Negley Run Watershed Task Force Meeting

Date: October 23rd, 2025

Agenda Items

- Updates
  - ACW Update on illegal dumping and litter removal - Erica Pasquali
    - Remaining tires that need to be removed from Standard Avenue site are in the water
      - Link to photos from event
    - Looking for volunteers for tire pull cleanup on 10/25!
    - Report illegal dumping sites
    - For more information or to get involved reach out to erica@alleghenycleanways.org
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  - Update on East End Collaborative - Jo Anne Tippett
    - EEC Town Hall Q&A session between community members and elected officials about abandoned housing management in the area
      - Focused on Demolition vs reconstruction
    - The next EEC Town Hall meeting will be in April 2026, potentially sooner.
    - For more information or to get involved reach out to joanne@upstreampgh.org
  - Update on Public Safety Campus Master Planning - Aaron Birdy

Thank you to the Kingsley Association for having us!

        - June 2026 wrapup for project plan
        - Community input requested asap regarding opportunities to improve public safety facilities, accessibility and connectivity to green space, etc.
        - Jo Anne says Community organizations will be contacted for input soon
    - PGH2O Highland Reservoir Tree Removal Update - Aaron Birdy
        - In order to make the 2 reservoirs safe for drinking water, PWSA will have to remove trees surrounding reservoir due to structural stressors or stormwater concerns
        - DEP is the one requiring these tree removals around the reservoirs
        - replacements will be planted to mitigate tree loss from this project, estimated 500 replacement trees
        - Note: opportunity to get Landforce involved for use of wood cuttings
        - Concerns about stormwater management/ecosystem benefit loss with removal of established and extensive root systems from the existing trees, new trees won't be able to have as much impact; request for discussion at Highland Park Community Council (HCCP
        - There are online calculators to quantify the amount of water these established trees mitigate, good idea to get this hard data and more info
- Events
    - Allegheny Cleanways - Large Group Cleanup Homewood 10/25/25 from 9am to noon
    - Student Conservation Association - Liberty Green SCA Tree Care Day 10/25/25 from 9:30am to 1pm
    - Tree Pittsburgh - Tree Planting at Homewood Field - 11/15/25 from 9:30am to 1:30pm
- Presentations
    - First Waves of Negley Run - The Watersmith Guild
        - https://www.watersmithguild.org/negleyrun
        - Goal of inspiring watershed conservation through arts and local adventure programming working to bring accessible environmental opportunities to kids in the East End area
        - Film to showcase the voices of the youth in the area

        - Native mussels surveys and microplastics analysis upstream and downstream in the watershed; opportunities for seed learning and tree planting
        - Project culminates with films made by the kids storytelling their experiences
        - Program ran July 2025, 3-day sessions
    - Lincoln-Lemington Greenway Concepts - CMU Capstone Senior Engineering Students
        - Penn Dot program to get the Lincoln-Lemington roadway classified as a Scenic Byway, opens opportunities for historic preservation, federal funding, etc
        - Students were looking at opportunities for trails, urban farming, stormwater management, traffic calming practices, connectivity and valley use
- Poster Session!