



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Dredging of Delaware and Raritan Canal**  
**New Jersey Water Supply Authority**  
**Public Officials' Briefing**  
**Borough of Rocky Hill**  
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**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

To open dialog between the Borough of Rocky Hill and the NJWSA project team, Urban Dredging Consultants, concerning the proposed dredging of the D&R Canal.

**DISCUSSION**

Carol Beske thanked the Mayor of the Borough of Rocky Hill for meeting with the team and explained the purpose of the introductory meeting for the dredging of the D&R Canal from Route 27 in Kingston to Amwell Road in Franklin Township.

Bob DeLorenzo identified the consulting firms that make up the joint venture project team, Urban Dredging Consultants, JV. He noted the project objective is to remove an estimated 250,000 cubic yards of sediment from the Canal in an environmentally protective manner to increase flow capacity.

The following information was reviewed:

- Technical approach – considering cultural and recreational significance, source of water, and visibility.
- Scope of Work - Landside and bathymetric survey, sediment sampling and characterization, staging areas, dredging and dewatering, disposal options, and environmental issues.
- Schedule - Evaluation of dredging methodologies by December 2010, design by July 2011, funding November 2012, with construction estimated to span two construction seasons, depending on weather.

Carol Beske explained the public outreach program to be conducted during the design project to develop a dredging plan that is acceptable to the stakeholders. Components of the program include:

- Outreach to state, county and municipal officials, and local businesses and residents.
- Conducting three public officials' briefings and three public participation meetings with stakeholders.
- Providing information on the project on NJWSA website with links to municipal website.

## CONCERNS

Issues/comments raised by Borough of Rocky Hill public officials to be addressed during the project include:

- Will project help road flooding?
- Why is the dredging necessary? The Mayor was not aware that the canal was a source of potable water.
- Truck traffic through Rocky Hill on 518 is a concern.
- Where will dredge material go? The project team noted that sediment analysis will determine site.
- Mayor Zimmerman indicated that if the dredged material is clean, Rocky Hill Park could possibly be a beneficial reuse site.
- Concern expressed regarding hours dredging will be performed. Specifically requested no night work.
- Rocky Hill Rescue Squad responds to emergencies on the tow path from Route 27 to Griggstown Causeway. Gates leading to tow path for rescues cannot be blocked. If tow path is blocked at any time, they need to be notified.
- Planning Board should be included on stakeholders list
- Courtney White, Rocky Hill community group, should be added to stakeholders' list.
- Information on Canal dredging and public meetings can be posted at the Post Office, library and Rocky Hill website.
- New Jersey State Police and South Bound Brook (50 hours) responsible for Rocky Hill public safety.
- Other stakeholders groups that may be interested are the Planning Board and Rocky Hill Community Group – contact Courtney White.