1. Tell us about your project!

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Is anyone else involved v	vith your project?		
RK&K has provided estin	nate for engineering d	lesign	
2. How do you prefer to b	e contacted?		
Email			
3. Name of Project			
Water Access Point Desig	gn for Four Mile Run		

Northern end of Commonwealth Avenue

4. Location of Project

5. Please add a map and outline of project location.

image(1).png

2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

32000

7. How did you develop your cost estimate?

We received an estimate for engineering design from RK&K in fall 2017, with an estimated cost of \$30,000. We expect the cost may have increased a little, and that there may be minor associated costs, such as printing.

8. What will be your group's monetary contribution?

16000

9. How many volunteer hours do you expect your community group will contribute to this project?

50

10. Do you expect any in-kind donations and, if so, please explain.

No.

11. What is the monetary funding match you are seeking from the City?

16000

3. Proposed Idea

12. Proposed Idea (will be evaluated for up to 30 points)

Please provide information on your proposed idea in approximately 200 words.

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This project is for engineering design and permit inquiries for an ADA-accessible water access point, a necessary first step toward having a 'shovel-ready' project that would increase our ability to leverage grant funding and corporate donations to fund construction. A water access point at Commonwealth Avenue would provide City residents an outstanding opportunity for healthy recreation in nearby nature, in addition to supporting kayak-based stream cleanups, our most popular and in-demand stewardship activity.

A water access point is consistent with City plans:

RPCA Strategic Plan (2018)

- Connect the community: activate public space, collaborate with community organizations
- Improve well-being: opportunity for self-directed exercise and activities
- Invest in natural environment: equitably and appropriately balance recreational uses and natural resources in city open spaces, enable volunteers to be stewards of their natural environment

Citywide Park Improvement Plan (2014)

- Increase activity at the eastern park entrance, supporting security through "eyes on the park"
- Potential use for educational activities, such as water sampling, for Cora Kelly School
- Paddle sports in the role of adult fitness station

Four Mile Run Restoration Master Plan (2006)

- Plan recommends a kayak/canoe launch, promoting non-motorized activity corridor
- Create a place for people to reconnect with water and nature within an urban context
- Create new recreational opportunities affording interaction with waters of Four Mile Run
- Safety/security: "eyes on the corridor"

Four Mile Run Flood Control Project (1979)

- T&ES indicated that boat docks would be built at Mount Vernon Avenue and at Commonwealth Avenue as part of the flood control project (Meyers, R., \$55 Million Four Mile Run Project Ready to Handle Floods in Arlandria. Washington Post, 16 June 1979, retrieved from online archive).

4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

13. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building (will be evaluated for up to 30 Points)

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The Four Mile Run Restoration Master Plan and the Four Mile Run Park Improvement Plan has involved various stakeholders over the past 15 years during which water access was repeatedly discussed. As part of the design process, we intend to conduct outreach and convene a community meeting to explore desired design features and to engage potential donors for construction funding. In particular, we would seek input from the nearby neighborhood and business associations on both sides of the Run. Many of the participants in our kayak-based clean-ups have voiced support for a proper dock facility, and staff at Cora Kelly School have expressed interest in it as a water quality teaching resource. A key feature of the project is design for accessibility: an ADA-compliant ramp, dock, and boat launch system will not only ensure accessibility for those with mobility impairments but also provide for safe entry and landing for novice paddlers.

5. Project Resources

14. Project Resources & Readiness (will be evaluated for up to 30 points)

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In late 2017 we contacted RK&K Engineering to assess project feasibility and to estimate the engineering design cost. RK&K is the firm that handled the tidal wetland restoration, so they already have depth data for the tidal channel and current contacts for permitting in the flood control channel, and they provided the assessment on a pro bono basis. RK&K provided us preliminary drawings that demonstrate the project is feasible. Completion of the water access point would require the approval of the City and of the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the design and permitting would need to be developed in tandem. Completion of this design project will ensure that the dock is ready either for construction as a capital improvement project or as a public/private partnership project. If the latter, the Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation would anticipate conducting additional fundraising and pursuing grant opportunities to support dock construction.

