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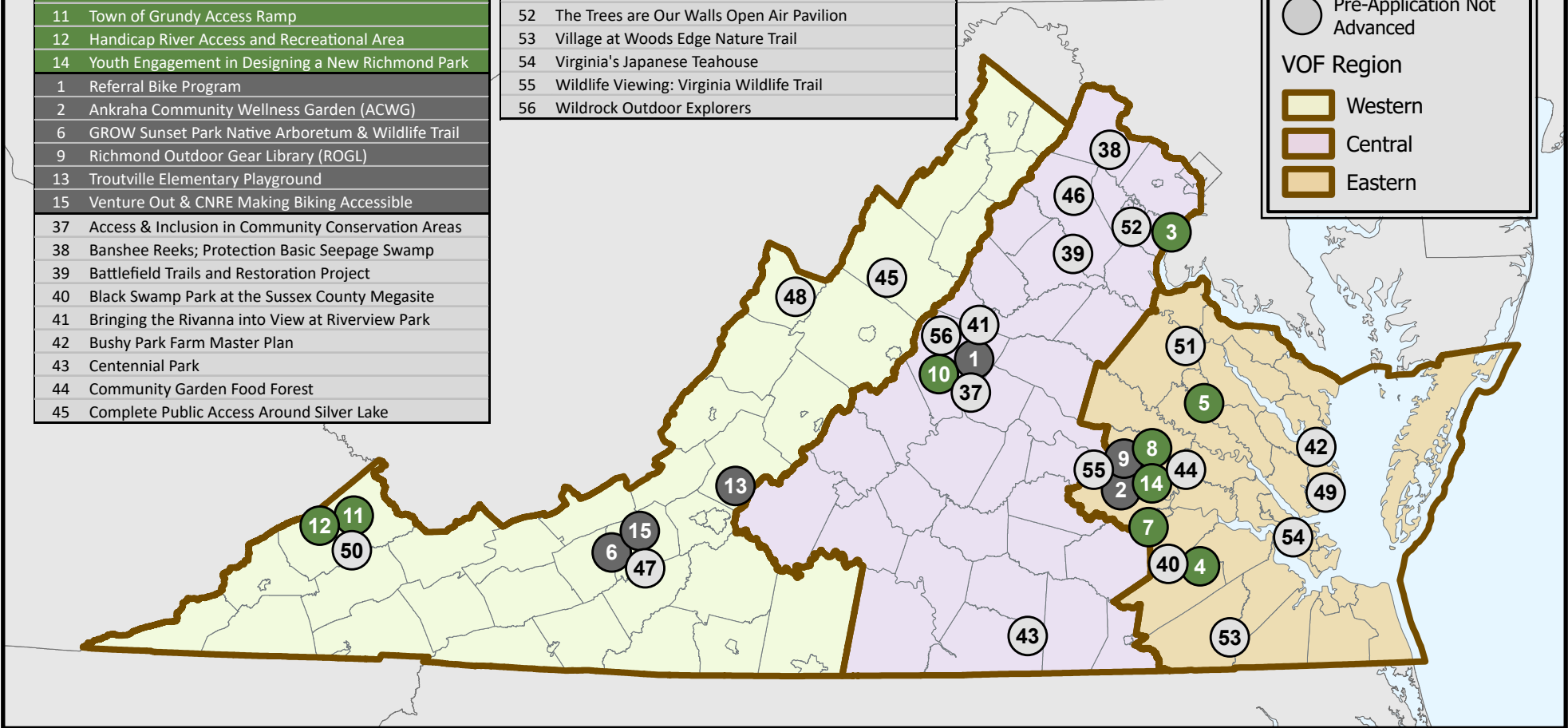
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**Grant Project Applications**

- Recommended
- Other Project Submittal
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**VOF Region**

- Western
- Central
- Eastern



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## GO Grant Funding Applications Spring 2024



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**Virginia Outdoors Foundation  
Get Outdoors (GO) Fund  
Grant Recommendations for Funding-June 2024**

