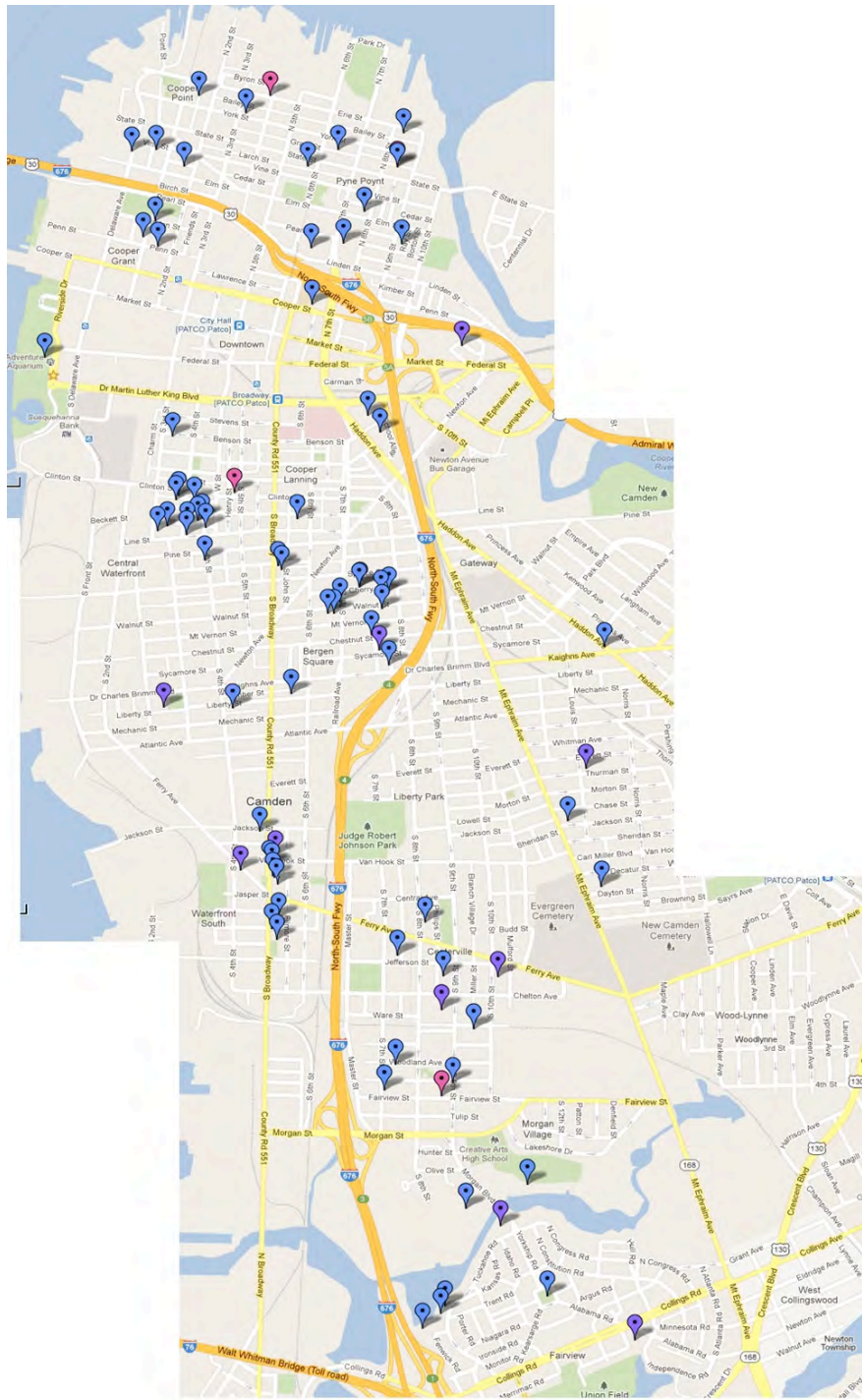


Camden City Garden Club Garden Locations



Camden City Garden Club program, GROW LAB
In partnership with the City of Camden and the Camden Board of Education

The Camden City Garden Club's popular school based Grow-Lab program was established in 1991 for elementary schools in the City of Camden. Grow-lab teaches elementary school children science and nutrition and gardening skills through horticulture. The lab is a mini - indoor greenhouse developed by the National Gardening Association. An important part of the program is a K-8th grade curriculum and activities guide developed by the National Science Foundation. This curriculum closely resembles the New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards for science in grades 1-4. The Grow-Lab program serves hundreds of school children per year in the City of Camden.

