Eastwick: From Recovery to Resilience

Quarterly Meeting - March 7, 2023

City of Philadelphia

Zoom Functions

Please note: This meeting will be recorded

To ask questions:



Use the **chat** function to ask questions at anytime



If you prefer to remain anonymous:





Use the **raise hand** function to ask verbally



Change your name by clicking **participants**, and then clicking **more** next to your name OR clicking the **three dots** next to your name and selecting the 'change name' function from the drop-down menu



Click the **unmute** function to speak when called upon



Ask questions anonymously by submitting them through the **direct message** option at the bottom of the chat window to "*Questions - chat*".

Agenda

Introduction & Recap
Funding Update and Opportunities
Community Updates: Transportation, Energy, and other Quality of Life
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BREAK Flood Resilience Updates: Early Warning, Nature-based Solutions, FEMA flood map tool, and USACE levee feasibility study



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Eastwick: From Recovery to Resilience

Eastwick: from Recovery to Resilience is a multi-agency initiative coordinated by the Office of Sustainability and the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability.

It aims to align City, State and Federal efforts to improve community well-being in Eastwick through actions informed by Eastwick's history, present context and residents' vision for a resilient future.

What Are the Steps To Reach Our Goal

Strengthen Partnership and Collaboration

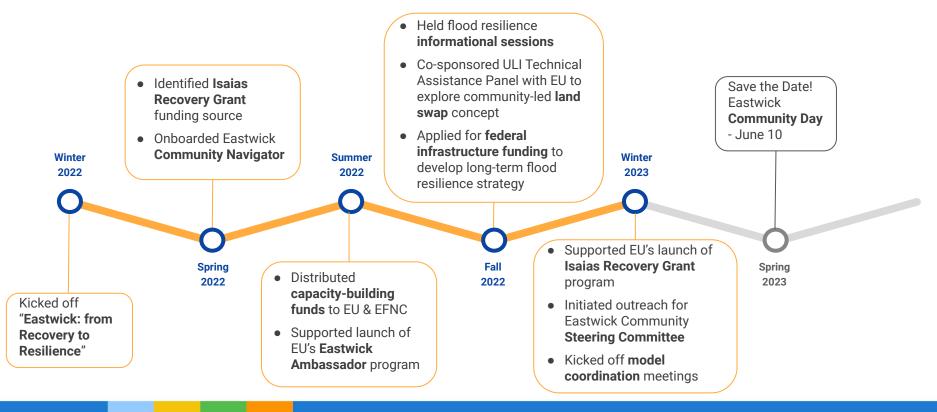
Deliver and Sustain Transformation Initiatives

Eastwick: from Recovery to Resilience

Create a Shared Understanding of the Issues

Co-Develop Actions that Build a Resilient Future

Since we kicked off this effort:



Funding Update and Opportunities

Federal Funding Opportunities

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Focus on transportation and climate resilience.

OOS submitted an application to **BRIC** program (FEMA) in Nov 2022 to develop a long-term flood resilience strategy with Eastwick leaders and residents. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Focus on energy reduction, clean energy and electric vehicles.

OOS submitting an application to **Environmental Justice Government-to-Government** program (EPA) for capacity building in Eastwick and strengthening EJ citywide. Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Recovery and mitigation funding allocated post disaster.

City kicking off an **Action Plan** process to allocate funding received from HUD. Eastwick will be considered for funding set aside for disaster mitigation.

Funding and support secured

	Funding Source	Total Amount	Use
Recovery & Preparedness	General Operating Fund	\$200,000	Complete Recovery from Isaias
Community +	Operations Transformation Fund	\$100,000	Build internal capacity in the City
City Capacity Building	William Penn Foundation	\$100,000	Community capacity building
	Justice 40 Capacity Building Fund	\$30,000	Community Empowerment
Secure Funding	FEMA Technical Assistance	In-kind	Technical Assistance for State and Federal Grants
for long-term Flood Resilience	ULI Technical Assistance Panel	In-kind	Technical Assistance for Landwap Proposal
	Operations Transformation Fund, William Penn Foundation	\$97,000, \$120,000	Consultant support for preparing federal grant application and modeling needs

Isaias Recovery Grant Program

- Small home repair grants for homes damaged by Tropical Storm Isaias
- Grants up to \$7,500 for repairs
- Accepting applications through March 15, 2023
- Contact eufloodrecovery@gmail.com for more information



Financial assistance available for homeowners impacted by Tropical storm Isaias, August 2020

Program Purpose: The EU Flood Recovery Grant Program provides grants up to \$7,500 towards the cost of repairs to owner occupied properties that sustained damage from Tropical Storm Isaias.

