

Vedra Chandler, Community Events Manager, Cooper's Ferry Partnership

Vedra Chandler is a singer and community advocate from Camden, New Jersey. After graduating from Harvard University with a degree in Government, Vedra pursued a career in business while dancing for Bon Jovi's Philadelphia Soul arena football team. In 2005 Vedra's heart led her away from Corporate America and on to the open road when she joined the touring company of the hit Broadway musical Hairspray.

From there she went on to perform in multiple theater projects around the world until in 2010 she ran away with the circus to perform the role of the Soul Singer on Kooza by Cirque Du Soleil. A few laps around the world with the circus led Vedra back to her hometown of Camden, where worked for two years as Associate Director of The Neighborhood Center, Inc.

There she developed programs to cultivate creativity and stimulate critical thinking in young people before accepting the position of Community Events Manager at Cooper's Ferry Partnership where she uses the arts as a vehicle to tap into the potential of Camden city and its residents, revitalize underutilized spaces through the Connect the Lots initiative and A New View-Camden and prepare us all for the resurgence of this "City Invincible."