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Public Art Commission
City of Richmond
900 Broad Street

Commission Chair:

RPL connected with DPU and RVAH20 during a landscape beautification project at our Westover Hills Branch Library. At that location we implemented features in the landscaping to mitigate and demonstrate to library users the ease and functionality of rainwater retention and diversion.

DPU and RVAH20 assisted by advising and helping us improve and expand the project. In 2018 we worked with James River Association to apply for a DEQ grant to duplicate the Westover Hills project at our other library locations throughout the City of Richmond. We were awarded that grant and will not only do more rainwater mitigation projects with interpretation, but education workshops that will demonstrate rain barrels, bayside gardens, and other ways to slow and control storm water from the James River. This would not have happened without DPU and RVAH20.

A new awareness campaign uses the library mascot, Ripple the river otter, to deter pollution in storm drains. A stencil of Ripple basking in the James requests that we don't put things in the river that should not be there. Richmond Public Library wishes to expand this effort to other storm water drains throughout the City of Richmond with DPU's help.

Sincerely,

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