Who is Eligible: Homeowners living in the Eastwick and Cobbs Creek sections of Southwest Philadelphia who are unable to make or complete repairs caused by the Isaias flooding event.

Type of Repairs: Carpentry that restores owner-occupied properties to Pre-flood living conditions and, to the greatest extent possible, will result in mitigation of damage from future flooding

If your home was damaged by Isaias in 2020, you may be eligible for a grant to assist in the repair of your home.



Community Updates

Transportation projects update

Current projects in Eastwick:

- Eastwick Trail
- Bartram Ave repaving
- Island Ave Complete Streets & repaving



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Transportation projects update

Bartram Ave

- PennDOT repaving will occur in 2023
- Paving extents: Bartram Avenue (Gov. Printz Blvd – Essington Ave)
- Upgraded bike lanes from Gov. Printz Blvd to 84th St
- Lane reconfiguration from 84th St to Essington Ave



Transportation projects update

Island Avenue & 74th Street

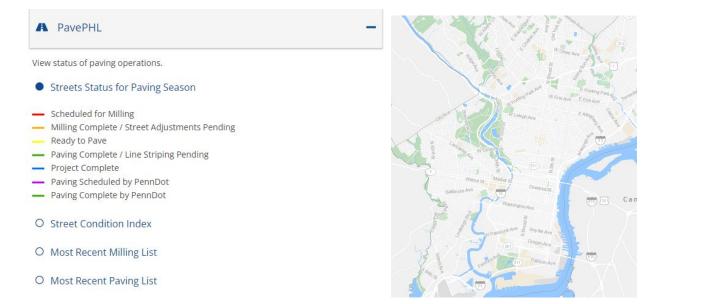
- Project extents: Elmwood Ave to Suffolk Ave
- Streets Dept has awarded contract for construction
- 74th Street will be repaved along with Island Avenue
 - Working on a concept and will share information when we have it and present to community groups



Island Ave concept presented Dec 2019 community meeting

Street Smart PHL

During paving season, visit <u>streetsmartphl.phila.gov</u> for paving updates:





Office of Complete Streets



Questions about Bartrams or Island Ave?

E-mail <u>teresa.saunders@phila.gov</u> or <u>jackie.weidman@phila.gov</u> with questions

Energy Fairs

- March 17th from 2pm-6pm at Dixon House, 1920 S 20th St
- Apply for LIHEAP and other utility assistance programs
- Part of Neighborhood Energy Center Outreach Campaign from City and Energy Coordinating Agency
- Access critical info about the clean energy transition, energy affordability, and unique prizes that will help with bill savings and home comfort!

Mark your calendars! LIHEAPalooza coming to **Kingsessing Rec Center** on **April 15th 1-4pm**



Quality of Life Updates

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Budget Updates

The Mayor has released the budget proposal and five-year plan for FY24 (July 2023-June 2024). Highlights include:

- \$1.8 million toward illegal dumping response
- \$1 million to support the Environmental Justice Advisory Commission and OOS' EJ work (over 5 years)
- A new zero-fare transit program for residents near or below the poverty level
- \$223 million towards making communities safer and reducing violence

Open Forum

Break

Flood Resilience Updates

OEM Early Alert System
Nature Based Solutions
FEMA Flood Map Tool
USACE levee feasibility study
Announcements & Closing

OEM Early Alert System update

Nature Based Solutions

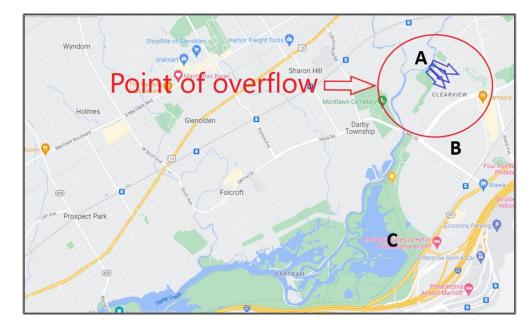
How can Nature Based Solutions Help in Eastwick?