**GO Funds Available: \$206,250.00**

**GO Fund Recommendation: \$206,250.00**

**Recommended Projects**

Application #	Applicant	Project Title	Locality	VOF Region	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Project Description
24-02-11	Town of Grundy	Town of Grundy Access Ramp	Buchanan County	Western	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	This project will create a safe access ramp built of concrete materials to provide safe access to the Levis River. This area has previously been used by local outfitters, and this improvement should promote further usage by these businesses as well as local outdoor adventure seekers.
24-02-12	Town of Haysi	Handicap River Access and Recreational Area	Dickenson County	Western	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	The Town of Haysi will partner with an established community volunteer group called the Haysi Community Leaders to develop the chosen site into a recreational area complete with river access for all citizens which includes handicap access. This recreational area will also include picnic tables, trash receptacles, parking improvements, and easy river access for activities such as fishing, tubing, and kayaking.
24-02-03	Freedom High School	Freedom High School: Taking Kids Outdoors (TKO)	Prince William County	Central	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	A functional, accessible outdoor learning space with tiered landscaping, a teaching garden, natural seating, a sensory trail, and an outdoor board will give students the opportunity to engage in nature & get outdoors. The goal of the project is to pique student curiosity, encourage innovative thinking, change behaviors, and incorporate environmental literacy. A dedicated outdoor learning space will be used to offer teachers professional development to learn why and how to take students outside.
24-02-10	Shenandoah National Park Trust	Shenandoah Trailblazers-Charlottesville	Charlottesville, City of	Central	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00	In 2024 the Shenandoah National Park Trust (SNPT) is partnering with the City of Charlottesville and two regional trails organizations to teach conservation skills along the Rivanna Trail as part of a pilot project to develop a more diverse network of young people interested in conservation. The project will consist of 1 week of general training, 5 weeks of local trail work, and a 1-week residency in Shenandoah National Park.
24-02-04	Jessica Ann Moore Foundation	Complete Building a Pavilion	Sussex County	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	This project is to construct a pavilion at the Jessica Ann Moore Community Center. The pavilion will be 48 x 32, with concrete slab floor, gravel apron, three ceiling fans, four receptacles, and a shingle roof with gutters. Green space with plants and lawn scape around the Pavilion will be constructed. The pavilion site is located in the middle of the Town of Waverly within walking distance for the residents. The pavilion is open to the public and will service approximately 7,000 people a year.
24-02-05	King and Queen County	Outdoor Classroom and Community Building	King and Queen County	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$24,250.00	King and Queen County is creating an outdoor space for citizens to visit and enjoy. We are planning to build a covered outdoor classroom to be used not only by the library where the space is located but also by members of the community. The building would have tables and seating and would be placed next to our community garden.
24-02-07	Petersburg Is Growing	Petersburg Area Summer S.T.R.E.A.A.M.M. Experience	Petersburg, City of	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$24,000.00	The Petersburg Area Summer S.T.R.E.A.A.M.M. Program is an experiential education for local youth in the areas of environmental stewardship, urban agriculture, nutrition education, regenerative agriculture, community service, and food justice. The program complements the curriculum of our local school system by exposing the youth to hands on learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Reading, Art, Agriculture, Mathematics, and Mindfulness. The program will be hosted at our local youth farm.
24-02-08	Renew Richmond	Farm Infrastructure and Capacity Building	Richmond, City of	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00	Farmstrong Community Farm is a project going on six years that Renew Richmond has utilized to engage youth and community members in hands-on, skills-based immersion in environmental sustainability, agriculture, and STEM that will promote food access, career opportunities, and educational advancement. This farm provides a space where young people and community members can gather in a vibrant green space for fellowship, education, and empowerment.
24-02-14	Virginia Community Voice	Youth Engagement in Designing a New Richmond Park	Richmond, City of	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$24,000.00	ARCA is an arts and civic advocacy program for Hispanic and Black youth ages 14-18 on Richmond's Southside. In 2024, ARCA youth will do community engagement in the new Broad Rock Creek Park, participating in creative activities that beautify the space through rock gardens, signs, and benches. They will also gather feedback from their families & neighbors for the City's Parks & Recreation Department on proposed trails and bridges, wayfinding signage, kiosks, benches and other park amenities.



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Town of Grundy Town of Grundy Access Ramp

**Locality:** Buchanan County

**Acres:** N/A

**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2024

**Staff Lead:** Emily White

**Region:** Western

### Project Description

This project will create a safe access ramp built of concrete materials to provide safe access to the Levisa River. This area has previously been used by local outfitters, and this improvement should promote further usage by these businesses as well as local outdoor adventure seekers.

### Project Type

Water Access

### Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to create recreational opportunities for the public.

### Community Need

The community has increased its usage of the Levisa River within the Grundy town limits, and this improved ramp will enhance this usage.

