

► Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) Kickoff Meeting Minutes for Queen City Clean Waters (QCCW)

Date: 1/23/2025
 Time: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM EST
 Location: Buffalo City Hall - 65 Niagara Sq Ste 201, Buffalo, NY 14202, United States

ATTENDEES

Attendee	Organization	Role
Rosey Nogle	Buffalo Sewer Authority	Client
Courtney Kincannon	Hallmark	Program Management Team
Art Hall	Hallmark	Program Management Team
Katie Segarra	Hallmark	Program Management Team
Cambridge Boyd	Hallmark	Program Management Team
Walt Walker	TYLin	Program Management Team
Aria Harris	TYLin	Program Management Team
Nadia Mugish	Arcadis	Program Management Team
Jaia Ruffin	Arcadis	Program Management Team
Asantewa Holley	Northland Workforce Training Center	Vice President of Operations
Rev. Mark E. Blue	Buffalo NAACP	Branch Leadership President
William Siegner	City of Buffalo	Senior Planner
Cortasia Solomon-Carter	City of Buffalo	Senior Legislative Assistant
Deidre Wright	Buffalo Center for Health Equity	EJC Program Manager
Tyra Johnson	Local Initiatives Support Corporation	WNY Operations Director
Sandy Smith	Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Director of Community Engagement
Jennifer Taylor	Journey's End Refugee Services	Program Manager
Darnell Haywood	Bank on Buffalo	Community Responsibility Officer

BSA Capital Projects Program Management Team:



Greeley and Hansen
Water Solutions

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MEETING NOTES

Queen City Clean Waters (QCCW) – Mission & Vision

- Vision – Cleaner waters and a more resilient Buffalo, NY
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) will be specific to certain projects.
- QCCW is the umbrella and model to engage the community during and after construction.
 - Previously was known as the Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP), which focused on wet weather sewage prevention for going into waterways.
- **Goals:** Improve waterways and the community
 - The City of Buffalo has mandated that \$1 Billion is spent on 50+ sites/projects within the city, including the Bird Island treatment facility.
 - It is important to reduce pollutants and upgrade the treatment facility.
 - WWTP discharges to Emerald Shiners with endangered species.
 - Compliance needs to be met with regulations at the state and federal levels.
 - Meet with elected officials and partner with local organizations.
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- **Who will be involved?**
 - Target outreach for specific projects, focusing on environmental groups as partners.
 - City agencies are important as the facilities will be in City parks (separate from the Buffalo Sewer Authority)
- **Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) – Purpose**
 - Water equity and social impact practices
 - Vital bridge for the community and their voices to minimize construction disturbances.
 - Stakeholders are to be engage with the community and are to help guide the PMT on the engagement process.
 - Stakeholders to attend and actively participate in the monthly (virtual/recorded) meetings. Roll calls will be taken, and meeting minutes will be distributed throughout the duration of SAC involvement, unless terminated by any of the parties.
- **Community Participation Plan (CPP)**
 - CPP is a form of the Community Benefits Program (CBP) that will be used to make commitments to the Buffalo community.
 - A relationship within the residential areas is desired, specifically pertaining to the construction equipment and traffic cones, detours, and protocols for contractors.
- **Best Practices**
 - Engage with the community partners early, regularly, and consistently.
- **D/M/WBE**
 - A suggestion was made about putting together a landscape analysis of the existing D/M/WBEs in the area.
 - Want more companies who qualify for D/M/WBE to be certified.
 - What are some of the reasons behind companies not qualifying for D/M/WBE?
- **Engagement Plan Strategy**
 - Phases of listening sessions.
 - Want a process for tracking and identifying milestones?
 - Emphasis the value of clean water and corresponding infrastructure
- **Collaboration: Spectrum of Engagement (5 Core Areas)**

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- Partnership
- Dialogue
- Engagement
- Collaboration
- **Inform**
 - How to get someone informed?
 - Clean Sweeps and door knocking
- **Involve**
 - **Do the ideas align with the program?**
 - What are the stakeholders involved in/participate in?
 - Where is the intersection?
 - Existing community activities, events, festivals, etc.
 - Citizen Scientists
 - Demonstrations, photos, and interactive presentations at local events to provide a more visual aspect outside of just tabling on behalf of the project.
 - What does the involvement look like?
- **Collaborate**
 - Grassroots Gardens
 - Buffalo Women of Environmental Learning & Leadership (BWELL)
 - Refugee Services
 - Home Beneath Our Feet
 - Hosting something at a children’s museum – SAC wants to further explore this idea.
 - Buffalo Museum of Science – Water table in the basement
 - Any organization doing tours.
 - Slow Roll
- **Additional Ideas**
 - **Diedre Wright** – Environmental Justice Core Partnerships
 - How to be relatable to various groups of people?
 - Black Women and Hair: Finding something relatable to emphasize how it impacts children, families, etc. in a daily setting.

