

Bringing the Flood / Water Resilience conversation to a group:

Use our guide here to make this a community conversation. Talk to your friends, neighbors, church group, neighbors association, book club, parents group...

First, set the tone and context. Why do you think this conversation is important?

Optional: introductions

Next, share GreenTreks' videos, pause between for discussions. Access them at vimeo.com/channels/floodready

1) Why Germantown Floods (4:36)

- Ask if anyone has had experience with flood damage
- Ask if folks have a lot of flooding on their street
- Ask what areas flood the worst, consider mapping this out
- Encourage people to share their story!

2) Demystifying Flood Insurance (3:19)

- Ask who has flood insurance and what it covers

3) A Block Captain's Advice (1:02)

4) Be Prepared for Floods (2:33)

- Ask if anyone knows their Block Captain
- Suggest that we can all be resources and leaders for our blocks, Block Captain title or not
- Start a brainstorm about the tools, resources, supplies, and skills that are useful to respond to or prevent flooding. Does anyone have these resources? (for example: a pump, ability to lift heavy items)
- For example, what would be needed in order to help an elderly neighbor prevent flood damage in their home? Or what if a neighbor tried to drive through a flooded area?

If you want to go beyond flooding... Invite folks to talk about what happened in March 2023 when there was a chemical spill in the Delaware River and we didn't know if the water was safe to drink.

- What was that like? What did you do at that time?
- What would you do differently next time? How could you be more prepared?

Invite folks to brainstorm more:

- What can be done to prepare on a household, block, and neighborhood level for any possible future issue with the water supply?
- How do we make ourselves prepared for that?

Consider agreeing on some action steps individually or collectively, inspired by the conversation. Establish ways to follow up and stay connected with each other.

Video 1- [Why Germantown Floods](#):

The Introduction to GreenTrek's Flood Ready Germantown campaign looks at the different types of flooding and what makes the community of Germantown unique. Experts and community members discuss how intense rainstorms can cause hyper-local flooding and some of the ways community members can stay informed and be better prepared.

Video 2- [Be Prepared for Floods](#):

introduces locals who have experienced flooding in Germantown and offers hard earned advice on the precautions other residents can take to minimize damage to their properties, neighborhoods, and community health in advance of future flooding events.

Video 3- [Demystifying Flood Insurance](#):

takes a no nonsense look at the risks and rewards associated with flood insurance and provides practical advice on making an informed decision on whether flood insurance is right for you. Spoiler alert: Anyone in Germantown is eligible for flood insurance!

Video 4- [A Block Captain's Advice](#):

provides a quick reminder that networks of neighbors are often the best source of information and that staying connected with your Block Captain helps everyone in the community.