

Community Matching Fund Application

Tell us about your project!

1) Please tell us about yourself and your community group

Name of Primary Contact for Community Group:

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Is anyone else involved with your project?

Bill Dwyer

Community members at large

Working to gain support from MOM's Organic, Ace Hardware, local community associations, and others community groups and small businesses.

2) How do you prefer to be contacted?

Phone

Email

3) Name of Project

Alexandria's Community Composting Process Sites

4) Location of Project

Four Mile Run Park

Joseph Hensley Park

Chinquapin Park

We would like the Park's Department to help us to identify desirable locations within each of the suggested parks, and across Alexandria's parks in general. Desirable locations need 1) less than 200 square feet for composting bins, worm bins, and a finished compost curing space, however if a concrete pad or wood mulch biofilter is also desired, then more space is required; 2) a water source (a hose or water hook-up system), and; 3) be easily accessible by foot.

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



Four Mile Run Park



Joseph Hensley Park



Chinquapin Park





Project Costs

6) What is your total project cost?

- 5 year time span with a maintenance schedule.
- Compost Knox
 - \$1000 for material
 - \$5000 for a concrete pad of 20 feet by 16 feet
 - or \$700 for a mulch cover of 20 feet by 16 feet by 3 inches deep (\$50 per truckload/6 cubic yards of mulch. A mulch cover of this size needs 80 cubic yards which is 14 truckloads of mulch).
 - \$4000 for 4 person team of labor
 - Compost tools \$500
 - Subtotal = 10,500
 - 10% overhead
 - = \$11,500
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School: Compost and Worms
 - \$1000 Worm bed
 - Composting station (same costs as Compost Knox)
 - \$1000 for material
 - \$5000 for a concrete pad of 20 feet by 16 feet
 - or \$700 for a mulch cover of 20 feet by 16 feet by 3 inches deep (\$50 per truckload/6 cubic yards of mulch. A mulch cover of this size needs 80 cubic yards which is 14 truckloads of mulch).
 - \$4000 for 4 person team of labor
 - Compost tools \$500
 - Subtotal = 11,500
 - 10% overhead
 - \$2000 Additional cost for compost wayfinding and informational signage
 - = \$12,150
- Two compost processing sites. Second site would be launched 6 - 8 months after the first site.
- Total cost of \$26,000

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

\$2,500 (10% of compost site buildout)

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

- 4 people @ 5 hours of construction = 20 hours

- 3 people, 15 hours each in planning and orchestrating = 75 hours
- Total: 95 hours for this Composting Site capital improvement project.

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

Yes. Farmer's Market Tabling Requests - \$150 vending fee

During the Compost Alex tabling, we expect \$10 donation in person by 150 = \$1,500.

Alexandria Crowdfunding = \$10,000; based on Steel City Soils co-op crowdfunding.

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

\$12,000

Proposed Idea

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

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- 1) Work plan: Merging the design models of the Hammond Middle School Compost and Worm site and the Compost Knox three bin compost system, we aim to construct 2 composting processing sites over a 12 month period. The sites will have thermophilic reactor bins (compost station bins) and a nearby worm bed or a compost curing station if the worm bed is not feasible. The thermophilic reactors will be elevated off the ground and be engineered with rodent barrier materials like cement pavers, hardware cloth, and other elements of the Fort Knox composting system. The worm beds will be a newer iteration of Hammond Middle School's current worm bed.

Pictures of Hammond's Compost and Worm site.

Pictures of Compost Knox

- 2) Over 500 residents use the City provided Food Waste Drop-off programs at four Farmer's Markets. This project will construct pilot processing sites that can process food waste material locally. These sites also act as a demonstration of the community's ability to properly compost food waste. As the number of Food Waste Drop-off contributors continues to grow, they will be better informed and able to be involved in the community composting system that they directly influence.
- 3) We are doing this project to serve and provide Alexandria residents with the local methods to compost food waste on a community level.

Additionally, we want to construct wayfinding signage regarding composting near heavily traveled pathways and receptacles. Some of the signage locations will indicate basic information of where to find a compost processing site, while other signage would have details on where community members can drop-off their food waste if they wanted to contribute to the local community composting activities.

Four Mile Run Park is the first park to considering being that the Four Mile Run Conservancy has provided informal support of this project. Secondly, the farmer's market located in the Four Mile Run park would be a primary contributor to the composting sites of this project. On page 55 of the Citywide Park Improvement Plan (CPIP), 13% of survey respondents said they use the park in order to visit the farmers market. That then makes a connection between the visitors who use the park, the farmer's market, and the food waste material contributions to this project. Thirdly, recommendation 14 of CPIP for the Four Mile Run Park is, "Establish new community garden" and further says, "A new community garden will help address the City's need for gardening opportunities... and will create a great space for bridging new relationships in the community. The garden will present an opportunity for children at the Cora Kelly School and Recreation Center to discover gardening and components of a healthy lifestyle." The finished compost from this project can help foster this new community garden improvement and aid in the development of healthy garden soils. Finally, this project promotes the recycling community benefit behind Four Mile Run Park's recommendation 17 of the CPIP, "Reserve area for possible future recycling center" in that food waste recycling is a natural recycling process. With food waste recycling and processing occurring through this project in the Four Mile Run Park, then community members may be more inclined to use a future recycling center for conventional recycling efforts.