6. Outcomes

15. Outcomes (will be evaluated for up to 10 points)

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The chief project goal is a 'shovel-ready' project suitable for implementation either as a capital improvement project by the Clty or as a public-private partnership project supported by grant and private funding.

The longer-term outcome is an accessible and ADA-compliant water access point providing high-quality recreation and activating the currently-underutilized eastern gateway to Four Mile Run Park.

1. Tell us about your project!

1. Please	tell us	about	yourself	and you	r community	group

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Neil Snyder

Name of Community Group

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Is anyone else involved with your project?

6 other garden leaders. 40 total gardeners make up the community.

2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Phone

3. Name of Project

Garden Improvement & Independence Project

4. Location of Project

Holmes Run Community Garden, Holmes Run Parkway

5. Please add a map and outline of project location.

Holmes Run Community Gardens - Google Maps.pdf

2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

15000.00

7. How did you develop your cost estimate?

Materials: \$7,500.00 Labor: \$7,5000.00

8. What will be your group's monetary contribution?

1000

9. How many volunteer hours do you expect your community group will contribute to this project?

100

10. Do you expect any in-kind donations and, if so, please explain.

Mulch from the city.

11. What is the monetary funding match you are seeking from the City?

14500

3. Proposed Idea

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The City of Alexandria is handing over the management of the Holmes Run Community Garden to the gardeners beginning in 2020. To ensure a smooth transition and stability in garden rentals, the garden leadership seeks to address specific needs and deficiencies at Holmes Run that exist there. These include: mulch and compost bins, fencing, landscaping, and storage. Receiving this grant would allow the garden to construct these structures, thereby creating an attractive garden, stable plot renters, and fiscal stability. With these element the garden can thrive and contribute to the surrounding community.

4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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The current makeup of garden renters includes seniors, young professionals, married couples, parents with children, veterans, and civil service employees. The garden is within 1/8 mile of three apartment and condo complexs. Growing the connection with the garden and these communities is only possible with a healthy, vibrant and stable garden.

5. Project Resources

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Holmes run currently has 40 plots and will add 4 more this season. These 44 gardeners are required to paying rent, meeting the mandatory of volunteer hours, and gardening according the rules and regulations established by the city. Therefore, if selected, these 44 gardeners would commit an additional 100 hour of labor, \$500 in funds, and seek and additional \$1500 from outside sources such as non-profits, for profit businesses (Home Depot and garden centers).

6. Outcomes

15. Outcomes (will be evaluated for up to 10 points)

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If selected and if the goals of objectives are properly and fully implemented, beginning in the 2021 garden season, the City would see and be able to measure the following: a fully rented garden, 60% renewal rate, the construction of mulch and compost bins, the construction of uniform fencing, and two community engagement events.

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for considering the grant application submitted on behalf of the Holmes Run Community Garden by Neil Snyder. The Holmes Run Community Garden is a small, 24 plot garden on Holmes Run Parkway in the west end of the city of Alexandria.

Approximately two years ago we entered a PARKnership with the city of Alexandria to take on additional responsibilities for the maintenance of the community gardens and surrounding areas. At this time we are moving towards self governance with additional responsibilities being passed to the garden and gardeners. Since entering this agreement with the city we have seen an increase in the sense of community the gardens are meant to provide and an increase in the beautification of the gardens and surrounding areas. This grant would allow us to continue building this sense of community and beautifying the gardens.

In the past several years the community gardens have transformed from a "shanty town" of unsafe structures and no community to a maintained set of structures and a much stronger community. We hold several social events throughout the season and host a number of garden workdays where we work on the exterior of the garden. At our social events and our workdays we have people from the surrounding community join us to help with the beautification of the area or just enjoy the social interaction with the gardeners in the community.

While we have seen mostly positive interactions with the surrounding community, gardeners have been increasingly plagued by damage to their gardens and stolen produce, flowers, and plants as well as illegal dumping of dirt, landscaping materials, and general trash (a toilet was dumped in the garden this spring). With this grant we plan to install a single perimeter fence and bins for wood chips and mulch. This will continue the beautification of the gardens and hopefully deter dumping near the gardens since the materials such as wood chips will be contained and not just sitting in a large pile by the garden.

