

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 Preserved:
- Existing Trees To Be Removed:

LIVE CHARRETTE COMMENTS

- Library Program ideas:
- Seed bank/library
 - Plant/pollinator ID activities for children
 - Outside story time
 - Story walks around site that educate about various ecosystem types
 - Outdoor movie/screen showings

- Garden & Site ideas:
- Add seating & gathering spaces within garden rooms
 - Take users 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 entomological value
 - On site composting
 - Connect library with RVA Bike Share
 - Enhance arrival and visibility of site from street
 - Changing sculpture exhibit/public installation art
 - Create small pocket gardens with permanent signs for maintenance crews to stay out such that herbaceous perennials won't be killed with herbicides

VIRTUAL CHARRETTE COMMENTS

Harvested wood 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 (2) GRTC stops so 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.

