



Painting daisies in East Trenton to promote intersection visibility



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Healthy environments.
Thriving communities.



Isles Staff Summer BBQ



GoTrenton! all-electric vehicle

Founded in 1981, Isles is a nonprofit organization rooted in Trenton with statewide reach that provides a wide range of interconnected and evolving services with a single aim: to create the environment necessary for people and communities to grow and thrive. That means healthy homes; safe and flourishing neighborhoods; green spaces; nutritious food; education and job training; convenient transportation; and financial security. By developing innovative and lasting solutions that address gaps created by an inequitable system, and sharing what we learn, Isles is challenging and changing the system itself.

We're able to do this important work because of supporters like YOU!



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Local artist at Isles event, Art On Warren Street



Trenton Community Street Team community drum circle



Isles-sponsored Double Dutch event

The first step in homeownership!



HIGHLIGHTS 2025

At Isles, we believe everyone deserves a healthy community and environment where they can grow and thrive!

LIVE GREEN & HEALTHY

Protecting communities by creating healthier homes with energy efficiency improvements and lead-hazard removal.

- Provided **300** Healthy Homes assessments to residents in the community
- Completed **70** lead hazard control projects (abatement and remediation)
- Weatherized or provided heating system repairs or replacement to **65** homes
- Isles kept over **150** kids and adults warm, dry, and comfortable

Increasing food security and environmental stewardship through effective urban agriculture programs.

- More than **250** community gardeners throughout Trenton supported dozens of gardens
- Over **800** pounds of fresh, nutrient-dense produce was distributed within the community
- Community members received over **8,000** vegetable seedlings and hundreds of seed packets
- Our own beehives produced over **150** pounds of honey
- **2x** a month, we offered free community cooking classes on healthy and affordable meals



TRAIN & EDUCATE

Equipping youth and adults with the education and credentials needed for vocational success. Creating pathways to a high school diploma at our Isles Youth Institute (IYI), and hands-on training through Isles' Center for Energy & Environmental Training (CEET). Also providing youth community education programs through Trenton Community Corps (TCC).

- IYI graduated **25** students on their way to new and promising opportunities
- **67** certifications were issued at IYI in OSHA, CPR/First Aide, Pre-Apprentice Construction Training, Solar Installation, and more
- CEET trained over **400** workers, targeting careers in environmental health and energy efficiency
- **204** received certifications through CEET in Lead-Safe Renovation/Repair/Paint, and **45** in Building Analyst-Technician
- TCC helped to facilitate training **12** community members in the garden incubator program
- Numerous children participated in youth education programming through TCC

BUILD WEALTH

Empowering families to achieve financial stability and homeownership through personalized homebuyer, foreclosure, and employment counseling, financial coaching, and connections to essential resources and benefits.

- Our team supported **160** customers with housing or foreclosure advice and assistance
- Isles helped **63** people realize their dream of purchasing their first home
- We provided financial coaching and education services to **234** individuals
- **29** families were given guidance in accessing needed public benefits
- Our employment coaches worked with **158** people to improve job prospects

In 2025, Isles served as an administrator for the NJ Department of Labor's Fund My Future (FMF) program. Through FMF, Isles provided coaching services and funding to over **120** participants, leading to certifications in high-demand fields, new jobs, and greater earnings.

REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES

Strengthening neighborhoods through resident-led and stakeholder initiatives, violence prevention programs, sustainable transportation solutions, and support for local businesses and grassroots organizations.

- Trenton Community Street Team (TCST) escorted **4,000+** Trenton high school and IYI students to and from school through the Safe Passage initiative
- The Community Care/Outreach team at TCST provided **351** Trentonians with diapers and other household needs, working to build community and help counter retaliatory crime
- Isles partnered with NJ Probation Department to assist **75** young adults with community service hours
- In total, Isles teams hosted or supported over **500** community events

- GO*Trenton!* all-electric rideshare service carried **60,000** passengers, saving **50** metric tons of greenhouse gases and **5,600** gallons of gasoline
- Isles awarded **\$127,000** in grants to downtown businesses, grassroots organizations, and community members, and **\$10,000** in grants to **4** rising local artists
- **22** grants were given to residents in East Trenton for small home repairs related to health & safety issues
- Trenton Community Corps planted **270** trees in Trenton with community partners and watered over **700** trees

JOHNSON CENTER FOR LEARNING & IMPACT

The Johnson Center amplifies Isles' impact by addressing systems, policy, and infrastructure through research, advocacy, strategic partnerships, and education.

- Staff presented research and insights gained at over **15** conferences in multiple states
- Successfully advocated in Trenton and DC for YouthBuild funding and reversing the CDC Reduction in Force (RIF)
- Hosted **15** summer interns who gained practical experience in research, policy, community engagement, advocacy, and effective presentations

