




Staff Report
City of Richmond, Virginia
Planning Commission



UDC 2025-12	FINAL Location, Character, and Extent Review	Meeting Date: 06/03/2025
Applicant/Petitioner	Fabio VillaGomez, Dept of Public Utilities	
Project Description	UDC 2025-18 FINAL Location, Character, Extent review of two new utility structures at the WasteWater Treatment Plan, located at 1400 Brander Street	
Project Location		
Address: 1400 Brander Street		
Property Owner: Richmond Public Utilities		
High-Level Details: The City of Richmond's Department of Public Utilities is constructing a new biosolids storage pad and demolishing and reconstructing the existing grit storage pad at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Each facility will include a concrete pad, concrete push wall surrounding the pad, and a pre-engineered metal building with open sides covering the pad and walls.		
Staff Recommendation	Approval	
	STAFF RECOMMENDS THIS APPLICATION BE HEARD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION DUE TO ITS MINOR IMPACT AND UTILITARIAN NATURE	
Staff Contact	Ray Roakes, Planner, raymond.roakes@rva.gov	
Public Outreach/ Previous Reviews		
Recommended Conditions	NA	

Findings of Fact

Site Description	The site is located in the Ancarows Landing neighborhood. The property is situated on Brander Street. The property currently consists of the Richmond Sewage Treatment Plant.
Scope of Review	The project is subject to location, character, and extent review under section 17.07 of the Richmond City Charter and review and recommendation under 17.05.
Project Description	<p><u>The Applicant States:</u></p> <p>The site contains two uncovered concrete pads along the southwestern end of the site to process grit and biosolids. Both existing pads are in poor condition, have reached the end of their intended lifespan, have failing drainage systems, and are undersized for current needs.</p> <p>Realigning the stormwater drainage system for each pad will also increase environmental considerations.</p> <p><u>Staff Review:</u></p> <p>The purpose of the project is to enhance and increase the efficiency and capacity of the existing storage pads. The upgrade to the stormwater system will also bring environmental enhancements.</p> <p>The proposed structures and systems are highly technical and appear integral to the operation of the plant. Due to this technical nature and the relative small impact, Staff has recommended this application be approved by the Planning Commission as a FINAL application, without needing a CONCEPT approval prior.</p> <p>Staff supports the proposed enhancements.</p>