## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE**: MAY 17, 2018

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM**: DANA WEDELES, PRINCIPAL PLANNER

PARK PLANNING, CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT & WATERFRONT

THROUGH: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF

PARK PLANNING, CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT & WATERFRONT

**SUBJECT**: FY 2019 COMMUNITY MATCHING FUND

## **Community Matching Fund Overview**

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) established the Community Matching Fund (Fund) in 2016. The Fund promotes collaborative partnerships among City of Alexandria community organizations by providing matching 1:1 dollars for groups that propose fundraising for park and recreation improvement projects. The Fund fosters public/private partnerships and cultivates innovative ways for residents to have a greater stake in improving the park and recreation facilities that they use. These partnerships will also provide opportunities for developing positive relationships between the City and the community.

## **Process**

RPCA staff received and reviewed 10 applications in April 2018. Staff will present the projects and their recommendations at the May 17, 2018 Park and Recreation Commission meeting. Applicants will be welcome to speak as part of the public hearing. The PRC members will make final decisions on project awards at the June 21, 2018 meeting. At the start of the FY19 year staff will develop partnership agreements with each of the awardees.

## **FY19 Applications**

Staff received the following applications (see attachment for full applications):

1. Applicant: Master Gardeners

Project: Simpson Garden Improvements Requested amount from city: \$15,200

Amount from organization: \$0 + 75 volunteer hours

Project Total: \$15,200

2. Applicant: Northeast Old Town Civic Association

Project: Powhatan Park Improvements Requested amount from city: \$25,000

Amount from organization: \$5,000 +16+ 2,000 volunteer hours

Project Total: \$50,000

3. Applicant: Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation

Project: Kayak Launch

Requested amount from city: \$25,000 Amount from organization: \$75,000

Project Total: \$100,000

4. Applicant: Alexandria Country Day School Project: Monticello Park Improvements Requested amount from city: \$5,000

Amount from organization: \$4,000 + 40 hours of volunteer time

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Project: Garden Fencing

Requested amount from city: \$16,000 Amount from organization: \$16,000

Project Total: \$32,000

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Project: Lee Center Playground Improvements

Requested amount from city: \$24,000 Amount from organization: \$26,000

Project Total: \$50,000

9. Applicant: The Garden Club of Alexandria Project: Ramsay House Garden Renovation Requested amount from city: \$25,000

Amount from organization: \$84,000

Project Total: \$109,000

10. Applicant: Hopkins House

Project: Hunter/Miller Park Improvements Requested amount from city: \$6,618 Amount from organization: \$6,618

Project Total: \$13,237

#### Recommendations

RPCA Senior Staff and technical experts from horticulture and Planning & Zoning reviewed the applications and have the following recommendations for the Park and Recreation Commission:

## Projects to award:

- Powhatan \$22,500
- Simpson Triangle \$22,500
- Monticello \$5,000
- Kelley Cares \$22,500
- Ramsay House \$22,500
- Hopkins House \$6,618

## **Total: \$101,618**

## Projects not awarded:

- 1. Simpson Garden
  - a. Staff recommends waiting to address drainage concerns after the adjacent playground project has been complete. Park Operations will replace the existing bench to be compliant with park standards.
- 2. Kayak Launch
  - a. Staff recommends working with the Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation to further develop the scope of work and seek a broader funding strategy, including grants and CIP funds.
- 3. Lyles-Crouch
  - a. This project is not eligible as it is on school property. The application has been sent to ACPS for consideration.
- 4. Chinquapin Garden
  - a. Staff is working with the Chinquapin Garden Advisory council to conduct broader community outreach on the fencing interest.

**Attachment:** FY19 Community Matching Fund Applications

cc: James Spengler, Director, Recreation, parks & Cultural Activities

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## **Communty Matching Fund Application**

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## 1. Tell us about your project!

#### 1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

## Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Denise Dieter

## **Name of Community Group**

Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) - Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens Volunteers

#### **Street Address**

109 E. Luray Ave

#### Apt/Suite/Office

City

Alexandria

#### State

VA

#### **Postal Code**

22301

#### Country

#### **Email Address**

denise.m.dieter@gmail.com

## **Phone Number**

703-626-8228

## Fax Number

#### **Mobile Phone**

## Website (if applicable)

https://mgnv.org/demonstration-gardens-2/simpson-gardens/

## Is anyone else involved with your project?

The Board of Directors of MGNV support and have approved the submission of this application.

Kirsten Conrad, VA Cooperative Extension Agent (kirsten.conrad@vt.edu)

Office Address: VCE Horticulture Office, 3308 South Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22206 (703.228.6400)

#### 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

#### 3. Name of Project

Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens Improvements

#### 4. Location of Project

426 E. Monroe Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301

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

Demonstration\_Garden\_Map.pdf

## 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

15200

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

0

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

75

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

We project to spend approximately 50 - 75 volunteer hours working with city staff. These hours would include consulting with city staff, being present for Miss Utility, the installations of the project, and working with a sign company. These hours would be in addition to our volunteer hours maintaining the gardens and conducting educational programs. Master Gardeners are committed to as many hours needed to see the completion of our requested project.

Our group has contributed an average of 400 or more hours per year in recent years. We intend to continue to donate our time to maintain this green space of peaceful passive recreation.

Our labor (433 hours in 2017 at \$26.96 per hour) is worth \$11,736.80, and we hope to match that this coming year.

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

15200.

## 3. Proposed Idea

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Replace a bench and add a second bench. The existing bench is in full sun and at approximately 20 years old, is rotting and deteriorating. Replacing it and adding a second bench in a shady spot offers families, seniors, and other visitors a safe place to rest, and experience passive enjoyment. These wood benches would be 6 ft. long, set in pervious pavers, and the style and location approved by city staff in accordance with Simpson Stadium Park Citywide Parks Improvement Plan (2014).

Install a French drain. Rain runoff from the baseball fields results in standing water in several areas of the garden. Solving the problem of standing water in the central area would decrease the danger of mosquitoes breeding as well as making the grass and pathways less slippery and safer. It will serve as an example to visitors and homeowners of possible solutions to their own wet garden spaces. The french drain would be installed in accordance with the city's stormwater management plan. It would be an excellent example of the city incorporating stormwater management practices in a passive community space.

Seven new garden signs identifying the various garden beds. The 20 year old signs labeling our gardens have deteriorated. Aluminum signs, 6"x 12" and 8"X16" with rounded corners (for safety), attached to cedar, defines the teaching purpose of the beds, and updated garden terminology will be easier to read and understand.

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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Certified master gardeners and interns are the only volunteers permitted to maintain master gardener demonstration gardens. Our mission is to inform, educate, and promote sound gardening practices. Our organization reaches community groups, neighbors, and renters by offering free educational programming. We promote these educational programs through the MGNV website, the information kiosk at the garden, fliers distributed throughout the community, and social media.

At the demonstration garden, volunteers offer presentations with the neighborhood and community in mind. We cover topics such as gardening to attract pollinators and birds, sustainable and water wise planting, the importance of native plants, gardening in containers, organic practices, and how these practices benefit our community as a whole. We average 48 visitors during our scheduled "ask a master gardener" time offered throughout the growing season, and 40 to 60 at each of our spring and fall open houses. Our garden strolls, offering explanations of the various beds are widely popular.

While not at the gardens, master gardeners also conduct these presentations and topics at city libraries and recreation centers, information desks at the local Farmers' Markets, partnering with ACPS sponsored garden clubs and 4H, and other organizations such as youth gardening at Tancil Court and the Guest House.

#### 5. Project Resources

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

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This garden replaced a parking lot and paved street, adding to the healthful green spaces a dense city like ours requires, and for 25 years master gardeners have maintained these demonstration gardens at Simpson. Master gardeners average 400 volunteer hours working in the park each year (in 2017 we logged 433). We maintain the gardens with at least weekly work sessions from early spring through late fall, and the gardens are monitored weekly during the winter months. MGNV is a 501(c)(3), but Simpson garden volunteers do no fundraising to maintain the gardens. Volunteer hours at Virginia's state rate of \$26.96 values our matching contribution funds of approximately \$11,000.

The cost estimate for two wood benches set in pervious pavers is \$4,000, dependent on the approval of placement and style from city staff, in accordance with the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan (2014).

Estimates for the french drain is \$11,000 according to Park Operations.

The aluminum signs are estimated to be a total of \$450, and we'll work with the company recommended by city staff.

As our 25 year history demonstrates, we are committed to Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens and will continue to work closely and cooperatively with Alexandria's Parks and Rec., Park Operations, and other city services for the ongoing maintenance and continued success of the only demonstration garden in Alexandria.

The timeline could begin at any time since MGNV has over 200 certified master gardeners who can volunteers when needed to assist in the implementation of the benches and sign installation, and construction of the french drain.

## 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

The french drain, the largest expense, will be the biggest benefit for the garden for several reasons. Not only will it improve the function of the garden, but will be an information and education resource for master gardeners to demonstrate how a similar system could be constructed in yards of homeowners, small business owners, and even groups studying the environment. It would demonstrate first-hand how proper drainage can aid in controlling water runoff and be environmentally friendly.

The Simpson Stadium Park Survey completed as part of the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan, showed that 15% visit the park for the purpose of visiting the garden (page 94). Attractive park benches are like a welcome sign to refresh, meditate, and for reflective enjoyment. Benches set in permeable pavers will show homeowners, business owners, and the public how the simple use of an environmentally friendly product, permeable pavers, can be attractive as it functions to capture and filter stormwater.

Just like an outdated home, easy to read garden signs is as easy an update as a fresh coat of paint. The signs will provide useful information and interesting facts about fascinating plants in the garden beds. Visitors can see how plants used in demonstration gardens can be planted in their home gardens.