Joseph Hensley Park is the second park to consider because of it is "it is remotely located, apart from residential neighborhoods" as stated in the CPIP. This unique quality aids in piloting a compost processing site on City Park property. It would mitigate potential neighborhood concern that may arise from a misunderstanding that local community composting can be well managed, clean, and not exhibit negative community concerns in regards to composting. In addition, this park is in close proximity to the City's mulch and recycling center. Both of the mulching activity and the recycling activity align to this project's compost processing activity. The association of this park, this project, and the nearby recycling center fit into representing a consistent plan to the local community.

Chinquapin Park is the third park to consider because many community members are familiar with the park's usage by the public. A number of Compost Alex community members suggested that the park would be a good location to have a compost processing site. Secondly, the current community garden members and wait list may be open to having a compost processing site near their location to learn the composting process for their personal application, or use the finished compost product, if feasible, in their garden operations. On page 41 of the CPIP, 10% of survey respondents said they use the park in order to use the community garden. Having a compost processing site in this park would then connect the Alexandrian Food Waste Drop-off community with the processing site and with the community garden community.

Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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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.

Specific involvement - We are currently seeking support from community associations, small businesses (e.g. MOM's Organic Market, Ace Hardware). We will be seeking support from scout troops, community gardens, and environmental organizations affiliated with Alexandria. Each of these groups can be involved in the project monetarily, providing in-kind equipment, and labor. The exact nature of each group's support is to be determined.

General involvement - With 500 Alexandria households currently using the City's food waste drop-off program, each contributor represents homeowners, renters, youth, adults, and seniors. These contributing community members will be able to see food waste being composted locally and the opportunity to participate in the process through 1) Depositing their food waste, and 2) A yet to be determined method of assisting the composting process operation. The finished compost product can then be tested by growing specific plants and food in order to examine and understand what their composting efforts actually produce.

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.

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Income:

Cost Estimates

Labor

Equipment and Material

Concrete Pad

Wayfinding Signage

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.

Tangible:

- Number of community visits over a given weekend, 6 times in a year - open house composting and game challenge.
- Number of pounds of finished product for the first four cycles
- Number of specific uses to compost local foods
- Number of directly related likes, reposts, and highlights on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Durability examination of the process stations over their lifespan
- Interest emails and messages received regarding duplication of the project.
- Number of businesses that take on a new degree of composting that they didn't before, within a 1 mile radius.

- There will be promotion and invitation of each site with it's 1 mile radius.

Thank You!

Community Matching Fund - Compost Alex Supplemental Questions and Answers:

1. Would you be open to having two sites instead of three (one west end and one east end). If so, how would your cost estimates change.

Yes we would be open to having two sites and not three at this time. We are open to any appropriate location for the compost processing sites on either of Alexandria's west or east ends.

Each site in itself is estimated to cost \$10,700 as documented on page 13 inside the Cost Estimate's table. The primary components of that amount is

The cost of the concrete pad, estimated at \$5,000;

The cost of the compost station, estimated at \$4,700 (not directly shown, however subtracting the concrete pad from the individual compost station cost, this cost figure is calculated)

The cost of the worm bed, estimated at \$1,000.

2. What sort of permits would you need from the health department and how does the Hammond site deal with rodent abatement?

No permits have been identified to be needed from the health department. Through investigation, the Alexandria and State Health Department indicated that they do not permit compost sites. If necessary, they are willing to provide a letter of exemption from their permitting. In addition, we have investigated if there is a need for a health department permit at other composting sites in other jurisdictions, i.e. Washington DC and New York City. In both instances, no permits from their respective health departments has been necessary.

At Hammond, the site operators use a number of methods to abate rodents. They are: Starting and ending with a clean space for the compost processing site. At Hammond they hold a high standard for keeping the grounds clean from food scraps when the compost stations are not being filled. The person managing the site and their operations staff are aware of the importance of keeping the area clean.

Making a nest of yard trimmings for the outer perimeter of each compost pile, and placing food scraps on the interior of this nest, acts as a rodent abatement barrier for the internal food material.

Heating the compost stations up to 140 degrees through its natural thermophilic process and keeping the stations hot for days at a time. At that consistent heat, rodents are discouraged from approaching the food scraps located on the inside of the compost piles. After the thermophilic process, the composted material is moved from the compost stations and placed within the worm bed under 3 to 6 inches of finished compost product.

Furthermore, over the past four years, Bill the Hammond teacher has regularly checked with other Hammond teachers and they have not had any rodent issues.

3. What sort of water access do you need? A hose bib?

A house bib.

4. Who manages the site?

Bill Dywer is going to be the manager. He's going to bring his experience from the Hammond site and oversee the management of these sites. During the first year, he is also going to be the manager trainer that trains Compost Alex members and anyone interested in this project to learn how to operate the system.

5. Who can take soil?

We have not concluded on a definitive answer. We are considering three options for who can get the finished compost product.

First, designated Compost Alex members could receive it. These are people who contribute to the process and aid in transforming the food scraps into the finished product.

