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## Cherry Hill Celebrates New Beginning with National Revitalization Partnership



*Community leaders, local residents and politicians gathered together in the previously neglected neighborhood of Cherry Hill, to celebrate the inauguration of the Cherry Hill neighborhood and community into the prestigious Purpose Built Communities network on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. (L-R:) Phylcia Porter, Dist. 10 Baltimore City Councilmember; Mark Edelson, Md. House of Delegates, District 46; Joshua L. Michael, PhD, Chair of the Board, Cherry Hill Strong, Executive Director of the Sherman Family Foundation, and Vice President, Maryland State Board of Education; Bill Ferguson, Maryland Senate President; Cathy McClain representing the Cherry Hill Community Coalition; Zeevelle Nottingham-Lemon, Founding Executive Director of Cherry Hill Strong; Carmel M. Martin, Special Secretary, Governor's Office for Children, Senior Advisor to the Governor for Economic Mobility; Debra Y. Brooks, Ed.D., Executive Director, Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success; and Carol Naughton, Chief Executive Officer, Purpose Built Communities. (See article on page 13)*

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# Why Does Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Really Matter?

By Andrea Blackstone

Donate Life Maryland (DLM) saves and enhances lives by registering organ, eye and tissue donors in Maryland. Board members, Luke Weichbrod and Sherri Lewis share poignant personal experiences that illustrate the impact of giving the gift of life.



**Luke Weichbrod joined Donate Life Maryland's Board in 2023. His advocacy work positively impacts the organ donation and transplant community.** Courtesy photo

### Luke Weichbrod

Tragedy touched the Weichbrod family in 2010. Luke's brother, Rory Joseph Weichbrod, was struck and killed by a drunk driver. The 26-year-old had elected to be an organ, eye and tissue donor since the time he became a licensed driver.

Luke, a Potomac, Maryland resident, kept his brother's giving spirit alive. He became a DLM Board Member in 2023.

"I am passionate about the mission of the organization, and I have known the executive director for over a decade. When I was asked to join the organization, the answer was,

"Yes, absolutely," said Luke.

DLM's Board mission brings him joy, knowing that the lives of many people are improved due to the efforts made by DLM and like-minded organizations.

"I am a passionate advocate and cheerleader for the organization and the cause," said Luke.

Since each organ, eye and tissue donor has the potential to save up to eight lives through organ donation, and up to 75 lives through tissue donation, spreading the word about DLM's work is a critical part of encouraging new donors to sign up to give the gift of life.

Luke added that "most people don't realize that there are so many ways that organ and tissue donations improve lives, not just save them."

Luke's willingness to raise awareness about Rory's legacy, and the needs of people in the community, demonstrates his compassionate attitude despite his experience with the loss of his loved one.

"I would like more people to understand that there are many, many living donors that are able to save and improve the lives of complete strangers for the betterment of our society," Luke said.

### Sherri Lewis

Sherri knows firsthand that living organ and tissue donors are also invaluable.

When her brother, Cuong Lewis discovered that he was in imminent need of a transplant, Sherri was selected to become his kidney donor. Cuong and Sherri are doing well, 10 years post-transplant.

"Each year, less than a third of the patients on the national waiting



**Sherri Lewis (left) and Lance Ing. Ing documented Lewis' surgery when she donated a kidney to her brother. A 2015 Regional Emmy was awarded for their series that aired on FOX5. Lewis is a committed Donate Life Board member.** Courtesy of Sherri Lewis

list receive a transplant, and on average, 22 people die each day while waiting," according to information presented on DLM's website.

Sherri strives to support individuals in need of lifesaving and life-improving procedures.

"When I was given the opportunity to join the [DLM] Board, I didn't hesitate. I feel strongly about giving back, and being part of an organization that day in and day out helps to save lives, one donor at a time. I've always been a registered organ donor, even before my brother's transplant. We're lucky to have been able to match, but I know others who have family members who have been tested and haven't found a match. Being part of the Board, I can help raise awareness in hopes of helping others who were not as fortunate as my family," said Sherri.

She added that DLM's Board

is comprised of a wide array of people connected to organ donation, including recipients, doctors or medical personnel, families of deceased donors, and living donors like her.

"We all bring our unique perspectives to the Board. My personal journey as a living donor, a 20 plus year career as a TV journalist, and coming from a minority, mixed-race background allows me to provide expertise and insights from my lived experience. I have used my role as a TV reporter and won multiple regional Emmys for sharing my family's story with organ donation reaching hundreds of thousands of people if not more. I have also seen from personal experience how some minority communities, including my own, may be hesitant to register as donors because of myths and misperceptions," said Sherri.

She mentioned that too many people die waiting on transplant lists. It does not have to be that way. When Marylanders register as an organ, eye and tissue donor with DLM, they choose to donate them after their demise.

"In the event of a tragedy, if you or a family member lost their life, it is a beautiful thing to give someone else a miracle that is the gift of life."

Sherri added, "Make sure your loved ones know your wishes, talk to your kids at the appropriate age, and tell your family and your friends, so that if something should occur, your wishes will be carried out and more lives will be saved."

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## Free Security Tools to Maintain a Safer Home Computing Environment

By Karen Clay

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In today's digital world, keeping your home computing environment safe is more important than ever. With new cyber threats popping up all the time, it's crucial to stay ahead of the game. Luckily, there are plenty of free tools available that can help you protect your devices and personal information. Here's a list of tools you can consider as you formulate your personal plan to keep your digital life as secure, reliable, and hassle-free as possible.

