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#### **Public Feedback Sought in Perth Amboy Brownfield-to-Greenfield Project**

**PERTH AMBOY** – City officials are pursuing public feedback for a project that will transform a Second Street vacant lot into a community park with a vista.

Perth Amboy acquired the 6-acre former Goldberg and Sons Scrap Metals site in March 2003 with the intent of redeveloping the brownfield property for recreational use.

In collaboration with Rutgers University and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, the city hosted a preliminary meeting to discuss the park's future at the Brighton Community Center Sept. 23.

“It was a session where members of the community could come and learn about the park and its clean-up stages, review suggestions and contribute to the design process that's currently underway,” said Denise Nickel, a senior project manager with the MCIA's Economic Development division, an instrumental entity in identifying grant funding for the venture. “There were opportunities for participants to create their own park design through an outline-only scaled basemap, 45 of which were completed. They also used Post-its to note the park features that they wanted, for examples, level ground so police cruisers could easily see into the park, a fountain or other water features and a skate park.”

Project organizers are also weighing ideas like: a bike and walking paths, trees, waterslides, sports fields and a community garden.

Prior to a final concept design reveal, expected sometime in mid-December, Rutgers University representatives are mounting a campaign to gather further feedback from stakeholders.

Both Spanish and English-speaking participants may complete an online survey at the [www.2ndstreetpark.blogspot.com](http://www.2ndstreetpark.blogspot.com) or submit a hardcopy survey at any one of the following four city locations by mid-November:

-Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street      -City Hall, 260 High Street  
-Brighton Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave      -PRAHD, 100 First Street.

Once completed, the future park, which sits across from the Robert N. Wilentz Elementary School, would extend from Patterson Street down to the Raritan River waterfront.

City officials are cautioning residents to stay off of the Second Street property until workers bring clean-up efforts to a close.

This remediation, along with site testing and environmental counsel, has been made possible through an Environmental Protection Agency grant retained by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority.

For more information about the Second Street Community Park, contact project organizers at [2ndstreetpark@yahoo.com](mailto:2ndstreetpark@yahoo.com) or by calling 732-932-7901.

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