



REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (the Alliance) is seeking proposals for a professional landscaper or contractor to collaborate with the Alliance and its partners to install a dry stream bed and to plant conservation landscaping and native trees at a nature playground at Blackwell Park in Richmond, VA.

BACKGROUND

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is a regional nonprofit organization founded in 1971 and has offices in Annapolis, MD, Lancaster, PA, Washington, D.C., and Richmond, VA. The Alliance restores the lands and waters of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Our collaborative and action-oriented approach delivers on-the-ground solutions, technical assistance, and builds capacity to achieve healthier lands and cleaner water. We envision clean water and resilient landscapes, cared for by all the people who live, work, and play in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The Alliance is working closely with the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities, Richmond Department of Utilities, Southside Releaf, and Timmons Group to bring green infrastructure improvements to Charlie Sydnor Playground/Blackwell Park. The nature playground will be located inside Blackwell Park at 1400 Maury Street, Richmond, VA 23224 at the northwest corner of the park, close to the entrance on Maury Street. Timmons Group completed a design for the nature playground in March 2025. You can find the full landscaping plan including the detailed Nature Play design prepared by Timmons Group [here](#).

The Alliance seeks bids for a contractor to install a dry stream bed and to plant all plants and trees in the nature playground project area. This project is funded through the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns grant program, and is therefore intended to help communities implement sustainability plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve water quality, and enhance quality of life for communities.

PROJECT SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The project consists of constructing a dry stream bed and planting the plants, trees, and shrubs included in the landscape plan. The contractor will supply all labor, tools, equipment, and materials to complete the project according to the specifications and landscape drawings provided. The playground equipment, surfacing, and border will have been installed prior to the dry stream bed and conservation landscaping installation.

Work to be completed under this scope of work includes: install dry stream bed and plant conservation landscaping and native shade trees in the playground area.

Costs should include:

- All materials needed for dry stream bed
- Dry stream bed installation



- Expenses to provide and plant trees, shrubs, perennials, and ground cover for the nature play area as specified in the landscape plan
- Any other necessary expenses to complete the installation of the dry stream bed and the landscaping provided in the design.

The Bid should include an itemized estimate of each component of the project.

TIMELINE

Installation of the playground border, engineered wood fiber within the border, and all play equipment will be installed by Playground Specialists and completed by September 2025. The dry stream bed and plantings will be installed in the fall of 2025 (October - November) after Playground Specialists demobilizes from the site. This work must be completed by December 2025.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The submitted written proposal should include:

- A written scope of work that meets the project specifications provided above including a proposed schedule
- Itemized budget for the work proposed
- Company profile
- Examples of similar work
- References as helpful

Qualifications, Proposal Format, & Submission Instructions: Eligible contractors must be able to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act and all other applicable requirements of the federal grants defined under 2 CFR Part 200. Qualified contractors will have demonstrated experience in implementing the practices described above. Experience working with nonprofits or city parks on similar projects is a plus. Contractors may submit multiple cost estimate scenarios within the proposal to accommodate site design phase variables.

Deadline for Submissions: Friday, July 25, 2025

If you wish to arrange a site visit or to submit a bid, please contact Neal Friedman, Green Infrastructure Projects Coordinator at the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at nfriedman@allianceforthebay.org.



Context Map