The Camden City Garden Club staff provides assistance to Grow-Lab teachers through periodic classroom visitations and teacher workshops. One of the favorite activities is the Salad Party. Students grow the salad ingredients and plan the party.

In 2005 the Camden City Garden Club enhanced its Grow Lab program by adding two new and important components: nutrition education and ecological concepts. Our nutrition lessons focus on making better food choices and the revised food pyramid, now called, MyPlate. During the 2012-13 school year this program will ramp up to include more school gardens.





Camden youngsters learn nutrition "hands-on"

CAMDEN, N.J.; December 10, 2009 (WPVI) -- One way to better health in America is a better diet. In Camden, children and their parents are learning how to eat healthy through a fun, hands-on program.

It's close to the end of the class day at St. Anthony of Padua School on River Road, in Camden. Normally, their attention might wander. But not today.

Jeff Clarke has their full attention at the front of the classroom.

"What are these? Peppers - that's right," he says.

The youngsters are anxious to enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

The big salad they are about to eat includes vegetables that started right in the classroom's own mini-greenhouse.

For some students in this inner-city neighborhood, it's the first salad they've ever eaten.

Clarke says to one little girl, "Would you like a tomato with yours?" She nods excitedly.

More than 2 dozen Camden schools are holding Salad Parties this week, to mark the end of their semester with the GrowLab Program.

Every 2 weeks, Clarke, of the Camden City Garden Club, leads hands-on lessons about plants.

Clarke says, "Not only about growing them, but about nutrition, and understanding how nutrition comes from healthy eating, and from plants."

The children plant seeds, and as the seedlings grow, so does the kids' knowledge.

Jeff asks 2 little boys, "Lettuce - is it a fruit or a vegetable? Boys - uh, vegetable!"

The plants are often transplanted into community gardens, like the one across from St. Anthony's.

The youngsters garden alongside family members or neighbors, learning about the sciences, math, healthy eating - and teamwork.

Even now in December, vitamin-packed greens like swiss chard are still growing.

Luz Duran is taking home a giant "bouquet" of carrots.

Luz told us, "I love the garden. I grow at home, but this is different, doing it with other people."

As Luz talks, she's also holding a giant armful of the herb cilantro, anxious to get back home to put them into some dishes. The garden started small, but was expanded this year to 3/4 of an acre.

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Community Gardening Program

Camden City Garden Club, Inc.



Community Gardening

The **Camden City Garden Club, Inc.** has operated a Community Gardening Program since 1985 with support from the William Penn Foundation.



Camden residents can garden on vacant, city-owned lots, upon approval from the City of Camden. The club can assist with providing fencing, lime, fertilizer, seeds, and plants.

Plants are distributed during the Club meetings at the Camden Children's Garden. Early crop plants are available in April and May, warm-season crops are available in June. You must be a member to obtain these supplies.

The organization applies for grants to operate this program and is occasionally able to offer additional materials, such as tools.

Community Greening



The Camden City Garden Club, Inc. will assist Camden residents with their community greening projects. Residents who are also Club members can request assistance with tree planting, soil and soil amendments.

Faith-Based Community Gardening Program

The Faith-Based Community Gardening program is the Club's newest project. Beginning in December 2008, the Camden City Garden Club, Inc. and the Woodland Ave. Presbyterian Church partnered to help prevent childhood obesity, initiated with a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through community gardening.

This program teaches Camden residents how to grow their own vegetables and fruit, so they can provide their families with healthy, nutritious produce. Our focus is to help teach residents how to start, maintain and harvest community vegetable gardens. Throughout the year the Club will also host workshops to teach these gardeners how to cook the produce they grow, preparing healthy, tasty dishes the whole family can enjoy together.

This program is designed to work in cooperation with faith-based groups in the City of Camden. If you or your Camden congregation is interested in this program, please call the Community Garden Organizer at 856-365-8733.

Membership

Joining is easy. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Club's office and ask for an application. The application will be mailed to you along with an application to garden on City owned lots.

Family Membership:

\$25 (one year)

Community Organization:

\$60 (one year)

Membership Dues

Annual membership in the Camden City Garden Club is effective January of each year and is renewable each January thereafter.



The *Camden City Garden Club* is a non-profit (501) (c) (3), membership-based, educational and environmental organization established in 1985 to assist Camden City residents with community gardening. Over the years the Club has evolved to include many additional programs: Community Gardening and Greening, Grow Lab, the Community Youth Employment Program and the Camden Children's Garden.