The long term effects from the Matching Grant Fund will be for master gardeners to continue our education roles in the community. Our community uses Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens for education, sustainable garden practices information, inspiration, and enjoyment.

## 7. Thank You!

#### **Submit Form**

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## Communty Matching Fund Application

Response ID:75 Data

## 1. Tell us about your project!

#### 1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

## Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Mary Jane Kramer, NECA Vice President

## **Name of Community Group**

NorthEast Citizens' Association (NECA)

#### Street Address

1219 Powhatan Street

#### Apt/Suite/Office

#### City

Alexandria

#### State

VA

#### **Postal Code**

22314

#### Country

#### **Email Address**

maryjanekramer@gmail.com

## **Phone Number**

202-431-3975

## Fax Number

**Mobile Phone** 

## Website (if applicable)

## Is anyone else involved with your project?

Neighbors will be involved with planting the shrubs as well as a two-year watering schedule. The City of Alexandria Sheriff's Department Inmate Work Detail will be used to remove the old shrubs, augment the soil with conditioner, and dig the shrub holes. (NECA will pay for the inmates' lunches at McDonalds.) NECA will also obtain assistance from Volunteer Alexandria, some representatives from local churches, and local Boy Scouts to help with the planting and mulching of the shrubs.

## 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

#### 3. Name of Project

Powhatan Park Shrub Replacement Project

#### 4. Location of Project

Powhatan Park, 1010 Douglas Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

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

## 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

50000.00

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

5000.00

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

2000

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

NECA will pay approximately \$5,000.00; this includes the purchase of approximately 180 shrubs, 16 lbs. Soil Moist, 150 foot hoses (QTY of 4) for watering as well as food and drinks for workers. NECA was told by Dana Wedeles that shrubs could be purchased using the City of Alexandria's contracted rate with Dennison Nursery. Soil Moist can be purchased cheaper online than at Dennison. In the past, the City of Alexandria has delivered leaf mulch free of charge for City projects. The plan is that 16 yards (one truck load) could be delivered as soil conditioner and after planting the shrubs, an additional 16 yards (one truck load) of leaf mulch would be used as mulch.

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

25000.00

## 3. Proposed Idea

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Powhatan Park is an underutilized park due to safety concerns, vandalism, and crime. One safety concern is the thorny shrubs that run along the alley on two sides of the park making it difficult to access; some of the thorny shrubs have been purposely destroyed so that neighbors can more easily access the park from the alley. The thorns are dangerous; they have even gone through Park Maintenance worker's boots. This project will replace the thorny shrubs with a low maintenance, hardy shrub described as a dense, naturally mounded, evergreen shrub with soft-textured, glossy green leaves (llex crenata 'Soft Touch', suitable for Zones 5 to 9). The new shrubs will not only beautify the Park and remove the safety hazard, it will make the Park more likely to be used for social gatherings and safe play. Per community feedback, removing the thorny shrubs is consistent with and part of the Citywide Park Improvement Plan (2014) or the Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan (2016), as accepted by City Council. Removing the thorny shrubs was the highest priority set by the community. The park has strong potential to be an active urban public space for neighbors to gather, recreate, and find nature in a City. The addition of new shrubs will help create a stronger, more connected, and vibrant neighborhood and community.

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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NorthEast is a diverse neighborhood; it consists of mostly homeowners but also renters and low-income housing; mostly college educated but also vocational and blue collar workers; married with children, married without children, empty-nesters; and single; young, old, and in-between; multiple ethnic origins; limited commercial businesses; and an average household income of around \$150,000. The NorthEast Citizens' Association has been in existence for many decades and has a long history of being active in local City activities and development. NECA greatly values its parks for the enjoyment of its residents; preserving and protecting its parks makes our community a better place to live. Our parks are very important to our neighborhood since our community is in a dense, urban location with limited trees, open green space, and other natural recreational sites. NECA serves to strengthen community ties, create a sense of place, improve quality of life, and advocate for a safe, secure, and healthy place to live. Our meetings are open to all and we encourage neighborhood participation. NECA hopes that the revitalization of Powhatan Park will make it a safe and healthy place for all age-groups to use and we hope it achieves the 10-year goals identified in a City survey: being a safe place for children to explore, being a place to create social connections with neighbors, and being a place to relax. We plan to include anyone who wants to participate in this community-building activity; this includes many seniors. The NECA membership has been involved in numerous discussions of planned park improvements and specifics of this project. We have contacted the Sheriff's Department to obtain the Inmate Work Detail to remove the thorny shrubs and do the more labor intensive preparation work. I have contacted Volunteer Alexandria on the advice of Dana Wedeles for workers and some church workers in our neighborhood and will seek help from Boy Scout troops to also assist. The main planting work will take place over two or three weekends and the watering crew will consist of a number of dedicated neighbors near the Park who will water weekly for two years.

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The majority of the project resources will come from the NECA treasury and, as previously explained, we have been in contact with several groups to solicit the labor hours. The NECA Vice President has already dedicated several days' worth of planning and preparation time talking and meeting with the Sherriff's department; discussing materials, costs, preparation activities, and shrub selection with Dennison Nursery (Tom Sheehan in Estimates); calling neighbors to volunteer and discussing the project with NECA officers; contacting the Volunteer Alexandria organization for resources; speaking personally to local church workers about contributing to the project; watching the recorded March 5th, 2018, Community Matching Fund Online Information Session; and meeting with Dana Wedeles, Urban Park Planner, City of Alexandria, to discuss the project scope and plan. In addition, the project was discussed at numerous NECA meetings. Removing the thorny shrubs has been a long term goal of the neighborhood and NECA is ready and willing to do our best to make this project a success by planting better looking, easy-to-maintain, and non-thorny replacements to create a consistent linear line of shrubby along the alley. Dana Wedeles says that this is an appropriate time in the existing RPCA Park Design and Implementation Process to move forward with this project and safety in the parks is always a high priority. Once the Project is accepted by the City and proper notification is posted at the park, the next step will be to contact the Inmate Work Detail and start work with removal of the thorny bushes, amendment of the soil, and digging of holes for the shrubs. Three to four weeks before September, Dennison Nursery will need to be notified so shrubs of all the same size can be ordered, shipped, and purchased from the nursery farm in Delaware. A delivery date will be negotiated and then the neighborhood and supplement volunteers will be notified of the

dates of planting. It's planned that four key households will provide watering twice per week for the first year of maintenance and one day a week for the second year of maintenance. All volunteers will be asked to sign a Volunteer Acknowledgement/Commitment Form agreeing to volunteer time on this project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by November, 2018, and watering will continue through Autumn, 2020.

## 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

It will be easy to determine whether this project has successfully been achieved because the thorny shrubs will be removed and the new rounded and thornless shrubs will be planted. NECA will work with Parks and Recreation to determine if the identified shrub variety is acceptable to be planted as well as the placement of the new shrubs to create a consistent linear appearance; part of the planting plan should include discussion of whether any openings in the shrub groupings should be purposely built into the plan so neighbors can easily access the park from the alley. An intangible result will be an increase in park usage. Removing the thorny shrubs will also make it easier for NECA to keep Powhatan Park free of litter since we are a long-time participant of the City's Adopt-A-Park Program. The thorns scratch hands when trying to reach litter and make it difficult to properly maintain the park. The matching funds will be used to purchase and install a water fountain with water bottle filler and hose bib as well as purchase new black metal benches and new black metal waste receptacles in Powhatan Park.

#### 7. Thank You!

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Email

3. Name of Project

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ease tell (	us about yourself and your community group
Name of	Primary Contact for Community Group
Kurt Mo	oser
Name of	Community Group
Four M	ile Run Conservatory Foundation
Street A	ddress
3905 E	Ibert Avenue
Apt/Suite	e/Office
City	
Alexan	dria
State	
VA	
Postal C	ode
22305	
Country	
US	
Email Ad	ddress
kmose	@fourmilerun.org
Phone N	umber
703244	14029
Fax Num	ber
Mobile P	hone
Website	(if applicable)
www.fc	purmilerun.org
Is anyon	e else involved with your project?
Not cur	rently

Four Mile Run Kayak/Canoe Launch

#### 4. Location of Project

Four Mile Run Park at Commonwealth Avenue

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

Kayak-Canoe\_Launch\_Approximate\_Location.jpg

## 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

100000

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

75000

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

600

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

We intend to seek in-kind contributions of materials and labor toward the project, to the fullest extent possible.

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

25000

## 3. Proposed Idea

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This project would construct an ADA-accessible kayak/canoe launch near the end of Commonwealth Avenue at Four Mile Run. It addresses a lack of water access points within the City generally, and at Four Mile Run in particular. Kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and other small craft could be unloaded at the circle at the end of Commonwealth, with parking onstreet or by the ballfields. This amenity would provide City residents the opportunity for healthy recreation in 'nearby nature,' and attract City residents to Four Mile Run to enjoy and value this unique park. It is consistent with at least two of the City's planning documents:

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"

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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We intend to convene community meetings to discuss the project and the design options, gather the input/feedback of nearby community and business associations (Hume Spring, Lynhaven, Del Ray, Arlandria, Del Ray Business Association) and the broader community. For this project, we recognize the importance of engaging the community early, so that we have strong support as we raise the needed funds. We also would look for opportunities to have community members involved in the construction of the project, should such opportunities arise.

