



*Statement of Partnership
City of Camden and the NJ Tree Foundation*

This document verifies that the City of Camden and the NJ Tree Foundation have been planting trees in partnership through the *Urban Airshed Reforestation Program (UARP)* since 2002. Through the UARP, the Tree Foundation offers street trees to Camden residents, schools, churches and non-profits. In ten years, the program has planted nearly 4,500 trees along Camden streets with help from 9,000 volunteers.

This mutual partnership makes it possible for the Tree Foundation and the City of Camden to improve the environment and quality of life for residents.

The City of Camden waives all sidewalk permits and provides complimentary Camden Police at volunteer events. This saves the Tree Foundation significantly, allowing the organization to plant even more trees in Camden. The City also assists with community outreach, spreading the word about free trees to its residents and partners.

The Tree Foundation leads the UARP, conducting community outreach, organizing neighborhoods, purchasing trees, managing volunteers, and raising funds. The Tree Foundation also conducts community-based Camden TreeKeepers trainings, offered free of charge to Camden residents.

We are proud of what we have accomplished, but there is much to be done. Camden's tree canopy cover is estimated at 5.2%, and our Tree Canopy Goal is 25%. Through this partnership, we will continue making a difference in Camden through community-based tree planting.

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City of Camden

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