Second, the City of Alexandria through a yet to be determined agreement where the finished product is to be used on City parks, gardens, and landscapes.

Third, taking the finished product and selling it at farmers markets and additional retail outlets. The price of the finished product is yet to be determined.

6. Is there a possibility of a suggested fee for soil and the fees would go towards maintenance funds?

Yes, fees associated to the finished product will go to maintenance costs and other project costs.

7. Would the site require vehicle access?

Yes. Vehicle access will allow for delivery of the food scraps, the transportation of tools needed at each site, and the removal of the finished product.

Community Matching Fund Application

1. Tell us about your project!

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Tom Camerlinck

Name of Community Group

TC Williams High School Softball Boosters

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Is anyone else involved with your project?

Gordon Shelley, Softball Boosters President
Richard Stone, Softball Boosters Treasurer
Other Booster Members and volunteers

2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

3. Name of Project

Enhancements to the softball field at Witter Field Park.

4. Location of Project

Witter Recreational Fields - Witter Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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

2. Project Costs

6. What is your total project cost?

55000

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

40000

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

800

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

We expect that local business will provide materials for free or at a discounted cost. There are several local construction firms and hardware stores that have done this in the past. Those same firms also have connections to Alexandria sports and to the TC Williams Softball Boosters specifically.

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

This project will create a diverse community committed to a strong recreational softball league, the TC Williams High School softball program and most importantly, the girls who play on these teams. The recreational league and HS program bring together students from different cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic populations throughout our city. Playing softball together fosters community by providing an opportunity for these girls to interact in a fun and meaningful way across these lines. We want Witter Field to be a place where families and fans can congregate comfortably and also provide the players with a modern and up-to-date facility where they can be successful. High school girls who play sports are less likely to be involved in an unintended pregnancy; more likely to get better grades in school and more likely to graduate than girls who do not play sports.(The Women's Sports Foundation) Improving Witter Field is a win win situation for both our youth and our city and a positive investment for both.

++Why you want to do this project?:

The Boosters wish to bring the Witter softball facility, which is the only ture girls fastpitch softball facility in the City, up to the standards of similar High School and recreational softball fields in the region. Doing so will attract more players to the game and make the experience better for players, fans and families.

++ Show consistency with existing park plans:

There's no mention of Witter in neither of the Park Improvement Plans mentioned here, likely because the park is so new. It is important to note that it was mentioned in the Citywide Park Improvement Plan that Simpson Park, home of the TC Williams High School Baseball program, needs improved concession, storage and bleachers, whereas Witter field, home to TC Williams High School Softball program, currently has no areas for storage and concessions, and minimal bleachers.

++Detailed Work Plan:

*Bleacher canopies - There are no trees within the vicinity of the Witter softball field and shade for fans is important in the late Spring and early Summer to provide a cool, comfortable area for them to enjoy the facility. We will install custom or prefabricated bleacher canopies similar to the ones found at Barcroft park in Arlington.

*Dugout gutters -The current roof gutter design is flawed. When it rains the water runs off the end of the roof and drips into the back of the dugout directly behind the dugout benches, the primary place where players store equipment and school bags (usually HS players come directly to the field from school), consequently soaking and in some cases damaging players' school academic work and expensive softball equipment.

*Dugout fencing - High School coaches have expressed a desire to extend the fencing to the height of the back dugout and add wind screening. This extension will allow for a more enclosed space for the players, which will increase safety and team cohesiveness during games. Such dugout conditions are common for softball and baseball fields where teams play at a high level. Big Simpson baseball field, where the TC Williams HS baseball team plays, is designed this way. It is standard protocol for high school softball fields to be designed in this way.

*Press box - As is common in most regional High School softball fields, a two-story press box with first story storage, minimal concessions area, and second story scoring room is being proposed here. This structure will also provide protection for sound equipment and scoreboard controller when it rains as well as provide a sound structure where players can shelter if severe weather moves in. Right now the closest secure structure is the bathrooms at the nearby soccer field.

*Permanent fencing for bullpens - Construct permanent fencing at the pitching warm-up areas, which are located outside the main playing field and are used during practice and before and during games. Currently, there is temporary netting in place. We propose to install permanent structures to replace the temporary nets that are subject to falling in high winds.

4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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The Witter softball field is used for practices and games by the TC Williams High School JV and Varsity softball programs as well as the Alexandria City recreation softball league. The youth in these two groups vary in age from eight to eighteen and are exclusively girls. These programs bring together students from different cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic populations in the city providing an opportunity for our youth to interact in a fun and meaningful way across these lines. Robert Putman, Harvard sociologist states, "To strengthen shared identities, we need more opportunities for meaningful interaction across ethnic lines where Americans work, learn, create and live. Community centers, athletic fields, and schools were among the most efficacious instruments . . . a century ago, and we need to reinvest in such places and activities once again, enabling us all to become comfortable with diversity." Naturally the fan base that comes to watch our youth play softball at Witter includes, but is not limited to, caregivers, parents, grandparents, alumni and peers. The common interest in the game and the players creates an ideal opportunity for developing relationships and community among these different groups.

