



**AIR WORKING GROUP
2021 ACTION PLAN**

GOAL				
To improve the overall air quality in Camden through upstream level policy-making, research, and infrastructure improvements.				
BENCHMARKS FOR SUCCESS				
Increase residents awareness of WARN DEP tool and utilize it when necessary; Decreasing trends for air quality (air quality index and air quality monitoring station); Increasing the amount of local air quality data sources				
EVALUATION PLAN				
Track # of participants for community meetings; Track # or policies/ordinances revised/created; Track # of inlets adopted, track air quality index (annual increase/decrease); # of submission to WARN DEP for air quality complaint; track air quality monitoring station results				
EDUCATION AREAS				
How to use WARN DEP hotline, Philadelphia electric bus route PILOT project; Walter Rand Transportation Center upgrade project; NJDOT bus electrification project; increasing engagement on environmental commissions (ANJEC?); EPA Air Now site-how it works				
STRATEGIC ACTION/DESCRIPTION	RESOURCES REQUIRED	POTENTIAL CHALLENGES	DESIRED OUTCOME	PROGRESS
Environmental Justice: Provide input/feedback on development of NJDEP Environmental Justice rules.	NJDEP assistance and information on process	NJDEP schedule for rulemaking	New EJ rules provide protections for further environmental damage in Camden.	<i>Done! Many CCI members took part in the EJ rule making process (recordings at link below) https://www.nj.gov/dep/ej/policy.html#ejlaw</i>
Environmental Justice: Investigate possibility of re-establishing environmental commission	Existing Environmental Commission resolution	Political will: identification of commissioners	Camden re-establishes Environmental Commission and joins Association of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)	<i>Not done. What is needed: "a municipality can pass an ordinance to establish an environmental commission. Composed of five to seven residents who serve as volunteers."</i>
Traffic Management: Provide input/feedback on air quality considerations for planned road/streetscape improvement projects	Info on projects underway.	Keeping abreast of numerous projects underway by multiple agencies and organizations.	Future infrastructure projects provide net positive environmental air impacts.	<i>In Progress. CCI Members are working to shape streetscape projects, transforming Camden's roads into ones which will facilitate sustainable movement of cars and people</i>

Traffic Management: Support efforts to identify, create (if required), and enforce truck routes	Existing truck routes ordinances; existing prosecution methods for truck routes; identify problem truck route areas.	Truck route research; City & County owned roads; Camden County PD prioritates for enforcement	City adopts/strengthens truck route ordinance to protect Camden neighborhoods; County adopts/strengthens truck route ordinance to protect Camden neighborhoods	<i>In Progress. CCI Members are working to shape the Port Roads project in Waterfront South which will have sway in how roads are oriented there. The CCI needs to brainstorm ideas for how to handle truck routes in N. Camden.</i>
Air Quality: Advocate for vehicle electrification, especially buses.		Resources for electrification.		<i>n/a. Awaiting renovation the Newton Avenue Bus Garage with electric vehicle charging stations and other associated infrastructure modifications</i>
Air Quality: Provide expertise, when available, to assist residents with understanding plans, permits, etc. that impact air quality	DEP Air Program assistance	Keeping abreast of all pending projects/permits	Residents are informed to fully participate in decision-making for projects that impact air quality.	<i>Ongoing: CCI held and facilitated community meetings to help residents understand air quality in Camden</i>
Air Quality: Increase protections that preserve natural resources.				<i>Not done. Need to work out specs.</i>
Air Quality: Support neighborhood tree planting to reduce urban heat island effect.	Marketing partnerships.		CCI members host, participate and market tree planting events for residents.	<i>Ongoing: NJ Tree Foundation is constantly working to plant more trees. CCP applied for funding for tree plantings. Leading with Lead will result in a plan for greening in East Camden</i>
CCI: Develop benchmarks for success.	Data.	Data.	Benchmark established.	<i>Not done. Need to work out specs.</i>
CCI: Increase resident engagement in working group	Meeting assistance (facilitation, note taking)	Virtual limitations; getting the word out; scheduling	Increased resident participation in regular and special CCI meetings	<i>Ongoing: In progress: expanded reach of CCI via virtual format. The Air working group averaged 13.8 attendees, 6.8 of which were Camden residents/businesses (averaged over 8 meetings)</i>