

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low Income Households
32	Philadelphia, PA	PA0015	198,251	12	45%	20%	80%

Philadelphia currently shares a Round I Empowerment Zone with Camden, New Jersey. The Empowerment Zone will continue operating in conjunction with the neighboring Renewal Community.

Philadelphia hopes that the Renewal Community will continue to reverse the massive exodus of business, jobs and population. Their Course of Action chooses the four following strategies:

Reducing the Tax Burden

The City of Philadelphia has been working this strategy since 1996 by focusing on the personal property tax, wage tax and general business privilege tax. The City has also been using tax abatements and leveraging existing tax incentives, including Pennsylvania's Keystone Opportunity Zones and Enterprise Zones.

Improving City Services and Stimulating Commercial and Residential Development

The second strategy will focus on improving waste and recycling services as well as reduce the cost of utilities and link skilled workers with the social service, assemble developable land, and establish a viable market for business.

Reducing Crime

Philadelphia also plans to continue Weed and Seed, Operation Sunrise and other local initiatives. The city will also improve code enforcement and will target illegal dumping.

Reducing Government Regulation

Philadelphia will streamline the licensing and permitting process, revise the zoning code and continue city and state voluntary environmental compliance programs.

Involving Community Partners

- Keep Philadelphia Beautiful
- Community Land Trust Corporation
- The Philadelphia Community Development Financial Institution Fund
- People's Emergency Center Community Development Corporation
- Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation
- Institute for the Development of African-American Youth
- South of South Street Neighborhood Association
- United Neighbors Against Drugs