### Antivirus Protection

Antivirus software is the first line of defense against malware, viruses, and other malicious software. If you don't want to pay for one of the well-known antivirus products, below are several free antivirus programs that can provide robust protection:

**1. Avast Free Antivirus:** This tool offers comprehensive protection, including a smart scanner that automatically checks for malicious files and alerts you if there are any threats. It also provides ransomware protection and data breach alerts (<https://www.avast.com/free-antivirus-download#pc>).

**2. Bitdefender Antivirus Free Edition:** Known for its real-time protection and efficiency, Bitdefender offers an easy-to-use solution that automatically handles security issues so you can focus on other tasks (<https://www.bitdefender.com/solutions/free.html>).

**3. ClamAV:** If you want an open-source (GPL) option, this anti-virus engine can be used in a variety of situations including email scanning, web scanning, and endpoint security. (<https://www.clamav.net/>).

### Spyware and Malware Removal

Spyware and malware can significantly compromise your device's security and performance. Using dedicated tools to detect and remove these threats is crucial:

**1. Malwarebytes Anti-Malware Free:** This powerful tool specializes in removing malware, ransomware, and other advanced threats. It's an excellent complement to traditional antivirus software (<https://www.malwarebytes.com/mwb-download>).

**2. Spybot Search & Destroy:** Designed to detect and eliminate spyware, this tool can also clean out adware and other unwanted software from your system (<https://www.spybot-free-download.com/>).

### Strong Password Checker

**1. Good password practices** include selecting passwords that are not obvious or common, and that are unique passwords for each account:

**2. How Secure Is My Password:** Research on password habits in the U.S. shows that less than half of Americans feel confident that their password is secure. This password checker tool can help you find that out (<https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password/>).

**3. Kaspersky Secure Password Check:** A secure password is one of the most important steps you can take to stay safe online (<https://password.kaspersky.com/>).

### Password Management

Strong, unique passwords are vital for securing your online accounts. Password managers can be helpful in creating as well as storing passwords.

**1. LastPass Free:** This popular password manager securely stores your passwords and can generate strong, unique passwords for all your accounts (<https://lastpass.com/create-account.php>).

**2. NordPass Free:** NordPass offers robust encryption protocols and biometric authentication, making it a reliable choice for managing your passwords securely (<https://nordpass.com/download/windows/>).

### Network Security

Securing your home network is just as important as securing your individual devices. These tools can help:

**1. ZoneAlarm Free Antivirus + Firewall:** This combined antivirus and firewall solution protects your system from both incoming and outgoing threats, adding an extra layer of security (<https://www.zonealarm.com/software/free-antivirus>).

**2. Comodo Free Antivirus:** In addition to its antivirus capabilities, Comodo provides a firewall and real-time protection against various threats (<https://www.comodo.com/home/internet-security/antivirus.php>).

### Regular Maintenance

Regular system maintenance is essential for both security and performance. Here are some practices to keep your system running smoothly:

**1. Microsoft Safety Scanner:** This free scan tool can detect and remove malware and other potentially unwanted software from your system. It's a handy tool to run alongside your regular antivirus program (<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/safety-scanner-download>).

**2. CCleaner:** While primarily a system optimization tool, CCleaner also includes features to clear cache, cookies, and temporary files, which can help enhance your system's security (<https://www.ccleaner.com/download>).



*The right tools can make the use of your tech devices safer.*  
Graphic Design by Karen Clay

### Proactive Monitoring

Staying vigilant and monitoring your accounts and devices for suspicious activity is crucial:

**1. Have I Been Pwned:** This service allows you to check if your email address has been involved in a data breach, helping you take immediate action to secure compromised accounts (<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>).

**2. Trend Micro HouseCall:** An online scanner that detects and fixes viruses, worms, spyware, and other malicious threats, providing a thorough examination of your system ([https://www.trendmicro.com/en\\_us/forHome/products/housecall.html](https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/forHome/products/housecall.html)).

Maintaining a secure home computing environment involves a combination of robust antivirus protection, regular malware and spyware scans, strong password management, network security measures, and proactive system monitoring. By utilizing these free tools and incorporating regular maintenance routines, you can significantly enhance the security, reliability, and availability of your computing devices. Stay informed about the latest security threats and best practices to keep your digital life safe and secure.

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## Education

# Lendistry Provides \$2.3 Million Financing for Major Expansion of Maryland's Mandala School to Boost Educational Opportunities for the Community

The nonprofit school's updated programming supports academic and wellness growth for everyone in the family

**BALTIMORE, June 4, 2024** (NewsWire.com) - Lendistry announced on June 4, 2024 that it has funded a \$2.3 million loan for The Mandala School in Columbia, Maryland, to broaden its educational services in a new 30-acre space. The expansion allows the school to extend its curriculum from 8th grade to 12th grade and increase its student population from 51 to 180. New services will include outdoor education for young students to learn about farming and food sourcing, land stewardship and a partnership with Bowie State University, an internship program for high school students, and in-house support for parents.

The school acquired its new property to initiate this growth with a commercial real estate loan from Lendistry. It can be difficult for nonprofit organizations to get funding, so Lendistry worked with The Mandala School to build a loan structure that worked for them.

“When we opened our school, it was our hope to offer a novel educational experience to the students — rooted in true family partnership — in order to positively change learning outcomes,” said the school's Co-founders Antoinette Murray, Valencia Wood and Joseph Murray. “Our vision is to create a legacy where children truly rediscover the love of learning and where it can take them. Everett and his Lendistry team viewed our vision through their eyes and worked together with us to craft a loan to purchase the 30-acre school property. Everett's



*Mandala School Students*  
Courtesy photo/Mandala School

vision of why he founded Lendistry comes full circle each time he and his team find the “Yes” to move forward to fund businesses like The Mandala School that need the one break to unfold the next chapter of their dream — successfully weaving vision and fintech protocols for the best outcome. “This is a customer that will stand out in my memory for a long time,” says Everett K. Sands, CEO of Lendistry. “Not only is Mandala School an extraordinary resource for its community, but my team also worked with them to provide a custom loan and made it work. We are happy to go the extra mile for an organization that goes multiple miles for its students and their families, creating an entire ecosystem of learning and wellness.

