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# 2013 SMART Forum

January 24, 2013 Adventure Aquarium, Camden, New Jersey

#### THE SMART TEAM



City of Camden



Cooper's Ferry Partnership



NJ Department of Environmental Protection



Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program



Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority



NJ Tree Foundation

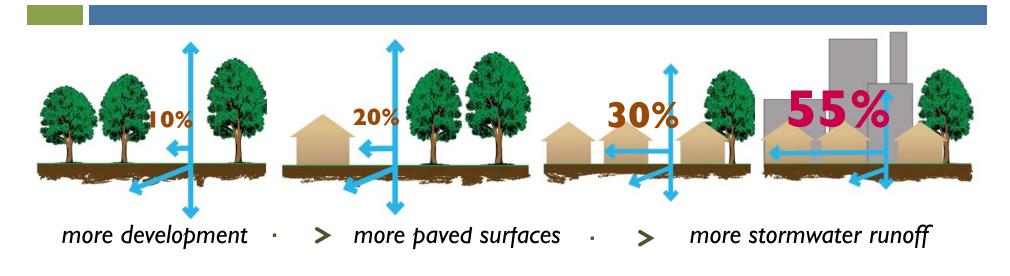
## A COMPLEX ISSUE







#### A COMPLEX CAUSE







- = Green Infrastructure
- = Neighborhood Beautification
- = Key Infrastructure Upgrades
- = River Access & Enjoyment
- = Economic Development
- = Innovative Technology Solutions
- = Sustainability
- =Brownfield Redevelopment



Park Boulevard Rain Garden in Parkside



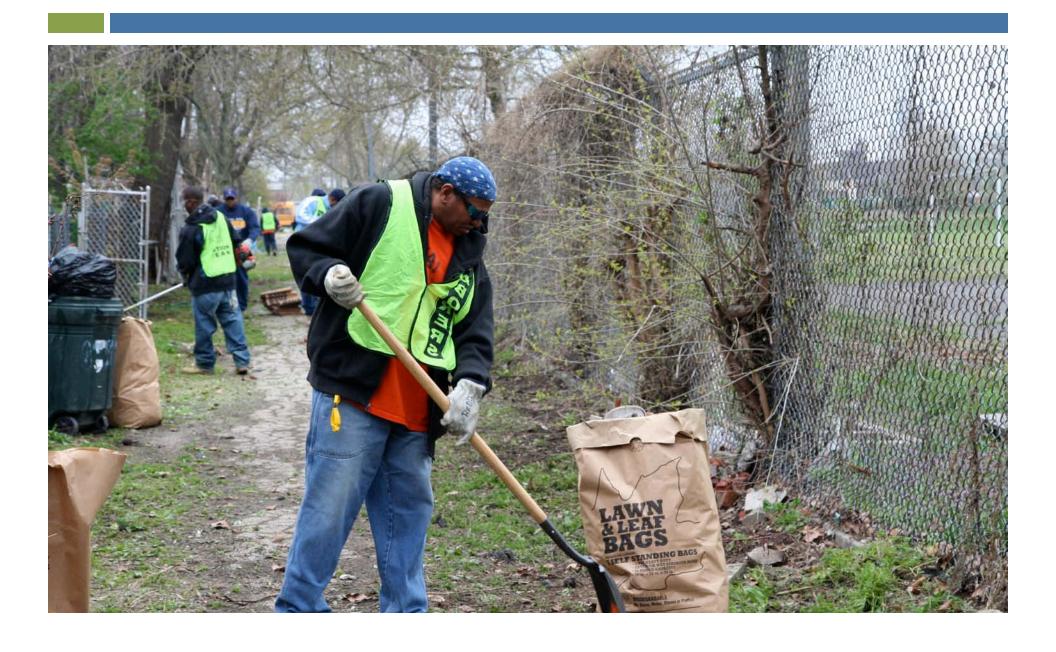
- Educate residents and community leaders about the benefits of stormwater management and green infrastructure
- 2 Establish a network of community organizations to advocate for sustainability in the City of Camden
- 3 Implement neighborhood green & grey infrastructure projects to alleviate flooding and achieve sustainable neighborhood revitalization
- 4 Provide training on green infrastructure techniques



# 2013 City of Camden Sustainability Address

The Honorable Dana L. Redd Mayor, City of Camden, New Jersey











#### TREE CITY USA







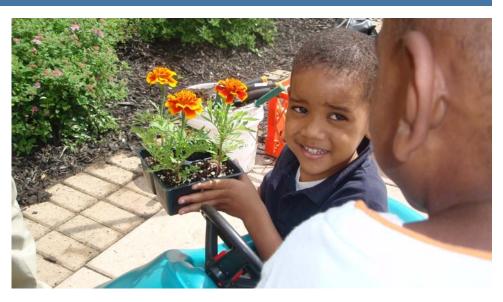
#### CAMDEN COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE



The purpose of the Camden Collaborative Initiative is to eliminate gaps and barriers to sustainable development and smart growth.

#### SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION









# NJDEP-Camden Partnership

Wolf Skacel

Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Compliance and Enforcement, NJDEP



### Save the Rain!

Successful Green Infrastructure Strategies from Syracuse, NY

Matthew J. Millea
Deputy Executive, Onondaga County, NY



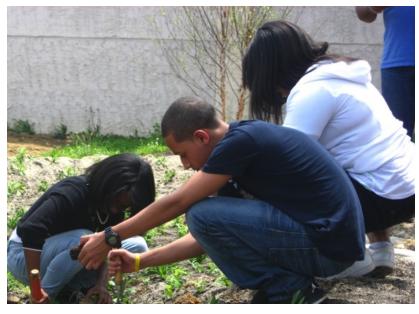
#### 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- 8 rain gardens planted in 6 neighborhoods, for a total of 19
- 2 rainwater harvesting cisterns installed
- Rain garden sponsorship program
- Earth Week 2012
- Tree plantings
- Water conservation program
- Sustainable Jersey certification
- Identification of additional funding
- Recognition for SMART

## 8 RAIN GARDENS PLANTED







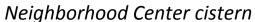
Brimm School rain garden planting and classroom education

#### RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS

- 1. The Neighborhood Center
- 2. Community Garden at 304 State. St

304 State Street cistern









#### RAIN GARDEN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM





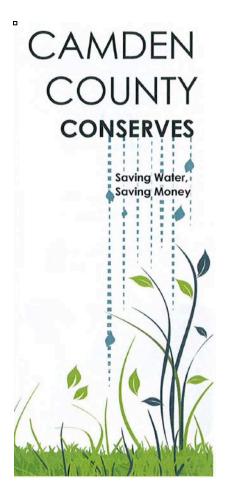


#### Many thanks to our 2012 sponsors:

- KUPPER, LLC, a JMT Company
- PS&S
- Environmental Resolutions, Inc.



#### WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Educational Pamphlet



Free Conservation Kits



**Community Conservation Workshop** 

#### NJTF TREE PLANTINGS

Urban Airshed Reforestation Program (UARP)



- 236 trees planted in spring 2012
- > 4490 trees planted since 2002!



#### CAMDEN EARTH WEEK 2012

#### come celebrate! **CAMDEN EARTH WEEK** Thursday, April 19, 2012 Rain Garden Planting 9:30AM Ferry Avenue Branch Library, 852 Ferry Avenue, Camden, NJ **SMART Start to Earth Week 11AM** Featuring Sustainability Address by Mayor Dana L. Redd Ferry Avenue Branch Library, 852 Ferry Avenue, Camden, NJ Camden Green Drinks Happy Hour 5PM-7PM Victor's Pub, 1 Market Street, Camden, NJ Friday, April 20, 2012 ECO Charter School Green Play 10AM Northgate Park, 600 Elm Street, Camden, NJ Saturday, April 21, 2012 Tree Planting 9AM-12PM 1240 Morton Street, Camden, NJ (Whitman Park Neighborhood) Monday, April 23, 2012 Camden SMART Earth Day Panel 12:30PM-2PM Waterfront Technology Center, 200 Federal Street, Camden, NJ Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Phoenix Park Groundbreaking Ceremony 10AM 227 Jefferson Street, Camden, NJ Wednesday, April 25, 2012 Camden Children's Garden "Delicious and Nutritious" 10AM-11:30AI Parent-Child Workshop, Cost-\$10 Camden Children's Garden, 3 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ Pictured: Earth Day 2012 logo winner elected from entries from ECO Charter School students. Event details at Deonte Fooks-Benbow Tyriq Bundy Avante Smith Kasheem Robinson www.camdensmart.com















#### SMART Start to Earth Week Event





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International Economic
 Development Council Excellence
 in Economic Development Silver
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#### SMART in the NEWS

The Courier Post reports: Camden SMART helps Neighbors plant sense of pride in city

Tue, 2012-05-01 07:52 | by Staff



TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012
Rain gardens, community gardens and more gardens in Camden



Volunteers put native plants into the ground at the Ferry Avenue branch of Camden County Library. channeled from the roof will water the black-eyed Susans and other varieties. CLEM MURRAY / Staff Photo.

Philadelphia Inquirer, April 20, 2012

## SMART Partnerships

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# SMART Partnerships



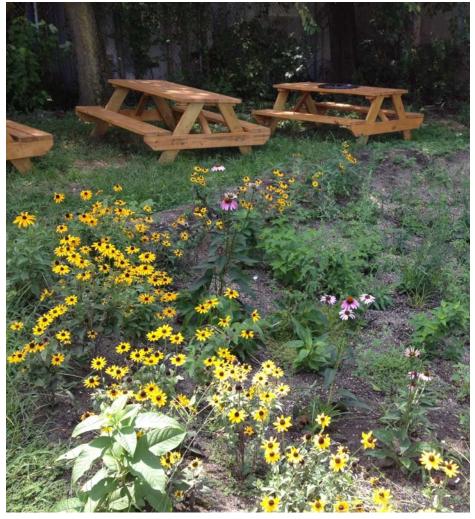


#### Rainwater Harvesting at the Neighborhood Center



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#### WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2013?

- Camden Collaborative Initiative
- Launch city-wide rain barrel initiative
- Construct rainwater harvesting demonstration projects
- Install 10 new rain gardens throughout Camden
- Implement strategic grey infrastructure upgrades
- Break ground on Von Nieda Park Rehabilitation and Phoenix Park projects
- Plant 200 additional trees
- Initiate Camden SMART strategic planning effort
- Environmental policy development

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Sponsor a Rain Garden
- Volunteer to support SMART projects
- Adopt a tree through NJTF
- Share SMART practices with your community
- Host a water conservation or rain barrel workshop
- Invite the SMART team to explore partnership opportunities in your neighborhood







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