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GLWA's Proposed Freud St. Project - CPC Public Hearing - Jan. 16



The **City Planning Commission (CPC)** is considering GLWA's application for **re-zoning** of the property necessary for the Proposed Freud St. Pump Station. CPC extended the **Public Hearing to Thursday, January 16**. This is an important milestone for the project and one of the few remaining opportunities for residents to express their concerns about the project.

Financed by Michigan EGLE's State Revolving Fund (SRF), the **\$138M**, 5-story, one acre industrial project has gained approval to relocate Freud Street and GLWA is requested an **R-5** zoning. CPC staff has also suggested the consideration of a **Planned Development (PD)** classification. Each come with additional review requirements.

And, while GLWA has been hosting community meetings at **East Lake Baptist Church, 12400 E. Jefferson** and more are scheduled (March 19, May 21 and Sept. 17 at 5:30 pm), the focus of the meetings have been on the design and materials of the proposed building's exterior. However, as reported earlier, many questions remain.



Scan the QR Code to oppose GLWA's Freud Street LOCATION.

GLWA's Proposed Freud St. Project

- Discussion and Planning for CPC Hearing
- *Light Refreshments will be served*

Community Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6-8 pm
704 Algonquin



- What were GLWA's other options and were they fully explored?
- What previous or current plans should be examined when considering this proposal?
- What are the adverse effects of this industrial encroachment into this fragile, small scale residential neighborhood?
- Why is GLWA proposing a R-5 zoning versus an industrial classification more consistent with the proposed use and what precedent does this set?
- What is the impact of the large amount of traffic being re-routed onto small residential streets during construction?

To learn more about the project, see the CPC Staff report, links to GLWA's Project page and a review of the project, visit [The WATER Project](#) website.

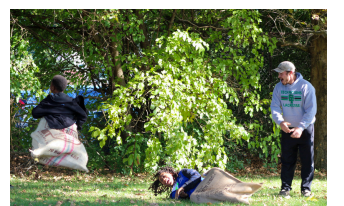
Join us to discuss the project and organize for the CPC Hearing on **Wednesday, January 15, 6-8 pm at 704 Algonquin**

Contact CPC and **SHARE** your comments with CPC at cpc@detroitmi.gov or call [313.224.6225](tel:313.224.6225)



Cider Social Success for the 10th Year!!

Sunshine, pumpkins, hot cider, donuts and lots of smiles were on tap at Maheras/Gentry Park as the **10th Annual Cider Social** closed out the fall on October 19. By all accounts - the event was considered a **HUGE** success. While guests enjoyed refreshments and pumpkins got paint, the gunny sack race and lacrosse competition was a sight to see as Mike Reed helped others enjoy the nature all around. Special thanks to him and Liam McIlroy for helping organize the fun.



Cider cont'd Resident Claire Amin led the committee with support from Rev. Michelle Baylor, Myrtle Thompson, John Myers, Siobhan Gregory, Robbie Pharr and Anthony Thomas. Thank you!

Event **SPONSORS** included: Green Living Science, WSU Government Affairs, Back Alley Bikes, Detroit Sails, Detroit Future City, Downtown Detroit Partnership, DTE Energy, Change is the Pointe, Immanuel Grace AME, Comm. Killeen, Spkr. Tate, CW Johnson, Sen. Chang, Sanctuary Farms, Coriander, Freedom Freedom, Jeff-Chalmers Farmers Market and several area residents.



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The **Detroit Climate Collective** - which includes **Feedoom Freedom, Sons Empowered to Succeed** and **The WATER Project** - came together in their shared vision, with partners from the **University of Michigan**, to design community-driven projects addressing flooding, air quality, and access to food and energy in our community.

Projects in the **\$20M proposal** include green infrastructure, like rain gardens and bioswales, shoreline improvements, tree planting and air quality monitoring, solar power, microgrid installations, and workforce development to create green jobs.

The Collective's app also proposes

Hugh Grannum's Story Recorded

Hugh Grannum - a Jefferson Chalmers local - best known for his work at the **Detroit Free Press**, was a renowned and award winning photographer. Originally from Brooklyn, he was passionate about his work and his adopted home. His unique eye for detail showed the struggles and successes of Detroit in their true nature.



The **Hugh Grannum's StoryMap** will join the work of Michigan Tech students highlighting African American history in our community. Join us in celebrating his work and life - check out **The WATER Project** website.

Area Leaders Featured



Rev. Michelle Baylor, Immanuel Grace AME, **Jay C. Juergensen**, and the Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project were recently featured in media coverage of the community. See the **PBS/Great Lakes Now** and **Detroit Free Press** stories through links on **The WATER Project** website.

**GLWA/Corps Invite
Community Input**

Southeast Michigan has experienced repeated, widespread flooding for decades and has received five federal disaster declarations due to flooding since 2000. To address this challenge, the **US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)** and **GLWA** are partnering on a regional flood risk management study.

USACE and GLWA kicked off the study in July and, after hosting a three-day workshop in September, held several workshops across the region, including a December 2 event in Jefferson-Chalmers.

The **study team** are **inviting the public to participate** in quarterly, virtual public meetings that have yet to be scheduled. To learn more about the study,

Visit:

www.lrd.usace.army.mil/semifloodstudy/.

Sign-Up at:

<https://touchpoints.app.cloud.gov/touchpoints/2037fb6a/submit>, or Send comments to: SEMIFloodStudy@usace.army.mil

Important Dates

WATER Project Meeting
Jan. 15

GLWA Freud St - CPC Public Hearing
Jan. 16

Jefferson-Chalmers Farmer's Market
www.jcfm48215.org
2nd and 4th Sunday
June 22 - October 12
869 Emerson (**New Location!**)

The **Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project** is working to find resilient and sustainable solutions to water resource and climate challenges in our community as we seek to create a vibrant place where people live, work, play, recreate and find refuge.

Thanks to this Issue's Contributors: Susan Rusanowski - USACE, Melissa Duhaime - U of M, Aidan Johnson - Michigan Tech, Clair Amin - Jefferson-Chalmers Resident

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