

## Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Soil Study Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 Meeting Notes

**In attendance:** Dr. Joe Gardella (JG-UB), Dr. Tammy Milillo (TM-UB), Jackie James-Creedon (JJC-CSCR, Kenmore Resident), Katie Little (KL-UB, CSCR), Sue Mazur (SM, ToT Resident), Anne Bazinet (AB-ToT Resident), Maria Tisby (MT, ToT Resident), Elizabeth Lee (EL-UB, CSCR), Matthew Falcone (MF-UB, CSCR)

**Absent:** Dr. Josh Wallace (JW-UB), Dr. Mike Milligan (MM-SUNY Fredonia), Jay Farqueson (JF, Grand Island resident),

(JJC) Asked for updates regarding the progress of Katie and Student team.  
Here is where we are as of 7/21/17

- Number of residents interested in having soil sampled: **300**
- Number of permission to enter property forms collected for next wave of sampling. (residents and businesses): **53**
- Number of dedicated volunteers: **~15**. (many others have expressed interest and have some availability)
- Number of reports that have been delivered to first 30 participants: **25**
- Number of secondary consent forms allowing research team to use data: **5**

(AB) Suggested collecting the secondary permission form at the door when the reports are delivered.

(JG) That would not be in the spirit of the study and would not truly be informed consent.

(JJC) Suggested changing the time for the community meeting on 7/26.

(KL) Emails and calls have already been sent to first 30 participants.

(JG) The agenda for the meeting will be:

- 6-7:30 Individual meetings with the first 30 participants
- 7:30-8 General questions in a small group with the first 30 participants
- 8-8:30 General questions to all interested residents

At the meeting there will be 2 stations where Joe can privately talk to residents and an additional 3-4 stations where other members of the research team can talk to residents. Joe will sort so that residents with more concerning hits will talk with him and those with fewer can talk to others on the research team.

(JJC) Suggested changing the secondary consent form so that they could check a box that said they did not want to have their results included in the soil study.

(JG) That consent format is not approved by the IRB.

(SM) Suggested that the consent form should be mentioned in the cover letter

(MT) Inquired if there is bias in sampling – Who gets picked to have their soil sampled?

(KL) We will be collecting around 300 samples in phase 1 of the soil study. Sample locations are chosen strategically, based on the research team's modeling software, so that we can get a broad understanding of where contaminants may have been distributed throughout our community. The research team doesn't need to test every yard to get an understanding of how our community has been affected, their modeling software can fill in the gaps between sampling locations. The samples that we take will come from houses that are closest to the strategically chosen sampling grid. We will also have a second round of testing in the summer of 2018 where we will investigate areas where contamination is elevated. Everyone is invited to community meetings where the results will be discussed. If, after having come to the meeting, residents are still concerned about their soil we will provide information about how they can have their soil tested independently of the soil study.

(AB) Suggested that we should discuss the results with residents when the packets are delivered and collect the secondary consent forms at that time

(JJC) Suggested asking residents what they thought of the report to get feedback and improve for next sampling effort.

(JG) We will be ready to take samples from residential properties in August and sampling at commercial properties can continue into the fall.

**Next meeting Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
3200 Elmwood, Room 210, 6pm**