

Event: WaterTalks Greater Athens / Westmont

IRWM Region	Greater LA County	Date and Time	7/15/2021 7:30:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Watts Clean Air and Energy Committee	Location	Virtual meeting for multiple communities
Event Facilitator Contact	Jacquelyn Badejo	Community Attendance	45
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Description:

The title was "Learn How to be a Water Protector--Water Talks- Westmont, Greater Athens" and the Zoom link was: bit.ly/WaterWestmontAthens

Questions / Comments:

Communities of Greater Athens-Greater Willowbrook and Hyde/Harvard Park-Vermont Square for Westmount discussed and showed interest in flood zones, stormwater capture, workforce development, residential and commercial solutions, and capital projects they would like to see implemented as well as an interest in learning and participating more in the Measure W Process. There was a great interest in the determination of safe and clean drinking water and the health effects due to water insecurities that stem from the experiences of brown and pungent water. There was an interest in learning more from the water agencies about program and opportunities for residents and commercial businesses. Also, walkable street and permeable surfaces, and school and new housing development mandates and projects was an interest. Storm water capture and grey waters projects were an interest especially from residents with home gardens. The group would like to have follow-ups after the survey and plan what is best for them as a community. Also interested in block-by-block group projects. They would like to learn more as they feel left out of the process at times until it's too late and want to prevent past experiences from reoccurring