

Open Space & Brownfields

July 13, 2022

1:00pm-2:00pm

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 12 attendees; 4 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

- a. Walk & Bike Camden! Active Transportation Vision Plan: Matt Ludwig (NV5)
 - [PDF of this presentation is on their website: <https://www.walkbikecamden.com/>] along with a downloadable version of the plan and a survey to submit feedback on the plan
 - Scope of work: data collection, community engagement and inclusion, compile resident and commuter feedback develop concept network map, publish vision plan
 - Heard: (1) people wanting to walk and bicycle more; (2) maintenance is a big barrier; (3) concern for traffic and personal safety deter walking and bicycling; (4) would support a bike share program
 - 36% of Camden households don't have bicycles
 - Pedestrian or cyclist crashes on major roads
 - Active transportation goals: be inclusive; maintenance and upkeep of at; balance of travel modes should be distributed equitably; safety should be prioritized
 - Preliminary Network Concept Map: shows existing bike network, proposed network, and specifically marks areas with proposed facilities that need more engagement before deciding specifics of the network
 - Recommendations:
 1. Design and implement bicycle facilities network
 2. Assess condition of sidewalks and crosswalks, explore avenues for funding repairs, create system for repair or replacement, ADA-compliant curb ramps
 3. Identify locations for intersection improvements and traffic calming
 4. Upgrade streetlight conditions
 5. Organize community conversation about safety and police enforcement
 6. Foster culture bicycling
 7. Revisit bike share program
 8. Pursue Vision Zero
 - Next steps (not funded yet):
 1. Establish implementation plan and project costs
 2. Refine concept Network Map
 - a. Determine specific ROWs and facility types citywide
 - b. Concept plan for major corridor
 3. Establish bike co-op like Trenton Cycling Revolution (workforce development, repair stations, bike advocacy)
 - Mid-August planning meeting to be announced
- b. LINK Trails: Matt Ludwig (NV5) and Jack Sworaski (County Parks Dept.)

- County will put out proposal for trail under Ben Franklin Bridge
- Efforts to work on trail in Block 1 Lot 1; still working on getting an easement
- Working on acquiring Pyne Poynt Park Marina property for trail and park
- Riverbirch Trail alternative on Memorial Ave. under construction next spring
- Cooper River bridge construction begins next summer (yellow segment in diagram below)
- Bridge over Route 130 probably 2024; waiting for state historic preservation approval
- Applied for RAISE grant to complete additional segments; notification coming next month
- Will have public meeting on Flanders Ave. portion of trail



c. Ongoing issue sites:

- Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 1. Final MOU between City, CRA, State, and County close to agreement
- Block 1 lot 1: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 1. Owner belatedly stating he'll submit reports to DEP

III. Park Planning, Security, and Maintenance

a. Current Issues

- Camden Parks and Open Space Plan Steering Committee:
 1. Justin planning internal meeting first before a resident-facing meeting
- RGGI Grant (August 15 deadline) Group Updates for the group/ crowd sourcing knowledge
 1. Carbon sequestration projects in Camden City, want to identify locations agreed upon for carbon sequestration potential:
 - a. Gateway park- build out understory of trees there, stratify layers
 - b. Build out riparian buffer in Reverend Evers Park
 - c. Trees in a number of neighborhoods along streets and in parks
 - d. Areas to remove impervious surface

- e. Training for tree maintenance
 - 2. TPL partnering with other groups (CCP, NJTF, NJ Conservation Foundation, Delaware Riverkeepers)
 - 3. Stormwater management possibilities in trail construction; Water Bank funds may be available
 - b. Key Next Steps
 - North Camden Waterfront Park presentation in August (Sarah Bryant)
 - I-676 disconnect presentation in August (CCMUA)
- IV. **Brownfields [DISCUSSION POSTPONED]**
 - a. Current Issues
 - Lead Dust Abatement Plans in East Camden: EPA funding available in Fall for cleanups/ remediation; potential to apply with site owners (City/ CRA to realize these concept designs)
 - b. Key Next Steps
- V. **Programming [DISCUSSION POSTPONED]**
 - a. Current Issues
 - Center for Aquatic Sciences [Calendar](#); Connect the Lots [Calendar](#)
 - b. Key Next Steps
- VI. **Additional Information/Resources**
 - a. The [EJ Rule proposal](#) is open to public comment. Submit comments [here](#).

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Next Meeting: CCI Open Space & Brownfields Working Group Meeting, August 10th at 1 pm