

## MEETING MINUTES

Date:	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Time:	4:00 PM
Location:	Microsoft Teams
Meeting Topic:	MONTHLY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Sandy Smith	SS	BN Waterkeepers	
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## AGENDA

1.	Updates to pay structure	RH
2.	QCCW Projects Overview	RN
3.	Community Partnership Program Update	SS/AH
4.	Community Engagement Updates	KS

## MEETING NOTES

### BSA Capital Projects Program Management Team:

Arcadis | JM Davidson Engineering | Hallmark Planning & Development | e3 Communications | Watts Architecture & Engineering | CORE Environmental | Atlantic Testing Laboratories | Frandina Engineering and Land Surveying | KHEOPS Architecture, Engineering and Survey | International Institute of Buffalo | Jade Stone Engineering | NASCO Construction Services

### 1. Introduction of new Program Team Member

Kate introduced Yolando Mullen as the new Community Engagement Planner for Hallmark Planning and Development

### 2. Updates to Pay Structure for Stakeholder participation

- Hallmark will be utilizing Corpay as the new payment platform. The options include direct deposit and paper checks.
- RH will be sending the form for everyone to fill out via an email link with instructions to register and log in, there is an access code to protect personal information.

### 3. Project Updates

- RN reiterated the ultimate purpose of the advisory committee is to give input on the projects
- Reviewed key terminology as they relate to the types of projects being addressed in the QCCW. (attached and shown below). Buffalo is a combined sewer system.

#### Key Terminology

- **Combined Sewer:** A sewer that collects both wastewater and stormwater in the same system
- **Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO):** CSOs occur when heavy rainfall or snowmelt overwhelms a combined sewer system. When this happens, untreated wastewater is discharged directly into nearby rivers, lakes, or coastal waters.
- **Green Infrastructure (GI):** involves planting vegetation and other natural elements in urban environments to absorb and treat stormwater where it lands. Through this process, plants and soils help slow down or prevent runoff from entering the sewer system.
- **In-Line Storage (ILS):** the storage of wastewater temporarily within the existing sewer pipes
- **Off-Line Storage (OLS):** A tank that holds extra wastewater when the sewer is full, then drains it to be treated when space becomes available
- **Real Time Control (RTC):** Sewer chambers with automatic gates that open and close to store and release water in order prevent overflows
- **Sewer Patrol Point (SPP):** A chamber that directs water to the treatment plant in dry weather, or to a storage area during heavy rainfall or snowmelt



- Reviewed potential construction Impacts and mitigation strategies - Projects have been vetted to ensure odors do not enter resident homes, traffic control, rodent control
- Gates Circle project is nearing completion (between Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays).
- Waterfront Park project is in preliminary design, Pump Station is being considered with this project as well.
- Bailey & Kerns is ahead of schedule
- East Delavan project, part of the original Long Term Control Plan, lead by Hazen and Sawyer – Phase I was recently completed, on Florida St. Phase II & III will include the Offline Storage Tank, Design and Modeling considerations currently underway with Environmental Assessment along with input from Stakeholder, Canisius University.
- Sidney & Lark – project has been modified, working to finalize contracts with final design engineer to meet milestone dates.
- Cornelius Creek (not technically part of QCCW projects) base of Black Rock Harbor Park, one of the larger outfalls affected by high winds which causes sewer back up. This project will mitigate the amount of flood occurrences.

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- Breckenridge St. – contracts are currently being finalized. Combined sewers on both sides of West Ave. are blocked and need to be replaced.
- Bird Island Treatment Facility Upgrades – Phase I to be completed ahead of schedule. Phase II to include addition of odor control facility. Phase III is in preliminary design – includes the addition of two new Clarifiers.
- Roosevelt Park OLS – underground storage tank within the park, to coincide with the park upgrades plans, upgrades to the field house. Project Specific Outreach Plan is underway.
- Raincheck 2.0 – Green Infrastructure Projects – The first project going out to bid is Hennepin Park.

#### **4. Community Partnership Program**

- The CPP Initiative is currently in development: invites contractors and consultants working on BSA projects to extend their impact to public schools and non-profit organizations within the City of Buffalo. The goal is for these collaborations to sustain beyond the QCCW projects.
- This program will serve as a conduit for contractors to invest in the communities that they are impacting through
- Contributions will be either financial or through volunteer hours
- The webpage will be published soon, which will include a framework document
- Firms will be invited to submit a CPP proposal during the Bid phase of future projects.
- Participation will be measured and tracked.
- Buffalo Sewer is not a direct beneficiary of the program.
- The slide deck has been shared publicly, which will be simplified along with the trifold and the webpage updates.

#### **5. Community Engagement Updates**

- Will be shared post meeting via the attached slide deck

#### **6. Updates from the SAC**

- East Side Clean Mobility Celebration taking place at Northland Training Center on Saturday.

*Meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm*

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#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Date of Next Meeting:** November 25, 2025

**Time of Next Meeting:** 4:00 PM

**Location of next Meeting:** Microsoft Teams

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