



OPEN SPACE & BROWNFIELDS WORKING GROUP
2022 ACTION PLAN

GOAL				
To advocate and/or facilitate sustainable land use decisions that maintain the positive use of spaces; empower residents to exercise ownership of their parks.				
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 created; increased park usage; improved image of Camden parks; increased stewardship in Camden Parks				
EVALUATION PLAN				
track # 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 and other tactics for park maintenance and beautification				
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 in an equitable manner. Propose ordinance amendments based in new climate change data.	Communication with the planning board, data	Limitations of ordinance.	All future development projects are reviewed in accordance with the Sustainability Ordinance; the ordinance is brought up to date in terms of equity measures and new data	

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; support DPW efforts	Research city park maintenance options; communication with DPW	roll out logisitics and buy-in from the community	Park maintenance options presented to the City for consideration and trialed.	
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.	Buy-in from the community and roll out logisitics	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.	publically percieved stalls	Residents informed about environmental remediation/enforcement actions underway.	
Brownfields: Identify opportunities for solar projects on brownfield sites.	Research, coordination with developers	Keeping abreast of brownfield projects underway	Oppurtunities outlined in a Camden sustainability plan	
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, especially of long-time Camden activists	Meeting assistance (facilitation, note taking), relationships with "community ambassadors" who have influence over and the trust of their neighbors, get sponsors for evening meetings with food	Virtual limitations; getting the word out; scheduling	Increased resident participation in regular and special CCI meetings	
CCI: have organization specific goals for each CCI member	Commitment by organizations	Commitment by organizations	Engaging and productive CCI meetings which are action oriented rather than update oriented	