



# 2022-2023 RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Meeting No. 5: November 17, 2022

## Meeting Attendees:

RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Steven App	Karen Pallansch
Mace Carpenter	Justin Carl
Erik Olson	Jean-Marc Wehrli
Morgan Babcock	Caitlin Feehan
Mark McNutt	Nicole Bushnell
Liz Birnbaum	Sonya Farrell
Dan Bradfield	
Yvonne Callahan	

The meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

## The highlights of the presentation included:

- A report from each SAG member on community feedback received since the last meeting
- An update on RiverRenew Tunnel Project construction progress and six-month look ahead
- An update on RiverRenew community outreach initiatives

## The following is a summary of the questions asked by the SAG members and the answers provided by the RiverRenew team:

### ***Erik Olson asked what the test results were from the soil removed at Outfall 001.***

Justin Carl, RiverRenew Program Manager, explained that soil tests indicated lead, which was removed and remediated.

### ***Mr. Olson asked why piles at the Pendleton Street Site will be installed using an impact hammer instead of being vibrated into the ground.***

Mr. Carl explained that more force is required to embed the piles into the Potomac Clay, necessitating the use of the impact hammer.

### ***Mace Carpenter asked about the length of the piles at the Pendleton Street Site.***

Mr. Carl stated that the piles may be up to 100 feet long.

### ***Yvonne Callahan asked if only one pile would be driven at a time or if multiple rigs would be used to drill piles simultaneously.***

Mr. Carl explained that, due to the size of the site, one pile would be driven at a time, by a singular rig.

### ***Steven App asked how many piles will be driven each day.***

Jean-Marc Wehrli, RiverRenew Project Manager, answered that he anticipates that one to two piles will be placed each day of operation.

***Ms. Callahan suggested installing a sign indicating the project's progress.***

Mr. Carl indicated that a message board would be installed to communicate progress.

***Dan Bradfield asked, regarding the work being done at African American Heritage Park, if there was concern about adversely affecting any monuments in the cemetery.***

Mr. Carl explained that the work being done is over 140 feet away from the cemetery within previously disturbed areas and should not impact any structures there.

***Morgan Babcock asked if Jamieson Avenue would be paved before it reopens in spring 2023.***

Mr. Carl confirmed that Jamieson Avenue will be repaved.

***Mr. Carpenter asked how fast the RiverRenew Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) mines.***

Mr. Carl explained that it is currently mining approximately 2 feet each day on average, though they anticipate that it will accelerate.

***Mr. Olson asked what type of soil the TBM will mine through.***

Mr. Wehrli answered that the TBM will largely mine through Potomac clay.

***Mr. Bradfield asked if preconstruction surveys were still being conducted along Church Street.***

Mr. Carl explained that the surveying was complete following responses from 31 of 36 households.

***Mr. Olson asked how AlexRenew plans to notify residents about pile driving activity.***

Mr. Carl explained that AlexRenew will conduct an outreach campaign, including social media posts, website updates, alert emails, signs, and flyer distribution to homes, businesses, and apartment/condominium buildings in affected areas.

***Ms. Callahan asked if pile driving could cause property damage.***

Mr. Carl answered that seismographs are in place to monitor ground movement until work is complete, and AlexRenew does not anticipate this activity will cause any property damage.

**No comments or questions were submitted during the Public Comment period.**

**Other discussion points:**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
- The next meeting of the 2022-2023 Stakeholder Advisory Group will take place on January 18, 2023.