I'm so excited for these kids who will go on to do amazing things.”

The Mandala School's new programming builds on its current model of project-based, holistic STEAM learning that prioritizes students' emotional, social and academic needs. Students and their families can access support both in and out of school, as external support services for counseling and health are also available. The school hopes to emphasize wellness in the community and serve as a resource for young students' entire pre-college academic journeys.

To get in touch to ask about enrolling, please call 443-546-3551 or visit our website at [www.mandalaschoolmd.org](http://www.mandalaschoolmd.org)



**Jayne Hopson**  
Courtesy Photo

By Jayne Hopson

“Literacy empowers and liberates,” says a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) policy report. “An individual’s ability to read can break several barriers to wellness. For instance, time spent reading and gathering useful information printed on virtually all food labels can increase awareness of how and why good nutrition is essential to our lives.

Unfortunately, recent studies indicate illiteracy rates that declined during the pandemic continue to compromise the health of Black patients with poor reading skills.

For example, complex surgeries that were once performed in full-service hospitals, are now routinely done in ambulatory surgicenters. Written care instructions for before and after outpatient procedures can be confusing to poor or nonreaders. Traditional surgicenters rely heavily on the patient or their caregiver’s ability to read and understand the written medical instructions given at discharge.

The standard eighth-grade reading level required to properly access discharge instructions and directions stands in stark contrast to a snapshot of Baltimore City’s subpar literacy rates. The Associated Press (AP) reports, “Within the Baltimore City Public

# Reading Food Labels Can Set You Free

Schools, only 13 percent of fourth graders tested at or above proficient in reading in 2019.”

This dismal statistic is pre-pandemic. It was collected just prior to COVID’s 18-to-24-month interruption of classroom reading instruction, which the AP predicts will put failing students further behind their peers.

Illiteracy is a global problem, begging for attention and the development of innovative technology driven solutions. A United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) study reports in “2020, children experiencing reading difficulties jumped from 460 million to 584 million worldwide, a rise of more than 20 percent.”

These low literacy numbers conflict with a healthcare system that depends increasingly on a patient population who can read, comprehend and effectively implement their provider’s instructions. An illiterate patient who misreads the directions for their prescription medication is at risk for serious or life-threatening illness.

Your kitchen is a good, non-intimidating place to practice reading the labels of foods and supplements we give our families. Food labels provide valuable information about the nutritional content of a product. This includes details about calories, serving sizes, macronutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, and fats), vitamins, minerals, and more. Understanding these values can help you make informed decisions about the nutritional quality of the food and how it fits into your diet.

Food labels list common allergens present in the product. For people with food allergies or sensitivities, reading labels is crucial to avoid consuming ingredients that could trigger an allergic reaction. Allergens like nuts, dairy, eggs,



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soy and gluten are often clearly indicated on labels.

If you’re following a specific diet, such as vegetarian, vegan, low-carb, or keto, reading labels helps ensure that the food aligns with your dietary needs and restrictions.

Food labels include serving size information, which is essential for controlling portion sizes and managing calorie intake. Often, people consume more than the listed serving size, leading to overeating and an inaccurate assessment of the nutritional content they’re consuming.

The ingredients list reveals what the product is made of. This is important for avoiding certain ingredients you might want to limit or avoid, such as artificial preservatives, additives, or excessive amounts of sugar and unhealthy fats.

You can compare different products and make healthier choices by reading food labels. You can opt for products with lower amounts of saturated and trans fats, added sugars, and sodium. You can also prioritize foods that are higher in fiber, vitamins and minerals.

Food packaging often contains

marketing claims like “low-fat,” “organic,” or “high in fiber.” Reading the labels helps you verify these claims and determine if they are accurate and meaningful.

For those aiming to manage their weight, reading food labels aids in tracking calorie intake and making mindful choices to maintain a balanced diet.

Reading food labels can be a great way to educate yourself about nutrition. Over time, you’ll become more familiar with various nutrients, recommended daily values and what constitutes a well-rounded diet.

As a consumer, reading food labels empowers you to take control of your food choices. It allows you to make decisions based on accurate information rather than relying solely on packaging or advertising.

Reading food labels is a key step toward making informed and healthy food choices. It helps you understand what you’re putting into your body, avoid allergens or ingredients you want to avoid and work toward your nutritional and dietary goals.

