

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

**Economic Development**

**Resolution No.: 12-11-19C**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Natural Resource Restoration Regarding Shoreline Protection, Natural Resource Restoration, Landfill Closure, and Waterfront Park Construction on a Portion of the Former Harrison Avenue Landfill Formerly Designated as Block 809 Lots 7 and 13 on the City of Camden Tax Map**

**Project Summary:**

- On February 7, 2018, the CRA and the NJ DEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration (ONRR) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the environmental remediation and redevelopment of the Harrison Avenue Landfill as the Cramer Hill Waterfront Park.
- In 2008, Camden County constructed the new State Street Bridge and approaches across the Cooper River, adjacent to the Harrison Avenue Landfill.
- At the time of construction, the property records indicated that all of the property on which the Bridge and approaches were constructed was owned by the County. Subsequent title investigation determined that part of the constructed Bridge and approaches encroach onto property owned by the CRA.
- The encroachment area is less than ¼ of an acre on the southwest corner of the Harrison Avenue Landfill.
- The County requires an Easement for Right-of-Way and Slope Rights to resolve the encroachment issue.
- In order for the CRA to grant the Easement, an amendment to the MOU is required.
- The tax maps lot designations have changed since the original MOU was executed and the property formerly designated as Block 809 Lots 7 and 13 is the same as the property currently described as Block 809 Lots 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 and the MOU must also be amended to reflect this change.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

Amend an existing Memorandum of Understanding

**Award Process:**

N/A

**Cost Not To Exceed:**

N/A

**Total Project Cost:**

\$47 million

**Source of Funds:**

NJ DEP Natural Resource Restoration Funds

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is the title owner of certain real property formerly designated as Block 809 Lots 7 and 13 on the City of Camden Tax Map, dated January 9, 2015, and currently designated on the Tax Map, dated June 2018, as Block 809 Lots 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and commonly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill (CRA Parcel); and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Natural Resource Restoration (ONRR) proposed, at its cost and expense, to redevelop and environmentally remediate the CRA Parcel in a Project described as “Shoreline Protection, Natural Resource Restoration, Landfill Closure, and Waterfront Park Construction” (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to better define the roles and responsibilities of the parties and to facilitate completion of the Project, the CRA and ONRR entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOA), dated February 7, 2018, which MOU was authorized by CRA Resolution 11-15-17B; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU obligates the CRA to record a Conservation Easement on the CRA Parcel after receipt of “as-built” drawings from ONRR, which proposed Conservation Easement prohibits any new development or subdivision of the property or new roads or driveways, except as provided in the MOU or permits issued for Project;

**WHEREAS**, in approximately 2008, Camden County constructed new County Bridge No. 2A-2 carrying State Street over the Cooper River, however, subsequent title information indicates that part of the bridge approaches were constructed on a portion of the CRA Parcel, specifically, all of or portions of Lots 11 -15; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Camden County, the State of New Jersey, and the CRA to amend the MOU to clarify the tax lot designation and to allow the CRA to grant a Right-of-Way and Slope Right Easement to Camden County to permit the continued use of the new bridge: and

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**WHEREAS**, the right of way and slope rights to be granted to Camden County will not have any negative impact on the Project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Interim Executive Director, its duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized to enter into an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Natural Resource Restoration that will expressly permit the CRA to grant a Right -of -Way and Slope Rights Easement to Camden County over lands subject to the Memorandum of Understanding, the Site Access Agreement, the Environmental Deed Notice and the Conservation Easement that all pertain to the Project and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding shall also reflect that lands subject to the MOU described as Block 809 Lots 7 and 13 are the same lands described as Block 809 Lots 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Interim 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: *Vance Bowman*

SECONDED BY: *Ian K. Leonard*

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Vance C. Bowman	✓		
Sheila Davis	✓		
Ian K. Leonard	✓		
Jose Javier Ramos	✓		
Maria Sharma	✓		
Marilyn Torres	✓		

*Marilyn Jones*  
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Marilyn Torres  
Chairperson

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
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Olivette Simpson  
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

*[Signature]*  
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