### Community Service/Resource

Safely accessing the river is of concern for Grundy. Ample parking and security will also be provided.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$15,000

Amount Recommended: \$15,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

- Approve project as presented.
- Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

- Approve requested funding: \$15,000
- Approve recommended funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:

*VOF Grant Application #\_24-02-11*



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Town of Haysi Handicap River Access and Recreational Area

**Locality:** Dickenson County

**Acres:** N/A

**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2024

**Staff Lead:** Emily White

**Region:** Western

### Project Description

The Town of Haysi will partner with an established community volunteer group called the Haysi Community Leaders to develop the chosen site into a recreational area complete with river access for all citizens which includes handicap access. This recreational area will also include picnic tables, trash receptacles, parking improvements, and easy river access for activities such as fishing, tubing, and kayaking.

### Project Type

Water Access

### Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is the improvement of a property that has prior been referred to as a blight in the community due to overgrowth and garbage dumped. Another purpose is the creation of an recreational area that is welcoming to tourists and the community that provides easy river access to those who have mobility issues. This will allow easy access for fishing, water sports, recreational events, and provide a great venue to encourage families to be outdoors in the community.

### Community Need

Currently, the Haysi community don't have a river access for the mobility-challenged on the Russell Fork River for fishing or other water related activities. Many community members still seek to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Russell Fork River, but most areas have steep river banks, and most other possible access options are restricted due to private ownership. The community also has very few recreational areas that have picnic areas, and are inviting to families and tourists.

### Community Service/Resource

At this site, the Russell Fork River causes a unique enthralling feeling that when experienced will prompt for return visits and use. The area is within walking distance to multiple campgrounds and will further influence patrons to use the outdoor recreational areas. The community has very few restaurants, so this recreational area developed is an idea place for grilling, fire pits, picnics for small gatherings.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$25,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

- Approve project as presented.
- Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

- Approve requested funding: \$25,000
- Approve recommended funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Freedom High School Freedom High School: Taking Kids Outdoors (TKO)

Locality: Prince William County

Acres: N/A

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

Staff Lead: Emily White

Region: Central

### Project Description

A functional, accessible outdoor learning space with tiered landscaping, a teaching garden, natural seating, a sensory trail, and an outdoor board will give students the opportunity to engage in nature and get outdoors. The goal of the project is to pique student curiosity, encourage innovative thinking, change behaviors, and incorporate environmental literacy. A dedicated outdoor learning space will be used to offer teachers professional development to learn why and how to take students outside.

### Project Type

Education

### Project Purpose

Absenteeism and behavior are issues at Freedom High School. Engaging students in outdoor learning will increase attendance and reduce discipline issues as students are given a place to explore and be connected to living systems. An outdoor learning space will support mental health, increase physical health, and build relationships. Freedom has proven its commitment to sustainability across all curriculums by being recognized as a 2023 U.S. Green Ribbon School and VA Naturally School.

### Community Need

Freedom is a Title I school where students face barriers to learning. Such barriers include poverty, food insecurities, homelessness, violence, and poor health. Research shows the outdoor learning increases physical and mental health, promotes learning, engages students, and builds relationships. Providing students with a resource to breakdown those barriers will benefit all members of the community as well as increase attendance, decrease behavior issues, and build a sense of community.

### Community Service/Resource

Freedom is located in a unique densely populated area which discourages students from going outside and access to the outdoors is limited. The school is home to a special community of students, many of whom don't have a place to go outside to connect with nature. Students spend a majority of their time indoors helping with family chores, working to make money, or just in their rooms for safety. Children need an outlet and providing a safe and educational space will help students thrive and encourage onsite volunteer hours.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$25,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

- Approve project as presented.
- Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

- Approve requested funding: \$25,000
- Approve recommended funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:

VOF Grant Application #\_24-02-03



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Shenandoah National Park Trust Shenandoah Trailblazers- Charlottesville

**Locality:** City of Charlottesville

**Acres:** N/A

**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2024

**Staff Lead:** Emily White

**Region:** Central

### Project Description

In 2024 the Shenandoah National Park Trust (SNPT) is partnering with the City of Charlottesville and two regional trails organizations to teach conservation skills along the Rivanna Trail as part of a pilot project to develop a more diverse network of young people interested in conservation. The project will consist of one week of general training, five weeks of local trail work, and a one-week residency in Shenandoah National Park.

### Project Type

Trail Improvements

### Project Purpose

This program exists to offer conservation learning and practice opportunities for young people who may not otherwise have access to them. By growing the network of conservation practitioners to include more diverse backgrounds and perspectives, the program will develop a workforce that is better equipped to handle the varied environmental challenges of the future.

