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Subject: Tacony Creek Park Stream Trash

Dear Deputy Mayor DiBernadinis and Commissioner Neukrug:

I am writing you to inform you of about a serious stream trash problem in Tacony Creek Park (TCP) , just upstream of Roosevelt Blvd and ask for your help in bringing together City staff and Watershed Partners to discuss the issue.

As a new board member of the Tookany â€œ Tacony â€œ Frankford (TTF) Watershed Partnership, I participated in a walking tour of the Park on August 1, 2012. I have made a short YouTube video of the tour which you can view at this [link](#).

Here are several photographs of Upper TCP stream trash that I have taken in the past month to give you a sense for the problem in this 2 â€œ 3 acre section of TCP.











Based on several follow-up visits, I have concluded that the trash buildup at this point in the Upper TCP is caused by deposition of stream trash in the shallow floodplain just upstream of the City's T8 CSO. This shallow floodplain unfortunately serves as an excellent stream trash capture point.

At the Sept. 24th TTF Watershed Partnership, I briefed the Board on my concerns and proposed that TTF and several City agencies form a task force to see if we can collaboratively determine the source of the stream trash and identify steps that can be taken to address the problem. My impression of the Board discussion was that: 1) there is concern about the issue, 2) it makes sense to discuss the potential task force with PPR and PWD and 3) we need more information and discussion before we form a task force.

As a preliminary step, I wonder if PWD and PPR would be willing to participate in a Upper TCP Stream Trash workshop where a few knowledgeable City staff and Watershed partners could discuss what we currently know about the sources and quantities of Upper Tacony Creek Park stream trash, planned actions to address the sources and suggestions for what additional steps may be helpful to address the issue. If appropriate, the formation of a Upper TCP Stream Trash Task Force could be one of the additional steps.

This workshop would be a chance for City staff and Watershed partners to share information and develop a collective understanding of the Upper TCP stream trash problem. Hopefully all participants will benefit from the information sharing so that we all have a clearer picture of the causes and magnitude of the street litter “ stream trash “ TCP stream trash graveyard first hand.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this in more detail and/or participate in a site visit where we can view the street litter “ stream trash “ TCP stream trash graveyard first hand.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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