NEXT MEETING (IF APPLICABLE)

Date of Next Meeting: February 25, 2025

Time of Next Meeting: 4:00 PM

Location of next Meeting: Zoom Meeting

Queen City Clean Waters (QCCW) – Mission and Vision



QUEEN CITY CLEAN WATERS



VISION

Clean waters and a resilient Buffalo.

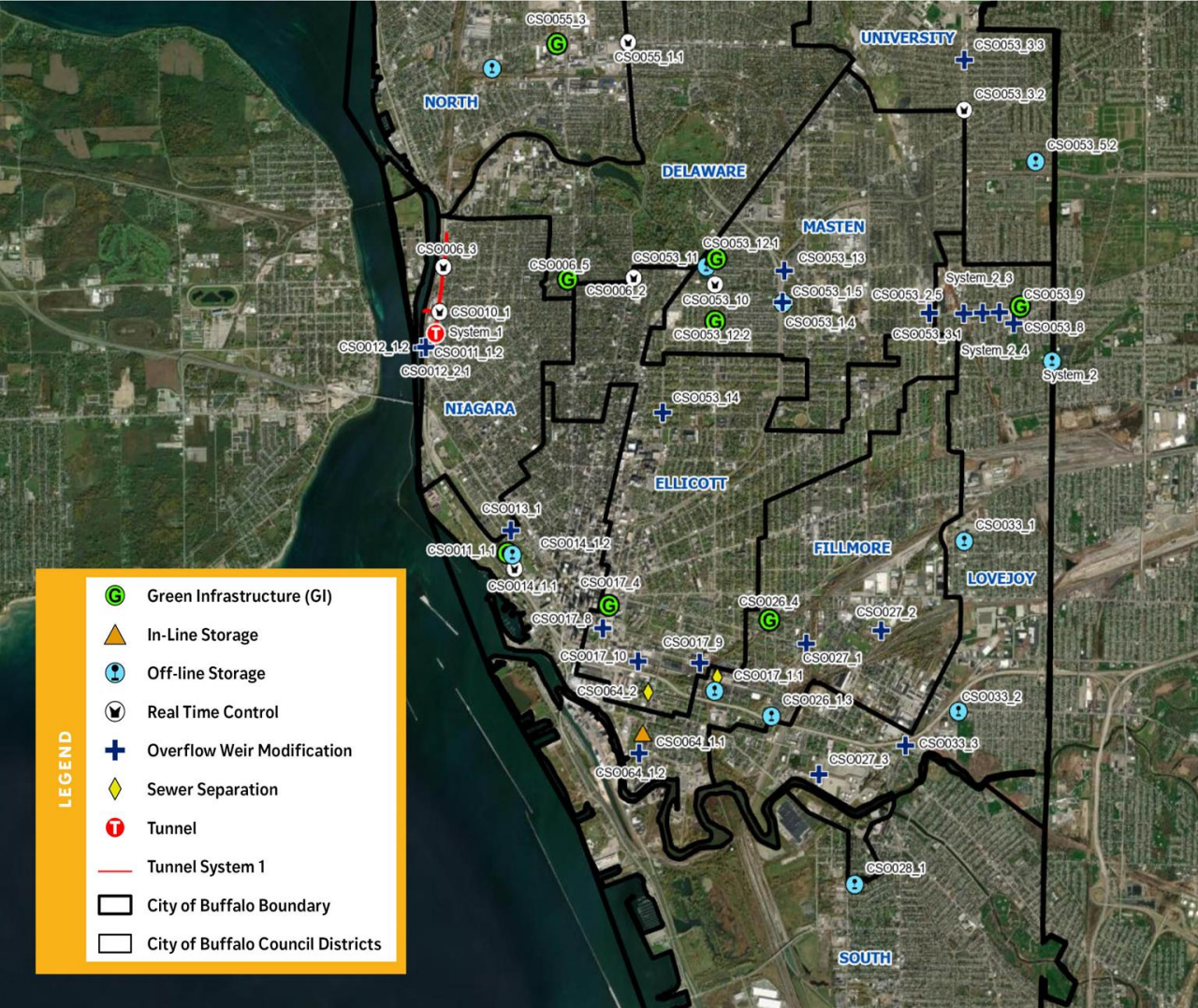


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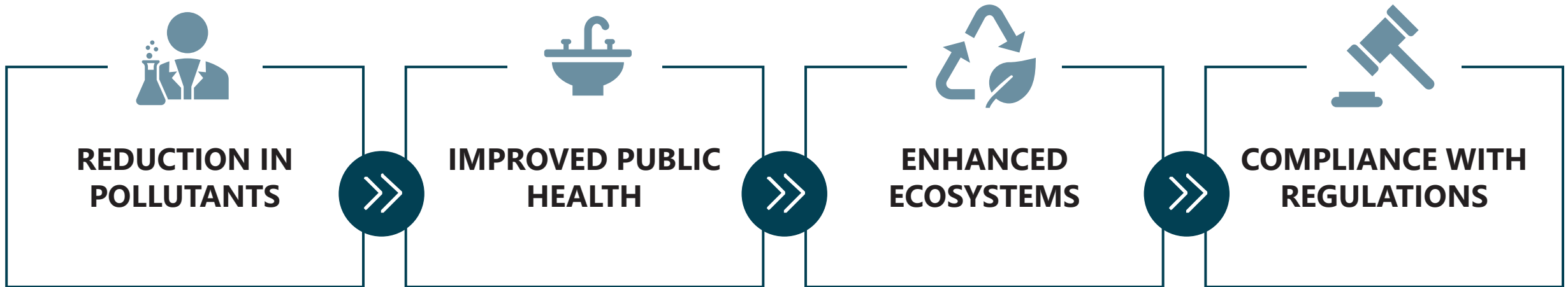
To safeguard public health and the environment while fostering strong community partnerships, creating meaningful workforce opportunities, and driving lasting economic impact for future generations in Buffalo.

Queen City Clean Waters

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Water Quality Benefits



Queen City Clean Waters Stakeholders



Residents:

Delaware, Ellicott, Filmore, Lovejoy, Masten, North, Niagara, South, and University Districts



Local Government Officials:

Elected Officials



Community-Based Organizations:

Resident advocacy groups, including some in Queen City Clean Water's Stakeholder Advisory Council



Stakeholder Advisory Committee:

Northland Workforce Training Center, PUSH Buffalo, Buffalo Urban League, Board of Block Clubs, NAACP, Jericho Road, LISC, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning, and Buffalo Center for Health Equity



Businesses:

Local businesses that may be affected by construction activities or changes in water rates.



Environmental Groups:

Organizations focused on water quality and environmental sustainability



City Agencies

Entities responsible for water supply and infrastructure, including parks and recreation, will be involved in implementing the plan.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)

- The purpose of the **Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)** for the Buffalo Sewer Authority's Queen City Clean Waters Initiative is to serve as a vital bridge between the project team and the diverse communities of Buffalo. The SAC ensures that community perspectives, concerns, and insights are actively incorporated into the initiative's planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Organizations & Agencies Represented:

- Northland Workforce Training Center
- PUSH Buffalo
- Buffalo Urban League
- Board of Block Clubs
- NAACP
- Jericho Road
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning (OSP)
- Buffalo Center for Health Equity





Construction Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- During construction, residents can expect to see equipment and traffic cones off to one side of the road
- Temporary disruptions, such as noise and dust, will be minimized as much as possible.
- Sewage odors will NOT be present in homes but may be present outside.

Construction Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- Residents may experience temporary sewer and water service interruptions for a few hours, with advance notifications provided.
- These interruptions will not last days. We will address concerns about explosives, drilling, dust, and air pollution, and manage environmental hazards like asbestos and PCB-laden soils per best practices.

Why is Buffalo Sewer doing this project?

Buffalo Sewer is working diligently to improve the City's existing sewer infrastructure in a cost-effective manner. This project will extend the sewer to homes that currently do not have a large enough sewer in front of their house. New storm sewer will be also added and any lead water services will be replaced.



