

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/Brownfields

Resolution No.: 11-13-24B

Resolution Title:

**Resolution Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a
Brownfield Clean-up Grant for Certain Property within Block 331 of
the City of Camden Tax Map known as the former S. Yaffa & Sons Site**

Project Summary:

- The Yaffa site, consisting of certain properties within Tax Block 331 of the Bergen Square neighborhood, was the subject of illegal dumping and storage of imported contaminated fill material by the prior operator/owner of the site (known as S. Yaffa & Sons). The City now owns the site by way of a tax foreclosure action.
- Prior to importation of the fill material, this site was allegedly used as a junkyard. Sampling of the site indicates the soil is contaminated with metals, pesticides, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds at levels similar to historic fill, as well as underground storage tanks, requiring the city to remediate the site.
- The City and CRA executed a Shared Services Agreement for CRA, among other tasks, to secure brownfield grants and/or other resources to address assessment/investigation/clean-up and redevelopment of the Yaffa Site.
- On an annual basis, EPA offers brownfield grants for the purpose of assisting communities in addressing contaminated sites.
- CRA will submit an application on behalf of the city to EPA for a grant up to \$4,000,000.00 for the environmental cleanup of the Yaffa Site, which, once completed, will allow for redevelopment of the site.
- There is no match funding requirement of the City.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize submission of an environmental clean-up application

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

N/A

Total Project Cost:

N/A

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Source of Funds:

Shared Services Agreements, U.S. EPA and HDSRF and other brownfield grants.

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

WHEREAS, CRA administers the City’s Brownfield Program which includes planning for the reuse of vacant and underutilized former commercial and industrial properties and the environmental investigation and remediation of lands identified for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden owns by way of a tax foreclosure action certain property within Block 331 of the City of Camden Tax Map and formerly known as the S. Yaffa & Sons Site; and

WHEREAS, CRA, by Resolution 03-09-22A and the City by Resolution MC-22:8348, entered into a Shared Services Agreement (SSA) dated March 17, 2022, as amended, which provides for the CRA, on behalf of the City, to secure brownfield funding, provide oversight, and engage contractors in conducting environmental remedial activities and for the redevelopment of the S. Yaffa & Sons Site; and

WHEREAS, the Licensed Site Remediation Professional for the Site has conducted preliminary site assessment and investigation reports that indicate the soil is contaminated with metals, pesticides, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds at levels similar to historic fill, and the presence of underground storage tanks which will require these conditions be remediated; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) on an annual offers brownfield grants for the purpose of assisting communities to address contaminated sites; and

WHEREAS, the City desires the CRA, on its behalf, to apply for up to \$4,000,000.00 in funding from EPA for the environmental clean-up of the Yaffa Site, pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden has authorized CRA to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to submit on behalf of the City a brownfield grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for up to \$4,000,000.00 to clean-up of certain property within Block 331 of the City of Camden Tax Map known formerly as the S. Yaffa & Sons site; 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: **Gilbert Harden, Sr.**

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

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

Mark P. Asselta, Esq.
Board Counsel

Exhibit A

Block 331 of the City of Camden Tax Map formerly known as the S. Yaffa & Sons Site



Aerial View of Block 331