In order for our community to effectively use and enjoy the Witter field it needs to be upgraded as outlined in this proposal. Not doing so suggests a lack of commitment to our youth, specifically girls, in the city of Alexandria. We want Witter to be used to its fullest potential, making it a vital space in our community, one which instills a sense of pride in the surrounding area.

The Witter softball field is a good facility, but all public spaces must respond to the needs of the current population and the changes that take place within a community. The TC Williams softball program has steadily grown since 2012 when it moved to Witter. It only makes sense that the facility be upgraded so that these programs will continue to grow and flourish.

5. Project Resources

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

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++Cost Estimates: The cost estimates for the softball field improvements were obtained from contractors with experience doing similar work.

++Ability to obtain cash, labor, services and materials: The Boosters are a volunteer organization made up of parents of TC Williams softball players. The Boosters will organize various fundraisers and obtain cash donations from local business in return for placing signage at the Witter field. Similar fundraising drives in the past four years have raised between \$7,000 and \$12,000 annually. Volunteer labor is readily available from Booster members and other softball parents of the 35 players between Varsity and Junior Varsity.

++Can raise their matching funds: The Boosters organization has consistently raised \$8,000 to \$12,000 each of the last four years. With increased Booster involvement, newly obtained 501(c)(3) status and concrete goals, the Boosters are well-positioned to raise the needed funds.

Have project started within 12 months: The majority of the proposed sub-projects do not require significant city permitting so can start quickly. Construction over the fall and Winter would be ideal so that work can be completed before the Spring 2018 softball season.

++Project timeline:

Our goal would be to raise the matching funds by September 2017 in order for construction on the smaller aspects of the project (dugouts, bleachers, and fencing) and planning for the press box can be started in the Fall 2017.

September 2017 - Begin phase 1 (bullpen fencing, dugouts, and bleachers)

November 2017 - Complete phase 1

September 2017 - Begin phase 2 (press box)

February 2018 - Complete phase 2

++Maintenance assistance plan:

The Boosters will budget funds and volunteer hours annually for maintenance of the press box (painting, cleaning, general maintenance) and work with the city to ensure facilities are properly maintained throughout the year.

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:

*An increase in fan visits and involvement for TC Williams HS softball and Alexandria Recreation softball.

*Increase in TC Williams HS booster involvement, in the form of volunteering, organizing camps, and fundraising.

*Increase in profile and success of the TC Williams HS softball JV and Varsity teams.

*Increase in recreation softball participation and volunteers from the recreation community.

*Attraction of a travel softball team that will use the upgraded Witter facility, further elevating the level of softball in Alexandria and promoting girls to stick with softball longer, perhaps into high school and beyond.

Community Matching Fund – TC Softball Supplemental Questions and Answers:

1. Of the items listed in your work plan, please provide 1) a prioritization and 2) a breakdown of what would be available for use by non-high school use.
 - a. The priority and explanation of priority is listed below:
 - i. **Dugout gutters** - This is the highest priority because of (1) the high impact to players during and after rain showers, and (2) relative low cost and effort in its execution.
 - ii. **Press box** - This is the most expensive of the subprojects, but will be the most impactful. This building will have multiple uses, including shelter and vantage point for score-keepers and press, permanent location for scoring equipment and a sound system, storage, concessions, and as shelter for players and fans during inclement weather.
 - iii. **Permanent fencing for bullpens** - While this will make a big difference, the temporary fencing does work so is less important than the above items.
 - iv. **Bleacher canopies** - The canopies are important for spectators, but not as important as the above items that impact players directly.
 - v. **Dugout fencing** - This is lowest priority of the list since it impacts high school teams the most.
 - b. Breakdown of what would be available for use by non-high school use.
 - i. All the items in the list would be available for non-high school use. Through maintenance agreements, posted signs, and access agreements, the Boosters, TC Williams Softball teams, Alexandria Recreation Department, and any other organization that might use Witter softball field (e.g. travel fast pitch softball teams) will share these facilities. The press box will be the most challenging to maintain, but there are successful precedents in all regional high school fields.
2. You are requesting \$15,000 from the City with a \$40,000 contribution for a total of \$55,000. Please let us know how you would allocate these funds among your work plan list.
 - a. **Dugout gutters** - \$2500
 - b. **Press box** - \$37,000
 - c. **Permanent fencing for bullpens** - \$3500
 - d. **Bleacher canopies** - \$8000
 - e. **Dugout fencing** - \$4000

Community Matching Fund Application

Tell us about your project!

1) Please tell us about yourself and your community group

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Is anyone else involved with your project?

Chris Dunning

Nancy Lee-Reeves

Cathy Puskar

Donnie Simpson

Del Ray Citizens Association & Del Ray Business Association: Gayle Reuter/Pat Miller

Del Ray Artisans

Warwick Village Citizens Association

2) How do you prefer to be contacted?

() Phone

(x) Email

3) Name of Project

Del Ray Gateway Project: Nancy Dunning Garden ("the Garden")

4) Location of Project

Intersection of Commonwealth & Mt Vernon Avenues, Del Ray, Alexandria, VA

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

See attachment #1.

Project Costs

6) What is your total project cost?