- What we mean when we say Nature based solutions (NSB)?
 - Using natural land features and created features to address problems
 - Community engagement is part of this process



Overflow Point and Nature Based Solutions

- Redirect the energy of the water
- Move the water to storage and transfer locations



Feasibility Study for NSB

- Feasibility Study (Seeking NOAA Funding)
- Funding will allow us to explore NSB with the city and community
- These take time, but can yield positive results

FEMA Flood Map Tool

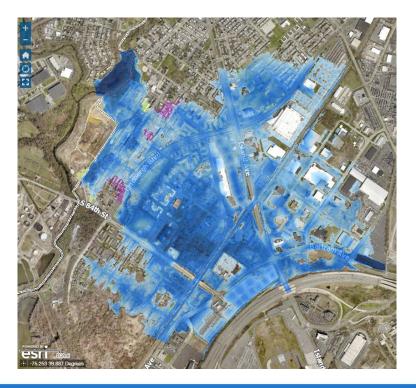
Flood Map Tool

New tool shows how deep water can get in a 1% annual chance flood.

Search by address or click on the map to see the depth.

Use this information to see how high to move furniture, utilities or other items on the ground floor.

https://arcg.is/eastwickfloodmap

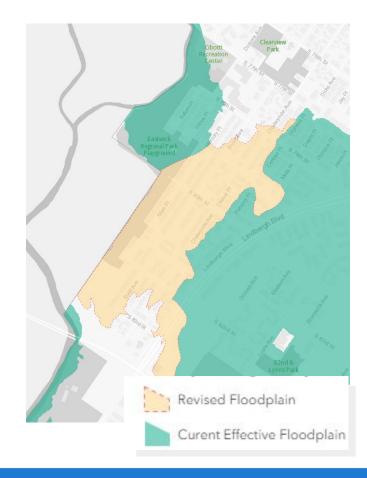


Flood Map Update

This tool is part of an update to the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

Area in yellow is being updated to have more detail (flood depths).

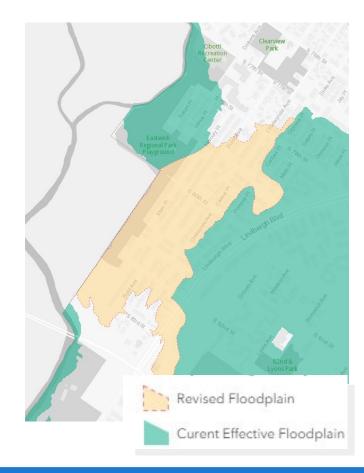
Changes the boundary of the floodplain. Some homes will be added to the floodplain and some removed.



Next Steps & Outreach

- City planning to mail letters to residents in the updated area
- Will conduct individual outreach for homes being added to floodplain
- Anticipate new maps will be effective in August.

Insurance questions? Email <u>eastwick@phila.gov</u> and we will have an insurance specialist call you.



Army Corps Feasibility Study Update

USACE Feasibility Study Update

Status:

- Army Corps has confirmed a **levee** as 'tentatively selected plan'
- Exact levee alignment/height still to be determined
- Army Corps studying potential for induced flooding and potential need for other measures
- **Draft report to be released in Spring/Summer 2023**, Feasibility Report finalized in November 2023

Public Comments:

- After report is released, public will have **60 days to comment**
- **Open house public meeting** will be scheduled during comment period to share info and provide context (Summer 2023)



Announcements and Closing

Community Day

- Saturday June 10th 11am-4pm
- Eastwick Regional Playground

What do you want to see at Community Day?

Email your ideas to eastwick@phila.gov!



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Next Steps

In the next 90 days, you can expect:

- Monthly Library Chat last Monday of the month! 4-6pm
- USACE Levee Feasibility Study Open House
- Door-to-door outreach for
 - OEM Early Alert System
 - FEMA Remapping
- Community Day updates and invitations

Reach us by emailing: eastwick@phila.gov

