**CITY OF CAMDEN GREEN TEAM**

**Accomplishments and Work plan**

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The Camden Green Team has developed a one-year work plan to guide its efforts during the 2016 calendar year. Hightlights of the work plan are listed below, including a brief history of the Green Team’s efforts and achievements.

History of the Camden Green Team

Founded in late 2009, the Camden Green Team helped the City of Camden achieve Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification in September 2012. Building on that achievement, the Camden Green Team achieved Silver Certification in 2013 and is hoping for re-certification at the Silver Level in 2016. The Camden Green Team consists of an ever-expanding group of stakeholders from numerous organizations.

A list of current members is below:

* Joe Thomas, City of Camden
* Dr. Edward Williams, City of Camden
* Caroline Gray and Rudisha Beattie, Cooper’s Ferry Partnership
* Tamra Marsh, Resident
* Dana Dobson, Tri-State Transportation Campaign
* Jessica Franzini, NJ Tree Foundation
* Andy Kricun and Scott Schreiber, CCMUA
* Chris Waldron, Camden County
* Valeria Galarza, NJ Partnership for Healthy Kids
* Sara Joslin, Resident
* Riche Outlaw and Joe Donald, NJ DEP
* Ray Lamboy, LAEDA
* Nancy Axelrod, Camden Center for Environmental Transformation
* Sandy Johnson and Donna Helmes, Camden Redevelopment Agency
* Beth McMillian, The Neighborhood Center
* Jonathan Latko, Resident and member of Shade Tree Commission
* Olivia Glenn, NJ Conservation Foundation
* Sabina Pendse, Christine Ash and Annette Poliwka, US EPA
* Kevin Aspell, Hopeworks
* Michael Laskey, Camden Diocese

The overarching goal of the Camden Green Team is to improve the quality of life of Camden residents by implementing initiatives aimed at making the City more sustainable. To that end, the Green Team’s original bronze level certification incorporated the following actions:

* Create Green Team
* Education for Sustainability Programs
* Community Education and Outreach
* Hold a Green Fair
* Green Your Green Fair
* Energy Education and Outreach
* Inventory and Upgrade All Buildings
* Farmers Markets
* Community or School Gardens
* Buy Fresh Buy Local Programs
* Building Healthier Communities
* On-Site Solar System
* Rain Gardens
* Innovative Community Project 2 - Bike Friendly
* Innovative Community Project 1 - Farnham Park Stormwater Management Project
* Sustainable Land Use Pledge
* Green Jobs/Economic Development
* Support Local Businesses
* Water Conservation Education Program
* Community Forestry Plan and Canopy Goal
* Tree Planting Programs
* Water Conservation Ordinance-
* Community Asset Mapping
* Recycling- Community Paper Shredding Day

Subsequent to Bronze Level Certification, the City of Camden and the Camden Green Team began worked toward and achieved Sustainable Jersey Silver Level Certification in 2014. In addition to expanding upon and updating existing actions, the Green Team completed the following actions:

* Achieving Target Increase in Local Business Participation
* Outreach Campaign to Local Business Community
* Complete Streets Program
* Diversity on Boards and Commissions
* Green Building Policy
* Making Farmers Markets Accessible

Our second attempt for Silver Level Certification has allowed us to expand even further on our efforts, and we’ve included the following actions/programs on our application this year:

* Animals in the Community Education
* Establish a Creative Team/Creative Placemaking Plan
* Brownfields Inventory and Prioritization
* Brownfields Reuse Planning
* Brownfields Marketing
* Environmental Justice in Planning and Zoning
* Innovative Community Project 3 – Camden Collaborative Initiative
* Make Your Town Electric Vehicle Friendly
* Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
* Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal