



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Dredging of Delaware and Raritan Canal**  
**New Jersey Water Supply Authority**  
**Public Officials' Briefing**  
**Township of Hillsborough**  
**July 21, 2010**

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**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

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

**DISCUSSION**

Carol Beske thanked Hillsborough Township personnel 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 the Township of Hillsborough public officials to be addressed during the project include:

- Hillsborough has no land directly adjacent to the canal, but truck traffic will impact the town.
- Where will dredge materials be transported, and what is the proposed truck route?
- Hillsborough has a local ordinance that requires documentation for transporting soil that will require proper approvals. (If there is no land on Canal, this ordinance should not be a factor.)
- There is a landscaping company in Hillsborough that buys dredge material.
- The only road closures anticipated will be for a brief time when moving the dredge otherwise no road closures are anticipated. Hillsborough does not want road closures during rush hour.
- Hillsborough will announce the public meetings at their township meetings and post a link to the NJWSA website and post notices for the public meetings on their cable television site.
- The Town has a Township-wide email alert and will send notices for Public Hearings and meetings.
- Hillsborough offered their facilities for any public meetings concerning the dredging project.