoff until we have the devices in place. This will be an interim grading. Initially they were planning to place hay to act as a buffer to ensure that there is no overflow that comes from the site. These measures will be in addition to the erosion and sediment controls that will have to be in place before construction can begin and will have to be approved by DPIE (permitting agency). Also, if any of these devices fail, work must stop until the systems are viable and operating as intended. They are planting and replacing 187 trees onto the site and have asked the developer to go back and double that. Our goal is to get about 300+ trees replanted onsite. They are looking to replenish woodlands as well. The monthly construction newsletter is sent out at the end of each month.
 - **Suggestion:** The sooner we can have those new trees on school ground the better.
 - **A:** There are regulations for reforestation so we must follow those steps.
 - **Suggestion:** There are other areas in our community that could benefit from reforestation to replace the significant trees that were lost.
 - **Q:** What is the plan for the current parking arrangement around the site?
 - **A:** Parking on the outside street should be coming to an end as they clear the site. Parking should be on the site once they have created a pathway in. The newsletter will notify the community when enhanced traffic will take place during particular times.
 - **Q:** When does the enhanced stormwater management system go in place and who will be inspecting it? We want to feel comfortable about it before it is placed in the ground. We may want to have an independent inspector see it.
 - **A:** This will be about a year out from now; further down the line of the construction. There are four (4) levels of review that will happen. There is the lender's technical

advisor, independent engineer on behalf of PGPCS, owner's representatives and peer reviews. We will make the community aware of when it will be in place.

- **Q:** When Indian Head Highway or northbound 210 has an accident, a large number of drivers use East Swan Creek Road as a bypass, adding to the traffic on Fort Washington Road. We are sensitive to construction traffic adding to that bottleneck. Can construction avoid rush hours?
 - **A:** We can inquire about that for sure.

New Action Items

- TBD
- Next meeting will be held on October 27, 2021

Parking Lot: Ideas & Questions

- Suggestion for a modification to the written purpose of the group to reflect a collaborative effort in communication versus one way.
- In addition to flooding, traffic is increasingly becoming a problem.
- **Q:** Have we reached out to WSSC at all on these issues?
 - **A:** Yes, we have had a conversation with them to inform them of the circumstance and they do have water/sewer lines in the community. They have not yet provided feedback. They have not indicated whether they will join the group, but we are sure that they will participate in the process.
- **Q:** In terms of processes and communication, will Ron Weiss be able to pick up the phone and speak directly to Mr. Holt?
 - **A:** Sure, Ron should call Dana (Special Assistant to Mr. Holt) and she will connect the two of them. We envision the line of communication working exactly that way – Mr. Holt and Mr. Weiss working collaboratively so that we are in touch with the community.
- Without more information specific to work that will be done to the golf course, residents will remain concerned because this is a major aspect. The golf course is central.
 - We are in touch with the golf course for easements and will have more information soon.
 - We will also invite a golf course representative in the working group once appropriate.
- While programs exist for flood mitigation, homeowners need assistance with determining what solutions are best for their particular problem.
- We will add the school construction newsletter on the Tantallon webpage.