### Community Need

Charlottesville is a diverse community that unfortunately suffers from a legacy of redlining and other forms of geographic racism. As such, access to green spaces within the city are often limited for individuals of more diverse backgrounds. The Rivanna Trail is a community asset that connects neighborhoods throughout the city. Participation in the program will meet this need by providing equal opportunity for stewardship and inspiring a more universal sense of ownership of our public lands.

### Community Service/Resource

This program will be unique among the City of Charlottesville’s Community Action Youth Internship Program’s offerings as the only workforce development program with an emphasis on environmental conservation and recreation. For many young people, this program represents the only opportunity for them to spend time in nature while developing professional skills that will prepare them for careers there.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO  
Amount Requested: \$25,000  
Amount Recommended: \$22,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

- Approve project as presented.
- Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

- Approve requested funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve recommended funding: \$22,000
- Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Jessica Ann Moore Foundation Complete Building a Pavilion

Locality: Sussex County

Acres: N/A

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

Staff Lead: Emily White

Region: Eastern

### Project Description

This project is to construct a pavilion at the Jessica Ann Moore Community Center. The pavilion will be 48-ft by 32-ft, with a concrete slab floor, gravel apron, three ceiling fans, four receptacles, and a shingle roof with gutters. Green space with plants and lawn scape around the Pavilion will be constructed. The pavilion site is located in the middle of the Town of Waverly within walking distance for the residents. The pavilion is open to the public and will service approximately 7,000 people a year.

### Project Type

Outdoor Recreation

### Project Purpose

This project will support community recreation activities by constructing a pavilion at the Jessica A. Moore Community Center while also helping bring fresh fruits and vegetables to the underserved communities. The purpose of this project is to increase outdoor recreational activities in youth and adults. Resources are limited in Sussex County, VA when it comes to recreation, because there is no Recreational Department. Developing the Healthy Space will greatly enhance the much needed resources in the community.

### Community Need

There is a need to bring fresh fruits and vegetables directly to the community, which is usually the freshest and often times less costly. The Farmers' Market will help promote local farmers' businesses and, in most cases, keep the money in the community. The pavilion will service the Sussex County Community and surrounding communities, to include the District Region. Classes can be held at the Pavilion, allowing the participants an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature while taking in the fresh air.

### Community Service/Resource

Resources are limited in Sussex County, VA when it comes to recreation, because there is no Recreational Department. Developing the Healthy Space will greatly enhance the much needed resources in the community. Also, the creation of the Pavilion will help offset the transportation problem in the rural Sussex by bringing resources to the county. The Jessica Ann Moore Foundation is taking steps to ensure that all children have a clean, safe, environment where they can learn, play, and live.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$25,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

- Approve project as presented.
- Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

- Approve requested funding: \$25,000
- Approve recommended funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## King and Queen County Outdoor Classroom and Community Building

Locality: King and Queen County

Acres: N/A

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

Staff Lead: Emily White

Region: Eastern

### Project Description

King and Queen County is creating an outdoor space for citizens to visit and enjoy. We are planning to build a covered outdoor classroom to be used not only by the library where the space is located but also by members of the community. The building would have tables and seating and would be placed next to our community garden.

### Project Type

Park Creation

### Project Purpose

King and Queen County is very limited in spaces available for its citizens to meet and learn. We want to offer a space for our citizens to gather, share ideas, and learn something new no matter the age. This space will couple with a community garden we are planting.

### Community Need

King and Queen County does not have any parks or places for citizens to gather. The population is 14+% below the poverty level and the community is looking for a place to gather and learn. We want to offer that space in the Outdoor Classroom at the King and Queen County Public Library.

### Community Service/Resource

The Outdoor Classroom will be a place for citizens to gather. King and Queen County does not have any parks or outdoor spaces for its citizens. We are trying to offer a location for gathering, learning, and encouraging.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$24,250

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

Approve project as presented.

Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

Approve requested funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approve recommended funding: \$24,250

Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

VOF Grant Application # 24-02-05





# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Petersburg Is Growing Petersburg Area Summer S.T.R.E.A.A.M.M. Experience

**Locality:** City of Petersburg

**Acres:** N/A

**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2024

**Staff Lead:** Emily White

**Region:** Eastern

### Project Description

The Petersburg Area Summer S.T.R.E.A.A.M.M. Program is an experiential education opportunity for local youth in the areas of environmental stewardship, urban agriculture, nutrition education, regenerative agriculture, community service, and food justice. The program complements the curriculum of our local school system by exposing the youth to hands-on learning in the areas of Science, Technology, Reading, Art, Agriculture, Mathematics, and Mindfulness. The program will be hosted at our local youth farm.