\$418,452

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

Our group will raise funds through grants (i.e., VDOT for sidewalk work; City of Alexandria Community Matching Fund; Federal grants.org), in-kind donations (i.e., community lighting and landscaping businesses), and donations through the soon-to-be-live Web site and with direction of fundraising committee.

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

Since our initial meeting in August 2016, we have spent approximately 65 hours working on the conceptual design. We project more than 5,000 hours to be dedicated to bringing the Gateway: Garden/Splash Park project to fruition.

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

We have met with Cathy Puskar and Donnie Simpson, two well-connected and experienced community members, to help us compile a list of businesses to solicit for in-kind donations to the Garden. They have supplied us with a number of contacts for in-kind donations, among them several landscaping companies, a local lighting vendor, and a source for lumber. We have had many offers of volunteer labor.

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

\$25,000

Proposed Idea

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Alexandrians have a strong sense of civic pride and desire to connect with their neighbors, according to the Citywide Improvement Plan. And it is this civic pride that has led to the creation of the Del Ray Gateway Project, consisting of the Nancy Dunning Garden and the Spray Park, under the umbrella of the Del Ray Community Partnership. The intersection of Commonwealth and Mt Vernon Avenues has always been the gateway to Del Ray. Yet, this small park has appeared dormant and unappealing for many years. It is the purpose of this committee to beautify this parcel (see attachment #1) through its development and dedication as the Nancy Dunning Garden (see attachment #2), a place for peace and reflection amidst the bustle and prosperity of the neighborhood.

The funds from the Community Matching Fund would be used to purchase the following:

9 park benches (\$2,700 ea)	\$24,300
1 Little Library (approx \$700)	\$ 700
Total	\$25,000

Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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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.

While the Del Ray community has moved forward, there are friends and neighbors who remember and often speak about the important role that Nancy Dunning played in Del Ray's transformation. And those friends feel it is important that the community not forget Nancy and that those newcomers to the now-popular neighborhood learn about who helped make it possible. This park dedicated to Nancy will do that. And, one of the most precious gifts that she left behind after her murder in 2003 were countless volunteers to carry on the work in Del Ray. Among the groups who are supporting us in volunteer hours and finances (the DRCA donated the proceeds of their annual chili cookoff to us in February 2017; see attachment #5) are the Del Ray Citizens Association, the Del Ray Business Association, and Warwick Village Citizens Association. We have representatives of the Del Ray Artisans at our planning meetings. We will be meeting with key community members in the end of April to create a fundraising committee to get the Gateway fundraising off the ground. We have had commitments of significant monetary donations (a Del Ray Gateway bank account has been opened).

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We are working with Cole& Denny Architects, an Alexandria firm, who is very vested in the City and who has helped us create the current conceptual design as well as providing cost estimates for the entire project (see attachment #3; they, with Amie Evans, were recipients of a 2017 CIVIC Award by the City in recognition of their helping to design a conceptual rendering for the proposed spray park and the Nancy Dunning Memorial Garden). The City has approved the naming of this piece so we are ready for the next steps:

We are working with the City to formulate a Community Group Agreement. The City is also working with a vendor to provide a feasibility study (which should be completed by the end of May 2017) for the entire Gateway Project (both Garden and Spray Park). Our fundraising committee will meet in two weeks to start our financial outreach. We have several grant writers ready to write.

Outcomes

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

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We know that this project is a large one. But, the City showed its confidence in us by approving this park to be named after Nancy Dunning (see attachment #6). And Nancy worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for Del Ray to become what it is today. She did not live to complete her vision. Help us develop this park and beautify the currently faceless Gateway to Del Ray and help complete her vision. Thank you.

Thank You!





Name Request in Memory of Nancy Dunning

Nancy Dunning was the Queen of Del Ray. At the time of her death, she was working on a wonderful idea to display luminarias all up and down Mt. Vernon Avenue for the holidays. Those luminarias on the first Saturday in December have come to symbolize how Nancy lit up Del Ray.

Dunning, a well known Del Ray real estate agent and wife of then Sheriff Jim Dunning, was tragically murdered on December 5, 2003.

Since that time, the community has looked to try to find the most appropriate way to remember Nancy and keep her memory alive. Even after more than 10 years since her death, friends and family still hear new stories of acts of kindness that Nancy performed before her death. She had a heart of gold and always went out of her way to help someone in need.

More than 25 years ago when "The Avenue" was boarded up buildings with very few shops, residents had little reason to walk around. Nancy saw a different Avenue and dedicated her life to see it blossom and thrive. She worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for Del Ray to become what it is today.

One of the most precious gifts that she left behind, were countless volunteers to carry on the work she started. One of Nancy's most powerful traits was empowering others to step up and have the courage to take on a task.

While the community has moved forward, there are friends and neighbors who remember and often speak about the important role that Nancy played in Del Ray's transformation. And those friends feel it is important that the community not forget Nancy and that those newcomers to the now popular neighborhood, learn about who helped make it possible.

For all the reasons mentioned above, at the suggestion of Nancy's family, the Del Ray Business Association is proud to recommend that one of the entrances to the heart of the Del Ray business district be named after Nancy. We would like to request that the City of Alexandria name the very end of the parcel of land at the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue be named the Nancy Dunning Gardens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pat Miller, President (pmiller1806@comcast.net, 703-258-4516)

Del Ray Business Association

Park Parcel - 2802 Mt. Vernon Ave.