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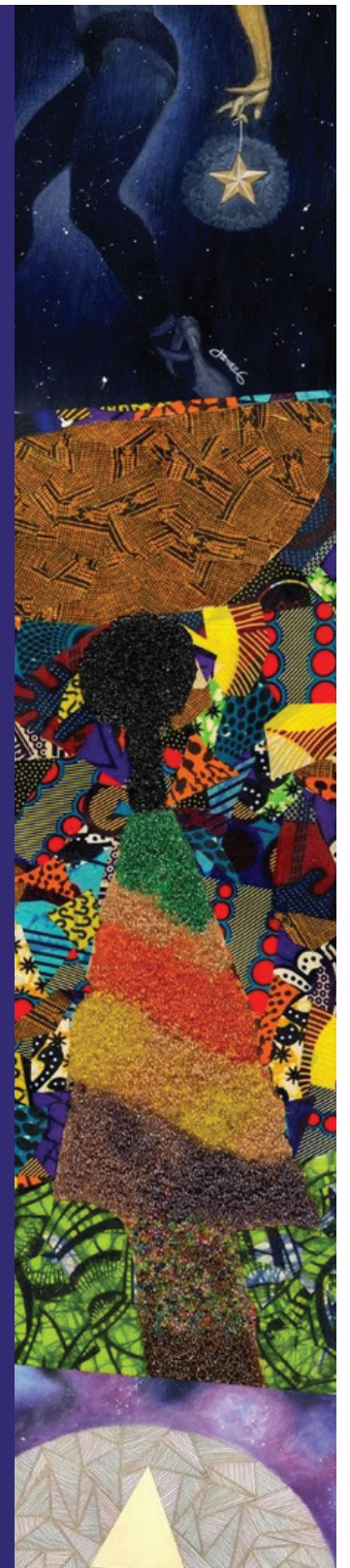
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## Toddlers, Children Who Access Green Space May Experience Less Mental Health Risks

By Andrea Blackstone

Warm weather has arrived. Turn off the TV! Consider heading outside with toddlers and young children to let them play! NIH recently reported that children aged two to five years old and six to eleven who live in areas with more green spaces experienced fewer symptoms of anxiety and depression. These researched findings appeared in *Jama Network Open*.

“Green space refers to areas of vegetation, such as parks, gardens, lawns, and natural environments, that are found within urban and suburban settings. These spaces are often maintained for recreational use, environmental benefits, and aesthetic purposes. They include public parks, community gardens, playgrounds, and even areas like green rooftops or urban forests,” said Rinku Mehra, MD, MBA and founder of The Mehra Clinic.

The distinguished pediatric endocrinologist and obesity medicine specialist agreed that outdoor play in green spaces is a vital component of urban and suburban environments that offer numerous health, environmental and social benefits.

“Green spaces are important because they offer places for people to exercise, play, and unwind, contributing to physical and mental well-being. Additionally, plants in green spaces produce oxygen and help filter out pollutants, improving the overall air quality,” said Dr. Mehra.

She points out that parks and gardens provide venues for community events and social gatherings, fostering a sense of community. But not all toddlers (ages 2 to 5) and young children (ages 6 to 11) are getting enough exercise and time spent in green spaces.

“The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that toddlers should spend at least 180 minutes in a variety of physical activities at any intensity throughout the day. This includes active play both indoors and outdoors. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children in this age group should get at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity every day. This should include aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and bone-strengthening activities,” Dr. Mehra added.

Additionally, children living in urban environments can experience more social barriers and mental health challenges compared to those in rural areas.

“Urban settings often come with higher levels of noise, pollution, and crowded living conditions, which can contribute to stress and anxiety. Limited access to natural green spaces in cities can also impact children’s ability to relax and unwind, exacerbating feelings of isolation and stress,” said Dr. Mehra.

She further explained that lack of time spent in green spaces can contribute to behavioral issues such as aggression and rule-breaking since green spaces provide children with opportunities for unstructured play, physical activity, and stress relief.

It is critical to remember that when children soak up the sun, they reap additional benefits.

“Physically, sunlight is a natural source of Vitamin D, which is crucial for bone health and immune function. Mentally and emotionally, exposure to natural light helps regulate sleep-wake cycles and can improve mood by boosting serotonin levels. This can lead

to better mental health and emotional well-being in children,” Dr. Mehra stated.

Natural environments provide a sensory-rich experience that can stimulate brain development, particularly in young children. However, some parents and children who reside in urban areas such as Baltimore City may face more barriers than individuals who reside in suburban areas.

Dr. Mehra provides creative recommendations for parents in urban environments who want to help toddlers and children to access green space more:

**1. Use Indoor Green Spaces:** Many cities have indoor gardens or botanical centers that provide a nature-like environment.

**2. Balcony or Rooftop Gardens:** Create a small garden on your balcony or rooftop where children can plant and care for flowers or vegetables.

**3. Local Community Gardens:** Participate in community garden projects where families can work together on gardening activities.

**4. Nature-Inspired Play Areas:** Use parks or playgrounds designed with natural elements such as wooden structures, sand, and water features.

**5. Weekend Nature Trips:** Plan regular weekend trips to nearby nature reserves or countryside areas for a dose of green space.

Exposing young children to green space can reduce mental health symptoms and foster positive relationships. Dr. Mehra further agreed that visiting green surroundings as a family can significantly enhance family bonding.

“Shared outdoor experiences such as hiking, picnicking, or playing games



**Dr. Rinku Mehra,**  
*pediatric endocrinologist*  
Photo: Arnie Otto Photography

in the park provide opportunities for communication, teamwork, and creating lasting memories. These activities foster a sense of togetherness and strengthen family relationships, contributing to a supportive and nurturing family environment,” she said.

Follow Dr. Mehra on Instagram via @drmehra. Visit [www.themehraclinic.com](http://www.themehraclinic.com) to learn more information about The Mehra Clinic.



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# Everyone Should Eat: Nonprofit Leader Creates Healthy Option to Address Food Insecurity

By Andrea Blackstone

It is no secret that grocery prices have risen substantially. Individuals and families are feeling the economic pinch at cash registers.

“The all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI), a measure of economy-wide inflation, increased 0.4 percent from March 2024 to April 2024 and was up 3.4 percent from April 2023. The CPI for all food increased 0.2 percent from March 2024 to April 2024, and food prices were 2.2 percent higher than in April 2023,” the USDA’s Economic Research Service recently reported.