## 5. Project Resources

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We have contacted RK&K Engineering for preliminary assessment of feasibility and an estimate of the engineering costs, and we have researched similar projects and requested initial costs from dock manufacturers. We thus have a good idea of the scope of the project and likely costs. Based on community input and factors such as availability of in-kind materials, the cost may vary somewhat, but it would be unlikely to fall below the combination of Community Matching Grant and required match funding. The project would be subject to approval of the City and the US Army Corps of Engineers, and so we would anticipate the project needing several months for review/approval. In order to raise funds, we will be applying for additional grant funding from corporations/foundations, as well as raising funds directly through community contributions, including during #GivingTuesday and Alexandria Spring2Action events. We anticipate the time frame necessary to reach full funding would surely be longer than 12 months, likely closer to two years. Committed Community Matching Fund funding would give us leverage in fundraising and grantseeking.

Expected Timeline: Kayak/Canoe Launch Project

Months 0-3: Host community meetings

Months 0-6: Identify options and associated costs, seek in-kind contributions of materials and/or labor

Months 0-12: Applications for outside funding (corporate and/or foundation), direct fundraising, and initiate permit processes

Months 12-24: Continued fundraising, obtain permits, construction

#### 6. Outcomes

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Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

A successful outcome of this project will be the final installation of the launch, a tangible result.

In addition, we would expect to see Four Mile Run used more frequently for non-motorized watercraft, whether measured formally (as through periodic counts) or informally (photos, mentions on social media, etc). Four Mile Run Conservatory

Foundation would expect to host at least three paddling events per year (e.g., kayak-based stream clean-ups, paddling tours, 'float-ins').

## 7. Thank You!

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## Communty Matching Fund Application

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Name of Primary Contact for	Community Group	
Elizabeth Lockwood		
Name of Community Group		
Alexandria Country Day Sch	ool	
Street Address		
2400 Russell Road		
Apt/Suite/Office		
City		
Alexandria		
State		
Virginia		
Postal Code		
22301		
Country		
Email Address		
elockwood@acdsnet.org		
Phone Number		
17035484804		
Fax Number		
Mobile Phone		
Website (if applicable)		
http://www.acdsnet.org/		
Is anyone else involved with	vour project?	

Email

## 3. Name of Project

Working Together to Welcome Warblers

4. Location of Project

Monticello Park

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

Monticello\_Map.jpg

## 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

10000

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

4000

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

40

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

We will pursue the possibility of in-kind donations for replacing the picnic tables in the dog park area of the park. If we do not procur appropriate in-kind donations, we will raise the funds needed for the match.

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

5000

## 3. Proposed Idea

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

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Alexandria Country Day School (ACDS) proposes to work with the City of Alexandria to inventory the tree and plant species, add educational signage regarding trees and birds, clean the stream bed, and make improvements to the picnic area, such as additional seating, at Monticello Park by involving current ACDS students, alumni, local birders, and the neighboring community.

Monticello Park is a 6.24 acre green space located half a mile from ACDS. It is a "migrant trap," or location where a concentration of migrating birds stops every spring. A large variety of warblers and other migrating birds such as tanagers and orioles visit the park in great numbers from March through May.

Monticello Park is a unique ecological space in an urban area, but it has suffered wind damage and erosion in the last few years. Many trees have fallen in high winds. The stream bed is greatly eroded to the point that the trails on either side are in danger. The conditions that led to the park's status as a migrant trap are threatened, and ACDS would like to help mitigate some of these threats.

We would also like to educate the community about the importance of this natural area. We believe that by working with members of the local community to appreciate and improve the assets of this park, we will not only improve the health of the natural environment, but help to build a more connected neighborhood community with a strong appreciation for this park. Additionally, improving signage and seating will improve visitors' experience.

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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

Please provide information on how the neighborhood/community will be involved in the project and its result in approximately 200 words. Applicants must demonstrate the project's effectiveness by including as many diverse groups and individuals as possible and should reflect the demographics of the neighborhood/community, including youth, seniors, renters, homeowners, and business organizations.

ACDS has experience working collaboratively to improve parks in Alexandria. Members of our community assisted RunningBrooke in building the Hume Springs Playground. Our second grade students conducted research, raised funds, planted a tree at the Taney Avenue Park, and subsequently visited the park to pick up trash and check on the tree. Our fifth grade students worked with PK Move to learn about adaptive parkour and its uses in City parks. We would now like to take the lead on a project to improve the park closest to our school.

Our science department would direct the research portions of the project. As part of our middle school science curriculum, our students will learn about tree, plant, and bird species and complete an inventory of the native and invasive plants in the park. Then they will create a database and use it to perform a gap analysis of the vegetation. This data will be shared with the City of Alexandria for future improvements. Our second grade students study habitats and biomes, and they spend a unit focusing on birds. This year, they worked on bird-friendly plantings in our school garden and generally making our school grounds more hospitable to local birds. Next year, they could expand their focus to the birds in Monticello Park.

Working with guidelines from the City, the lower school and middle school students will design signage identifying the trees and describing their role in the ecosystem. They will also create a larger sign about the park's role as a migrant trap and depicting the bird species that pass through. We will build the plant inventory and the habitat research into our science curriculum so that it will recur every year and remain up-to-date and accurate.

We would create a committee of teachers, parents and alumni, many of whom live in the North Ridge area around the park, to take the lead on the community involvement portions of the project. They would work to include the park's neighbors in streambed clean up. The committee would plan ways to solicit feedback from visiting birders and local homeowners and renters regarding improvements to the seating and picnic areas.

ACDS has two annual days of service each year, and we will commit to using those days to assure that the stream and the seating area remain trash-free.

## 5. Project Resources

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

Please explain the project resources and readiness in approximately 200 words. Applicants must explain their cost estimates for the project and demonstrate the ability to obtain widespread and diverse match contributions of cash, volunteer labor, donated professional services, and donated materials as indicators of community support. Community groups must show that they can raise their matching funds and have the project started within 12 months. You must also show a project timeline. Proposals that demonstrate a maintenance assistance plan will receive higher consideration.

We propose to create a committee to meet with representatives from the City and neighborhood, and to plan this project during the summer of 2018, but the actual work would take place during the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning in the fall, students will undertake the stream clean up and inventory. The target completion date of the entire project is before the spring migration of 2019.

ACDS is requesting \$5,000 from the City of Alexandria. We have applied for a conservation grant from the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia for a large portion of our obligation of the matching \$5,000. If we do not receive that grant, we will seek other grants and/or work to fundraise for additional money and in-kind donations. The families at our school, both current and alumni, include a wide variety of professionals, and we are confident in our abilities to locate relevant professional services.

We will require assistance from the City in planning the signage and seating portions of the project, but we plan to provide supplemental volunteer labor in order to accomplish this project.

We estimate the costs as follows:

Fifteen aluminum signs identifying tree and bird species: \$1,000

Two new metal benches or other seating choices as deemed appropriate by the City of Alexandria's Parks Department: \$3,000-\$4,000

Picnic Table: \$5,000

## 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

Outcomes:

Addition of two benches and a picnic table to the communal space in the park.

Addition of signage identifying trees, habitats, and the park's role as a migrant trap.

Addition of a plant inventory database that will be maintained continuously by the students of ACDS.

Improved engagement by park neighbors in the use and care of the park.

Annual report provided by ACDS on the condition of the park.

## 7. Thank You!

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## Communty Matching Fund Application

Response ID:70 Data

## 1. Tell us about your project!

#### 1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

## Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Alex St. Clair, President of LCTA PTA

## **Name of Community Group**

Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy Parent Teacher Association

#### **Street Address**

530 South Saint Asaph Street

## Apt/Suite/Office

#### City

Alexandria

#### State

VA

#### **Postal Code**

22314

#### Country

#### **Email Address**

president@lctapta.org

#### **Phone Number**

7037064430

## **Fax Number**

**Mobile Phone** 

## Website (if applicable)

http://www.lcta-pta.org/

## Is anyone else involved with your project?

We have identified one potential community partner, the local Fraternal Order of the Eagles chapter, and we hope to build on this partnership to encourage ongoing community involvement.

#### 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

## 3. Name of Project

LCTA Inclusive Playground Project

#### 4. Location of Project

530 South Saint Asaph Street Alexandria, VA 22314

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

LCTAPlaygroundMap 2018.pdf

## 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

30000

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

15000

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

200

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

We hope to work with a specific identified community organization, the local Fraternal Order of Eagles Chapter 871, to use money designated from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund to help children with physical and intellectual and developmental disabilities. The grant would support the design of an inclusive playground for children of differing abilities in the community. This money, in conjunction with funds raised through the PTA, would allow us to design a playground that would serve not only students at LCTA, but the community as a whole.

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

15000.

## 3. Proposed Idea

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

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The LCTA Inclusive Playground Project specifically addresses Objective 4 of the 2014 Citywide Park Improvement Plan: Strengthen the network of Citywide Parks and its role in connecting the community. This plan seeks to fulfill two goals of Objective 4: to provide public spaces that facilitate community gathering and places for interaction; and to create opportunities for residents and local businesses to become involved in park stewardship and planning processes. The overall goal is to get children from throughout the community engaged in creative play and social interaction, regardless of disability, cultural or economic background.

We support the 2014 Park Improvement Plan's vision of mixed-use parks as potential "social incubators" for neighborhoods. The LCTA playground embodies the unique story of our primary users—K-5 school children—while extending the playground's reach to the community as a whole through after-hours and summer use. We want to use the natural and physical surroundings of the LCTA playground to provide a greater range of diverse learning and developmental opportunities. Designing a playground for children of all abilities makes the playground more accessible and safe for children

with disabilities and is beneficial and inviting for all community members, including elderly caregivers and parents with strollers. Regarding the individual elements of the LCTA playground, we are looking to engage children in a safe environment with their natural surroundings, provide a rich variety of sensory activities to stimulate the senses, and foster rich and imaginative opportunities for shared play.