Community Matching Fund Application

Tell us about your project!

1) Please tell us about yourself and your community group

Name of Primary Contact for Community Group: Patty Moran/Kate Moran (see attachment #4)

Name of Community Group: Del Ray Gateway Project

Street Address: 209 Gentry Avenue

Apt/Suite/Office:

City: Alexandria

State: VA

Postal Code: 22305

Country: USA

Email Address: patricia.moran@acps.k12.va.us

Phone Number: 703-824-6810

Fax Number: 703-824-6826

Mobile Phone: 703-489-4186

Website (if applicable): Coming: www.delraygateway.org

Is anyone else involved with your project?

Chris Dunning

Nancy Lee-Reeves

Cathy Puskar

Donnie Simpson

Del Ray Citizens Association & Del Ray Business Association: Gayle Reuter/Pat Miller

Del Ray Artisans

Warwick Village Citizens Association

2) How do you prefer to be contacted?

() Phone

(x) Email

3) Name of Project

Del Ray Gateway Project: Nancy Dunning Garden ("the Garden")

4) Location of Project

Intersection of Commonwealth & Mt Vernon Avenues, Del Ray, Alexandria, VA

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

See attachment #1.

Project Costs

6) What is your total project cost?

\$418,452

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

Our group will raise funds through grants (i.e., VDOT for sidewalk work; City of Alexandria Community Matching Fund; Federal grants.org), in-kind donations (i.e., community lighting and landscaping businesses), and donations through the soon-to-be-live Web site and with direction of fundraising committee.

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

Since our initial meeting in August 2016, we have spent approximately 65 hours working on the conceptual design. We project more than 5,000 hours to be dedicated to bringing the Gateway: Garden/Splash Park project to fruition.

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

We have met with Cathy Puskar and Donnie Simpson, two well-connected and experienced community members, to help us compile a list of businesses to solicit for in-kind donations to the Garden. They have supplied us with a number of contacts for in-kind donations, among them several landscaping companies, a local lighting vendor, and a source for lumber. We have had many offers of volunteer labor.

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

\$25,000

Proposed Idea

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

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Alexandrians have a strong sense of civic pride and desire to connect with their neighbors, according to the Citywide Improvement Plan. And it is this civic pride that has led to the creation of the Del Ray Gateway Project, consisting of the Nancy Dunning Garden and the Spray Park, under the umbrella of the Del Ray Community Partnership. The intersection of Commonwealth and Mt Vernon Avenues has always been the gateway to Del Ray. Yet, this small park has appeared dormant and unappealing for many years. It is the purpose of this committee to beautify this parcel (see attachment #1) through its development and dedication as the Nancy Dunning Garden (see attachment #2), a place for peace and reflection amidst the bustle and prosperity of the neighborhood.

The funds from the Community Matching Fund would be used to purchase the following:

9 park benches (\$2,700 ea)	\$24,300
1 Little Library (approx \$700)	\$ 700
Total	\$25,000

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.

While the Del Ray community has moved forward, there are friends and neighbors who remember and often speak about the important role that Nancy Dunning played in Del Ray's transformation. And those friends feel it is important that the community not forget Nancy and that those newcomers to the now-popular neighborhood learn about who helped make it possible. This park dedicated to Nancy will do that. And, one of the most precious gifts that she left behind after her murder in 2003 were countless volunteers to carry on the work in Del Ray. Among the groups who are supporting us in volunteer hours and finances (the DRCA donated the proceeds of their annual chili cookoff to us in February 2017; see attachment #5) are the Del Ray Citizens Association, the Del Ray Business Association, and Warwick Village Citizens Association. We have representatives of the Del Ray Artisans at our planning meetings. We will be meeting with key community members in the end of April to create a fundraising committee to get the Gateway fundraising off the ground. We have had commitments of significant monetary donations (a Del Ray Gateway bank account has been opened).

Project Resources

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

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We are working with Cole& Denny Architects, an Alexandria firm, who is very vested in the City and who has helped us create the current conceptual design as well as providing cost estimates for the entire project (see attachment #3; they, with Amie Evans, were recipients of a 2017 CIVIC Award by the City in recognition of their helping to design a conceptual rendering for the proposed spray park and the Nancy Dunning Memorial Garden). The City has approved the naming of this piece so we are ready for the next steps:

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Outcomes

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Thank You!

Community Matching Fund Application

Tell us about your project!

1) Please tell us about yourself and your community group

Name of Primary Contact for Community Group: ___Nancy Lee-Reeve_____

Name of Community Group: ___Del Ray Gateway Project_____

Street Address: ___6 West Uhler Avenue_____

Apt/Suite/Office: _____

City: ___Alexandria_____

State: ___VA_____

Postal Code: ___22301_____

Country: _____

Email Address: _____nancyleenews@yahoo.com_____

Phone Number: _____443-253-4295_____

Fax Number: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Is anyone else involved with your project?