Canned food can commonly contain an abundance of preservatives, sugars, sodium, and fewer vitamins. Cheaper meat cuts are often budget-friendly. Lean meats and healthy and perishable foods are typically more expensive. While everyone does not have access to nutritious food daily, nonprofit grocery stores in America’s food deserts and community-based nonprofits are filling in the gaps for individuals and families who struggle to reduce grocery bill amounts.

Dr. Leeja Carter, a Fulbright Scholar, and expert on inclusive and equity-focused practice in health and wellness, walked away from a 15-year career as a professor to become CEO and founder of her Coalition for Food and Health Equity (CFHE). The Ujamaa Cafe and Ujamaa Well programs include revolutionary food and wellness innovation and access programs that address food and health access; affordability; social service needs; and local small business economic growth. Additionally, Dr. Carter addresses food quality through her current work.

“We have several programs, including our Ujamaa Cafe fridge program, where tech-enabled fridges are placed



**Dr. Leeja Carter,  
CEO and founder of Coalition  
for Food and Health Equity.**

*Photo courtesy of Dr. Leeja Carter*

within NJEDA [New Jersey Economic Development Authority] designated food deserts and low-to-moderate income communities, along with other target points that allow us to target areas for community reinvestment. The fridges provide healthy food options to the community to support nutrition, education, and neighborhood reinvestment,” said Dr. Carter. “This work started in 2020 due to the pandemic and seeking to support residents within Hudson County, New Jersey, who were experiencing food insecurity.”

Fridge locations include UPENN Abramson Cancer Center, Marion P. Thomas Charter School, St. Luke CDC Food & Clothing Pantry, nonprofits, afterschool programs, and various community service organizations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Another unique aspect of Dr. Carter’s approach to addressing food insecurity is that fridges allow Coalition Equity to curate community preferences which ensures an increase in healthful behaviors.



**A special refrigerator used  
by Dr. Leeja Carter to combat  
food insecurity.**

*Photo courtesy of Dr. Leeja Carter*

“Also, the fridge is stocked with healthy options from local operators. Each week, the fridge is curated based on user transactions and weekly metrics,” said Dr. Carter.

Free, freshly prepared, stocked foods include overnight oats; chocolate oat milk; mixed berry parfait; chipotle egg and cheese sandwiches; Arabic salad; chicken and shrimp burritos; and much more. Dr. Carter’s fridge concept created a more convenient and accessible option to disrupt the lack of affordable access to fresh, healthy food options. She noted that Coalition Equity’s Ujamaa Cafe’s trained restockers restock the fridges weekly. Fridges are stocked with items from minority-owned food entrepreneurs and operators that have undergone CFHE’s rigorous vetting process.

“There is no maximum or limit for food that people can take. What we find is that folks self-moderate and are good about sharing like any fridge. However,

we place them where there is need and know by week’s end the fridge will be empty,” said Dr. Carter. “Also, our fridges are de-surveilled, meaning we do not monitor the identity of the person taking the food, just the food taken in order to curate the fridge.”

Additionally, CFHE provides Eating Better Together, a program for children and families to assist children in improving oral hygiene, nutrition, and health literacy through exposure to healthy meals, nutrition education, and health resources; Rapid Response, a hunger relief program that enrolls individuals into a six to eight-week food assistance and care support program to address hunger and additional living and health needs; and Ujamaa Well, an integrated wellness program for Black women to assist women in addressing their mind, body, and spirit through a decolonized wellness approach.

Nonprofits and programs such as CFHE could help individuals in cities like Baltimore, or in various low-income areas. Although Ujamaa Cafe fridges can be found in four cities, Dr. Carter’s goal is to expand.

“Through Ujamaa, we are reimagining how we can work with and in the community and reinvest through multiple ways to improve food security and neighborhood development and growth. Certainly, we are always looking for neighborhoods to expand to, yet at The Coalition we are always open to exploring new ideas and opportunities for addressing so many needs and areas throughout the U.S.,” said Dr. Carter.

Visit <https://www.coalitionequity.org/about-us> to learn more about Dr. Carter’s work. For additional questions, or to inquire about expansion efforts in the Baltimore area, please email: [info@coalitionequity.org](mailto:info@coalitionequity.org).

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## MCB, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore Unveil Local Tenancy Program Businesses

### Seven local Black-owned businesses to occupy historic Harborplace pavilions

By **Demetrius Dillard**

Leaders from MCB Real Estate and Downtown Partnership of Baltimore recently unveiled the recipients of the Downtown BOOST Harborplace Local Tenancy Program, an initiative that will bring seven local Black-owned businesses to Harborplace.

The announcement marks a major step toward a reimagined Harborplace, which over the past several months has garnered recognition as one of the most extensive, large-scale redevelopment projects in the region.

The businesses that are a part of the local tenancy program will occupy suites in Harborplace pavilions – five in the Light Street Pavilion and two in the Pratt Street Pavilion. They will all function under two-year license agreements to occupy space in what will become a mixed-use complex in the heart of Baltimore City.

The Harborplace suites will be occupied by the following businesses:

#### **Light Street Pavilion**

- **Cuples Tea**, a premium loose-leaf tea company curating an exquisite collection of premium loose-leaf teas, along with an array of thoughtfully selected tea accessories; this is their second location for the business owned and operated by husband and wife duo, Eric and Lynnette Dodson.

- **Milton's Daughters**, a shop providing authentic waist beads and cultural accessories as well as crystals, herbs and spiritual tools, owned and operated by Amanda Hynson.

- **Pandora's Box**, by Monesha Phillips, a unique selection of the latest trends, jewelry, gifts, home decor, and personal accessories.

- **Storybook Maze**, a literacy

community outreach movement by Araba Maze, which seeks to eliminate book deserts by installing free public book vending machines.

