

April 18, 2023

Fourth Meeting of the CCV Stormwater Committee

In attendance, either in person or via zoom: Shana Davis-Cook, Ellen Sands, William Atkins, Nick Jacobs, Marea Hatziolos, Peter Kaye, Maggie Marcus, Nina Bang-Jensen, and Marguerite Kingston. Guests: Neil Weinstein, Low Impact Development Center, and Cooper Martin, Rainplan.

1. Discussion of the Survey

So far we have received 60 survey responses, less than 10% of 720 total residents. That said, a few committee members noted that it is still early and with a concerted effort, using multiple communication methods, goal is a 60-70% response rate.

Current communication plan includes:

- 4/17 Hardcopy to be mailed to all residents (Note: CCV Staff asked that Committee members advise when they receive their hardcopy).
- One week later a reminder postcard will be sent.
- Article reminder in the April Crier.
- Reminders in Weekly Email Blast.

2. Committee Efforts to Boost Response Rate

To-Date

- Posts to Listserve
- 1:1 conversation with neighbors, either door-to-door or while walking dog
- Bus stop outreach (Center and Kirkside stop was noted)

Additional Ideas to Boost Response Rate

- Share with neighborhood Book Club and CCV Committees
- Email all you know on your street
- CCV staff to print extra survey copies and forward PDF as well to Committee to share
- CCV staff to continue to include in Weekly Blasts
- Mention at upcoming Rainscapes program meeting on 4/19

3. Potential Resource to Handle Survey Analysis and Report

Neil Weinstein, Executive Director of vendor prospect Low Impact Development Center (<https://lowimpactdevelopment.org/>) presented and took questions from the Committee. His team did analysis for Somerset's stormwater needs assessment. They have 10-11 employees and work with governments and neighborhoods. Mr. Weinstein noted several things:

- Priority of the survey analysis by LIDC is to identify the hot spots within a community; Create Hot Maps of issue areas plotted on GIS topographical maps
- Range of potential recommendations from LIDC:
 - Public Infrastructure:: e.g., street slope, drain inlets (things that would go into Village budget)

- Private: Interventions by individuals or groups of neighbors
- Maintenance Guidelines and/or Inspection Requirements: e.g., Drywell maintenance and inspection every X years.
- Policy/Building Ordinance: e.g., permitting guidelines for % property that is pervious vs. impervious and other regulatory measures
- Shana noted that currently CCV is not staffed to be able to handle inspections, though could try to add staff or contract services
- Suggestions made by Committee members:
 - Current year budget windfall could be earmarked for use on Stormwater Projects recommended from survey analysis.
 - Consider incentives to homeowners to share project costs that reduce rainwater impact with green solutions (e.g., 50/50 cost share)
- NEXT STEPS:
 - LIDC to develop proposal with scope of work options within the next 2 weeks and share with Shana
 - Shana to compare proposed cost vs. budget
 - Village staff will mail reminder cards to every household approximately one week after committee members confirm the surveys arrived by mail

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Meeting of the CCV Stormwater Committee were approved.

5. Other Business

Bill commented that he would like the May 5, 2023 deadline for the survey to remain firm.