Established in 1985, our **Community Gardening Program** helps residents of the City of Camden and members of the Garden Club maintain community garden and greening sites throughout the City of Camden.

The Camden City Garden Club (CCGC) assists members with cleaning vacant, city-owned lots and transforming them into beautiful and productive community gardens, growing fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables.

The Club provides tools, plants and seeds, while members provide the sweat equity. Members receive planting and gardening information and can participate in demonstrations, and periodic workshops. The Club also assists members and Camden residents with community greening projects and planting trees throughout the neighborhoods of Camden.



Camden City Garden Club, Inc.

3 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ 08103

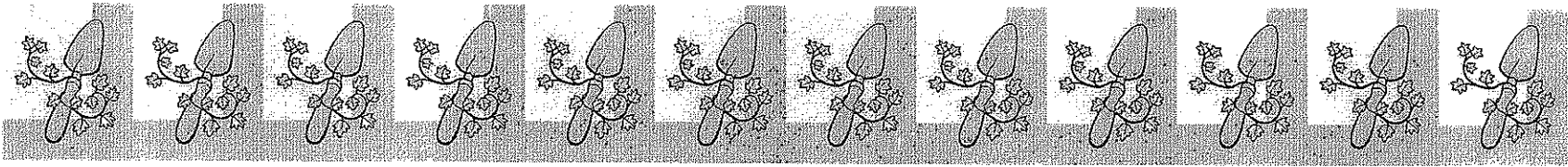
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CITY OF CAMDEN ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM

GUIDELINES



THE ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER OF 1990 AS A MEANS IN WHICH RESIDENTS COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

CITY RESIDENTS CAN “ADOPT” A CITY OWNED LOT OR LOTS. THE ADOPTEE PLEDGES TO MAINTAIN THE LOT AND TO PLANT EITHER A FLORAL AND/OR VEGETABLE GARDEN, OR SIMPLY JUST KEEP THE LOT CLEAN. ALL LOTS WILL REMAIN UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN. THE ADOPTEE IS PROVIDED WITH A THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF USAGE OF THE LOT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES OF THE ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM:

- YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, YOU ARE THE ADOPTEE.
- THE ADOPTEE PLEDGES THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY
- ALL APPLICANTS WISHING TO ADOPT A LOT MUST BE UP-TO-DATE WITH ALL THEIR MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS.
- YOU ARE PERMITTED TO PLANT A FLORAL AND/OR VEGETABLE GARDEN OR YOU SIMPLY KEEP IT AS NEATLY CUT AND CLEAN LOT OF GRASS.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK CARS OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE ON THE ADOPTED LOT.
- ALL ADOPTED LOTS WILL BE ISSUED SIGNNAGE DESIGNATING THE LOT AS AN ADOPTED LOT.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO REMOVE ANY SIGNNAGE PLACED ON THE ADOPTED LOT BY THE CITY.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLANT TREES.

- NO PERMANENT STRUCTURES CAN BE PLACED OR ERECTED ON AN ADOPTED LOT, FOR EXAMPLE POOLS, CAR PORTS, FOUNDATIONS, DRIVEWAYS, SHEDS OR GARAGES – NAME A FEW.
- NO BUSINESS FUNCTIONS ON ANY KIND CAN TAKE PLACE ON THE ADOPTED LOT FOR EXAMPLE, SALE OF CARS OR GOODS OF ANY KIND.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RENT OR LEASE THE LOTS OR PORTIONS OF THE LOTS, FOR ANY REASON.
- YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CONDUCT ANY RELIGIOUS EVENTS ON THE ADOPTED LOT.
- PERIODIC INSPECTIONS WILL BE PERFORMED TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REGULATIONS.
- AN ADOPTED LOT, AT ANY TIME, CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE ADOPT-A-LOT STATUS FOR ANY REASON DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY OF CAMDEN.