- **Yele Stitches**, an African Luxury brand creating custom and handmade dresses, tops, bridal gowns, and more owned and operated by designer Abisola Omoyele “Yelé” Oladeinde.

#### **Pratt Street Pavilion**

- **MoreLife Organic Juice**, a family-run juice company from Toluwaloju Runsewe and Nicole Scott, focused on making organic juices, herbal teas, and raw vegan snacks.

- **Motion Athletics**, an athleticwear brand with a fashion and streetwear focus owned and operated by Idris Coleman.

The application for the Harborplace Local Tenancy Program was originally announced in September 2023. This incubator initiative was made possible by MCB Real Estate and the Office of Mayor Brandon Scott.

Idris Coleman is the founder and owner of Motion Athletics, which has been around since 2019 and has another location on Greenmount Avenue.

“This is an opportunity for us to introduce our business to another customer base [while] being inclusive with our current customer base,” Coleman said.

MCB Real Estate Managing Partner David Bramble, one of the main masterminds behind the reimagined Harborplace, said he couldn't be more elated to continue the momentum of the local tenancy program as he, project partners and colleagues look to revitalize the “beating heart” of Baltimore.

Since announcing Harborplace redevelopment plans last fall, Bramble emphasized MCB's commitment to cultivating small, local businesses.



*MCB Real Estate and Downtown Partnership of Baltimore unveiled the recipients of the Downtown BOOST Harborplace Local Tenancy Program, an initiative that will bring seven local Black-owned businesses to Harborplace. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on the afternoon of May 29, 2024.*

*From left: Kayela McNeal (Administrative Assistant, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore); Maria Evora (Chief Operating Officer, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore); Chrissy Schifkovitz (Director, Business Development at Downtown Partnership of Baltimore); Araba Maze (business owner and BOOST recipient, Storybook Maze); Idris Coleman (business owner and BOOST recipient, Motion Athletics); Adem Genn (Vice President, MCB Harborplace); Amanda Hynson (business owner and BOOST recipient, Milton's Daughter); Deputy Mayor Justin Williams (Deputy Mayor for Community & Economic Development); Toluwaloju Runsewe (business owner and BOOST recipient, Morelife); Germaine Prince (Commercial Revitalization Manager at Downtown Partnership of Baltimore); Shelonda Stokes (President, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore); Shamiah Kerney (Chief Recovery Office of Mayor's office); Abisola “Yele” Oladeinde (business owner and BOOST recipient, Yele Stitches); Monesha Phillips (business owner and BOOST recipient, Pandora's Box); Sydni Snaggs (Director of Community Affairs, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore); Lynnette Dodson (business owner and BOOST recipient, Cuples Tea House); Eric Dodson (business owner and BOOST recipient, Cuples Tea House); Susan Brown (Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore) Photo: Elija Davis*

“MCB believes small businesses are the lifeblood of our community and a critical component to Harborplace success,” Bramble said.

“Having grown up in an entrepreneurial environment, I have a firsthand appreciation for the unmatched grit, hustle, and laser-focused understanding small business owners bring to their craft and their customers. Throughout our year-and-a-half-long community engagement process, we heard time and again the importance of showcasing innovative and forward-thinking local entrepreneurs, artists, and creators.”

According to DPOB, \$25,000 grants will support various operational costs for the local tenancy business, including physical space needs, technical, legal and marketing services.

On the afternoon of May 29, DPOB and MCB hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Harborplace Pavilions that featured Scott, Bramble, DPOB President Shelonda Stokes and the seven tenancy program business owners.

“This is a significant moment in history - placing these BIPOC-owned businesses in prime, waterfront real estate so they can expand their customer base and strengthen their businesses. We're supporting entrepreneurs, helping them build equity while furthering our mission to revitalize Downtown and transform the neighborhood into a walkable, pedestrian-friendly place to explore,” Stokes told The Baltimore Times.

The seven BOOST-Harborplace incubator businesses are set to open on June 19, 2024.

## Cherry Hill Celebrates New Beginning with National Revitalization Partnership

By **Karanja Gaçuça**

A mix of community leaders, local residents as well as politicians both local and statewide, gathered together in the previously neglected neighborhood of Cherry Hill, on the South West side of Baltimore to celebrate the inauguration of the Cherry Hill neighborhood and community into the prestigious Purpose Built Communities network on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

It was a festive atmosphere on the grounds of Arundel Elementary School in Baltimore's Cherry Hill as the community gathered to mark the milestone. It has taken five years of work laying the groundwork, leading to the Cherry Hill community being accepted into the prestigious Purpose Built Communities network, an alliance of over 25 neighborhoods across the country united in a proven, holistic approach to community revitalization.

Under a sunny spring sky, tents showcased the four fundamental "pillars" at the heart of the Purpose Built Communities model: mixed-income housing, cradle-to-college education, community wellness initiatives, and cultivating economic vitality. Each pillar represents a crucial component for breaking cycles of intergenerational poverty through comprehensive neighborhood transformation.

The celebratory mood reflected both the years of effort to reach this milestone and the unlimited optimism for Cherry Hill's future empowered by this new national partnership. As speakers took the stage, the enthusiasm was palpable.

"Our entry into the Purpose Built Communities network culminates all the fantastic work done over the past several years by residents, leaders, and various stakeholders," says Zeevelle Nottingham-Lemon, Founding Executive Director



**(L-R): Carmel M. Martin, Special Secretary, Governor's Office for Children, Senior Advisor to the Governor for Economic Mobility; Zeevelle Nottingham-Lemon, Founding Executive Director of Cherry Hill Strong; Carol Naughton, Chief Executive Officer, Purpose Built Communities.**  
Photo: Cherry Hill Strong

of Cherry Hill Strong. "We are honored to stand on the shoulders of giants and thrilled to bring more resources and opportunities to Cherry Hill through our four pillars of work, amplifying its people, heritage, and culture."

