

# isles Community Planning and Development

Self-Reliant Communities



Distressed neighborhoods are often defined by what they lack – a stable housing market, jobs, safety, quality of life, amenities. But they can also be defined by what they have in abundance – unique assets, including committed residents and stakeholders

Isles' approach to community planning and development (CP&D) is participatory and asset-based. We work with residents and stakeholders to create comprehensive redevelopment plans that

build on community assets to meet community needs.

We foster collaborative efforts to implement plans and raise funds to sustain those efforts over the long term. In 2015, we drew 406 people to our public planning workshop centered around creating Trenton's first arts and culture district.

CP&D staff are currently working on several multi-year neighborhood planning and implementation projects, a city-wide effort

to address Trenton's vacant and abandoned buildings, food system planning, creative placemaking, and rehabilitation of 26 affordable housing units.

Isles CP&D services include:

- community planning
- all phases of real estate development
- project management and funding
- group and process facilitation
- research and advocacy
- outreach and organizing
- mapping