FENCING YOUR ADOPTED LOT

- ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT WISHES TO FENCE IN THEIR ADOPT LOT CAN DO SO UNDER THESE GUIDELINES:
 - FENCING WILL BE AT THE ADOPTEE'S COST.
 - THE FENCE CANNOT BE HIGHER THAN 4 FEET TALL.
 - IF AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION THERE ALREADY EXISTS A FENCE – YOU CANNOT REMOVE OR CHANGE ANY OF THE EXISTING FENCING.
 - NO CEMENTED IN POLES





**CITY OF CAMDEN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Patrick J. Keating
Director

Gwendolyn A. Faison
Mayor

ADOPT-A-LOT OR STREET PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME OF STREET/LOCATION OF LOT: _____

APPLICATION DATE: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS:

LOT WILL BE USED FOR:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

BLOCK # _____ LOT # _____

OWNER _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

DPW APPROVAL/DENIAL _____

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL/DENIAL _____

ADOPT-A-LOT - STREET INSTALLATION DATE _____



CITY OF CAMDEN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ADOPT-A-LOT OR STREET PROGRAM

COMPLETED FORMS SHALL BE RETURNED TO: CITY OF CAMDEN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
101 NEWTON AVENUE
CAMDEN, NJ 08103
ATTN: YVETTE TORRES-VELASQUEZ

*ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND/OR GROUPS ARE REQUESTED TO READ THE
BELOW PROVIDED SECTIONS OF THIS ENABLING ORDINANCE AND SIGN THIS
APPLICATION IN THE PLACES PROVIDED.*

ORDINANCE MC-2555, ADOPTED JUNE 28, 1990
An Ordinance Establishing a Program Known as "Adopt a Street and Lot"

Section 8. No individual, organization or group who performs any work or services under this program shall be deemed to be an employee of the City of Camden, but merely volunteers and the City shall be held harmless from any negligent or careless acts of the individual, organization or group in the performance of any functions under the program.

Section 9. The City shall not supply any tools, equipment or supplies for this program. Any and all tools, equipment or supplies shall be furnished by the volunteers.

DATED: _____ SIGNATURE(S): _____

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM KNOWN AS
"ADOPT A STREET AND LOT"

WHEREAS, the City of Camden seeks to institute a program for community volunteerism to clean and maintain the streets and lots of the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it an aesthetic uplifting of the condition of the streets and by-ways of this City and an improvement to the quality of life in this City; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals and groups have expressed an interest in donating their time and services to become involved in a plan and program for cleaner, neater streets, lots and neighborhoods and the City government seeks to foster and encourage this; and

WHEREAS, the governing body does propose herewith the creation of the "Adopt A Street And Lot" program for the purposes set forth; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Camden, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person or persons, notwithstanding age, may petition to the City Council to participate in the "Adopt A Street and Lot" program.

SECTION 2. Any individual, organization or group shall complete a form setting forth the name of the street or lot for which they desire to become responsible and setting forth the names and addresses of all participants, either on an individual or group basis.

SECTION 3. The application shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Works of the City of Camden and the Department of Utilities, Division of Engineering, and any other appropriate departments or divisions of this City for review and comment as to the feasibility and compatibility of the individual, organization or group participating in the clean-up and care program.

SECTION 4. The City Council, after receipt and review of reports of the proper departments and divisions of the government of the City of Camden, will adopt a Resolution authorizing the individual, organization or group to begin a program of care and maintenance of said street or lot.

SECTION 5. The application for participation in this program shall set forth what steps and what actions the particular individual or individuals are going to take to provide the continuous care and maintenance of the street from debris, trash and refuse.

SECTION 6. After a period of not less than six (6) months, the individual, organization or group who have petitioned the City of Camden shall request the City Council and the appropriate departments and divisions of this municipal government to review their actions over a six (6) month period and the departments and divisions of this City shall then report their findings to the governing body. After the governing body has received the reports of the departments and divisions of the City of Camden who have reviewed and inspected the work efforts and, after City Council or a committee created of Councilpersons shall review the area, it shall then be recommended to the governing body for the adoption of a Resolution to post said street or lot as an "adopted street" or "adopted lot" and shall then commend the individual, organization or group for their efforts.

SECTION 7. If a street or lot is adopted after the provisions have been followed, as set forth herein, an appropriate sign or signs shall be erected in a prominent place displaying the fact that this street or lot has been "adopted" under this program and has qualified as a street or lot appropriately cared and maintained by the adoptive groups.

SECTION 8. No individual, organization or group who performs any work or services under this program shall be deemed to be an employee of the City of Camden, but merely volunteers and the City shall be held harmless from any negligent or careless acts of the individual, organization or group in the performance of any functions under the program.

SECTION 9. The City shall not supply any tools, equipment or supplies for this program. Any and all tools, equipment or supplies shall be furnished by the volunteers.

SECTION 10. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.

SECTION 11. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

EDWIN R. RAJCZYK

Dated: June 14, 1990

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form.

[Signature]
City Attorney

[Signature]
President
City Council

Aaron A. Thompson
Mayor