"Cherry Hill Strong is currently doing transformative work in the Cherry Hill neighborhood," added Carol Naughton, Chief Executive Officer of Purpose Built Communities. "Backed by our proven Purpose Built Communities model, Cherry Hill Strong can take this work to the next level through a holistic, long-term neighborhood effort to help address deeply seated structural economic and racial inequities driven by residents and in partnership with members of the community. We are delighted to have Cherry Hill Strong join our Network Member family."

Carol Naughton, CEO of Purpose Built Communities, welcomed Cherry Hill into the network, praising the community's clear vision and commitment. "Cherry Hill Strong is already doing transformative work," she said. "Backed by our proven model,

they can take this to the next level through a holistic, long-term effort driven by residents."

That resident-led approach resonated with remarks from elected leaders. Governor Wes Moore proclaimed May 22 as "Cherry Hill Strong Day," tying the neighborhood's efforts to his administration's new ENOUGH Act to dismantle

concentrated poverty statewide.

"Those closest to the problems are closest to the solutions," Gov. Moore stated, "and the dedicated people of Cherry Hill Strong have a clear vision for transformation. Together, we will build new pathways to prosperity."

After witnessing its impact elsewhere, Senate President Bill Ferguson highlighted his longtime support for catalyzing the Purpose Built Communities strategy locally. "This proven model disrupts cycles of poverty by aligning grassroots leadership with strategic investment and support," he said. "It's a proud day to celebrate Cherry Hill joining this nationwide movement."

For Cherry Hill residents like Cathy McClain, representing the Cherry Hill Community Coalition, the day crystalized over a dozen years of advocacy finally bearing fruit. "When I moved here in 2010, I knew we had to rebuild this neighborhood from the ground up based on resident priorities," McClain shared. "Joining this national network shows we're not just talking

anymore - we're taking action and realizing that vision."

The newly opened Cherry Hill Strong offices will serve as a community hub coordinating the implementation of the ambitious neighborhood transformation plan. Early progress already underway includes: new mixed-income housing redevelopment breaking ground; partnership with ACCE educational nonprofit for afterschool/summer programs; a community health worker initiative and new clinic with Healthcare for the Homeless; and a small business incubator with the University of Baltimore.

As the festivities concluded, children joyfully played on the school's playground and elderly residents chatted over refreshments— all looking forward to Cherry Hill's new reality taking shape through the powerful model that has proved effective in communities like Atlanta's East Lake and Indianapolis' Avondale Meadows.

"We've planted the seeds, now it's time to really cultivate a flourishing Cherry Hill for generations to come," said Dr. Joshua Michael, Cherry Hill Strong's Board Chair. "This is just the first blossoming - there's so much more growth ahead."

With new national backing, local leadership, and steadfast resolve, the celebrated new beginning in Cherry Hill promises a revitalized future is taking root.

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# New Ravens Secondary Coach Doug Mallory Has Big Shoes to Fill

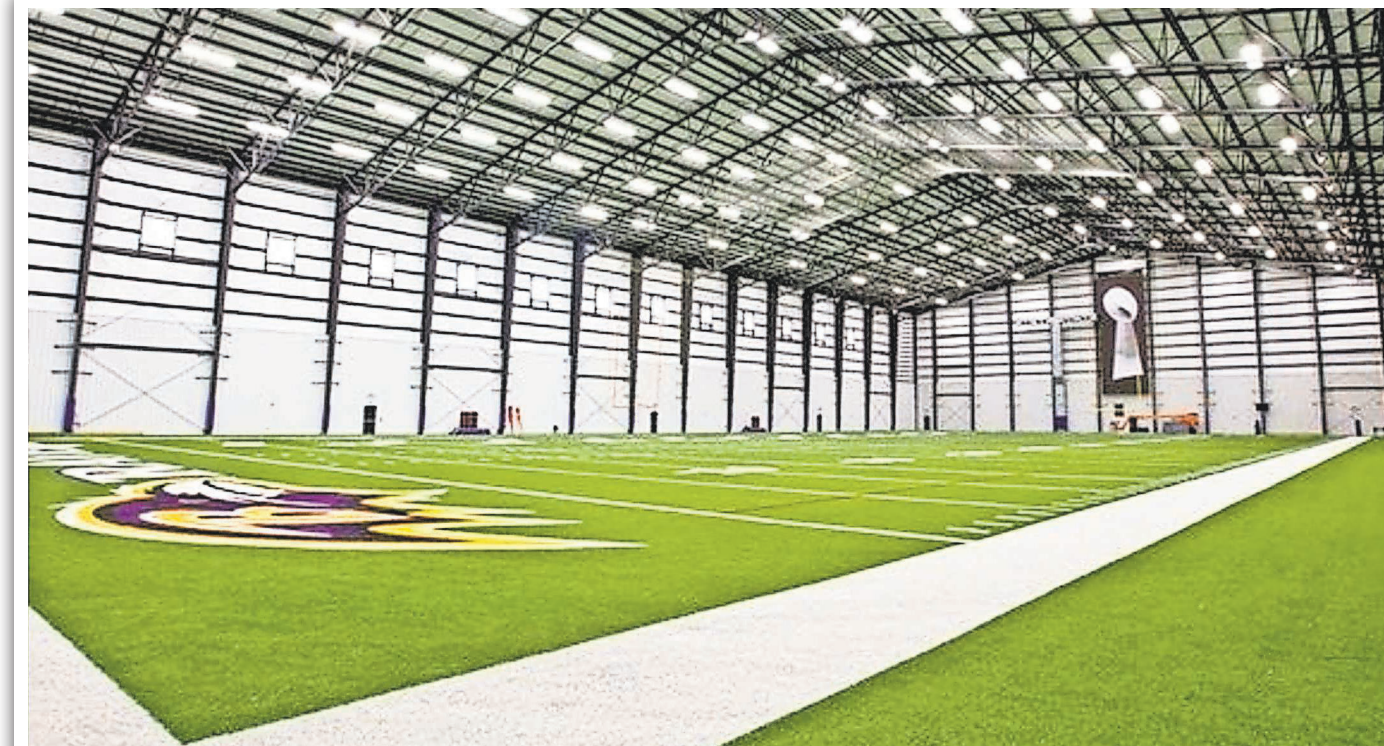
By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens coaching staff has seen a bit of change from last year. Former defensive coordinator Mike McDonald is now the Seattle Seahawks head coach and last year's secondary coach Dennard Wilson is now the Tennessee Titans defensive coordinator. Those two were replaced by former Ravens linebacker Zach Orr and Doug Mallory who comes to Baltimore after spending the last three seasons as a defensive assistant for the University of Michigan.

