

Buffalo Sewer Authority Queen City Clean Waters Initiative Stakeholder Meeting

Date: 4/22/25

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees:

- Rosaleen Nogle (Buffalo Sewer Authority)
- Art Hall (PMT/Hallmark)
- Katie Segarra (PMT/Hallmark)
- Courtney Kincannon (PMT/Hallmark)
- Aria Harris (PMT/TYLin)
- Nadia Mugisha (PMT/Arcadis)
- Annapurna Nayak (PMT/Hallmark)
- Walt Walker (PMT/TYLin)
- Jaia Ruffin (PMT/Arcadis)
- Jennifer Taylor (SAC Member/Journeys End)
- Asantewa Holley (SAC Member/Northland Workforce Training Center)
- Sandy Smith (SAC Member/BNW)
- William Siegner (SAC Member/City of Buffalo OSP)
- Dr. Cortasia Solomon-Carter (SAC Member/ Board of Block Clubs)
- Darnell Haywood (SAC Member/Bank on Buffalo)
- Deirdre Wright (SAC Member/Open Buffalo)
- Tyra Johnson-Hux (SAC Member/LISC)

Overview of Recent Events

- Art reviewed the recent meetings with the Northland Taxpayers Association and the University District Block Club Coalition. These meetings were specific to projects occurring within their respective neighborhoods. These meetings allowed residents to ask questions and get acquainted with the projects.
- Walt shared his experience with the Northland Taxpayers Association meeting and how informative the meeting was in terms of getting questions from the residents that the engineering team had not heard yet.
- Nadia and Jaia shared their experience with the University District Block Club Coalition and how the residents asked for more visuals to be created to showcase the projects

happening in their neighborhoods. Nadia also shared the need to have more plain language when reviewing projects.

- Sandy Smith asked if there was a sense of community fatigue with all of the projects that are ongoing within their neighborhoods. Not just related to the QCCWI projects but also other projects that are ongoing throughout the city.
 - Walt answered that he did not feel that was the case, but rather people were more curious about upcoming projects. They asked about other projects and how this project may interact or affect them.
- Rosey shared that the Buffalo Sewer Team has also been attending the Envision Neighborhood meetings that are hosted by the City of Buffalo to share projects happening in individual neighborhoods all throughout the city.
- Dr. Cortasia Solomon-Carter shared that many block club coalitions/block clubs have members that are already very informed on projects happening in their neighborhoods. Members of the block clubs attend all different meetings, go to city hall, and speak with their representatives and bring information back to share with their neighbors.
- Rosey spoke about the Buffalo Sewer Authorities 90th Birthday Celebration/Groundbreaking ceremony. Stakeholders from the Queen City Clean Waters overall project, BSA board members, BSA employees, council representatives, the mayor, and stakeholders from the E. Delavan specific project came together to celebrate and bring attention to the work BSA is doing.
 - Darnell Haywood shared his experience with the groundbreaking ceremony, he was impressed by the amount of BSA employees that were in attendance to showcase the diversity of the employees.
- Art reviewed the first council district meeting held in the South District of Buffalo. The meeting was held at the Irish Center. A resident informed us that it was Holy Thursday and that they were there to take notes and take back information to the community because many people were at church and unable to attend.
 - Rosey asked that the recording of the meeting be posted to the Buffalo Sewer's website so that people can watch and ask questions.

Upcoming BSA QCCW Council District Meetings

- The next council district meeting will be held this coming Thursday April 24th at the Gerard Place for the University District
- Next week Monday April 28th at the Northland Workforce Training Center there will be the council district meeting for the Masten District
 - Asantewa Holley stated she would be in attendance at this council district meeting
- Art asked that the stakeholders share the upcoming district meetings with their networks and also attend if they are able

Updates from the SAC

- Art asked that stakeholders come to these meetings with their own announcements to share
- Sandy Smith shared information about Waterkeeper Weekend at Canalside. This event will occur May 30th and 31st. Sandy asked that the QCCWI team will attend and table. This celebration is for the opening of the water season in Buffalo.
- Art shared that this is for the first month stakeholders are able to receive compensation as members of the QCCWI stakeholder committee.
- Jennifer Taylor shared that she has been showing off the QCCWI Interactive Site within her network and has received positive feedback from everyone about how user friendly the site is and informative.
- Upcoming engagement events shared by Jennifer Taylor: South Buffalo Garden Walk June 25th, East Side Garden Walk July 19th, Urban Farm Day August 16th, Conservation Day July 12th, Grassroots Gardens WNY is having their 30th Anniversary on May 29th.
- Rosey shared that BSA will be putting out QR codes at all the CSO output sites to share information over the summer months.
- Waterkeeper Spring Sweep is this weekend Saturday April 26th
- Bank on Buffalo is hosting a community roundtable this Monday April 28th at Northland from 10am-12pm.
- Art asked if we can start a group forum to share upcoming events for everyone to be in the know as these events come out.



