



**OPEN SPACE & BROWNFIELDS WORKING GROUP
2021 ACTION PLAN**

GOAL				
To advocate and/or facilitate sustainable land use decisions that maintain the positive use of spaces.				
BENCHMARKS FOR SUCCESS				
# or acres of park/open space developed; # or acres of park/open space preserved; # of acres of land remediated; # of miles of trail creates				
EVALUATION PLAN				
# or acres of park/open space developed; # or acres of park/open space preserved; # of acres of land remediated; # of miles of trail creates, Track # of completed items from 2021 Action Plan.				
EDUCATION AREAS				
Camden Parks & Open Space Plan; Park bathroom ideas; Urban park "Friends of.." groups				
STRATEGIC ACTION/DESCRIPTION	RESOURCES REQUIRED	POTENTIAL CHALLENGES	DESIRED OUTCOME	PROGRESS
Park Planning: Support implementation of Camden Parks and Open Space Plan.	Identification of key next steps from plan. Steering Committee.	Funding for implementation.	CCI provides support for the implementation of the Camden Parks & Open Space Plan.	<i>Done! The Camden Parks and Open Space Plan has been completed and incorporated into the city's master plan</i>
Park Planning: Research urban park departments and recommend structure to City.	Research urban park department structures.	Identification of	One recommendation and two options of park department structure are presented to the City for consideration.	<i>In progress: did not secure funding for a Parks Dept. this year, looking at other options in the short term</i>
Park Planning: Support efforts for land preservation along Delaware River Backchannel.	Info on projects underway.	Keeping abreast of numerous projects underway by multiple agencies and organizations.	Land along the Delaware River Backchannel is preserved for public access and natural resource value.	<i>In progress: Opened the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park, planning the development of Sadler's Poynt</i>
Park Planning: Encourage application of the Camden Sustainability Ordinance.	What is current procedure Planning Board review of projects utilizing Sustainability Ordinance?	Limitations of ordinance.	All future development projects are reviewed in accordance with the Sustainability Ordinance.	<i>In progress: met with Dr. Williams to discuss the current applicatino of the ordinance and discussed potential room for improvement</i>
Park Planning: Provide input/feedback on planned trail/land/infrastructure 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: continually getting involved in park, trail, and infrastructure planning projects</i>

Park Security & Maintenance: Explore models for city park maintenance.	Research city park maintenance options.		Park maintenance options presented to the City for consideration.	<i>In progress: did not secure funding for a Parks Dept. this year, looking at other options in the short term</i>
Park Security & Maintenance: Explore options for park bathrooms and trash cans.	Research bathroom and other park amenity options.	Funding for new park amenities.	Preferred park amenities identified and incorporated into park design projects currently underway; adding to existing parks explored.	<i>In progress: no solutions yet</i>
Park Security & Maintenance: Explore formation of Friends of Camden Parks.	Research comparable "Friends of.." park groups.		A "Friends of Camden Parks" is established.	<i>In progress: May come at the city level</i>
Brownfields: Provide input/feedback on planned environmental remediation projects/assessments.	Develop list of projects underway/planned for 2021.	Keeping abreast of numerous projects underway by multiple agencies and organizations.	Environmental assessment projects proceed with community input.	<i>In progress: advising and managing a handful of environmental remediation and assessment projects</i>
Brownfields: Provide information on brownfields action by NJDEP.	NJDEP Brownfields staff reports.		Residents informed about environmental remediation/enforcement actions underway.	<i>In Progress: NJDEP reports at each working group meeting</i>
Brownfields: Identify opportunities for solar projects on brownfield sites.				<i>In Progress: Awaiting results from brownfields assessment projects</i>
Programming: Promote campaign to highlight Camden parks and open spaces.	Marketing. Graphic design.	Distribution and marketing plan. Funding.	Increased visitation by Camden residents and visitor to parks due to park promotion campaign.	<i>In Progress: No formal campaign city-wide, more attention on individual parks</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>In progress: expanded reach of CCI via virtual format. The Open Space working group averaged 10.8 attendees, 4.1 of which were Camden residents/businesses (averaged over 8 meetings)</i>