Eastwick: From Recovery to Resilience

February 3, 2022

City of Philadelphia

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## Who's in the Virtual Room



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**Managing Director's Office** 



## Welcome!

#### Tonight's Agenda

- Introduction & Welcoming Remarks from City and Federal Leaders
- 2 What We've Heard from Eastwick Residents
- **3** How We Move Forward from Here
- 4 Townhall Conversation
- 5 Where Do We Start

# **Meeting Goals**

Strengthen the relationships needed to address the issues confronting Eastwick

Review and discuss feedback residents have provide to the City about ongoing challenges

Share a proposed process for co-developing actions to build a resilient Eastwick

# What we've heard

#### What We've Heard About Resource Needs

- Recovery from the August 2020 tropical storm is ongoing while new threats are on the horizon as climate change accelerates
- Need for household level support such as cost reduction on insurance, technical assistance, and skills building
- Community is well organized, wants action, has the infrastructure in place to support one another, needs resources to **build capacity and grow**

## What We've Heard About Planning Efforts

- Need for greater coordination between multiple projects and a streamlined process for Eastwick residents to receive information
- Continuous, overlapping planning efforts that have failed to deliver tangible improvements have eroded trust
- Need for long-term solution that allows the community to stay whole and together

# Open discussion with leaders in government

# **5 MIN BREAK**

# How we hope to move forward from here

# What Shape a Path Forward Might Take

A place-based approach offers a person-centered, bottom-up approach to meet the unique needs of people in one given community by using local knowledge to find lasting solutions

#### What are the benefits?

Place-based approaches are better able to:



Respond to the multiple challenges facing a community



Center community perspective and local knowledge in the creation of solutions



Attract different sources of funding to move solutions forward

# What Success Could Look Like

ReGenesis has **leveraged over \$300 million to address environmental justice issues** in the Arkwright community of Spartanburg, South Carolina, since starting with a \$20,000 EPA Environmental Justice Grant in 2000



What was the impact? The community-driven effort has resulted in:

> Cleanup of **2** Superfund sites and **6** Brownfield sites

Healthcare centers consisting of **10** satellite sites



**662** rental housing units and **49** home ownership units

# What Are the Steps To Reach Our Goal

Improved community well-being through actions informed by:

Eastwick's history

Present context

#### Residents' vision for a resilient future

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# Center Community Leadership

#### **City Actions**

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Launching an community resilience & environmental justice microgrant program

# Revamp Engagement to Advance Inclusion

## **City Actions**

Designate an **Eastwick** community navigator who can provide residents with comprehensive information about ongoing activities

> Organize regular and ongoing **opportunities** for residents to **connect directly** with **City leadership**

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# Transform Information into Action

# **City Actions**

Work closely with an implementation coach to close the gap between what we know and what we do

Use an inclusive engagement process to develop actionable research projects that address Eastwick's unique problems and needs

# Special Presentation: Eastwick Public Lands Flooding Analysis

# Bridge Information Gaps

## **City Actions**

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# Co-Develop Actions that Build a Resilient Future

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Co-Develop Actions that Build a Resilient Future Promote Comprehensive Action

# **City Actions**

Develop a shared prioritization tool to better coordinate existing plans and actions among City agencies

Create a **3-year strategic plan** to provide a roadmap for enhancing and elevating our efforts in a collaborative way

#### Flood Resilience Priority Action Areas for 2022-2025



PREVENTION Prevent the likelihood of a high-impact event



PREPAREDNESS Proactively address the potential consequences of a high-impact event

Evaluate the feasibility and implications of household relocation strategies

Lay out a delivery plan for US Army Corp Eastwick study recommendations

Examine complementary infrastructure needs

Promote a community early-warning system for floods

Increase and sustain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program

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Develop a proactive recovery plan



RECOVERY

Protect resident well-being in the aftermath of a high-impact event

Invest in systems to obtain resources to support community recovery quickly from major events

Provide access to training in disaster preparedness and response

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# Build Partnerships for Transformation

# **City Actions**

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Convene public and private sector stakeholders to **tap into diverse funding streams** 

# Secure Funding for Implementation

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# Townhall Conversation

# How do we get started

#### What Can You Expect in the Next 90 Days

- Onboard Eastwick community navigator
- Kickoff next phase of modeling to fill data gaps
- Outline an implementation funding strategy

- Distribute capacity-building funds to support collaboration and engagement
- Begin outreach for steering committee membership

