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A master plan for the New Jersey Capital Park



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Preface: Vision to Reality

This master plan describes how to turn the vision of Re-Casting Trenton into a reality. It provides a framework for creating an urban riverfront park in the heart of the state capital and organizing numerous state and local projects in central Trenton into a cohesive blueprint for a better civic realm. It is a plan to finally reconnect the City of Trenton to its original life blood – the Delaware River. The plan reveals the immense economic development impacts that the Capital Park investment will have for Trenton and the State of New Jersey.

The master plan recommends a phasing strategy for implementation. The first phase includes creation of State House Common as the heart of the new park. The early actions set up the momentum for sustaining this transformative effort in years to come.

While realization of Capital Park will recast Trenton's riverfront as a cohesive whole, the Capital Park master plan also creates a strategic framework for a wide array of individual projects. The park is a unified composition containing museums, civic institutions, historic sites, archaeological resources, entertainment attractions, regional transportation infrastructure, and an

ecological network. These elements are funded, managed, and implemented by numerous entities.

Capital Park is a new type of park for 21st century New Jersey: an urban state park to be created with economic, recreational, and environmental motives. Capital Park will catalyze a process of regenerating downtown Trenton through tourism, new development, and an enhanced living and working environment. As an engine of urban regeneration, Capital Park differs both in focus and management approach from the large number of state parks elsewhere in the state. Capital Park will be implemented and managed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, at the direction of the Governor and in cooperation with the State Capitol Joint Management Commission, as well as a diverse group of public and private partners. The overarching goal of the plan is to use Capital Park to create a more sustainable, more lively and livable Trenton.

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