What is included in this project?

For Houses 264 to 276 N. Ogden Street:

- New sanitary sewer
- New storm sewer
- House / building lateral replacements
- Replacement of any lead water services
- New sidewalk, driveway aprons, and pavement



When will construction begin?

- Construction is scheduled to start in October 2024 and finish by the end of Fall 2024.
- Notices will be hand-delivered to residents one week before construction starts.



Project Area



Remove Dead Tree (all other trees to be protected)

New Storm Sewer in Street (both sides of street to pavement limits)

New Driveway Aprons (both sides of street)

New Building Sewers to the Property Line and Replace Lead Water Services to Existing Building (both sides of street)

Limits of New Pavement

New Sanitary Sewer Under Sidewalk and New Sidewalk (both sides of street to pavement limits)





Construction Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- New traffic patterns will be in place during construction, including:
 - Partial or full road closures
 - Sidewalk closures
 - Limited street parking
 - Possible detours (for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians)/relocated bus stop
 - Rodent control plans
 - Fencing and site visibility



Coming in 2025: Community Partnership Program

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM?



Buffalo Sewer wants to ensure large contracts create a positive and visible economic, environmental, and social impacts for residents



Partner with existing community organizations and agencies in improving opportunities and the lives of residents.



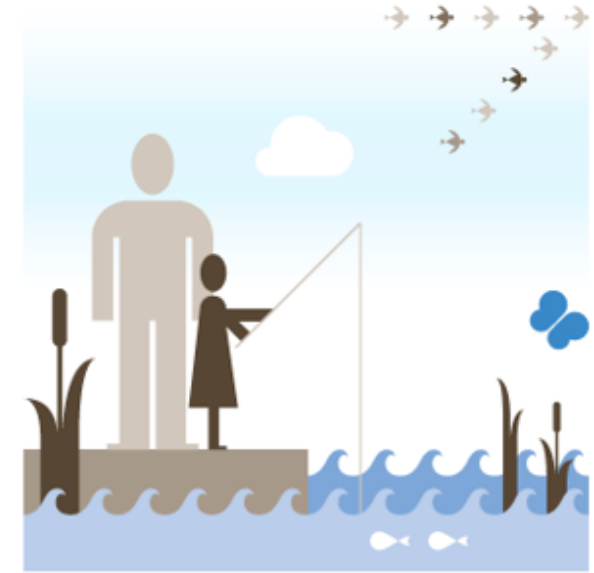
HOW:
Include contract terms and monitor participation compliance for prime companies doing business with Buffalo Sewer.



WHY:
Sewers provide significant yet often unseen advantages to our communities; this community benefits program aims to make those hidden benefits more visible.

Community Partnership Program Areas

- Workforce Development
- Economic Development
- Education
- Community and Environmental Health



The Why:

Collaboratively, our aim is to create a meaningful and positive impact within the communities and neighborhoods served by the Authority by creating an avenue for community partnerships to form with consultants and contractors of the Buffalo Sewer Authority.



EDUCATION

Supporting educational programs and initiatives, particularly focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). These programs aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in these fields. By fostering a strong foundation in STEAM, the program will inspire the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers who can contribute to the community's growth and sustainability.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Support of existing and creation of comprehensive job training programs that prepare individuals for employment. These programs will provide hands-on training, certifications, and career development opportunities. By building a skilled workforce, the program aims to support the local economy and ensure that our community has the expertise needed to maintain and improve essential infrastructure.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We are dedicated to promoting local economic growth by supporting infrastructure projects that create jobs and stimulate economic activity. Through strategic partnerships with local businesses, contractors, and community organizations, the program aims to drive economic prosperity and enhance the quality of life for residents. The efforts will focus on sustainable development that benefits both the economy and the environment.



PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Improving public health and environmental quality is central to the mission and serves as a key driver for enhancing overall well-being. This program is designed to support both community members and public spaces, fostering their care and development for a sustainable future.

BSA's Commitment to the Inclusion of DBE/MWBE Firms and Local Workforce

PURPOSE

- Create economic opportunity for Disadvantaged/Minority/ Women – Owned Business Enterprise (D/MBE/WBE) firms, including firms who are new to working with BSA and/or the City of Buffalo
- Promote meaningful teaming arrangements, mentorship, and partnership between established, experienced firms and new and/or smaller firms