___Del Ray Community Partnership, Del Ray Citizens Association, Del Ray Business Association, Del Ray Artisans, Cole & Denny Architects, LPDA, Nancy Dunning Family_____

2) How do you prefer to be contacted?

(X) Phone

(X) Email

3) Name of Project

_____ Del Ray Gateway Project _____

4) Location of Project

_____ Old Colasanto Pool in Del Ray _____

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

See attached

Project Costs

6) What is your total project cost?

_____ \$900,000 _____

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

_____ \$25,000 _____

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

_____ 100+ hours _____

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

___Cole & Denny Architects & LPDA have already donated their services to create a conceptual rendering. We are forming a fundraising committee to identify additional in-kind donation possibilities within the community. _____

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

_____ \$25,000 _____

Proposed Idea

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Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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The old Colansanto pool has been closed since 2010. Since then, the old pool has remained a visual eyesore and dead space at the intersection that welcomes people into Del Ray. So far, the city has allocated funding of \$450k to demolish the pool in FY 2022 with the intention of turning it into a spray park. However, the community would greatly benefit by having that timeline moved up sooner. Del Ray is a family neighborhood with no water resources for children in the hot summer months. Families have to drive their children to Old Town, Potomac Yard, Franconia, Arlington County and the soon to be reopened Warwick pool to cool off. The Colasanto pool provides an ideal location within walking distance for children in the summer. The spray park will appeal to kids of all ages and will not require kids to know how to swim. Plus, the flat spray ground design is low maintenance for the city and does not require a lifeguard. In the non-summer months, the spray park could also function as a multi-purpose community space. For instance, the Del Ray Artisans could use the space for art exhibits. The community could use the space for concerts or other outdoor events. With the assistance of Cole & Denny Architects, we have completed the conceptual design for the spray park. Now we must begin to engage the community, build awareness and start fundraising.

We would like to use the community match fund to pay for the following items which are part of the conceptual design and outreach:

\$9,000 for bike racks
\$4,000 trash can
\$1,000 for gates
\$1,000 for banners/signs for the spray park
\$9,250 for fence
\$750 for tree
Total \$25,000

These item estimates have been given to us by Cole & Denny Architects based on the conceptual rendering.

Neighborhood Involvement (200 words) (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 spray park initiative has brought together a broad coalition of community members in Del Ray. The spray park initiative is working under the umbrella of the Del Ray Community Partnership which was created to support grass roots community efforts like this. The spray park has wide community support and involvement including representatives from the Nancy Dunning Family, the Del Ray Business Association, Del Ray Artisans, the Del Ray Citizens Association and Warwick Village. Community representatives have been regularly meeting on a monthly basis to form an action plan and design for the spray park project. With the proximity of the Del Ray Artisans building to the proposed spray park site, we have made a concerted effort to include their feedback. The Artisans attended our monthly meetings and provided ideas for the conceptual design-a design that includes a plaza that visually connects the Artisan's building to the proposed space and allows for year round use. In addition to representation from those community groups at our monthly meetings, Del Ray neighbors have actively responded to our online community surveys and online petition. For the community survey that was done in the summer of 2016 on proposed spray park designs, several hundred people actively participated.

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

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The 2012 City Aquatics Study estimated that the proposed spray park would cost about \$850,000 to build. Cole & Denny Architects and LPDA provided pro bono work and together, we created the conceptual design of the spray park. That design included a cost estimate which totaled \$900,000. The pro bono work to create the conceptual design was billed at \$23,000 from Cole & Denny and LPDA. In addition to that, Cole & Denny is also now working on a 3D image of the park which we will be able to use for fundraising on our future website. The Del Ray Citizens Association also donated its proceeds from the 2017 February Chili Cook Off to the project which totaled over \$2,000.

We have started presenting the proposed design to the community (i.e. Del Ray Citizens Association, Warwick Village) to get feedback, support and to start planning fundraising for the park. We will be holding a meeting of potential fundraisers/donors in April to build a volunteer fundraising committee, find in-kind donations, identify grant sources and set fundraising goals.

The city has already agreed to fund the feasibility study to be completed by mid-May 2017. Then the projected timeline for starting the project is in 2019.

The design of the spray park would require no lifeguard or pool maintenance on the city's part. Also any landscaping would be done with indigenous plants species with low maintenance requirements.

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

We would measure outcomes by tracking by how many people we are able to direct to our website and facebook page for community engagement. We will also track success by our meeting our fundraising goals for the spray park.

Community Matching Fund – Colasanto Supplemental Questions and Answers:

Questions:

1. How will the funds you are requesting and the match (total of \$50,000) be used to activate the site in the interim until something can be done with the spray ground?

We would like to use the funds for structures that would become a permanent part of the spray park that would allow people to use the space such as benches, bike racks, trash cans. Part of the money would also be used for banners/signs to our website. It would not activate the space by making it a kid's play space, but it would allow the green area to be used for a sitting space/rest area which is does not have right now. We did not want to use funds to purchase things for the space that would not be used in the future or not be permanent because people might feel it was a waste of money when things purchased would not used for the future spray park. Also given that the pool still remains on the site, it would be difficult to activate the space without removing the pool itself since it takes up most of the existing space that would be allotted for the spray park.

