

PERTH AMBOY SWIM

A community-based green infrastructure initiative

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Perth Amboy

ROUTE 440

OUTERBRIDGE CROSSING

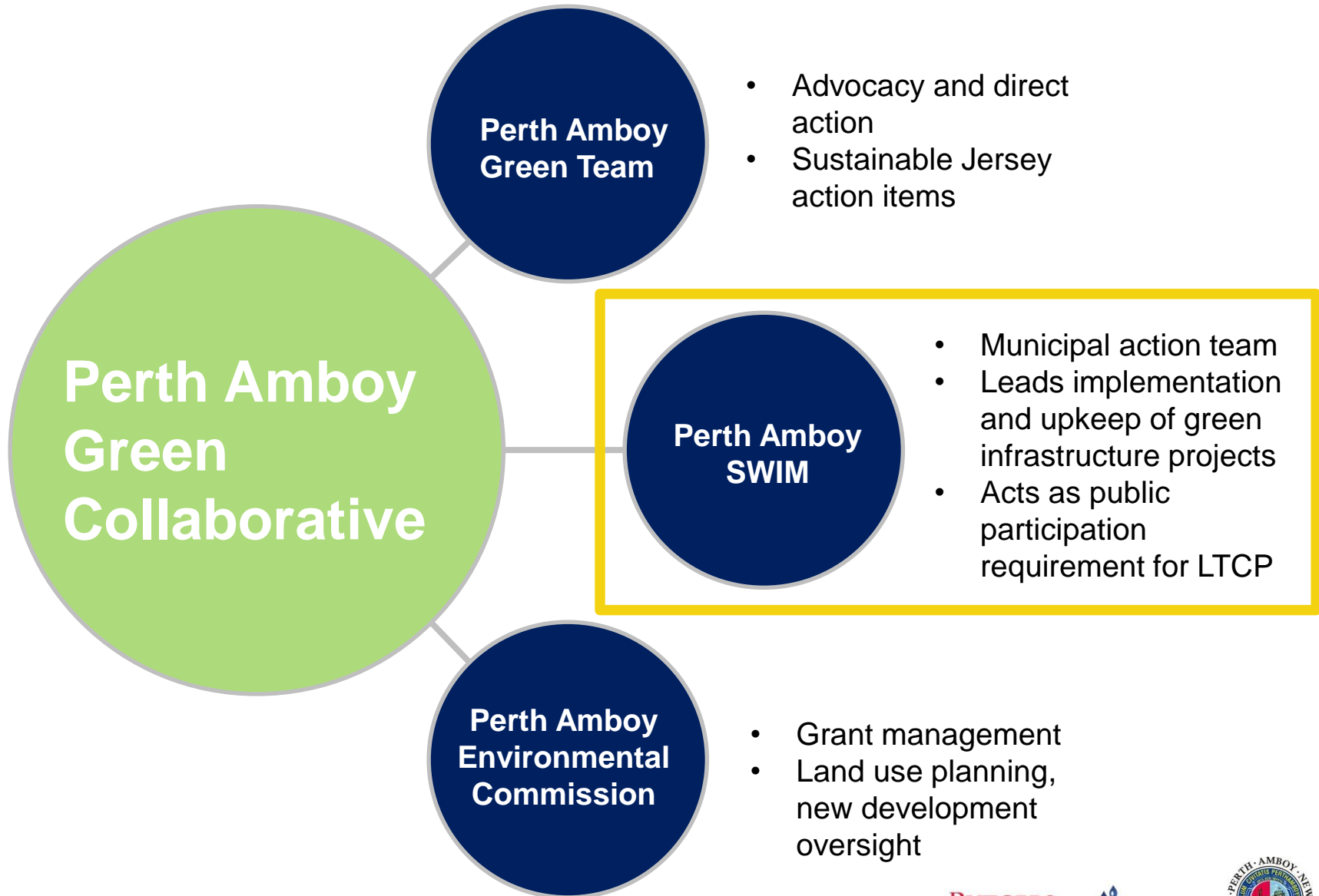
RARITAN RIVER

ARTHUR KILL

RARITAN BAY

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Perth Amboy Green Collaborative



What is a Municipal Action Team?

A municipal action team is a collaborative group of local government officials, utility authorities, residents, and community organizations.



Together these groups work to set an agenda for a community-based green infrastructure initiative

Municipal Action Team



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The goal of this action team is to foster collaboration and collective action that helps the municipality speak with a common voice to achieve a common goal

The goal to educate and improve advocacy for green infrastructure as one solution in the City of Perth Amboy.

Perth Amboy SWIM is...



Perth Amboy SWIM is a **collaboration** of community members and stakeholders committed to improving the quality of life of residents by addressing combined sewer and stormwater pollution, flooding, and economic development through the **strategic implementation** of green infrastructure, educational programming, and public outreach.

