Greening Richmond Public Libraries
IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE JAMES RIVER BY REDUCING STORMWATER POLLUTION

North Avenue Branch Library

Legend:
- Downspout locations
- Water Motor
- Gas Meter
- Electric Meter
- Site Plate Lights
- City Street Lights

Existing Trees & Shrubs To Be Preserved:

Existing Shrubs and Trees To Be Removed:

North Avenue

Turf Strip

Asphalt Parking Lot

Plant shrubs tree throughout. Remove concrete from walk as possible to create new planting areas. Add an area to the northeast to allow for better planting areas.

Public Sidewalk

Essex Street

Public Alley

Primary Bioretention Basin

Existing Plants

Public Sidewalk

Turf Strip

Existing Plants

Possible outdoor existing area with nighttime controlled access

Add a water feature

- Provide existing play/learning opportunities for children.
- Create an edible landscape or community garden with interplant material.
- Be mindful of folks that will use benches for listening, pick flowers in bands near sheds, and maintain concerns that will limit the complexity of the landscape.
- Plant selections may include: Cornflower, Joe Pye Weed, Black Cohosh, etc.

Engagement of children could include a treasure hunt box about providing pictures and descriptions of native plants in the landscape for kids to find with interpretive information.

Virtual Charrette Comments

Idea of creating a story garden as children's garden area. Safety, ingress, egress concerns.

- Remove concrete
- Are there other urban libraries that would serve as a case study for outdoor space users?

- Shaver Library in Norfolk
- North Library in Charlottesville

Various types of outdoor spaces to offer different experiences for various groups, users, generational appropriate spaces.

Major concerns over locals using library property for littering, etc.
As a public space, can we add visual cues that this is not a place to gather? If this space was more densely planted would this help?