



## 2025 Water Revitalization Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Meeting No. 7: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Location: Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) Headquarters  
(1101 Market Street)

### Meeting Attendees:

WRP Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Kayla Akpan (she/her)</li><li>2. Lindsay Christinee (she/her)</li><li>3. Amy Cornelius (she/her)</li><li>4. Iola Harper (she/her)</li><li>5. Richard Lampert (he/him)</li><li>6. Raymond Lucci (he/him)</li><li>7. Rozell Kenney (she/her)</li><li>8. Joanne Reilly (she/her)</li><li>9. Walter Threadgill (he/him)</li><li>10. Cheryl Tse (she/they)</li></ol> <p><b>Absent</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. Ted Mullen (he/him)</li><li>12. Su Ly (he/him)</li><li>13. Dr. Joi Spraggins (she/her)</li><li>14. Corey Wills (they/them)</li></ol>	<p>Laura Copeland (she/her) Rick Orlosky (he/him) Eddie Borrelli (he/him) Jesse Debes (he/him) Jade Wright (she/her)</p> <p><b>Others:</b> Karaline Bridgeford (she/her), Brown and Caldwell Jenny Gain (she/they), Brown and Caldwell Anna Kloiber (she/her), Brown and Caldwell Andrew Carney (he/him), Brown and Caldwell Melody Wright (she/her), Say/Do Jennie Mummert (she/her), West Cary Group</p>

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

### Summary of meeting activities and discussion:

1. Welcome from Laura Copeland
2. Stakeholder Advisory Group members self-introductions (name, pronouns, and district/neighborhood they are representing)
3. Cohort 2 Recruitment
  - Eddie provided updates on the recruitment of new members and alternates, focusing on the Brewerytown and Somerton neighborhoods.
  - Clarification was given on the role of alternate members, emphasizing their importance in maintaining continuity and engagement.

- As part of the ongoing effort to recruit new members and prepare for the incoming cohort, the group discussed the qualities that make an effective SAG member. This discussion aimed to identify key attributes and engagement strategies that would be beneficial for new recruits.
  - Intro to Member Engagement: Participants discussed the qualities that make an effective stakeholder advisory group member. Specific qualities identified by the group included analytical thinking, community involvement, active listening, and credibility. Members also highlighted the need for ongoing community activity and emphasized the importance of having a network within the community.
  - Ways to Engage: Laura introduced seven “member engagement personas” developed by PWD’s Water Revitalization Plan (WRP) outreach support team, inspired by how this inaugural cohort engages with their communities. Members provided suggestions for additional personas that may be helpful for future group members, like “historian” (provides context from past events) and “testifier” (validates/confirms information for other community members).
4. Communications around Drinking Water Service Disruptions for Planned vs. Unplanned Construction and Emergency Events:
- Rick led a discussion on how PWD handles communications related to drinking water service disruptions for construction related to planned projects (like those associated with the WRP) and unplanned events (like water main breaks and emergencies).
  - Members provided feedback on how PWD could improve communication during emergencies. Suggestions included using local TV channels like Phila.gov TV for emergency updates. Members emphasized the importance of closing the communication loop to ensure residents are updated on the status of water service disruptions and resolutions.
5. Introduction to Transmission Mains
- Anna provided information on transmission mains, describing the process of water distribution from the treatment plant through transmission mains then distribution mains into service lines for individual customer homes and businesses. She highlighted the use of a transmission main infographic, which is part of a series of educational materials being developed. The goal of these materials is to summarize the purpose/value of the four categories of WRP projects described in the WRP Fact Sheet map (i.e., pump stations, water treatment plants, water transmission mains [pipelines], and storage). The intent of these infographics is to provide Philadelphia residents with a common understanding of how the WRP projects are important for improving continued reliable water service.
6. Six-Month and Beyond Key Project Look Ahead

- Jenny and Jesse presented the six-month look ahead for WRP projects, detailing upcoming initiatives and their expected impacts.
  - Torresdale Finished Water Pump Station upgrades: Planned to replace aging equipment and improve reliability of water service pressure in Northeast Philadelphia.
    - The group asked about coordination during street closures. PWD shared that they coordinate with the Philadelphia Streets Department on road closures and traffic control plans when needed for a project.
  - Somerton Transmission Piping: A two-phase project to improve drinking water quality and flow efficiency in the Somerton Neighborhood
- They also discussed projects planned beyond the six-month timeframe, providing an overview of future developments.
  - Lardner's Point Pump Station replacement
  - East Park Booster Pump Station replacement
    - Members expressed curiosity in the end use of the existing East Park Booster Pump Station building. PWD shared that the existing pump station building will be used by Philadelphia Parks and Recreation once it is no longer in use.
  - Schuylkill River Crossing (SRX)
    - Members shared ideas on how to provide additional information to communities on this project. Ideas included developing a glossary of terms and building a model of the proposed work.
  - Queen Lane Raw Water Pump Station upgrades

## 7. Wrap Up Activity

- SAG members were asked to complete a brief survey, and the group was photographed after the meeting.
- Next SAG meeting: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. located at the Fairmount Water Works (640 Waterworks Dr. Philadelphia, PA 19130).

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.