#### Work Plan:

1. Removal of Broken Equipment / Research of New Equipment and Design (Summer/Fall 2018)

Study examples of successful universal access playgrounds; examine potential construction/equipment/renovation costs; secure permits or other forms of permission; review guidelines on accessible play spaces and equipment; finalize and implement plan for broken equipment removal.

2. Consultation (Summer/Fall 2018)

Consult with Play Space Designer with experience in universal access playgrounds; hold workshops to gather creative design ideas and for a space responsive to LCTA playground users,' including community members.

3. Create Funding Plan (Summer/Fall 2018)

In addition to partnership with Fraternal Order of Eagles Chapter, develop grant matching initiative with other possible funding sources: local businesses, foundations, school and community fundraising events.

4. Collect Bids (Fall 2018/Spring 2019)

Collect bids, quotes, and estimates from two or more suppliers / contractors; get approvals from school board and municipal governments as needed; ensure playground suppliers adhere to CSA safety standards.

5. Design and Budget (Spring 2019)

Determine final plan for accessible and inclusive play space; finalize design and budget.

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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

Please provide information on how the neighborhood/community will be involved in the project and its result in approximately 200 words. Applicants must demonstrate the project's effectiveness by including as many diverse groups and individuals as possible and should reflect the demographics of the neighborhood/community, including youth, seniors, renters, homeowners, and business organizations.

The LCTA Inclusive Playground Project works in conjunction with the ACPS Long Range Education Facilities Plan (2015), adhering to Open Space Goals and Guidelines and its assertion that schools should be welcoming and inviting places that include dedicated space for parent and family engagement, as well as spaces available for community and partnership use. The proposal maximizes community use of open space and provides an additional local playground that could accommodate children of all abilities. The neighborhood itself represents a diverse range of families, with a broad mix of affordable housing, condominiums, single-family homes, and market-priced rental units within a 1/2-mile radius of the playground.

LCTA will form a PTA-run Playground Improvement Committee to undertake the planning process, which includes parents, the LCTA principal, and community stakeholders. The Committee will hold workshops and opportunities to engage the LCTA school children, parents and caregivers, teachers/service providers, neighbors, local businesses, members of the community and other stakeholders to gather creative ideas and design a space responsive to users' needs and interests. With a target group of LCTA playground users, we'll present an overview of inclusive play space design for children and adults of all abilities, including images of accessible play spaces to spark discussion and interest.

The LCTA parent community is committed to using the playground for community engagement: twice a year we host picnic and ice cream nights that draw families from the neighborhood to socialize, play, and engage with each other, creating the connection among different communities outlined as a goal in the Park Improvement Plan. The short walk to the park from both affordable housing and single-family homes means these events create a space for interaction across generations and cultures. Grandparents, parents, and young siblings all come to play on the playground, to enjoy each other's company, and to share experiences. The playground space can also be used for local recreational sports leagues and activities, including adaptive programs.

Currently, however, our playground lacks safe, engaging equipment for all children and caregivers. We need equipment that

engages children of differing physical, emotional, and intellectual abilities to replace broken and unusable equipment. We would like to partner with the community to address the specific need to provide universally accessible, engaging equipment.

## 5. Project Resources

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

Please explain the project resources and readiness in approximately 200 words. Applicants must explain their cost estimates for the project and demonstrate the ability to obtain widespread and diverse match contributions of cash, volunteer labor, donated professional services, and donated materials as indicators of community support. Community groups must show that they can raise their matching funds and have the project started within 12 months. You must also show a project timeline. Proposals that demonstrate a maintenance assistance plan will receive higher consideration.

The PTA has identified members to form a Playground Improvement Committee that includes both parents and community stakeholders. Once installed, playground equipment will be maintained through a partnership between ACPS and the LCTA PTA. The school's principal, Dr. Patricia Zissios, has met with ACPS to discuss their role in maintaining and installing equipment as needed. PTA representatives met with School Board members to discuss the project, and to ensure partnership. These conversations are ongoing, and the scope and scale of the project will depend in large part on support through the community matching fund.

The primary immediate costs are for labor to remove and replace broken pieces. Currently proposed new pieces include a rope climbing mountain/triangle, a slide, and soft surface. Consultations with playground equipment sources suggest that removal and replacement of equipment will cost around \$30,000; additional universal playground design and overhaul could run up to 3 times that amount. The PTA has the ability to donate 25 volunteer hours a month and \$15,000 for the specific project of equipment removal/replacement, but we hope this will become part of a larger, ongoing project to renovate this space for increased community use.

The requested amount can be supported within our annual framework for PTA expenditures; for example the 2016-17 "Lions" of Lyles Crouch Fundraiser raised \$17,000. However, we would like to partner more widely with community organizations to increase a sense of ownership and investment in our playground as a public space and to garner ideas for specific accessible equipment designed to engage students of all abilities. Therefore, our work plan reflects the use of Summer and Fall 2018 to identify community partners to support the design and maintenance of this outdoor space.

#### 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

Measurable Outcomes:

- -Generation of additional funds from LCTA PTA devoted specifically to the improvement of the playground space for both our students and the broader community
- -Consultation on a long-range plan for the overall playground that prioritizes universal design and community engagement
- -Develop a community survey regarding playground space use by both LCTA families and community members and that helps to guide long-range planning for this space.
- -Removal of two pieces of unsafe broken playground equipment and replacement with new equipment that fosters engagement of children of all abilities
- -Identification of at least one long-term LCTA Playground community partner to increase investment in the playground as a shared space

## 7. Thank You!

## **Submit Form**

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## Communty Matching Fund Application

Response ID:69 Data

## 1. Tell us about your project!

## 1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

## Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Annie Ebbers, Active member in the community and member of the Del Ray Citizens Association

## Name of Community Group

Simpson Triangle Improvement Group

## **Street Address**

315 1/2 Hume Avenue

## Apt/Suite/Office

#### City

Alexandria

#### State

VA

#### **Postal Code**

22301

#### Country

#### **Email Address**

amcebbers@gmail.com

#### **Phone Number**

617 319 9450

## Fax Number

#### **Mobile Phone**

## Website (if applicable)

will be launched upon approval

## Is anyone else involved with your project?

Doug Tipsword, L. Arch.

Mellenie Runion,

Jon Quandt,

Lisa Quandt,

Community members at large

Alexandria Beautification Commission:

Cathleen Curtin

Beth McElwain

Denise Tennant Erich Veitenheimer

#### 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

#### 3. Name of Project

Simpson Triangle Park (temporary name)

#### 4. Location of Project

Simpson Triangle Park at the corner of Jefferson Davis Hwy and East Bellefonte Ave.

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

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## 2. Project Costs

#### 6. What is your total project cost?

50000.00

#### 7. What will be your group's monetary contribution?

25000.00

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

515

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

Doug Tipsword, Landscape Architect, has already donated his services to create a concept plan for community approval followed by a pricing plan with plant, material schedules and specifications for budgeting and installation.

We intend to approach local landscaping and garden supply centers for in-kind donations once this application has been approved.

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

25000.00

## 3. Proposed Idea

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

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++Demonstrate the project's effectiveness in creating a stronger, more connected, and vibrant neighborhood and community. How the project will benefit the broader community?:

Alexandrians have a strong sense of civic pride and desire to connect with their neighbors, according to the Citywide Improvement Plan. It is with community pride and interest we desire to develop this dormant and unappealing lot previously used as a construction staging lot.

We seek to improve this long vacant parcel by modestly transforming it with the addition of trees, meadow plantings of grasses, wildflowers, natural lawn paths and grouped boulders for seating and playing. In a study and community survey the community requested green natural spaces, organic shapes and land forms, color, texture and varietal plantings, shrubs, perennials, grasses, shade and places to sit and rest. They use this current lot as a pass-through to commute to and from public transportation and to access Simpson Park.

Improving the parcel will enrich the neighborhood by improving a blighted plot of land and to act as a bridge between the Del Ray neighborhood, the Potomac Yard community to the east and the many activities at Simpson field.

#### ++Why you want to do this project?:

Our goal is to create a lush planted green environment in this now barren lot. One objective is to experience nature and enjoy relaxing outdoor activities with our neighbors as a passive addition to Eugene Simpson Field. A second objective is to provide a natural habitat for wildlife, insects and assist in water and pollution absorption.

A third objective is to improve the commuters experience to and from home and work by walking through a planted green space rather than an empty lot. We also want to beautify this section of Jefferson Davis Highway for the community, passersby and the environment.

#### ++ Show consistency with existing park plans:

The Citywide Parks Improvement Plan of 2014 created a plan for Simpson Stadium Park, which has been largely implemented. The improvements we propose to the northeast corner of the park (Simpson Triangle) will bring the plan even closer to completion. Our improvements will keep the space available for passive uses, while providing screening from busy Jefferson Davis Highway and retaining the ability to install hard trails in a future phase of improvements. Where we have slightly deviated from the plan by making the space more natural as opposed to a turf open-use area, it was in response to additional community input (discussed below). We see this improved corner of the park as a public benefit; a green space for the community and visitors to enjoy.

#### ++Detailed Work Plan:

Install a grove of 16 trees for shade, manage soil erosion, create a nature habitat, and improve the general environment.

Remove existing weeds and dirt, install improved topsoil and PVC edging in the five beds of wild grass and wild flowers. Install seed and plants in the four wild grass and wild flower beds with multiple boulders for seating.

Watering and maintenance will be provided by an organized volunteer base in the immediate neighborhood.

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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

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The proposed project has twice been presented to the Del Ray Citizens Association for community feedback. We also published an online survey that gave all residents an opportunity to provide input on the features and design of the improved space. We went door-to-door in the immediate area of the park to make sure residents knew about the survey and give them an opportunity to provide comments to us directly.

