



Rodney Dormitory Site Stormwater Project

Thank you for coming out to help shape the future of the Rodney Dormitory Site!

Tonight's meeting will include a brief overview of the existing Rodney Dormitory Site and several activities and exercises to gather your feedback, comments, and questions to help shape the future of the site. The City values your feedback, and it is important in helping us determine the future of the project.

Our goal is to investigate new opportunities for the Rodney Dormitory Site that manage stormwater and help alleviate flooding in areas of Newark, and provide residents and visitors with fun and unique recreational opportunities for years to come.

Meeting Agenda

- 5:30 - 6:00 Open House
- 6:00 - 6:05 Welcome and Introductions
- 6:05 - 6:35 Presentation: Project Background and Overview of Workshop Presentation
- 6:35 - 7:30 Activities and Exercises: Poll Everywhere, Visual Preference Survey, Post Card, Roundtable Discussions
- 7:30 - 7:45 Report Out
- 7:45 - 8:00 Wrap Up/Next Steps

For More Information

Please visit: <http://newarkde.gov/Rodney>

You may submit questions or comments using the form provided at today's meeting or via:
RodneySite@jmt.com



About the Project

The City of Newark is interested in developing the Caesar Rodney Residence Hall Complex, located at 103 Hillside Road, which closed in the spring of 2014. Environmental remediation activities will take place before the existing dormitory facilities are demolished. The City is under contract to purchase the property and is creating a plan for development of the site, which will integrate a state of the art stormwater management facility along with recreational and educational components. By incorporating input from the public, elected officials, and City staff, the final plan will include a combination of items balancing community recreation, infrastructure, and stormwater needs. Integration with the surroundings, existing conditions, and consideration of environmental and natural resources will be included in the final design. The City anticipates utilizing State Revolving Loan Funds through the referendum process, which is scheduled for Spring 2018, for the purchase and development of the site.

Stormwater Management

A stormwater management facility is needed at the Rodney site to help alleviate the flooding that frequently occurs after a rain event. This flooding occurs because the water cannot be soaked up by impervious surfaces such as parking lots, sidewalks, roofs, etc. Managing stormwater helps reduce not only the amount of runoff into natural waterways which causes flooding and erosion, but will help reduce the amount of trash, debris, and pollutants that can enter the waterways to improve water quality. Facilities such as dry and wet ponds, infiltration basins, and green infrastructure (rain gardens, bioswales, and buffers) can all reduce stormwater quantity and improve water quality.

Caesar Rodney Residence Hall Complex Demolition

Asbestos (building interior and exterior) and Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs, in the electrical transformers) have been discovered at the residence hall. To ensure safe removal and containment during demolition activities, all abatement activities will be per Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal, state, and local standards and requirements. Contaminated materials will be encapsulated, removed, and disposed of at a certified waste facility using the utmost care and caution. Air and dust monitoring for asbestos, lead, and silica will be conducted to ensure that particulates containing contaminants are not being released into the air, and measures will be taken to control dust to protect nearby residents, passersby, and onsite workers. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Concerns (DNREC) recently sought public comment for a brownfield development agreement (BDA) for the former Rodney Dorm site. The public comment period began on Monday, June 19, 2017 and closed at the end of the business day (4:30 p.m.) on Monday, July 10, 2017.

