



Application for Urban Design Committee Review

Department of Planning and Development Review

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Application Type (select one)

- Location, Character, & Extent
 Encroachment
 Other:

Review Type (select one)

- Conceptual
 Final

Project Information

Submission Date: **March 19, 2026**

Project Name: [Bryan Park Dam Removals and Stream Restoration](#)

Project Address: [Joseph Bryan Park, 4308 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227](#)

Site Plan Reference Number (If Applicable): [N/A](#)

Brief Project Description (this is not a replacement for the required detailed narrative):

[The project removes the Youngs Pond dams in Bryan Park to achieve DCR Dam Safety compliance, restore the Upham Brook watershed, and improve ecological function. Enhancements include invasive species management, native landscaping, and two pedestrian bridges to maintain connectivity through the park.](#)

Applicant Information (a City representative must be the applicant, where applicable)

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NOTE: FINAL reviews will be required to apply to the City's Site Plan process first.

Applications for FINAL review must first apply to the City's Site Plan process and receive the first round of reviews from City agencies prior to going to the UDC. [Click Here](#) for information on the Site Plan process. UDC review will be held within the Site Plan process and will not require an additional application.

CONCEPT Review

The need for a CONCEPT application will be determined by the Urban Design Committee Secretary, Ray Roakes, at Raymond.roakes@rva.gov. Please email applications for CONCEPT directly to the Secretary.

Submittal Deadlines

Late or incomplete submissions will be deferred to the next meeting.

Applications are typically due by the third Thursday of the month, including Site Plan applications.

Background

The UDC is an 11-member committee created by City Council in 1968 whose primary purpose is to advise the City Planning Commission (CPC) on the design of projects on City property or right-of-way in connection with the performance of the duties of the Commission under Sections 17.05 and 17.07 of the City Charter. The UDC also advises the Department of Public Works in regard to private encroachments in the public right-of-way.