StormWater Infrastructure Management

City of Perth Amboy



NY/NJ Baykeeper

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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Raritan Riverkeeper

Jewish Renaissance Foundation

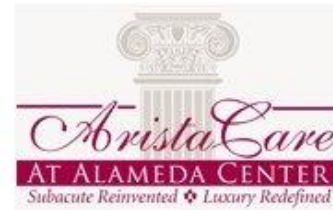
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Middlesex Water

AristaCare at Alameda Senior Facility

Middlesex County Planning Department

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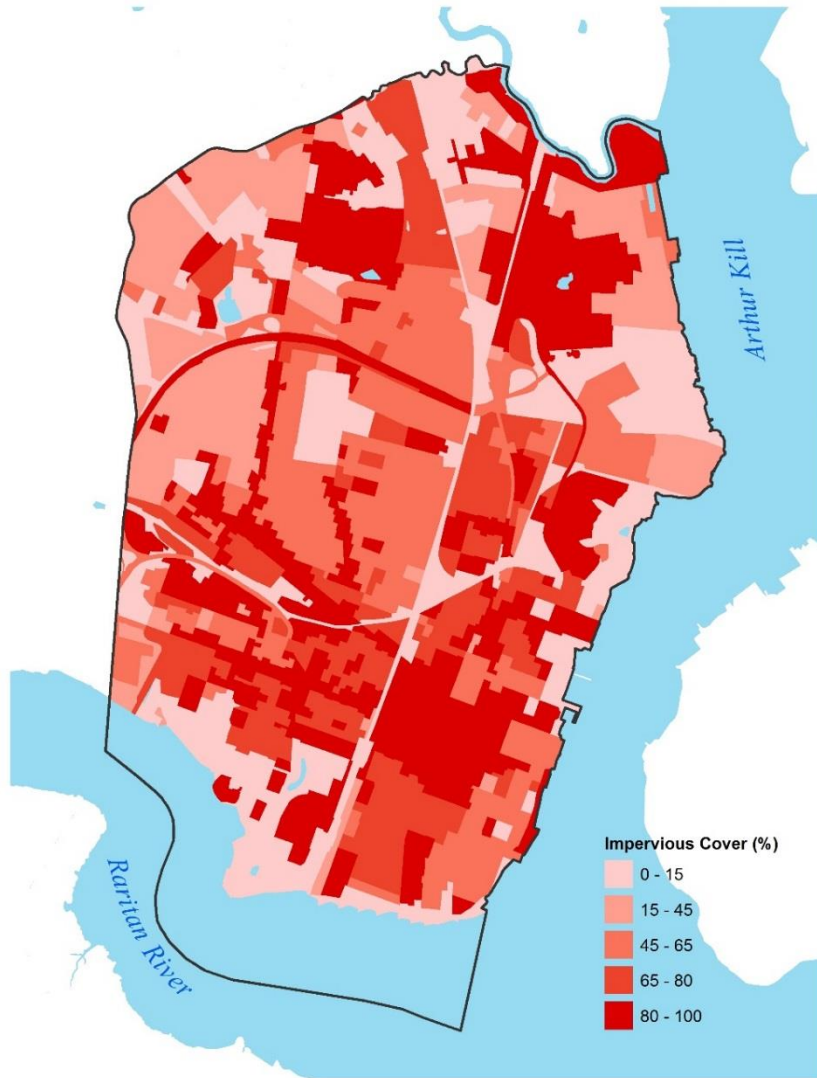
A Community Action Agency

ONE PEOPLE, ONE HEART

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Why Green Infrastructure?



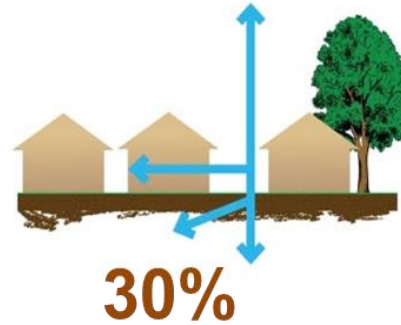
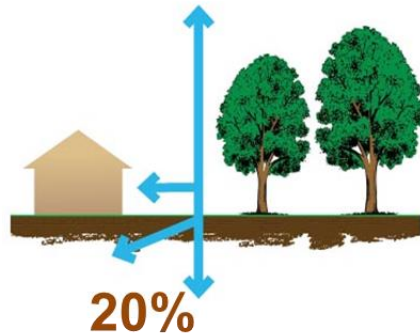
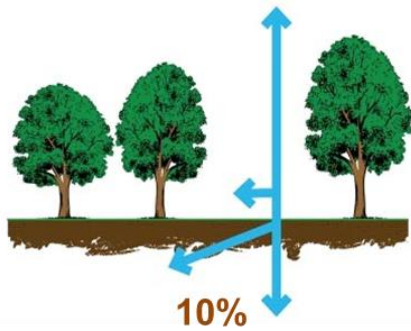
Perth Amboy has over

50%

impervious Cover

The combination of **paved surface** and **lack of capacity** in sewer and wastewater systems means heavy rains cause **flooding** and **Combined Sewer Overflows**, and could lead to **finest** and **expensive mandates** from the EPA.