The survey and community feedback received indicated people wanted a more natural passive outdoor space here. Upcoming improvements to the adjacent Oakville Triangle and the Mt. Jefferson Trail will take away some of the natural appeal of this area.

We are currently seeking support from community associations, small and large local businesses (e.g. Nature By Design, Greenstreet Gardens, Ace Hardware, Pulte Homes, Centex, JBG Smith, MRP Realty, Potomac Yard Homeowners

Association, Aldi Grocery Store). We will also be seeking support from local scout troops, community gardeners, and environmental organizations affiliated with Alexandria. Each of these groups can be involved in the project monetarily, providing in ¬kind materials and or equipment, and or volunteer labor. The exact nature of each group's support is to be determined. General involvement ¬with the Alexandria homeowners and renting households living within a mile of this new park will be contacted and organized.

## 5. Project Resources

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

Please explain the project resources and readiness in approximately 200 words. Applicants must explain their cost estimates for the project and demonstrate the ability to obtain widespread and diverse match contributions of cash, volunteer labor, donated professional services, and donated materials as indicators of community support. Community groups must show that they can raise their matching funds and have the project started within 12 months. You must also show a project timeline. Proposals that demonstrate a maintenance assistance plan will receive higher consideration.

- ++Cost Estimates: The cost estimates for the improvements were obtained from contractors with experience doing similar work. (Waiting for ACTUAL QUOTE + notes to be added.)
- ++Ability to obtain cash, labor, services and materials: We will organize various fundraisers and obtain cash donations from local business in return for placing signage at the new park. Similar fundraising drives in the past years have raised \$ 14,000.00 for a dog park and (enter another known fundraising event)\_\_\_\_\_\_. Volunteer labor is readily available from the Del Ray Citizens Association and community members.

We can reasonably expect the Del Ray Citizens Association to contribute between \$5,000 and \$10,000 out of their dedicated parks fund and/or proceeds from fundraising events.

We can reasonably expect the Del Ray Business Association members to contribute \$5,000.00.

We can reasonably expect the Del Ray Artisans Art and Community Fund Raiser to raise \$5000.00.

We can reasonably expect the Simpson Triangle Silent Auction Fund Raiser with the community and Del Ray Business Association to raise \$5,000.00.

- ++Can raise their matching funds: The above various community organizations have consistently raised money over the years and are committed to seeing these improvements through to fruition. With increased community business involvement, we are well-positioned to raise the needed funds.
- ++Project timeline: We can have the project started within 12 months. The proposed project does not require significant city permitting so it can start quickly. An installation over the fall and winter would be ideal so that work can be completed before the winter sets in. Our goal would be to raise the matching funds by Spring of 2019 in order to order materials and organize volunteers for a Fall 2019 installation.
- ++Maintenance assistance plan: Community volunteer hours will be organized annually for maintenance and we will work with the city to ensure the grounds are properly maintained throughout the year. The Del Ray Citizens Association's Parks Committee could organize to pick up litter in this park as part of its engagement with the City's Adopt-a-Park program.

## 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

Expected outcomes from this project include:

- \*Improved community outdoor experience with an adjacent passive park.
- \*Improved habitat for wildlife.
- \* reduced water run off
- \*Furthering the City's goals of expanding the tree canopy.
- \*Improve the view of the intersection from Jefferson Davis Hwy and E Bellefonte Ave.
- \* Increase community participation in the form of volunteering, organizing projects, and fundraising.
- \*Increase the joint profile and success of the Del Ray and Potomac Yard communities.

- \*Improve local business and community relationships
- \*Improved property values for surrounding neighbors.

Measuring Success -

Improvement to site /Existing on site/ Benefit Goals

Trees /Zero, some bushes and curb trees /16 new shade trees, absorbs runoff, reduce noise

Plants /Zero. Low weeds /Over 3,000 new plants, absorbs runoff

Wildlife /Zero /Create a natural habitat

Pollinators /Zero /Create a natural habitat

Community use /Zero, it's a pass thru space /Reduced stress, lower blood pressure, improved quality of life

Family use /Zero /Improved play, relaxation, memory + attention health

Turf /Seasonal cutting of acre /Reduced area of weeds, less mowing

Noise /Loud Rt. 1 traffic /New plantings will minimize and absorb noise pollution

Business /Drive by area /Customers remain in areas longer with high quality tree canopy and plantings.

## 7. Thank You!

#### **Submit Form**

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## **Community Matching Fund Application**

## 1. Tell us about your project!

http:/www.chiquapingardens.org/home.html

## 1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group Name of Primary Contact(s) for Community Group Mark S Condon and Anne Saul Name of Community Group Chinquapin Organic Gardens Advisory Board **Street Address** 4106 Orleans Place (Condon) 2316 Sanford Street (Saul) Apt/Suite/Office City Alexandria State VA **Postal Code** 22304 (Condon) 22301 (Saul) Country USA **Email Address** mspcondon@aol.com (Condon) annesaul@comcast.net (Saul) **Phone Number** 703-370-6787 (Condon) 703-684-5438 (Saul) **Fax Number Mobile Phone** 703-785-1328 (Condon) 703-447-6007 (Saul) Website (if applicable)

## Is anyone else involved with your project?

Members of the Chinquapin Gardens Advisory Board and interested gardeners will provide guidance, vision, volunteer time/labor through ad hoc volunteer work groups to facilitate implementation of the entire project.

## 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

## 3. Name of Project

Chinquapin Organic Gardens Fencing and Security Initiative

## 4. Location of Project

Chinquapin Park Organic Gardens

3210 King Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22302

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



## 2. Project Costs

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

\$16,000

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

50+

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

The proposed grant will cover material and professional installation costs of the project by Long Fence...a fencing contractor for the City of Alexandria. In addition, to the matching funds of \$16,000, the Chinquapin Gardens Advisory Board and gardeners will provide the time/labor for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the project. As with past projects, the Chinquapin Organic Gardens Advisory Board and gardeners will also contribute funds for any materials that are required to successfully implement the project not included in the Long Fence Company estimate.

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

\$16,000

## 3. Proposed Idea

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The proposed project, "Chinquapin Organic Gardens Fencing and Security Initiative" is a" follow- on" project spearheaded by a select number of City of Alexandria residents/gardeners. The objective of all matching fund-type projects funded in partnership between the Chinquapin Organic Gardens Advisory Board, member gardeners and the City of Alexandria at the Chinquapin Organic Gardens is to provide a well-organized, community-managed venue and professional services that are available to the residents of the City of Alexandria who are interested in organic gardening. Also, the objective is to work closely with the City of Alexandria to support the community garden evolving into a community based and led garden and build bridges and community outreach. Matching funds type projects that have already been successfully implemented by the Chinquapin Organic Gardens Advisory Board to date include the Dale May Memorial Grove Bench (\$1,800) and the Chinquapin Organic Gardens Beautification and Self-Maintenance Initiative (\$10,000)

The primary objectives of this project as proposed are:

- 1. Replace the old existing fence that currently does not meet the City of Alexandria codes and regulations for fencing public areas within the City
- 2. As the current fence only extends approximately 1/4 of the perimeter of Chinquapin Organic Gardens, the new fence to be installed under this project will extend around the full perimeter of the Gardens, conform to all City of Alexandria codes and regulations, as well as have approximately eight points for appropriate ingress/egress at the gardens.
- 3. Deter theft of gardener fruit and vegetables, tools and other materials which has become an increasing problem and often results in gardeners not renewing plot rentals in subsequent years.
- 4. Deter deer and other animals that often roam around the adjacent Forest Park and other surrounding areas from entering the Garden area. The degree of wild animal damage to gardener's plots and the Garden's in general has become continual problems for gardeners that have invested significant funds to achieve the successful production of organic produce.
- 5. Prevent the movement of garden tools, garbage cans, and other materials/debris from the garden into Forest Park as well as residential and other park areas. Such movement of garden materials frequently occur during storms and windy days though out the year.
- 6. The new fence will further enhance the beautification and functionality of the gardens and formalize the look of the park area.

## 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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

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The Chinquapin Organic Gardens Advisory Board has formal rules and processes for garden maintenance/beautification. It is already engaged in the formulation of volunteer committees and monitoring teams to maintain the functionality, appearance, and operations of the garden park. The Chinquapin Organic Gardens operations will continue to rely on in-kind contributions of its members, in terms of time and labor, to maintain and beautify the garden location. This project is another example of the monetary and in-kind contributions that the Chinquapin Organic Gardens Advisory Board and members want to provide to develop a "model" organic garden for the City and its residents. Chinquapin Organic Gardens members are comprised of many diverse cultural groups and individuals that truly mirror the diverse demographics of the neighborhoods and communities, including youth, seniors, renters, homeowners, and business organizations.

## 5. Project Resources

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

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Below is the scope and estimate for the work on the above referenced project as provided by the Long Fence Company...a fencing contractor for the City of Alexandria.