### Project Type

Programming

### Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to empower local youth by providing them with a multifaceted summer experience that combines education, personal development, and community engagement. By integrating urban agriculture, mindfulness, environmental literacy, cultural history, artistic expression, social justice, food justice, env. justice, higher education, green jobs, social entrepreneurship, and tennis, we aspire to cultivate future leaders who are equipped to address complex challenges with compassion, creativity, and resilience.

### Community Need

Our community is a USDA designated food desert and our local school system has some of the lowest math and science test scores in the state of Virginia. Our project will address these two challenges by providing experiential education for the local youth in the areas of environmental science, mathematics, and engineering through the lens of urban agriculture on an urban farm in our community. Our focus on mindfulness and holistic living will empower the youth to make healthy decisions.

### Community Service/Resource

Our program will engage, educate, and empower the youth to play a direct role in improving the conditions of our community. They will be taught by environmental educators on how to use agriculture, advocacy, and social entrepreneurship to ameliorate the environmental issues contributing to the lack of health in our community. The participants will be exposed to local land grant institutions, scholarship opportunities, and green careers as way to give them an optimistic outlook on their future.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$24,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

Approve project as presented.

Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

Approve requested funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approve recommended funding: \$24,000

Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Renew Richmond Farm Infrastructure and Capacity Building

Locality: City of Richmond

Acres: N/A

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

Staff Lead: Emily White

Region: Eastern

### Project Description

Farmstrong Community Farm is a project going on six years that Renew Richmond has utilized to engage youth and community members in hands-on, skills-based immersion in environmental sustainability, agriculture, and STEM activities that will promote food access, career opportunities, and educational advancement. This farm provides a space where young people and community members can gather in a vibrant greenspace for fellowship, education, and empowerment.

### Project Type

Agriculture

### Project Purpose

Renew Richmond continues to develop Farmstrong Community Farm as a resource serve as a resource for community food security, workforce readiness, environmental sustainability and youth engagement. Farmstrong engages youth and community members in hands-on, skills-based immersion in agriculture, STEM, and environmental sustainability that will promote food access, career opportunities, and educational advancement.

### Community Need

57% of people (75% of children) in the East End of Richmond live below the poverty line. Richmond's fraught racial history has created food and environmental inequities. The four warmest zip codes in Richmond had the highest rates of heat-related illnesses due to sparse tree canopies caused by years of disinvestment (Popovich 2019). These same communities also often suffer from limited access to fresh, nutritious food. The farm connects youth to agriculture and education to address these issues.

### Community Service/Resource

Farmstrong focuses on engaging young people in efforts to examine and address food and environmental justice in tangible ways. By building knowledge and skill by growing food with both traditional and modern innovative methods involving renewable energy and sustainable approaches, Renew Richmond places young people at the forefront of efforts to create a vibrant community greenspace while building skills that support their education and career aspirations.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$22,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

Approve project as presented.

Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

Approve requested funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approve recommended funding: \$22,000

Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Virginia Community Voice Youth Engagement in Designing a New Richmond Park

**Locality:** City of Richmond

**Acres:** N/A

**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2024

**Staff Lead:** Emily White

**Region:** Eastern

### Project Description

ARCA is an arts and civic advocacy program for Hispanic and Black youth ages 14-18 on Richmond's Southside. In 2024, ARCA youth will do community engagement in the new Broad Rock Creek Park, participating in creative activities that beautify the space through rock gardens, signs, and benches. They will also gather feedback from their families & neighbors for the City's Parks & Recreation Department on proposed trails and bridges, wayfinding signage, kiosks, benches and other park amenities.

### Project Type

Community Engagement/Planning

### Project Purpose

Through ARCA, Black and Hispanic youth on Richmond's Southside are mentored by professional artists, while designing and creating public art that improves safety and promotes public access to green space. In 2019 and 2021, youth painted traffic-calming street art at busy intersections. In 2022 and 2023, youth installed painted signs and benches and created a rock garden medicine wheel in Broad Rock Creek Park. In 2024 youth will co-design the park with the city and install art in the park.