We will also use the opportunity of a fenced in garden to start a dedicated area where gardeners can grow produce to donate to those in need in the city of Alexandria. We are also trying to start "seminars" hosted by the gardeners out in the park on topics such as how to grow gardens, plant identification, preserving fresh vegetables, and uses for your crops. These will be open not only to the gardeners but the community as a whole.

The Holmes Run Community Garden gardeners commit to matching the funds as required by the grant, provide substantial sweat equity, and work to find additional ways to involve the surrounding community in the gardens and continue to build a community at the gardens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Holland, Chair Holmes Run Community Garden Advisory Board Tara Houlden, Vice Chair Holmes Run Community Garden Advisory Board

1. Tell us about your project!

1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

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Is anyone else involved with your project?

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2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

3. Name of Project

Ewald Parkour Park

4. Location of Project

John Ewald Park

5. Please add a map and outline of project location.

Ewald Proposed Site Improvements.pdf

2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

80000

7. How did you develop your cost estimate?

Estimate was quoted by Timberform. More accurate cost estimate is currently being developed.

8. What will be your group's monetary contribution?

55000

9. How many volunteer hours do you expect your community group will contribute to this project?

200

10. Do you expect any in-kind donations and, if so, please explain.

Funds for the project will be collected through fundraising and contributions

11. What is the monetary funding match you are seeking from the City?

25000

3. Proposed Idea

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The Ewald Parkour Park Project was conceived back in December 2017 and approved by the City Parks and Recreation Committee in November 2018. The Park Project aims to activate a space that has been neglected for almost a 2 decades since the two tennis courts were removed from the space back in the early 2000s. The park would serve as a multi-generational play-space, with the equipment being designed so that both youth and adults alike can participate. Additionally, the equipment such as wooden beams and metal bars allow for an extensive variety of movements and more overall usage out of the space. Finally, we hope that this park will jump-start a flow of restoration and revitalization projects to Ewald and bring this centralized Alexandria park to its full potential.

4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

13. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building (will be evaluated for up to 30 Points)

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The Park would offer a space for members of the Wakefield-Tarleton neighborhood (children, teens, and adults alike) to meet and play. It would serve as an area for community building through the cohesive and all-accepting nature of parkour and movement sports in general. Additionally, it would provide the sedentary youth of the area with more opportunities for physical activity, specifically for those who haven't found a sport that they enjoy yet. The Park also has the potential to bring in residents from all over Alexandria, increasing circulation of peoples near the park and supporting local businesses. In addition, back in November of 2018, an open house was held introducing the park plan to the residents of the Wakefield-Tarleton neighborhood and the disciple of parkour. The event received very positive feedback and some of the comments from those who came can be seen here: https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/EwaldParkAmendmentNov2018.pdf

5. Project Resources

14. Project Resources & Readiness (will be evaluated for up to 30 points)

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An ACT for Alexandria "Field of Interest Fund" account has been set up as the mechanism to store funds from potential donors. This account allows all contributions to be tax deductible. Once at least \$10,000 dollars are raised in the account, payments toward the project may be made. Since the project has been approved and the City has already allocated funds for the removal of the old, abandoned pool and pool house at Ewald, these next months will be consumed with fundraising and asking for contributions from local corporation branches and Alexandria citizens. Once the goal has been reached and the project has been finalized, construction can begin. Construction will be handled by professional, city-approved contractors due to the complexity of the build. Additionally, the pool house must be removed first in order to stay in accordance with Stormwater regulations. The pool house is planning to be demolished in the summer of 2019, which works out as that is around the time we are hoping to have acquired most if not all of the necessary funds.

6. Outcomes

15. Outcomes (will be evaluated for up to 10 points)

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After the \$80,000 goal is met and the park is constructed, I will consider it a success if it increases usage of Ewald Park by Alexandria citizens and the Wakefield-Tarleton neighborhood. Additionally, the park will hopefully serve as the catalyst for change at Ewald and will jumpstart the rest of the proposed improvements to the space such as the movement of the playground down to the lower lot (nearer to the street, increasing visibility and safety), construction of an adult calisthenics/exercise area, and walking path that encircles the lot. Moreover, the park will bring more attention to Ewald's condition and hopefully create a safer environment for park-goers.

1. Tell us about your project!

1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

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Name of Community Group

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Is anyone else involved with your project?

