



## **Amelia Street School Accessible Trail *Request for Bids***

### **PURPOSE**

**The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (the Alliance) is seeking bids for a professional contractor to collaborate with the Alliance and its partners to install an ADA accessible nature trail that includes green infrastructure practices and recreational amenities at Amelia Street School in Richmond, VA.** The trail is part of a project that will connect the school building to landscaped outdoor spaces in the back of the school property. The trail is designed to enable students with disabilities (intellectual, behavioral, emotional and mobility) to access the outdoor landscape features at their school as well as demonstrate sustainable stormwater management strategies.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance) 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.

Amelia Street School is a public school located in Richmond, Virginia that serves students ages 5 to 21 years with significant intellectual disabilities, behavioral issues, or complex health needs. The trail will be located in the back schoolyard of Amelia Street's campus, located at 1821 Amelia Street, Richmond, VA 23220. You can find the full plan set prepared by Marvel Designs and Nitsch Engineering [here](#).

The Alliance seeks bids for a contractor to construct the trail, green infrastructure stormwater practices and recreational amenities specified in the attached engineered design (also listed below). The design features new outdoor gathering spaces or "nodes" that are integrated into the conservation landscape and bioretention practices. This project is funded through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Small Watershed Grant program, Chesapeake Bay Trust's Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns grant program, the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, and the Robins Foundation 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**

The project consists of installation of the practices (excluding the plant installation) contained within the attached [engineered and landscape design plans](#), to include:

1. ADA accessible trail
2. Bioretention 1 and 2
3. Swale 1 and 2
4. Filter strip
5. Vegetated area adjacent to school building
6. Underground pipes and structures
7. Grading and site preparation for conservation landscapes according to design (see location of conservation landscapes identified in design)
8. Installation of play and recreational equipment provided in the design\*

\*Installation of play equipment is negotiable if beyond the contractor's capacity.

The contractor will supply all labor, tools, equipment, and materials to complete the project according to the design specifications and landscape drawings provided. This scope of work included in this bid proposal does not include installation of plants, shrubs, or trees.

Costs should include all materials needed for the construction of the practices listed above (excluding plants). The submitted Bid should include an itemized estimate of each component of the project.

## TIMELINE

Installation of the trail, green infrastructure practices, and recreational amenities will begin in January 2026. This work must be completed by July 15, 2026.

## 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:** October 27, 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](mailto:nfriedman@allianceforthebay.org).**