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QCCW Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Agenda

- 1 Overview of Recent Events
- 2 Upcoming Council District Meetings
- 3 Updates from SAC

Recent Events

Northland Taxpayers Association Meeting



April 8th at the Northland
Workforce Training Center

University District Block Club Coalition Meeting



April 15th at 995
Kensington Avenue

Buffalo Sewer's 90th Birthday Celebration / Groundbreaking Ceremony

April 16th at Jefferson & E. Delavan



First Council District Meeting - South District

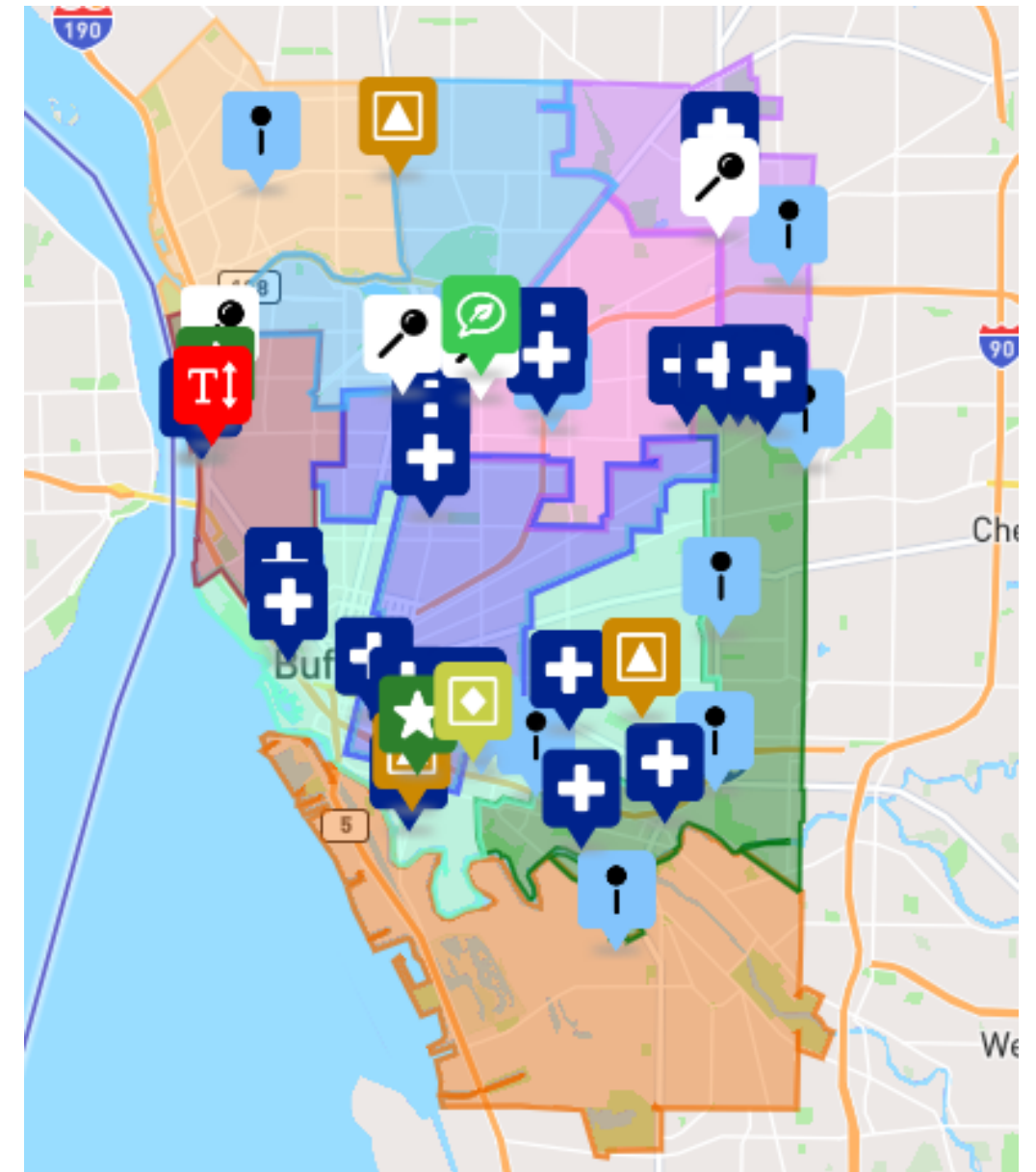
April 17th at the Buffalo Irish Center



Upcoming Council District Meetings

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- University District: Thursday, **April 24th** 6 PM - 8 PM at the Gerard Place
- Masten District: Monday, **April 28th** 6 PM - 8 PM at the Northland Workforce Training Center
- 9 In-Person Meetings
- Tentative Schedule:
 - **April:** Masten, South, and University District's
 - **May:** Ellicott, Fillmore, and Lovejoy District's
 - **June:** Delaware, North, and Niagara District's
- 1 Overall City Meeting via Zoom





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Questions?