



Open Space & Brownfields

February 10, 2021

1:00pm-2:00pm

Via Zoom

NOTES

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. CCI All Working Groups Meeting

- a. Thank you for participating!
- b. Review of feedback.

III. Develop 2021 Work Plan

- Goal: To advocate for and facilitate land use decisions, maintain eco-friendly uses of spaces and make the public aware of land use decisions.
 - Focus Areas
 - Activities
 - Education

**participants reviewed the regrouped priorities identified as per the January CCI All Working Groups meeting and developed a new list of work plan activities. See JamBoards for notes.*

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IV. Other Discussion

None.

DISCLAIMER: This is a summary of the meeting and is based upon the written notes and memory of individuals from Cooper's Ferry Partnership and members of the CCI Core Team. The notes are intended to capture only the main points made in the meeting, and they reflect comments on work-in-progress. The notes do not imply a specific opinion or commitment on the part of any individual or organization represented at the meeting. Report any corrections to camdencollaborative@coopersferry.com

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2021 Camden Priorities

Maintain Existing Parks

Increase high-demand park amenities by continuing to build partnerships with amenity providers, and creating typical designs and costs for features involving water to plug into...

Implement Parks and Open Space Plan

ensure that parks remain welcoming to all user types

Utilize "dark sky" park lighting so parks are safe at night but not contributing to light pollution

Design parks to maximize climate resilience by targeting park development, tree planting, and coolpavement technologies in urban heat islands

public programming in parks, use the parks, use community buy in

Educate and empower youth around open space and neighborhood activities - accountability, engagement and place making opportunities

Uplift public space as a reflection of community pride

More placemaking uses installed in public spaces, outdoor grills, gardens, community sports leagues.

More programming in the new Cramer Hill Nature preserve.

use recycled plastic building materials in boardwalks, kiosks, and other appropriate infrastructure

create green schoolyards as community parks

Organizing volunteer groups to coordinate local clean ups

continued public engagement in park planning and maintenance

Finding ways to keep ATVs out of public parks.

Improve park maintenance by increasing community capacity for stewardship, increasing publicsector maintenance capacity

Prioritize advancement of the Camden County ballot measure for open space and increase private funding for Camden's parks.

Pass a beekeeping ordinance.

Passing an urban farming ordinance easing the use of public land for urban agriculture purposes.

Incorporate open space in all new development.

Have development projects incorporate parks and open space

Study economic benefits to community from land preservation including new business opportunities from increased recreation

Create a Parks Department within the City of Camden

Bringing back Camden County park police to help Metro ensure these spaces are safe and available to use.

Camden city fishing club.

Active Relationship with CRA and City Planning

Finding ways to incorporate more NJ BPU community solar programs in the city, potentially on some of these sites.

citizen composting area

Build in climate change adaptation and resiliency in all brownfield reuse and open space projects

Monitor Activity at Known Contaminated Sites by getting on their public notification lists

More community gardens to increase access to fresh produce

1 second brownfields to community gardens

Increase park funding by obtaining federal, state and local funds to offset the City of Camden's capacity for funding.

streamlining the permitting process for events and improving event outreach.

Increase collaboration between stakeholders by organizing regular meetings for Camden parks stakeholders.

Better bike and pedestrian infrastructure in some older existing parks.

Support for a greenway along the Delaware and back channel to provide flood buffer and climate resiliency

complete the Circuit Trail

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Draft Work Plan

- Park programming
- Parks Department
- Tree planting
- Policy
- Security & Maintenance
- Community gardens
- Trails
- Climate change
- Contaminated Sites
- Cramer Hill Waterfront Park

EDUCATION:

- Park bathroom ideas
- Presentation on Parks & Open Space Plan
- Urban park "Friends of.." groups

Planning

Set target for open space goal

Plan for equitable trail access

Research, identify urban parks departments and recommend structure to city

Enforcement of the sustainability ordinance-educate planning board

Support implementation of Parks & Open Space Plan

Support efforts for land preservation along Delaware River backchannel

Stay informed and active in land-use and/or infrastructure projects

Security & Maintenance

Explore models for city park maintenance

Park bathroom facilities

More trash cans at parks

Explore formation of a Friends of Camden Parks

Contaminated Sites

Stay informed on contaminated sites from NJDEP

Provide input on EPA Assessment Grants projects

Programming

Campaigns to highlight Camden parks-landing page on city website - I (heart) Camden Parks

Camden Cultural Sites map?