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New Project: Rutgers- North Camden Community Partnership

Supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation, WRI representing Rutgers will facilitate a partnership made up of RESPOND Inc, Save Our Waterfront, Cooper's Ferry, New Jersey Tree Foundation and the NJ Conservation Foundation. The initiative is built around common interests between Rutgers and the North Camden community. The project will focus on physical improvements and greening within the connecting corridors separating Rutgers and North Camden. This planning and greening initiative creates opportunities for a meaningful civic engagement within campus and community.



For further information please visit [Rutgers- North Camden Community Partnership](#).

Upcoming Event: Opportunity Reconnect Summit

Opportunity Reconnect's next summit meeting will be held January 20. Camden City Mayor Dana Redd will be joining community partners representing areas of healthcare, education and employment to discuss service availability and collaboration for the center's re-entry initiative. In an effort to enhance Opportunity Reconnects goals, these meetings are held monthly. The center's goal is to provide effective social and community reintegration to the previously incarcerated by increasing access to needed services.



Stakeholders at the previous Summit

Newsletter Spotlight

Karen Cruz

**WRI's new Project Coordinator for
The North Camden Community Partnership!!!!**

Karen, a graduate from Rutgers-Camden in 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice is the Project Coordinator for North Camden Community Partnership. She is a current resident of the City of Camden, Cramer Hill neighborhood. Karen has previously coordinated community based services for Camden City families and provided community outreach to a non-profit in Camden. As Project Coordinator, she will serve as a liaison between the North Camden and the Rutgers Camden communities.

