



CAB MEETING #2 SUMMARY

The Wetlands Regulation Phase III Community Advisory Board (CAB) held its second meeting on Wednesday, September 29.

The meeting began with introductions from the City staff, the consultant team, and the CAB members, including an icebreaker question and revisiting the group discussion norms.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The community outreach section of the meeting began by reviewing the outreach discussion questions and answers from the first CAB meeting to see if any CAB members had thought of anything they wanted to add.

Next, City staff showed the CAB members several images of draft public outreach materials, including a flyer and a social media post. Staff also showed the CAB members a draft survey designed to gather public opinion on wetlands and environmental justice to inform future work to draft regulations.

Staff asked CAB members for feedback on these materials and posed questions such as:

- Does this flyer capture your attention?
- Do you know what the topic is?
- Do you know what the call to action is?
- Would you be compelled to look into the survey?

Staff received helpful feedback on these draft outreach materials and intends to incorporate some of the feedback before sending finalized materials to CAB members to begin outreach.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The purpose of this section of the meeting was to initiate a conversation around environmental justice in the context of Massachusetts and Boston. City staff intend to continue the discussion started at this meeting during other CAB meetings and in a wider stakeholder engagement process. Although City staff intends to incorporate information gained from these sessions into future wetlands regulations promulgated under the Boston Wetlands Ordinance, the definitions of environmental justice and other materials discussed at this meeting, taken from other states and municipalities, are only intended to provide context and place this conversation within the larger, national conversation about



environmental justice. The inclusion of any definitions or potential measures are not being proposed by the City and should not be seen as an endorsement or an adoption of any of these definitions by the City.

City staff began the environmental justice discussion by encouraging CAB members to share their thoughts after reading sections of the Mayor's Office of Resilience and Racial Equity's *Resilient Boston* report.

The consultant team shared some background information on regulatory definitions of environmental justice and environmental justice communities in Massachusetts and across the United States.

City staff and the consultant team then facilitated discussion on the information presented, asking CAB members to share their reactions to the definitions presented and about environmental justice in Boston more broadly.

MEETING WRAP UP

Many CAB members expressed wanting to continue the discussion on environmental justice at another meeting. City staff agreed to look into holding a fourth CAB meeting to focus specifically on this issue in more depth.

City staff asked CAB members to stay tuned for updated outreach materials and guidance on getting started with outreach.