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## Public input sought for Perth Amboy park plan

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**PERTH AMBOY** — City officials are pursuing public feedback for a project that will transform a Second Street vacant lot into a community park with a vista.

Perth Amboy acquired the 6-acre former Goldberg and Sons Scrap Metals site in March 2003 with the intent of redeveloping the Brownfield property for recreational use.

In collaboration with Rutgers University and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), the city hosted a preliminary meeting to discuss the park's future Sept. 23 at the Brighton Community Center.

"It was a session where members of the community could come and learn about the park



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Residents and project organizers gathered to discuss possible uses and features of the future Second Street Park.

and its clean-up stages, review suggestions and contribute to the design process that's currently underway," said Denise Nickel, a senior project manager with the MCIA's Economic Development division, an instrumental entity in identifying grant funding for the venture.

"They also used Post-its to note the park fea-

tures that they wanted, for example, level ground so police cruisers could easily see into the park, a fountain or other water features and a skate park," Nickel said.

Spanish- and English-speaking participants may complete an online survey

at [www.2ndstreet-park.blogspot.com](http://www.2ndstreet-park.blogspot.com) or submit a hard-copy survey at any of the following four city locations by mid-November: The Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St.; City Hall, 260 High St.; Brighton Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave.; and the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, 100 First St.

For more information about the Second Street Community Park, contact project organizers at [2ndstreetpark@yahoo.com](mailto:2ndstreetpark@yahoo.com) or 732-932-7901.