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

West End Branch Library

Legend:
- Existing Trees & Shrubs To Be Reserved
- Existing Trees To Be Removed

LIVE CHARRETTE COMMENTS

- Library Program Ideas:
  - Storybook Library
  - Parent/pollinator 3D activities for children
  - Outside story time
  - Story walks around site that educate about various ecosystems types
  - Outdoor movie, music showings

- Garden & Site Ideas:
  - Add seating in gathering spaces within garden rooms
  - Take corners through gardens, not just around them
  - Children’s garden
  - Amphitheater where elevation change allows
  - Native plant demonstration garden
  - Use large shade trees, especially oaks for ornamental value
  - On-site composting
  - Connect library with RVA’s New Shores
  - Enhance visual and visibility of site from street
  - Change sculpture with artist’s public installation art
  - Create small public gardens with permanent signage for maintenance crews to stay out such that herbaceous perennial won’t be killed with herbicides

VIRTUAL CHARRETTE COMMENTS

- Harnessed wind from the oak to be removed could be used for benches and informal seating

- Important to include signage information about percent of site impervious surface reduction and represent the number of gallons of water that did not reach the river as a result of the project

- Site is close to DCRTTC, stops no pedestrian accessibility is important. Site doesn’t speak well to Patterson Ave.

- Partner with schools

- Perform a parking study to determine if all spaces are needed

Asphalt Drive
Asphalt Parking Lot

Stormwater capture elements create a narrative of James River ecotypes. A path through the garden creates a primary pedestrian site entrance.

Enhance entrance with hanging baskets, pots, program signs, and colorful plantings.

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Existing Shrubs

Primary Bioretention Basin