

BROWNFIELD SUCCESS STORY

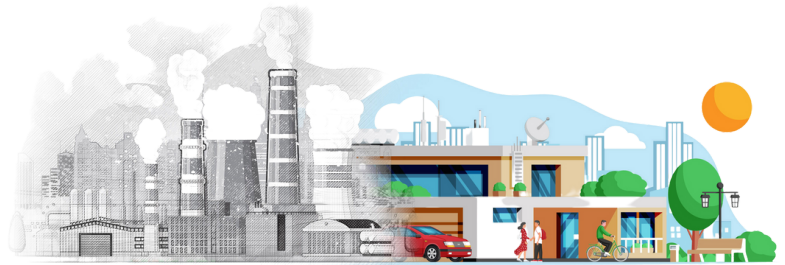
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>>> PROJECT BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION:

Highlights:

- Unused landfill - Potential for recreational space
- Outreach sessions held to obtain invaluable community involvement
- Provided input on assembling grant applications and funding requests
- Successfully awarded three grants:
 - \$90,000 through Local Recreation Improvement Grant administered by Department of Community Affairs
 - \$497,673 through the Urban Park Grant administered by NJDEP
 - \$621,000 through the NJDOT Bikeways Program

The former Bridgeton landfill is an approximately 38-acre site owned by the City of Bridgeton. The landfill operated from the 1950s until February 1990. During this time, it accepted household trash, leading to it becoming contaminated with hazardous substances. An engineering cap was installed in late 2019 to address the contamination, per the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) landfill closure guidelines. The landfill property, an underutilized community space that is not currently open to the public, was surrounded by city-owned park land to the north and south that is used for both passive and active recreational uses.



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>>> NJEDA'S SUPPORT:



Leveraging funding received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) provided Brownfields Planning and Assessment Services to Bridgeton. This included: facilitating public outreach and conducting a design charrette, allowing Bridgeton to obtain meaningful community input, and developing a comprehensive reuse plan and design for the site. The services also included developing a resource roadmap, which laid out strategies for obtaining grants.



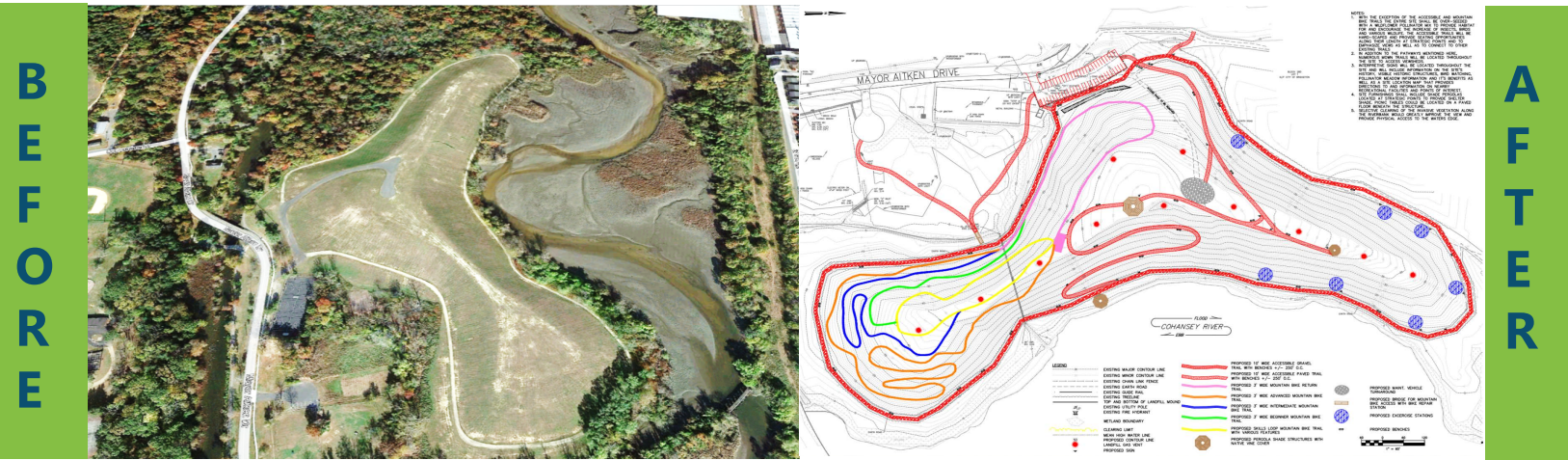
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»»» NJEDA'S SUPPORT (Continued)

In addition, the NJEDA helped Bridgeton assemble grant applications and funding requests to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Local Recreation Improvement Grant), the New Jersey Green Acres Program (Urban Parks 2023 Grant), the New Jersey Department of Transportation (FY24 Bikeways Grant) and a FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request through Senator Cory Booker's Office. The City of Bridgeton was successful in obtaining:

- \$90,000 through a Local Recreation Improvement Grant administered by DCA
- \$497,673 through the Urban Park Grant administered by the NJDEP
- \$621,000 through the Bikeways Grant Program administered by the NJDOT



Kevin Rabago, the Senior Business Administrator for Bridgeton said, "This assistance was invaluable [to Bridgeton] in assembling grant requests and put us in a strong position."

»»» FUTURE ENDEAVORS

The proposed trails, which will connect to the existing trail system, offer breathtaking vistas unique to Bridgeton and cater to various recreational activities like mountain biking, sledding, and walking. Additionally, plans for the site feature fitness stations, benches, and pergolas for both relaxation and physical activity. Building on this vision, the city has plans for constructing these recreational facilities in a manner that will ensure compliance with environmental regulations while enhancing park amenities for the community and serving as a great source for tourism. Future grant funding will transform the former Bridgeton landfill into a vibrant recreational space through community-led design.