



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.	
Park Planning: Research urban park departments and recommend structure to City.	Research urban park department structures.	Identification of comparable cities.	One recommendation and two options of park department structure are presented to the City for consideration.	
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.	
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.	
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.	

Park Security & Maintenance: Explore models for city park maintenance.	Research city park maintenance options.		Park maintenance options presented to the City for consideration.	
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.	
Park Security & Maintenance: Explore formation of Friends of Camden Parks.	Research comparable "Friends of.." park groups.		A "Friends of Camden Parks" is established.	
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.	
Brownfields: Provide information on brownfields action by NJDEP.	NJDEP Brownfields staff reports.		Residents informed about environmental remediation/enforcement actions underway.	
Brownfields: Identify opportunities for solar projects on brownfield sites.				
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.	
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	