Stormwater Code & Ordinance Review & Update Project: Stakeholder Group Meeting

July 8, 2020
Zoom Info

Video / Cameras
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- Mute & Unmute – Dial *6
- Raise Hand – Dial *9
- Mask Phone Numbers – Dial *67 before dialing call in number

Questions/Comments During the Meeting
- Participants will be muted
- To ask a question use the chat box

Click the Chat Icon
- Located bottom of screen
- Type question into dialogue box; press enter to send
- All attendees will receive your question

When Presentation Ends
- We will respond to questions individually
- We will unmute microphones to enable verbal Q&A
Agenda

1) Welcome and introductions
2) Project overview presentation
3) Stakeholder group expectations and schedule
4) Breakout group discussions
5) Regroup and share discussion outcomes
6) Closing and questions
Welcome and Introductions

- Stormwater Code & Ordinance Review & Update Project Team
  - James Stitt, PWSA
  - Kara Smith, DCP
  - Rebecca Zito, PWSA
  - Shandor Szalay, AKRF
  - Kevin Flynn, AKRF
  - Tom Batroney, AKRF
  - Alexis Strothman Meier, eHoldings
  - Kristin Cypher, eHoldings
COVID-19 Considerations

- Project activities will adhere to all Pennsylvania, Allegheny County, and City of Pittsburgh COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions
- Planning for all-virtual engagement activities
- All digital materials

How can we make participation as easy possible?
Poll Question

What is the type of organization you are representing as a project stakeholder?

- Environmental Organization
- Community Organization
- Design/Planning Firm (Architect, Engineer)
- Agency Group (City or County)
- Contractor, Builder, or Developer
Project Objectives & Scope

- **Update City Stormwater Management Code (Title 13)**
  - Consolidate stormwater related content scattered throughout City Code
  - Eliminate conflicts and overlap
  - Align private land development requirements with City/PWSA goals and objectives including regulatory compliance goals

- **Develop New Technical Resources for Stormwater**
  - Stormwater Design Manual
  - Updates to PWSA Developer Manual

- **Provide Process Improvement Recommendations and Cost Evaluation**
  - Stormwater Plan Review, Inspection, and Enforcement
  - Other stormwater-related roles and responsibilities between City & County agencies
Project Schedule

**PHASE 1**  
*Spring 2020 – Summer 2020*  
Kick-off, Intake & Ramp-up  
Initial code review and identification of technical resource needs and potential program improvements.

**PHASE 2**  
*Spring 2020 – Summer 2020*  
Analysis  
Evaluate potential improvements.

**PHASE 3**  
*Summer 2020 – Fall 2020*  
Synthesis  
Develop recommendations for code revisions.

**PHASE 4**  
*Fall 2020*  
Code Revisions  
Develop draft code revisions.

**PHASE 5**  
*Fall 2020 – Spring 2021*  
Process Enhancements & Guidance Materials  
Develop Stormwater Design Manual and process improvement recommendations.

**PHASE 6**  
*Summer 2021*  
Roll Out  
Implementation of revised code and new technical resources.

*Stakeholder Meeting #1  
*Stakeholder Meeting #2  
*Stakeholder Meeting #3
Stakeholder Group Expectations & Schedule

Expectations:
- Attend stakeholder group meetings and focus group sessions
- Respond to surveys and other requests for feedback
- Share perspectives and ideas to inform the project

Meeting Schedule:
- Meeting #1: Kick-off and Intake – Today
- Meeting #2: Review Recommendations for Improvements – Late Summer
- Meeting #3: Review Proposed Code Updates – Fall
Resources and Website

- https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/stormwater-code-update

Stormwater Code Update

About the Stormwater Code Update Process

Together, the Department of City Planning and Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) are leading a process to update City ordinances and create a unified City Stormwater Management Code, alongside a consultant team led by AKRF. The process will include technical analysis, stakeholder engagement, and expertise to review and evaluate all applicable regulatory and municipal stormwater policies, processes, and codes for consolidation and improvement options across agencies. The goal is to develop an implementable revised Code, supporting policy and process recommendations, and guidance materials aligning with other important City initiatives regarding green stormwater infrastructure, complete streets, and resiliency. Another goal is to clarify development requirements and make the stormwater review and approval processes easier and more efficient for applicants.
Stormwater Code & Resources

- Current stormwater management regulations can be found in **Title Thirteen: Stormwater Management**

- Additional regulations under **Title Nine: Zoning Code**, with some related regulations in **Title Ten: Building Code**

- Stormwater Code last updated to comply with Pennsylvania Act 167 and the Allegheny County Model Stormwater Management Ordinance

Poll Question

How much familiarity do you have with the City’s Stormwater Management Code (Title 13)?

- I’ve never looked at
- I’ve looked at it, but I have not used it on a project
- I’ve needed to reference the Code for a project or two
- I’ve referenced the Code several times a year for multiple projects
Stormwater Management Code Overview

Who is Regulated?

- 10,000 SF of Disturbance or 5,000 SF of Impervious Area

What’s Required?

- Volume Controls
- Rate Controls

Special Situations

- Uptown Public Realm & Riverfront Districts
- SWM Overlay District
Examples of Improvement Types

- Clarify requirements & processes
  - Tools for regulation applicability determinations
  - Codify ad hoc policies

- Provide flexibility to meet requirements
  - Open stormwater credit trading market
  - Same-owner trading

- Offer incentives for going above and beyond requirements
  - Density bonuses
  - Expedited plan review

- Outcome based requirements
  - Performance requirements based on capabilities and needs
QUESTIONS?
Breakout Group Discussions

- 45 minutes of facilitated discussion in smaller groups
- Breakout sessions will not be recorded
- Zoom will automatically place you in your group
- Each breakout group will report back to larger group
Regroup & Share Discussion Outcomes

- Facilitators to share key points and summary of breakout discussions

Breakout Discussion Topic Areas:
- Stormwater Issues in the City
- Stormwater Plan Review Process
- Stormwater Ordinance and Related Code
- Equity
THANK YOU!