The Built Environment



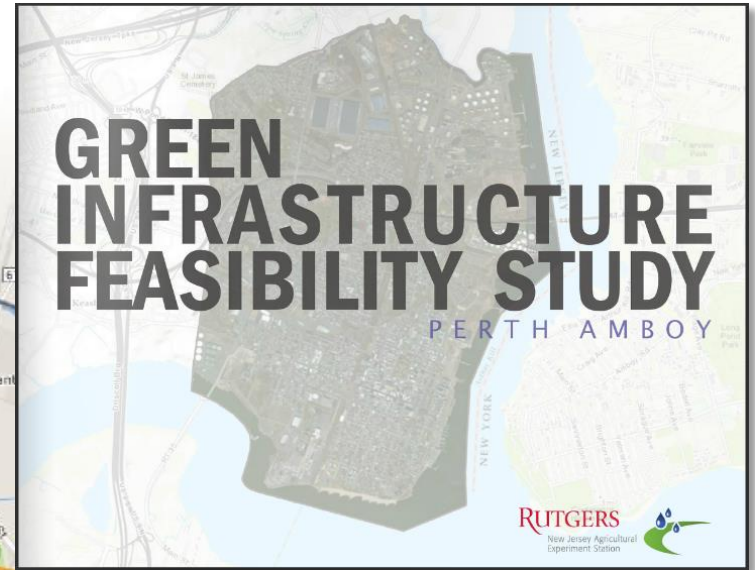
more development → *more paved surfaces* → *more stormwater runoff*



Perth Amboy Feasibility Study

POTENTIAL PROJECT SITES WITHIN STUDY AREA

- 1 ROBERT N. WILENTZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 2 PERTH AMBOY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- 3 ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH/SCHOOL
- 4 PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL
- 5 EDMUND HMIELESKI JR. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
- 6 PERTH AMBOY BUSINESS PARK
- 7 JAMES J. FLYNN ELEMENTARY
- 8 WASHINGTON PARK
- 9 SAMUEL E. SHULL MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 10 ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
- 11 ST. STEPHEN'S CAMPUS
- 12 PERTH AMBOY CITY HALL
- 13 HARBORVIEW CHILD CARE CENTER
- 14 SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALITY MEDITATION CENTER
- 15 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
- 16 TRAFFIC CIRCLE PARK
- 17 WILLIAM C. MCGINNIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 18 SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 19 THE PROPRIETARY HOUSE
- 20 WASHINGTON STREET STREETScape
- 21 RUDYK PARK
- 22 2ND STREET REDEVELOPMENT
- 23 PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX
- 24 PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC LIBRARY
- 25 PERTH AMBOY MARINA
- 26 PARKING UTILITY PARKING LOTS
- 27 ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



- SITE KEY**
- School
 - Municipal
 - Field
 - Other



Sites should be prioritized by...

- **Visibility** (# of visitors per day)
- **Viability** (ability to get the project in the ground)
- **Partnership opportunities**
- **Cost effectiveness**

(low cost + high stormwater volume reduction)





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SAMUEL E. SHULL MIDDLE SCHOOL
380 Hall Avenue,
Perth Amboy NJ 08861

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Samuel E. Shull Middle School is located on Hall Avenue in the middle of urban Perth Amboy. Currently the students have little to no green outdoor space to play, and there is little stormwater management in practice. By depaving the under-utilized parking area on the southern edge of the building, the space can provide a play area for the students. In addition, the area can manage stormwater through harvesting and infiltration systems. By planting rain gardens and installing porous asphalt, the area will allow stormwater to infiltrate as opposed to just flow to the nearest catch basin. In addition, providing stormwater harvesting systems (e.g., cisterns or rain barrels) can provide water for future gardens or other landscape plants.

SUITABLE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rain gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> curb cuts	<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater planters
<input type="checkbox"/> rain barrels	<input type="checkbox"/> buffers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cisterns
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pervious pavement	<input type="checkbox"/> bioswales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> depaving

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HIGH PRIORITY SITES

Perth Amboy SWIM

Site Name	Address
Edmund Hmieleski Early Childhood Center	95 Amboy Avenue
Robert N. Wilentz Elementary	51 1st Street
AristaCare at Alameda	303 Elm Street
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	188 Rector Street
Brighton Avenue Community Center	56 Brighton Avenue
Market Street Flooding	15 Market Street & 83 Market Street
Samuel E. Shull Middle School	380 Hall Avenue
Washington Avenue Park	Weirup Street
Public Safety Complex	375 New Brunswick Avenue



Current Projects

Brighton Avenue Community Center

- Cistern project
- Captures water from community center rooftop
- Harvesting water for adjacent community gardens
- Scheduled to break ground Spring 2016



Rendering provided by the RCE Water Resources Program

Current Projects

AristaCare at Alameda

- Rain garden project
- Captures water from facilities rooftop
- Provides garden space for residents
- Mitigates stormwater from entering the combined system



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Questions?

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