



## REQUEST FOR BIDS

**The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (the Alliance) is seeking proposals for a professional landscape or playground contractor to collaborate with the Alliance and its partners to install a nature playground at Blackwell Park in Richmond, Virginia.**

## BACKGROUND

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

The Alliance is working closely with the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities, Richmond Department of Utilities, Southside Releaf, and Timmons Group to bring green infrastructure improvements to Blackwell Park. The nature playground will be located inside Charlie Sydnor/Blackwell Park at 1400 Maury Street, Richmond, VA 23224 at the northwest corner of the park, close to the park entrance on Maury Street. Timmons Group completed a design for the nature playground in July 2024. The nature playground is part of a larger park improvement project, the majority of which will be constructed by PB Chenault. You can find the [full plan set prepared by Timmons Group here](#).

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

## PROJECT SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

The project consists of constructing a nature playground and attendance of a pre-construction meeting in November 2024. The contractor will supply all labor, tools, equipment, and materials to complete the project according to the specifications and drawings provided.

Work to be completed includes: Provide, deliver, and install playground equipment, surfacing, and any other features of the playground design including stormwater best management practices such as a dry stream bed, native shade trees, and conservation landscaping.

Costs should include:

- Site preparation and excavation
- Concrete pad, engineered wood fiber, and stone channel
- Provide and install playground equipment as specified in the design provided



- Provide and plant trees, shrubs, mulch, and ground cover in the nature play area as specified in the landscape plan
- Any other necessary expenses to complete the installation of the nature playground as designed

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

## TIMELINE

Construction of the playground is expected to begin in April 2025 once construction of the larger park improvement project is completed by PB Chenault. Construction of the nature playground must be completed by June 30, 2025.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The submitted written proposal should include:

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

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

**Deadline for Submissions:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024

**If you wish to arrange a site visit or to submit a bid, please contact Christina Bonini, Senior Green Infrastructure Projects Manager at the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, at [cbonini@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:cbonini@allianceforthebay.org).**



### Context Map

