

Newtown Creek CAG Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**Present (by phone)**

Willis Elkins  
Mitch Waxman  
Sean Dixon  
Ryan Kuonen  
Kryisia Solheim  
Rosemary Han

**Agenda**

1. Recap of EPA Update Call
2. Steering Committee Participation
3. General CAG Meetings
4. Other Updates

**1. Recap of EPA Update Call**

- The Steering Committee and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have scheduled update calls for the first Thursday of each month.
- During the first call on December 1, 2016, EPA staff and the Steering Committee discussed the site's Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA).
- EPA requested comments on the draft ERA by the end of January 2017. The Technical Committee will work on developing these comments.
- EPA requested comments on the site's draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report by the end of February.

**2. Steering Committee Participation**

- Steering Committee meetings need better attendance to ensure a functioning quorum.
- Committee members noted that meetings may be occurring too often, or the 5 p.m. meeting time may not work well for people.
- **Kryisia** will send out a doodle poll to identify a better time for Steering Committee meetings.

**3. General CAG Meetings**

- Steering Committee members discussed the timing and need for general CAG meetings. Committee members confirmed that bimonthly CAG meetings work well to keep people engaged. **Mitch** can assist with upcoming meetings.
- The next CAG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- **Kryisia** will ask EPA staff to attend the next CAG meeting to discuss the site's HHRA, ERA and RI. **Kryisia** will ask if the January 5, 2017 update call with EPA can be pushed to the end of January and combined with the February 2, 2017 call with EPA given the holidays and the date of the next CAG meeting.
- **Willis** will invite New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) staff to attend the next CAG meeting to provide an update and introduce the new NYC DEP Superfund Coordinator, who is replacing Dr. Eileen Maloney.
- The Newtown Creek Group (NCG) would still like to do a webinar with the Steering Committee or in person to go over their data. The Steering Committee is currently focused on the risk assessments. Committee members are interested in a presentation from NCG covering NCG's plans, potential next steps for the CAG, and cleanup options considered by NCG. **Willis** will follow up with NCG in early January 2017.

#### 4. Other Updates

- Riverkeeper received a grant to support a visioning process for the creek in 2017. They have new staff that will assist and write a report on remediation and restoration efforts and what Maspeth Creek and the creek edge could look like. Community outreach and input will be important parts of the process. The report will be completed by October 2017; it will follow EPA's timeline for the RI. **Sean** will share more in January 2017, including an action plan for the report.
- The Coney Island Creek community has been pushing for Superfund designation. The Newtown Creek Steering Committee may be able to offer guidance and help if they are interested in discussing lessons learned.
- **Mitch** will continue talking to the Newtown Creek CAG Steering Committee about outreach issues, open Steering Committee spots, and the need for a quorum at upcoming committee meetings.