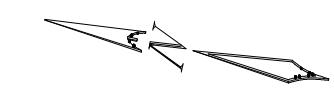


# Greening Richmond Public Libraries

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE JAMES RIVER BY REDUCING STORMWATER POLLUTION

## Broad Rock Branch Library



### Legend:

- Downspout locations
- Water Meter
- Gas Meter
- Electric Meter
- Site Pole Lights
- Telephone Pedestal
- Clean Out
- Fire Hydrant
- Water Valve
- Irrigation Valve
- Sewer Manhole
- Storm Manhole
- Storm Inlet
- Sign
- Utility Pole

Existing Trees & Shrubs To Be Preserved:  
Existing Shrubs and Trees To Be Removed:

### LIVE CHARRETTE IDEAS

- An overarching diagram and conceptualization of this site is that of an important community node:
  - it sits at the top of the local watersheds
  - this branch provides significant community services outside those of a typical library
  - this site is an important geopolitical boundary between districts/ major road corridors
  - "This is the spot to unite The Southside!"
- Significant vehicle accident/ intrusion from Warwick Road
- Granite Slab seating area is not used much but has good wifi signal. Could be shaded or add herb garden.
- Picnic tables and benches in a park like setting in this area would be great amenity.
- Library signs are not visible/ entrances are not well indicated.
- Signs should be bilingual
- Landscape elements could include mason bee hives, pollinator gardens, birdfeeders.
- There is an opportunity for greater connection to the adjacent park, which lacks seating and visual interest.
- Library staff have had success with creating gardens of herbaceous annuals and linking them with library programs for patrons. Education and management of maintenance crews was monitored with signs and interventions but continues to be a challenge.

### VIRTUAL CHARRETTE IDEAS

- Picnic tables throughout.
- Broad Rock park is being improved, talk to parks.
- Look at tree recommendations from Forestry Dept
- Install a bench near the bus stop.
- Pollinator garden at large children's department window.
- Address negative foundation drainage at rear of building.
- Consider the use of Hugelgarten planting techniques.
- Add to main entrance area:
  - Water bottle filling station
  - Bike rack
  - Seating
  - Bilingual sign indicating it is the accessible entrance.
  - Public art.

