



Meeting Notes

September 29, 2020 from 12pm to 1:30pm

Orleans Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Water Management Working Group Meeting

Attendees: 13 (excluding CNO and Civix Staff)

- Andreas Hoffmann (Green Light New Orleans)
- Claire Anderson (Ripple Effect)
- Angela Chalk (Healthy Community Services)
- Andreanica Morris (Housing NOLA)
- Dana Eness (Urban Conservancy)
- Derek Boese (CAO Flood Protection Authority East)
- Ella Delio (Greater New Orleans Foundation)
- Jessica Dandridge (Greater New Orleans Water Collaborative)
- Meagan Williams (New Orleans Dept. of Public Works)
- Ramiro Diaz (Waggoner and Ball)
- Scott Hemmerling (Water Institute of the Gulf)
- Susannah Burley (SOUL)

Things we heard you're working on:

- Green New Deal for public housing
- All students receiving water literacy education from qualified educators
- Working with USACE on recertification of 100yr flood protection
- Green infrastructure economic impact study, estimated job creation, policy recommendations on how to improve access to economic benefits
- LWI GNO Water Plan part 2, legislative advocacy for funding green infrastructure
- Cohesive approach to drainage improvements
- Local ecological knowledge and stakeholder input into decision support
- Supporting Master Plan goal of 50% tree canopy cover, providing an implementation roadmap to achieve this goal

Focus Questions:

- a. What Neighborhood Level project would you propose?
 - Scale up tree planting approach to the neighborhood level
 - Create contiguous tree planting grids in and across neighborhoods for measurable impacts on stormwater management and storm winds reduction
 - Put together a community outreach plan for reforestation
 - Write a new ordinance or plan for new construction to require native tree planting, particularly when existing trees are destroyed in the construction process (Atlanta as a model)
 - List the permitting process for tree planting as a construction project instead of green infrastructure projects permitting path
 - Provide financial incentives to make mitigation accessible to all

- b. What citywide project would you propose?
 - Create a comprehensive (re)forestry plan
 - Collaborate on a citywide and/or regional policy level to incentivize green infrastructure across parishes
 - Develop a tool with City monitoring resilience data (AFWS) similar to the education/data monitoring tools that federal agencies use
 - Normalize green infrastructure, water management, and green jobs concepts with K-12 audiences. Make data on this topic readily available so students and teachers can fulfill statewide authentic inquiry science standards using green infrastructure and mitigation data.
 - a. Improve access to high-paying green jobs from a young age as a means to greater social equity
 - Create a citywide data platform of all green infrastructure projects
 - Link cross-parish projects to DOTD and LWI priorities, such as Claiborne corridor, Tulane, and Broad
 - Involve the City in LWI Region 8 planning and policy
 - Define common metrics to measure resiliency progress
 - Leverage broad stakeholder input to understand desired outcomes
 - Incorporate urban heat island data from the 10-year plan
 - Listen to and empower communities around resiliency planning outcomes
 - Integrate design solutions into community stormwater behaviors (example: designate parking areas in neutral grounds to avoid damage to critical root areas of trees)