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MAYOR DANA L. REDD PARTICIPATES IN THE GRAND REOPENING OF FARNHAM PARK

CAMDEN – Camden Mayor L. Dana Redd today officially took part in reopening dedication ceremony of Farnham Park, located at Park Boulevard and Kaighns Avenue in Camden.

“Farnham Park is truly one of our greatest natural assets,” Mayor Redd said. “With the completion of this project, it can once again become another shining jewel in our community which offers safe and healthy place for our children and families to gather and have fun.”

To help celebrate the reopening of the park, several bicyclists took part in a three mile “River to River Ride” to highlight the Farnham Park’s connection to the Camden GreenWay trail network. Bicyclists began their ride at Campbell’s Field on the Camden Waterfront and ended at Farnham Park.

Cooper’s Ferry Partnership and Parkside Business and Community in Partnership were integral partners who ensured this project moved forward and was completed on time. Farnham Park is the largest park in the City of Camden, comprising of 71 acres bounded by Park Boulevard, Kaighns Avenue, Baird Boulevard, and the Cooper River.

The \$1 million transformation of the park was made possible through funding from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program, the NJDEP Recreational Trails Program, Camden County Open Space Trust, and the Trust for Public Land. Cooper’s Ferry Development Association, working alongside its partners at the City of Camden, Camden County, and Parkside Business & Community in Partnership, is managing the project.

Improvements to Farnham Park consist of three main components: an improved stormwater management system, a connection to the Camden GreenWay trail network, and enhancements to park amenities.

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Stormwater mitigation efforts in the park include repairing the ravine conditions including storm pipe and drop manholes to discharge the storm outflow at an elevation that will allow for erosion control, upgrading the storm pipe system to provide adequate pipe capacity, and installing a rain garden on site for the impervious playground areas providing water quality measures for rainfall events.

These upgrades are part of a larger effort in the City of Camden—the Camden SMART (Stormwater Management and Resource Training) Initiative—which seeks to restore and revitalize neighborhoods through efficient stormwater management. Steps taken under this Initiative will have significant positive impacts on area flooding, air and water quality, public health, and livability.

The installation of a multi-purpose trail integrates Farnham Park into the Camden GreenWay, a growing regional trail network that upon completion will link over 128 miles of bicycle trails for recreation and transportation uses.

Improvements to the recreation area include new playground equipment and upgrades to the spray pool, as well as new benches, tables, and grills.

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