#### Install

- 1600 LF of 6' high Woodland Green vinyl coated chain link fence to include
- (9) 6' high x 4' wide Woodland Green vinyl coated single swing gates
- (1) 6' high x 12' wide Woodland Green vinyl coated double swing gate

#### Specs:

- Chain Link Fabric: 2" mesh x 9 gauge: .148 thermally fused vinyl coated steel
- Terminal Posts: 4" OD SS-40 vinyl coated steel
- Terminal Post Footers: 12" diameter by 36" deep concrete footers
- Line Posts: 2" OD SS-40 vinyl coated steel
- Line Post Footers: 10" diameter by 30" deep concrete footers
- Top Rail: 1 5/8" OD SS-40 vinyl coated steel Bottom TensionWire: 6 gauge green vinyl coated

Fence Material	\$25,228.00
Concrete	\$2,200.00
Material Subtotal	\$27,428.00
Equipment	\$1375.00
Labor	\$3088.00
Total Price	\$31,891.00

#### Line Item

• ADD \$3938.69 for bottom rail in lieu of bottom tension wire

#### Price Exclude:

1. Staking Private Underground Utilities and Obstructions not Marked by Miss Utility

\$10,000 of the mandatory \$16,000 matching requirement has already been committed and is now available via Mark Condon and Anne Saul, current gardeners and members of the Chinquapin Organic Garden Advisory Board. The remaining \$6,000 of required matching funds will be raised within a reasonable period of time to ensure this project is successfully and properly implemented within 12 months after the City of Alexandria's approval. These additional funds will be raised via a solicitation to all registered

gardeners that have a plot at the park and/or other interested residents. It must be noted, however, that in addition to the cash contribution of \$16,000, members of the Chinquapin Organic Gardens will be donating over 50+ hours of time and labor to plan and implement this project. Assuming project funding is approved and authorized by May/June 2017, the project will be completed no later than March 2018. This proposed project will be incorporated into the already existing Chinquapin Organic Gardens annual maintenance plan whereby garden volunteers will be maintaining the condition of the fence and surrounding areas. Mark Condon and Anne Saul has committed to covering any unexpected shortfalls in funds received via public solicitation.

## 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

Project outcomes and success will be evaluated as follows:

- 1. Procurement, delivery and installation of the "fence" at the garden location within the timeframe specified.
- 2. Decreased incident of theft and vandalism at the Gardens
- 3. Decreased damage to gardener's crops and plot areas by deer and other rummaging animals.
- 4. Help park visitors walking through the area to remain in public spaces
- 5. Create a safe space for residents
- 6. Reduce obstacles for park users
- 7. Create a formal space for community outreach

### Communty Matching Fund Application

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1. Please tell	us about	yourself and	your	community	group
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### Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Lindsey Swanson

### Name of Community Group

Kelley Cares Foundation

### **Street Address**

203 E. Luray Ave.

### Apt/Suite/Office

City

Alexandria

### State

VA

### **Postal Code**

22301

### Country

### **Email Address**

lindsey.swanson@gmail.com

### **Phone Number**

703.772.0638

### Fax Number

**Mobile Phone** 

### Website (if applicable)

www.kelleycares.org

### Is anyone else involved with your project?

The Therapeutic Recreation Program of Alexandria

### 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

### 3. Name of Project

Lee Center Playground Redevelopment

### 4. Location of Project

Nannie J. Lee Center

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

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### 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

50000

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

26000

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

100

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

We can source volunteers to help with installation and landscaping needs.

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

24000

### 3. Proposed Idea

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The Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center playground serves many needs to both the local residential community, as well as for children and adults who frequent the recreation center throughout the day. The playground has not been updated since it was built in 2004 and lacks many features that would make it truly accessible for people of all abilities to use, especially for those in wheelchairs.

Our project proposes the addition of tactile walls, a refreshed play surface, widened walkways, wheelchair ramps, and new playground equipment that would help to modernize the space, making it more useful for participants of the Therapeutic Recreation Program and beyond.

The refreshed playground would also help tie in the Ruthanne Lodato Memorial Playground which was put into place in 2015, making it a larger and fuller playground experience.

### 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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and individuals as possible and should reflect the demographics of the neighborhood/community, including youth, seniors, renters, homeowners, and business organizations.

We have worked with the Therapeutic Recreation Program to better understand their needs for the space and can also work with the neighboring citizen's association to see what children in the community would like to see added to the space.

We are also happy to work with volunteers including local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to see if there are projects they can help us install at the site, if allowed by the City and the contractors chosen.

### 5. Project Resources

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Since our founding in 2006, we have worked continuously with the City to fund projects that help serve the special needs community in Alexandria. For this project, Kelley Cares proposes fundraising during the Spring2ACTion event on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, as well as other special events to reach our \$26,000 goal. We can also work with local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to engage them in helping install playground components.

We propose fundraising in the spring of 2018, conducting site design, planning, and ordering in the summer of 2018, and begin installation in the early fall of 2018 or spring of 2019 depending on how long the site design and procurement process takes. We can also provide maintenance funds to upkeep the space beyond the project rollout.

### 6. Outcomes

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

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The project will be a success when wheelchair bound participants can fully engage with the playground. Increased utilization rates of the playground will also help demonstrate success.

### 7. Thank You!

### **Submit Form**

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### Communty Matching Fund Application

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### 1. Tell us about your project!

### 1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

### Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Virginia Rocen

### **Name of Community Group**

The Garden Club of Alexandria

### **Street Address**

210 Prince Street

### Apt/Suite/Office

### City

Alexandria

### State

va

### **Postal Code**

22314

### Country

### **Email Address**

virginia.rocen@comcast.net

### **Phone Number**

7036843876

### Fax Number

**Mobile Phone** 

### Website (if applicable)

### Is anyone else involved with your project?

The Garden Club of Alexandria
President, Margaret Gardner
Co-Chairman for Project:
Virginia Rocen, Vici Boguess, Betsy Huffman

### Joan Honeyman, ASLA

### 2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

### 3. Name of Project

Ramsay House Garden Renovation

### 4. Location of Project

Ramsay House Visitors 221 King Street Alexaneria VA 22314 Center 221 King Street, Alexandria VA

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

### 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

109000.

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

84000.

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

250

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

Bricks that the city has stored and stones from EYA construction as agreed upon by the City

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

25000

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The Ramsay House Visitor Center for the City of Alexandria welcomes many tourists and residents at the house and garden daily, and is the gathering place for tours in Old Town.

The 1956 garden design is in need of renovation and has fallen into disrepair. Ramsay House employees approached The Garden Club of Alexandria asking for assistance in renovating the garden. After a year and a half of meetings with the city,, the Club and the City have signed an agreement to create an attractive and functional garden that can be enjoyed by all visitors, residents, and students.. The Garden Club has funded a professional design for the project and continues to raise funds for its installation.

The plan creates an accessible pathway from the North Fairfax Street entrance and brick terraces with additional seating, including five benches and a stone seat wall. These improvements, along with new plantings, a water fountain, cell phone charging station, and historical well marker, will better serve the functional needs of the thousands of people who use the Visitors Center each year, and will create an oasis for residents of Alexandria and an educational opportunity for Alexandria school students.

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The Garden Club of Alexandria is planning presentations at meetings of the Old Town Citizens Association and The King Street Merchants Association to inform them about the project. There are also plans to visit the merchants in the immediate vicinity of the garden to share the plans with them and to answer any questions.

The addition of the water bottle filling station and the cell phone charging station will make the garden more appealing to residents and tourists. It will serve a diverse group, including school children, seniors, tour groups, families, and individuals and will provide a perfect meeting space for tour groups.

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The Garden Club of Alexandria engaged a landscape architect, Joan Honeyman, ASLA of JordanHoneyman, LA, in August of 2017. Ms. Honeyman created a garden design which was presented to the City at a meeting on December 7, 2017 and was also presented to the Board of Architectural Review on February 7, 2018. The Club has received a BAR letter of endorsement for the project.

The Garden Club of Alexandria has paid Mrs. Honeyman \$14,590 to date and is holding \$5,410 in reserve to cover possible added expenses.

The proposed budget for the garden installation is \$89,620. As of April 15, the club has a raised \$43,760 in addition to the \$20,000 set aside for Mrs. Honeyman. An additional \$7,000 in pledged funds have been received. The public phase of fundraising by garden club members is slated to begin in May. The club is also organizing a fundraiser in October, 2018.

Two grant proposals are being submitted: One to EYA and another to the Historic Alexandria Foundation. The City has agreed to supply bricks they have in storage and stones from the EYA excavation.

Two timelines are being submitted with this application. The first timeline is for a fall installation. The second is for a spring installation if additional funding is required pre-installation.

Upon completion of the garden, the City has agreed to maintain the hardscape and to mulch. The Garden Club will be responsible for maintenance of the plant beds, to include trimming and replacement of any dead plant material. An irrigation system is included in the plan.

### 6. Outcomes

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

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The proposed plan offers an accessible entrance from North Fairfax Street and a terrace rest area with companion seating. Herringbone patterned brick pathways and brick terraces, surrounded by sustainable and adaptive plant materials will provide the setting for much improved seating areas, including benches and a stone seat wall. The addition of a drinking fountain and charging station will better serve the thousands of guests who make the visitors center their first stop in Old Town.

Six months after garden completion the Garden Club will conduct a survey of Ramsay House employees to determine the effectiveness of the garden renovation.

