

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 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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:



Olivette Simpson
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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