

**CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

**Economic Development-Brownfields**

**Resolution No.: 01-14-26E**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Authorizing a Contract with The Ambient Group, LLC for the Disposal of Contaminated Soil Material at Judge Robert B. Johnson Park Located at Carl Miller Boulevard and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street Designated as Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial) and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$42,614.00**

**Project Summary:**

- Judge Robert B. Johnson Park is located at Carl Miller Boulevard and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial), Block 523, Lot 13) of the City of Camden Tax Map. The Park is a 14.7-acre site located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard in the Liberty Park neighborhood of Camden, New Jersey.
- The Park Site is City-owned and an active case with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program (SRP).
- Based on environmental assessments conducted to date, site soils contain elevated levels of contamination meeting the definition of historic fill contamination. The park has been closed since contaminants were identified.
- The site requires environmental remediation prior to the reopening of the park and completion of planned improvements such as new athletic fields and updated facilities.
- The CRA issued an invitation for bid on November 19, 2025, with one (1) bid having been received in response.
- The lowest responsive bidder to perform the contaminated soil disposal at this site was The Ambient Group, LLC with a submitted bid of \$42,614.00.
- The CRA previously authorized two EPA Revolving Loan Fund Subgrants and one Loan for this project. The CRA secured a State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund grant to serve as the repayment for the loan.
- The HDSRF grant covers up to 75% of requested funding for Remedial Action activities. Other stable financial funding sources have been leveraged to include a December 2022 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) subgrant from the CRA (\$500,000), City SSA (\$82,636), and a 2023 EPA Cleanup Grant (\$1,000,000).

**Purpose of Resolution:**

Authorize a non-professional contract

**Award Process:**

The Invitation for Bid was advertised

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**Cost Not To Exceed:**

\$42,614.00 (Total Bid)

**Total Project Cost:**

\$3,550,579.75

**Source of Funds:**

EPA Cleanup Grant (Awarded 2023) - \$1,000,000

HDSRF 75% RA Grant (Submitted Jan 2023) - \$1,967,943.75

CRA RLF Subgrant (Awarded Dec 2022) - \$500,000

City SSA - \$82,636

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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**, as part of the CRA’s redevelopment duties, the CRA manages the City of Camden Brownfield Program and has grant funds available for such work; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Robert B. Johnson Park (the “Site”) is a City-owned park that requires remediation, and the Park is closed until the contamination can be remediated; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to procure the remediation scope of work (the “Work”), the CRA advertised an Invitation for Bid entitled, “Robert B. Johnson Park Contaminated Soil Disposal November 2025 Carl Miller Boulevard & South 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial), Block 523, Lot 13, Camden, New Jersey” dated 11/19/25 in accordance with the “fair and open” process and procedures established under the regulations and amendments to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA received one (1) bid, and determined that the respondent The Ambient Group, LLC was the lowest responsive bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the Work is eligible under the funding awarded from the CRA’s United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program in the form of a loan and two subgrants and the State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) 75% Conservation Grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into a contract with The Ambient Group, LLC for the disposal of contaminated soil at the Judge Robert B. Johnson Park for an amount not to exceed \$42,614.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 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: Christopher Collins

SECONDED BY: Maria Sharma

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Christopher Collins	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:



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Olivette Simpson  
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

*Mark P. Asselta*

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Mark P. Asselta, Esq.  
Board Counsel