### Community Need

A new park on the Southside builds the resilience of this community to climate change. Southside is highly susceptible to flooding and extreme heat. Park plans include elements of a flood park, stream restoration, invasive species removal, and re-habitation. Engaging local youth in park development and art installations makes this new green space accessible to neighbors. Flood park elements protect surrounding areas and replacing invasives with native trees in the park increases tree canopy.

### Community Service/Resource

This project provides a unique opportunity for youth to be involved in creating a new city park in their own neighborhood and to learn about how parks can have many health, mental health, and environmental benefits and protect against the impacts of climate change. The project also creates a way for the city to gather input from young people about park planning which has not been done before.

### Funding Source & Amount

VOF Grant Program(s): GO

Amount Requested: \$25,000

Amount Recommended: \$24,000

### Staff Recommendation

#### Conservation Project:

- Approve project as presented.
- Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conservation Funding:

- Approve requested funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve recommended funding: \$24,000
- Approve alternative amount of funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notes:

Get Outdoors  
Fund

Other  
Submitted  
Projects



## Get Outdoors (GO) Fund Grant Summaries Other Submitted Projects, June 13, 2024

### Western

**Applicant:** 24-02-06, Nursery Natives  
**Project Title:** GROW Sunset Park Native Arboretum & Wildlife Trail  
**Locality:** Radford, City of  
**Funds Requested:** \$23,500.00  
**Description:** The wildlife trail & native arboretum at Sunset Park will generate new life, educational opportunities, and community connections while increasing overall park access. By inviting community members to be part of planning, installation and upkeep of pathway and native species revitalization efforts, we'll help to restore the health of neighborhood ecosystems that have previously been neglected in and around the park, while cultivating shared ownership, self-sufficiency, & community resilience.

**Applicant:** 24-02-13, Troutville Elementary School  
**Project Title:** Troutville Elementary Playground  
**Locality:** Botetourt County  
**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Description:** The playground at Troutville Elementary School is a vital component of our educational infrastructure, providing students with opportunities for exercise, imaginative play, and social development. Additionally, it functions as a vibrant recreational space for children throughout the community, regularly utilized by families, daycare groups, and youth organizations outside of school hours.

**Applicant:** 24-02-15, Virginia Tech, College of Natural Resources and Environment  
**Project Title:** Venture Out & CNRE Making Biking Accessible  
**Locality:** Montgomery County  
**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Description:** Venture Out and CNRE are committed to closing the nature gap, 74% of individuals who identify as BIPOC live in nature deprived areas. With students from across the country coming to VT we have a unique opportunity to bridge this gap in our community. This is a startup program to provide access and opportunity by build upon existing programs for cycling, we provide the equipment and training while hosting trips. We will provide the students a safe space to connect with the outdoors.

## Central

**Applicant:** 24-02-01, Charlottesville Community Bikes  
**Project Title:** Referral Bike Program  
**Locality:** Charlottesville, City of  
**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Description:** The Referral Bike Program provides free refurbished bicycles to underserved individuals, enabling access to outdoor spaces and promoting sustainable transportation. By partnering with local agencies, we identify and equip those in need with bicycles, helmets, lights, and locks, removing barriers to outdoor access and fostering inclusivity, health, and environmental awareness. This initiative directly connects participants with nature, enhancing community well-being and outdoor engagement.

## Eastern

**Applicant:** 24-02-02, Drums No Guns Foundation, Inc.  
**Project Title:** Ankraha Community Wellness Garden (ACWG)  
**Locality:** Richmond, City of  
**Funds Requested:** \$20,000.00  
**Description:** The Ankraha Wellness Garden is a restorative urban garden space designed to build community and cultivate thriving ecosystems for youth. This project centers around an herbal labyrinth, community composting, a mini food forest, seasonal vegetable plots, a mini orchard, and rain gardens to provide a healing process for youth and families impacted by gun violence. This urban gardening project encompasses a collaboration between homeowners, private businesses, and public groups.

**Applicant:** 24-02-09, Richmond Outdoor Gear Library  
**Project Title:** Richmond Outdoor Gear Library (ROGL)  
**Locality:** Richmond, City of  
**Funds Requested:** \$25,000.00  
**Description:** As an outdoor hub, Richmond attracts a diverse population eager to explore its green spaces. ROGL bridges the gap between people and nature by providing access to outdoor equipment, educational programs, workshops, and trainings for free. Similar projects nationwide have proven successful in increasing accessibility to the outdoors, a need amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our community support ensures success in connecting people to Richmond's vibrant outdoors.