### 7. Thank You!

### **Submit Form**

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### Ramsay House Construction Phase Timelines Jordan Honeyman Landscape Architecture LLC April 16, 2018

### Fall 2018

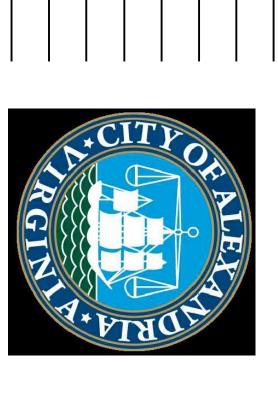
Dates	Task	Duration
4/30-5/18	JHLA prepare CD plans	3 wks
5/21-6/22	RFP written, Building permit obtained	5 wks
6/25	Bids sent to contractors	
6/28-7/13	Bid submission due	3 wks
7/16-8/3	Bid negotiation	3 wks
8/6-8/24	Construction staging	3 wks
8/27-10/19	Construction -hardscape	8 wks
10/22-11/2	Construction - planting	2 wks

### Spring 2019

Assume contract has been awarded in late 2018-early 2019

3/4-3/22	Construction staging	3 wks
3/25-5/17	Construction -hardscape	8 wks
5/20-5/31	Construction - planting	2 wks

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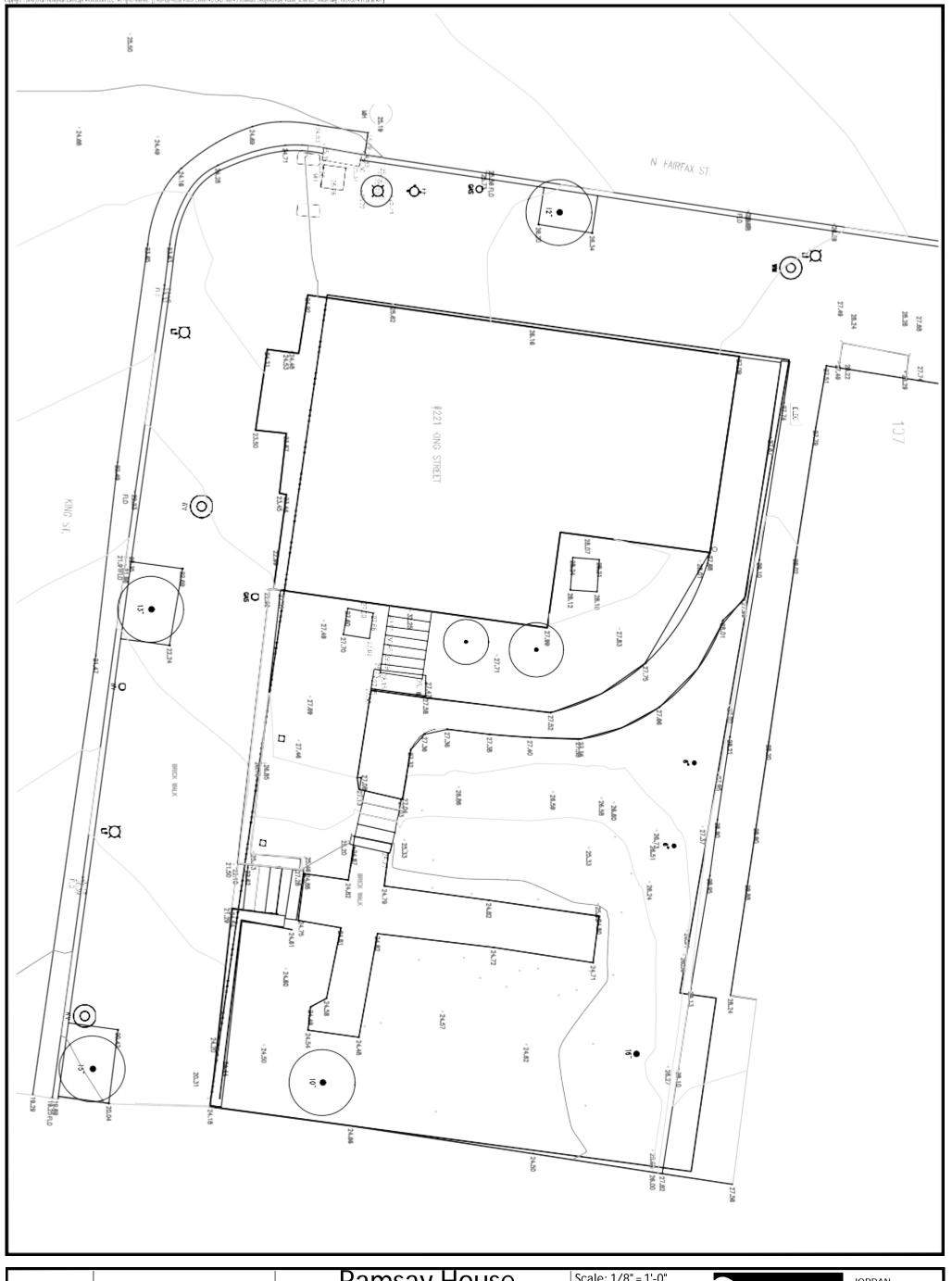
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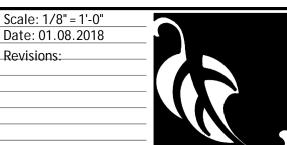
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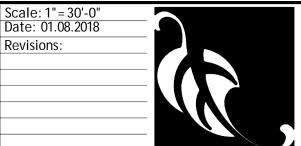
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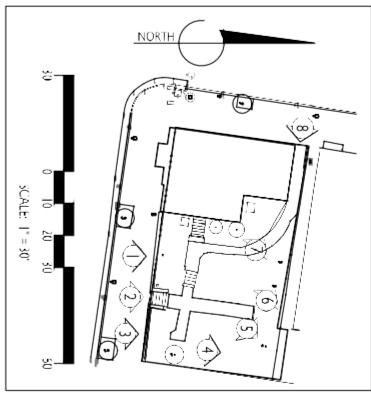
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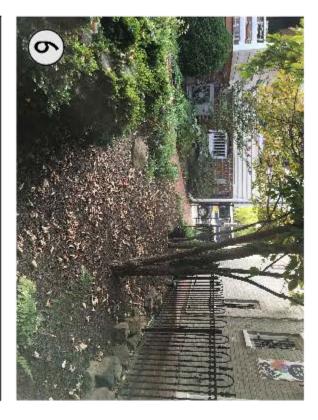






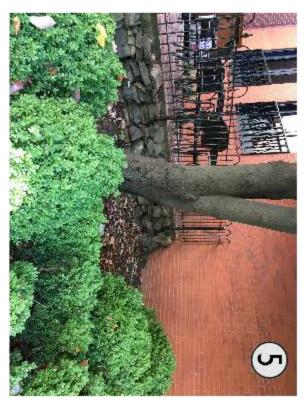












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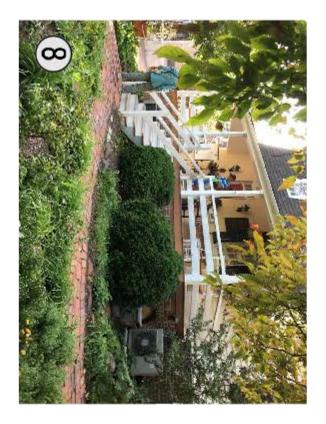
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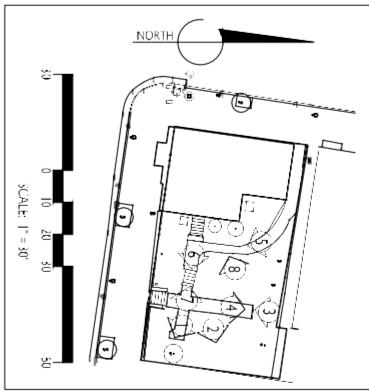
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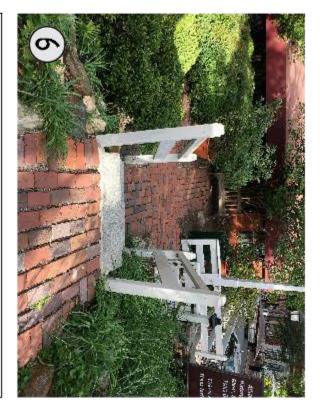


















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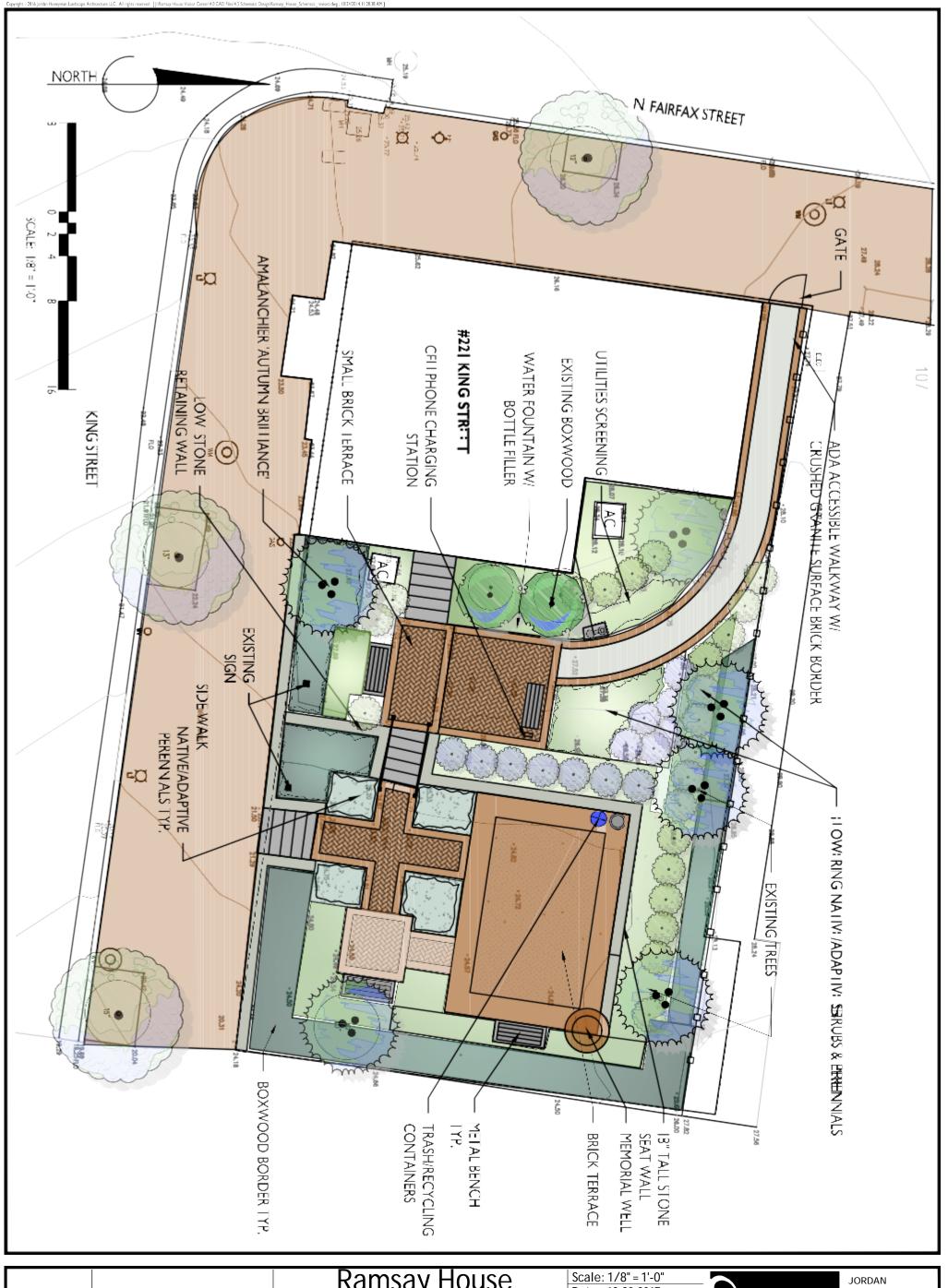
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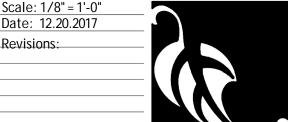
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Schematic Plan Ramsay House Visitor Center 221 King St. Alexandria, VA 22314



