CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/ Brownfields

Resolution No.: 07-13-22A

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Recording of a Conservation Easement on the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park Property (formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill)

Designated as Block 809, Lots 7 and 13 on the Camden City Tax Map

Project Summary:

- The Cramer Hill Waterfront Park Site (formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill) is owned by the CRA and located at the northwest corner of Harrison Avenue and East State Street, and is designated on the City Tax Map as Block 809, Lots 7 &13 (the "Park Site").
- On February 7, 2018, the CRA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's ("DEP") Office of Natural Resource Restoration (ONRR) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the environmental remediation and DEP's redevelopment of 62 acres of the former Harrison Avenue Landfill as the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park.
- The Park is now completed and is being currently operated and maintained by the County of Camden pursuant to a Park Operations Agreement dated October 21, 2021 entered into by the CRA, the County, and the City of Camden. It is anticipated that after the remaining ground water remediation is completed, the CRA will transfer ownership of the Park to the City.
- Pursuant to the MOU with DEP and the related Park Operations Agreement, the CRA is
 required after receipt of the "as-built" drawings from DEP to negotiate the terms of a
 conservation easement with DEP that will restrict disturbance and/or development within
 designated areas of the Park Site and thereafter to execute and record the conservation
 easement.
- This resolution seeks authorization to negotiate the terms of the conservation easement with DEP and thereafter to execute and record the agreement.

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Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize the execution and recording of a conservation easement

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not to Exceed:

N/A

Total Project Cost:

TBD

Source of Funds:

EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grants

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA") is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the CRA is the owner of the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park Site (formerly the Harrison Avenue Landfill), which is located at the northwest corner of Harrison Avenue and East State Street and is designated on the City Tax Map as Block 809, Lots 7 &13 (the "Park Site"); and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, the CRA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's ("DEP") Office of Natural Resource Restoration ("ONRR") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the environmental remediation and redevelopment of 62 acres of the former Harrison Avenue Landfill as the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the Park is now completed and is currently being operated and maintained by the County of Camden pursuant to a Park Operations Agreement dated October 21, 2021 entered into by the CRA, the County, and the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the DEP is authorized by N.J.S.A.13:1D-9 to formulate comprehensive policies for the conservation of natural resources and is authorized by N.J.S.A. 13:8B-3 to acquire and enforce conservation restrictions, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU with DEP and the Park Operations Agreement, the CRA is required to negotiate the terms of a conservation easement with the DEP to restrict disturbance and/or development within designated areas of the Park Site and thereafter to execute and record the conservation easement in the Office of the Camden County Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms of a conservation easement to be imposed on the Park Side and once finalized, to execute and record same in the Office of the Camden County Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Maria Sharma

SECONDED BY: Jose Javier Ramos

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
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Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	X		
Tasha Gainey-Humphrey	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma	X		
Marilyn Torres			

Jan K. Leonard

Ian K. Leonard Chairperson

ATTEST:

Olivette Simpson Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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