

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/ Brownfields
Companion Resolution

Resolution No.: 01-14-26H

Resolution Title:

**Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to an Operations Agreement with the
City of Camden and Camden County for the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park
Designated as Block 809, Lots 7 & 13 of the Camden City Tax Map to Include a Gangway,
Floating Dock, and Kayak Launch and Provide for their Operations and Maintenance**

Project Summary:

- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the “NJDEP”) has designed and constructed various components of the new Cramer Hill Waterfront Park formerly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill Site (the “Park Site”) to include shoreline protection, natural resource restoration, landfill closure, and a recreational waterfront park.
- CRA is the current owner of the Park Site. The Park Site 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 was completed on or about October 26, 2021, and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection relinquished the operations and general maintenance of the park.
- While the CRA is the owner of the Park Site at this time, the CRA does not operate or maintain the Park Site but rather the operations and maintenance of the Park Site are governed by an Operations Agreement dated October 22, 2021, between the CRA, Camden County (Department of Parks) and the City of Camden.
- Upstream Alliance, a local non-profit, in partnership with the Camden County Parks Department, has assisted with the access and enjoyment of the Cooper River Waterfront Trail. Toward this end, Upstream Alliance applied for and was awarded a \$66,032.00 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for the purpose of constructing a recreational kayak launch at the Park Site (the “Project”).
- The Project is now complete and all approvals, environmental permitting and other steps needed to allow for the construction, operation, and public’s use of the floating dock and kayak launch have been obtained by Upstream Alliance in cooperation with the CRA and Camden County Parks Department.
- The Project is located at the Kenney Pond, a man-made waterbody created as part of the Park Site in Block 809, Lot 7 which is delineated in Exhibit A. A weir separates the pond from the stream that connects to the Cooper River to the west.

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- This resolution is to amend the Operations Agreement to include the gangway, floating dock, and kayak launch as part of the park improvements that are subject to the Operations Agreement.

Purpose of Resolution:

To amend an Operations Agreement with the City and County

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not to Exceed:

N/A

Total Project Cost:

N/A

Source of Funds:

N/A

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

WHEREAS, while the CRA is the owner at this time, the CRA does not operate or maintain the Park Site; and

WHEREAS, CRA entered into an Operations Agreement dated October 22, 2021 with Camden County (Department of Parks) and the City of Camden which controls the operation of the Park Site; and

WHEREAS, Upstream Alliance, a local non-profit, in partnership with the Camden County Parks Department has assisted with the access and enjoyment the Cooper River Waterfront Trail and has applied for and was awarded a \$66,032.00 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for the purpose of installing a recreational kayak launch at the Park Site (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located at the Kenney Pond, a man-made waterbody created as part of the Park Site in Block 809, Lot 7 as designated on the City of Camden Tax Map which connects to the Cooper River (is further shown on Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Project is now complete and Upstream Alliance in cooperation with the CRA and its Licensed Site Remediation Professional and the Camden County Parks Department have secured all the necessary approvals and environmental permitting to allow for the construction, operation, and public’s use of the gangway, floating dock and kayak launch; and

WHEREAS, CRA desires to amend the Operations Agreement to include the gangway, floating dock, and kayak launch as part of the park so that such improvements are subject to the Operations Agreement among the CRA, City of Camden, and Camden County.

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 execute an amendment to the Operations Agreement for the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park with the City of Camden and County of Camden to include as part of the Park a recreational gangway, floating dock, and kayak launch constructed at the Park’s Kenny Pond on a portion of Block 809, Lot 7 of the City of Camden Tax Map; 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: **Maria Sharma**

SECONDED BY: **Christopher Collins**

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

Mark P. Asselta, Esq.
Board Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