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Perspectives

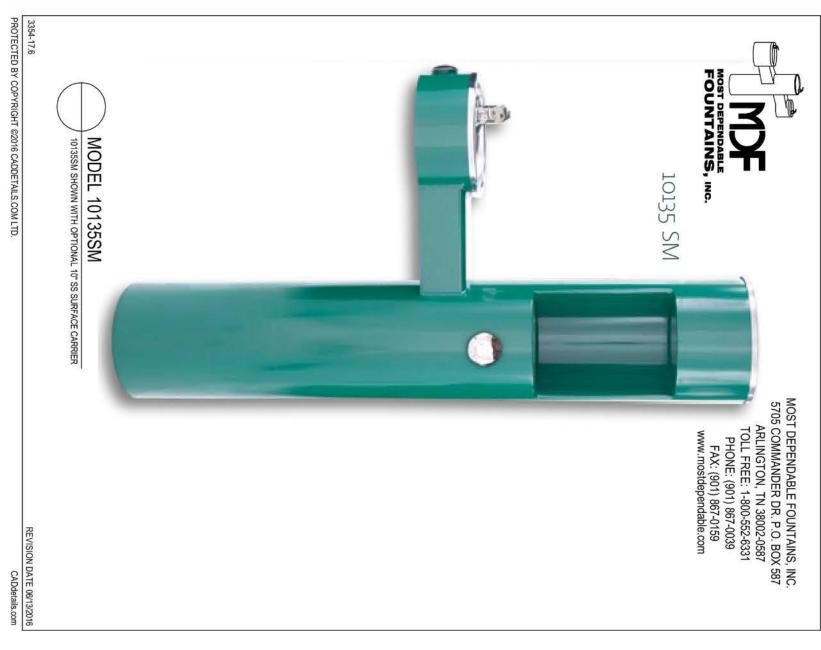
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**Plant Pics** 

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a	se tell us about yourself and your community group
N	ame of Primary Contact for Community Group
	J. Glenn Hopkins
N	ame of Community Group
	Hopkins House
S	treet Address
	1224 Princess Street
Α	pt/Suite/Office
С	ity
	Alexandria
S	tate
	VA
P	ostal Code
	22303
С	ountry
E	mail Address
	hopkins@hopkinshouse.org
Ρ	hone Number
	571-480-4094
F	ax Number
M	obile Phone
V	/ebsite (if applicable)
	www.HopkinsHouse.org

3. Name of Project

Email

Hunter/Miller Park for Children

2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

### 4. Location of Project

224 N Fayette Street

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

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### 2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

13237

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

6618

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

80

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

No

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

6618

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Named in memory of two Hopkins House Association members, Bernard Hunter and Helen Miller, the Helen Miller/Bernard Hunter Park is a 0.32 acre park located in the heart of the historic Parker-Gray neighborhood. For years the park not only served neighborhood residents but was the outdoor playground for the young scholars enrolled in the Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy, which is located just two blocks north on Princess Street.

In 2016, the Virginia Department of Social Services, which licenses preschools in the commonwealth, inspected the park and noted that, while some of the play equipment is rated by the manufacturer for children 2-5 years old, much of the remaining equipment (including and particularly the largest equipment) is rated for children 5 years and older. Due to safety concerns, the licensing inspector determined that the young scholars of the Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy could no longer use the park.

The Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy has served the Parker-Gray community since 1939 and will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2019.

The 75 young scholars attending the preschool academy are all under the age of 5 years old, and the vast majority live in the Parker-Gray neighborhood. These children no longer have a neighborhood park to enjoy.

Bernard Hunter and Helen Miller were tireless community activists and strong supporters of Hopkins House. They partnered

with Hopkins House families and the local community to clean and help revitalize the park when it was overtaken by crime. It was there hope that this park would be open and accessible to all children, including these attending the Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy.

Parks are a key "classroom" for high quality preschools. In this classroom, children are exposed to the wonders of nature, learn to value the life of Mother Nature's tiniest creatures, and taught to share play and play equipment with their friends.

Cutting off access to the Miller/Hunter Park has closed this classroom and halted the important learning that once went on there.

For the Parker-Gray community and the many young children, including these enrolled in the Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy, it is essential, indeed critical that the park and the equipment within be available again for safe use by children.

Committed to this goal, the Hopkins House administration appealed to the Alexandria Department of Parks & Recreation for help on this matter. Working with Hopkins House, the department reached out to the manufacturer. The manufacturer recommended retrofitting some of the equipment and installing an addition to an existing piece of equipment would allow the equipment to be re-rated to allow safe use by children under 5 years of age. The cost of this solution is \$13,237.

In February, the Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy Parents Council launched a special fundraising campaign and raised \$1,600 toward this cost. Hopkins House donors matched these contributions, bringing the total raised to \$3,200. The Hopkins House trustees are prepared and eager to raise \$3,418 more, bringing the total to \$6,618 -- 50% of the total cost of this project.

Through this proposal, the Hopkins House trustees are appealing to the Community Matching Fund for \$6,618 to complete the funding needed for this very special and very important community park project.

Our goal is to secure the necessary funding as quickly as possible so that the Park (i.e. "Classroom") can be made available for safe use by all the children of the community for the coming summer months.

### 4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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

Please provide information on how the neighborhood/community will be involved in the project and its result in approximately 200 words. Applicants must demonstrate the project's effectiveness by including as many diverse groups and individuals as possible and should reflect the demographics of the neighborhood/community, including youth, seniors, renters, homeowners, and business organizations.

As a key element of this project, Hopkins House proposes to create the "Miller/Hunter Park Team" as a means to engage the neighborhood in this very special project.

The team will be comprised of Parker-Gray residents, members of the preschool Parents Council, local business owners, and members of local faith institutions and youth groups (i.e. Boys & Girls Club).

The team will be charged with two specific responsibilities: (1) Helping to raise at least \$3,500 in donations -- to be used to complete the Community Match and fund a community event to celebrate the renovation of the park; and (2) organizing a community wide activity to celebrate the renovated equipment,

This broad involvement of a diverse group of community members will help to educate the community about the safe use of the park and strengthen the sense of neighborhood.

The Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool Academy Parents Council, which is comprised of the 70 plus parents with children enrolled at the academy, will help to identify and populate this team.

### 5. Project Resources

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

Please explain the project resources and readiness in approximately 200 words. Applicants must explain their cost estimates for the project and demonstrate the ability to obtain widespread and diverse match contributions of cash, volunteer labor, donated professional services, and donated materials as indicators of community support. Community groups must show that they can raise their matching funds and have the project started within 12 months. You must also show a project timeline. Proposals that demonstrate a maintenance assistance plan will receive higher consideration.

Based on quotes provided to the city government by the park equipment manufacturer, this project will cost \$13,236.

Assuming that this fund request will be granted, Hopkins House will need to raise half of this total, or \$6,618. Anticipating this goal, the Hopkins House Parents Council has already raised \$1,600 and Hopkins House donors have matched these donations for a total of \$3,200 raised to-date. We believe this is evidence of the organization's ability to raise money for special projects like this one,

An additional \$3,418 will need to be raised in order to complete the funding this project, Based on the fundraising to-date for this project, combined with Hopkins House's long tradition, more than 79 years, of raising money to support its programs for children, youth, and families., we believe we are well positioned to raise the remaining funds for this project in concert with community members.

### 6. Outcomes

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

Applicants must identify how they will measure project success with specific outcomes, both tangible and/or intangible results.

**Expected Outcomes of this Project:** 

- 1) By June 1, 2018, the equipment in the Miller/Hunter Park will have been retrofitted for safe use by children under the age of 5.
- 2) By July 1, 2018, the Virginia Department of Social Services will have re-inspected and modified its licensing to allow the young scholars of the Hopkins House Helen Day Preschool to again use the Miller/Hunter Park.
- 3) By August 1, 2018, a team of community members, joined by parents of Hopkins House Preschool Academy young scholars, will have organized and hosted a community celebration of the park.
- 4) By September 1, 2018, a total of \$6,618 will have been raised by the community and Hopkins House and remitted to the City of Alexandria as its portion of the total cost of this project.

### 7. Thank You!

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