2. How will the \$50,000 investment be impact, if at all, if the spray ground plan changes in any way?

If changes happened to the spray park plans, these items we raised money for could still be used in the space because they can be moved around or used in the garden area as well. They are not fixed structures so they could be used in multiple areas even with a design change.

Community Matching Fund Application

1. Tell us about your project!

1. Please tell us about yourself and your community group

Name of Primary Contact for Community Group

Darrell L. Wilson

Name of Community Group

Alexandria Little League

Street Address

P.O. Box 3475

Apt/Suite/Office

City

Alexandria

State

VA

Postal Code

22303

Country

Email Address

dlwilson729@gmail.com

Phone Number

703-820-5752

Fax Number

Mobile Phone

Website (if applicable)

<http://alexandriabaseball.com/>

Is anyone else involved with your project?

No

2. How do you prefer to be contacted?

Email

3. Name of Project

Ben Brenman Baseball Park Enhancement Project

4. Location of Project

Ben Brenman Park

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?

200

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

Yes, ALL is the host league for around 500 players ages from 7-16 years old. Previous projects involving construction and design have benefited from gifted in kind professional volunteers for engineering , design and project implementation. It is highly likely this would take place on the proposed projects in this application.

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

25000.00

3. Proposed Idea

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The project includes the construction of a new scoreboard and the addition of a linear split batting cage on the first base side of the diamond outside of the fields fence line. Currently Alexandria Little league has access to only one City owned field with a scoreboard and working batting cages. In 2016, ALL purchased a new scoreboard for the Little Simpson Baseball Park and had it installed at its own expense. Adding a Scoreboard and new batting cage will greatly enhance the nearly 500 players who are registered city residents and who utilize these fields to play games. This project will help the league to fund raise for further field improvements enhance recreational opportunities for our youth and provide facilities that can be utilized even when the field is closed due to weather. Batting cages are routinely able to be used even after rain.

4. Neighborhood Involvement/Community Building

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

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Alexandria Little league is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to using your baseball a vehicle to instilling firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, respect and teamwork. The league has grown steadily over the past 8 years, by approximately 5% a year. This growth reflects diversity across the city of Alexandria where all children boys or girls can register to play in one of 7 baseball leagues it offers in the Spring and Fall Seasons. ALL is 100% volunteer run league. Which means of the nearly 45 teams that are organized each season a dedicated group of over 150 volunteers in Alexandria are required to make sure the league can function. These volunteers cover nearly every neighborhood in the city. The league encompasses registered children from every elementary school in the city. As the league grows it is critical to have facilities that can provide the best athletic opportunity for all of Alexandria's youth.

5. Project Resources

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Alexandria Little league has raised the \$25,000.00 match required for this project from several annual fundraisers the league participates in including Alexandria Spring 2 Action. The league routinely asks volunteers for donations so that projects such as this can be undertaken. Adding additional batting cages and scoreboards are routinely the number one items included on league surveys that could enhance the leagues enjoyment of games and instruction. The scoreboard enhancement project and batting cages at Brenman Baseball Park will likely require a Special Use Permit. But ALL believes that we can work with the Parks and Recreation Division in the City to progress the SUP and purchase material,etc to start the project in the Spring of 2018. Alexandria Little league was able to accomplish the score board replacement at Little Simpson in 5 months. ALL will also enter into a maintenance assistance plan with respect to these improvements with the City.

ALL has derived the cost estimate for the scoreboard from information retained from companies who routinely install scoreboards.

The cost estimate for the Score Board, support beams and installation at 15-17,000.00

ALL has an estimated cost estimate for the approximatley 70-80 ft (L) X 14 ft (w) X 12 ft (H) batting cage at between 27,000-35,000.00

ALL has also derived the cost estimated fro the split batting cage in a similar effort after reviewing similar projects undertaken. Alexandria Little league can fund additional project costs if these projects exceed the estimates provided here.

The split batting cage design will be a fully built rectangular chain link design with dual entrances from both ends and a fine gravel surface for good drainage. ALL will supply all interior lining nets, pitching screens etc and maintain the cage surface.

6. Outcomes

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

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ALL will commit to show annual usage of the new cage and scoreboard, by including the item on our year end annual survey. ALL will also be able to show actual booked games and hitting practices to track the usage of the batting cage. Especially during inclement weather. This will show that the cages can facilitate practices for throwing and hitting even when the field is unusable do to weather. Our website can track field usage. With nearly 30 each spring and fall (360 players total) teams vying for usage of this field enhancing the field with a batting cage will greatly increase the fields use.

Community Matching Fund – Alexandria Little League Supplemental Questions and Answers:

Questions:

1. What are the electrical costs?

I believe that the electrical costs for the scoreboard our estimated at about \$5000. That assumes that it will be installed in the location relatively convenient to an electrical power source already located at the Little League field

2. Who will be responsible for maintenance?

As for the question on maintenance, I would assume that the relationship we've had with the city relative to the other cages and scoreboard would remain the same, where Little League pretty much maintains the batting cages unless something major needs to be done.

For what it's worth, we have worked with TC Williams baseball on sharing costs for updating nets and other equipment in the cages. I have no reason to doubt the similar arrangements will continue into the future.