Wish Kid Whitaker (age 3) and her family, who reside in Alexandria.

We are also working to secure vendors and volunteers to provide in-kind contributions.

2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

3. Name of Project

Whitaker's Wish

4. Location of Project

Woodbine Tot Lot

5. Please add a map and outline of project location.

Woodbine tot lot.docx

2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

80000

7. How did you develop your cost estimate?

Our estimate is based on information provided by our partners at RPCA on the costs of recent / similar renovations.

8. What will be your group's monetary contribution?

25000

- 9. How many volunteer hours do you expect your community group will contribute to this project?
- 10. Do you expect any in-kind donations and, if so, please explain.

Yes. We are currently in discussions with several vendors to provide in-kind donations for design and installation. Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic has a stellar track record of securing such contributions. On average, 55% of the cost of every wish we grant is donated in-kind. No matter what the budget, we are committed to fully funding this project through in-kind contributions, funds raised specifically for this Wish, or our annual budget. We have the utmost confidence in being able to match any monetary support we receive through this grant.

11. What is the monetary funding match you are seeking from the City?

25000

3. Proposed Idea

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Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic transforms the lives of children with critical illnesses. Whitaker (age 3) from Alexandria has a selfless wish: to renovate her city's playground to make it extra special for herself and her neighborhood friends. Whitaker absolutely loves going to the Woodbine tot lot; it is by far her favorite place! She spends time there every day —or asking her parents when she can go back and play.

We are partnering with the DRPCA to renovate the pocket park, ahead of the City's currently-scheduled renovation date. Whitaker's wish aligns with the RPCA Strategic Plan as she wants to create a space where her community—friends, family and neighbors who have supported her and her family throughout her treatment—can have a place to CONNECT and share MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES together.

Over 80% of Wish parents and health care professionals surveyed observe an increased willingness by their Wish kids to comply with treatment and believe that the Wish experience can influence their physical and emotional health. Wishes also transform the volunteers and communities who help grant the Wish. Our mission and demonstrated outcomes correlate directly to the RPCA's strategic goals to "improve well-being" through nature, connections, partnerships—and Wishes.

4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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Because she is a very frequent visitor to the tot lot, it is no surprise that Whitaker's wish list closely mirrors the community feedback previously ascertained by RPCA:

- A "bike path" around the perimeter, so the toddlers have a safe place to ride tricycles, little cars, and learn to bike, as well as connect elements within the space
- A "climbing wall" type structure
- A larger fire truck play structure
- Additional swings for bigger kids, and
- A new picnic table and additional seating for rest and snacking.

Once we have a design in-hand, we propose holding a celebration at the park where our staff and the designers officially present Whitaker with the plans for her--and the community's input. Having Whitaker and her friends and neighbors participate in the design process is a magical and essential element of the Wish process--it gives Whitaker control over an aspect of her life at a time when so much is out of her control. We would invite the community to volunteer with installation and, once the renovation is complete, we will also host a grand opening ribbon cutting WISH REVEAL party for the community.

5. Project Resources

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To the best of our ability, we grant Wishes at a time when they can most benefit the Wish child's health. We want to grant Whitaker's Wish as soon as possible and are mobilizing in-kind, volunteer and cash resources as quickly as possible. We would like to have the tot lot completed before Winter 2019 so that weather is not a factor. Unfortunately, our National Wish Granting Policies preclude us from providing support for maintenance. We are only able to grant the Wish itself -- it is a magical moment in time.

6. Outcomes

15. Outcomes (will be evaluated for up to 10 points)

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Delivering an updated playground to the Woodbine Tot Lot to fulfill Whitaker's Wish request would be our defined success. Incorporating approved play elements from the community feedback gathered and merging those with Whitaker's dream vision are the objective of this project. It is our utmost priority that the outcome will result in a renewed sense of happiness, strength and community for Whitaker, her family and their close-knit, supportive Alexandria community.

Formally, we measure success through our post-Wish survey, which asks families for feedback on their interactions and communication with our staff and volunteers, level of satisfaction with the Wish and whether it met/exceeded expectations, and the overall quality of the Wish experience.

We would be pleased to work with RPCA on other feedback mechanisms/surveys to collect evaluation data of importance to the City and future partnerships and renovations.