Mallory previously spent six years in the NFL as a defensive assistant with the Atlanta Falcons. He's excited about being back in the NFL. Having seen both levels of play, Mallory is well-versed in the differences.

"[It's] probably speed and length. I think [that] a lot of times, in college, you may have a bigger receiver that doesn't have elite speed," Mallory explained. "You may have a smaller receiver who does have speed. I think at this level, you're seeing bigger, physical wide receivers. I think sometimes that is an adjustment for a young corner coming in. I think just the size [and] speed are one of the biggest things. I think, too, if you give up a pass here at this level, you can't. I think at the college level, there are times you can say, 'Yes, he may complete that. It's away from his leverage.' At this level, it's just more detailed, and you've got to be productive at this level."

Filling the void left by former secondary coach Dennard Wilson is a tall order for Mallory. The Ravens



*Ravens training facility in Owings Mills, Maryland*

*Photo: Baltimore Ravens.com*

allowed 193.1 passing yards per game last season under Wilson. That's the ninth-best total. Only the Houston Texans who gave up 17 passing touchdowns had a lower amount than the 18 allowed by Baltimore.

"They did a lot of great things, but there are always areas that need improvement. We made a point of emphasis on that, really, the first couple of weeks on the job. Some of the things [that] we were doing was going back and evaluating all the cutups and just seeing where we could do things better," Mallory explained.

Another part of Mallory's excitement includes working with

Ravens coach John Harbaugh. Mallory spent time previously working with John's brother Jim when he was in Michigan. Jim has now moved on to become the head coach of the Los Angeles Chargers.

Two things Mallory will have in his favor are another year of experience from safety Kyle Hamilton and the addition of first-round pick Nate Wiggins.

Hamilton has developed into one of the NFL's best safeties. Mallory said he's been familiar with Hamilton since his freshman year at Notre Dame. He was impressed with Hamilton's play then and is extremely

impressed with what he sees now that he's coaching him.

"He's got great length," Mallory said of Wiggins. "It's just hard to find corners that have that type of length and that can run like he runs. But he has great balance, body control, change of direction. He's been real sticky in coverage, and there are certainly a lot of things."

The Ravens' defense finished as the top team in points allowed per game last season. Some of their coaches ascended to higher positions with other teams as a result. Now it's up to coaches like Mallory to keep the train moving in the right direction.

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT NO. 1392 ON-CALL AQUATIC DESIGN SERVICES

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The Consultant teams to include but not limited to Building Architects, Landscape Architects, Surveyors, Environmental Graphic Designers, Community Engagement Professionals, and Civil, Structural, Electrical, Plumbing and Geotechnical Engineers.

The consultant firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate the following:

- \*Experience in design of new public, institutional, or commercial pool projects.
- \*Experience in design of renovations for existing public, institutional, or commercial pool projects.
- \*Experience in community-based planning and design.

Each contract will be limited to an estimated fee of \$1,500,000. The contract duration will be three years with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term.

BCRP reserves the right to have a second interview with eligible firms.

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#### Prequalification Requirement

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#### Submittal Process

Each consultant responding to this Request for Proposal (RFP) Project #1392 is required to complete and submit an *original* Federal Form 255 unless otherwise specified in this RFP, along with **five (5)** copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions on or prior to 7/26/2024 by **NOON**. *Submittals will not be accepted after this deadline.*

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Only individual firms (including, for example, individuals, sole proprietorships, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and general partnerships) or formal Joint Venture (**JV**) may apply. Two firms may not apply jointly unless they have formed a joint venture.

#### MBE/WBE Requirements

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) - Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is **19.10%**  
The WBE goal is **14.70%**

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittals that do not include the proper MBE/WBE (in some instances DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

#### Verifying Certification

The firm submitting a SF 255 for consideration for a project is responsible for verifying that all MBEs and WBEs to be utilized on the project are certified by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) prior to submitting the proposal. A directory of certified MBEs and WBEs is available from MWBOO. Since changes to the directory occur daily, firms submitting SF 255s should call MWBOO at

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(410) 396-4355 to verify certification, expiration dates and services that the MBE or WBE is certified to provide.

#### Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if:

1. The firm has a financial interest in the MBE or WBE
2. The firm has an interest in the ownership or control of the MBE or WBE
3. The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5, Subtitle 28-41).

#### Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

#### Local Law Hiring

Article 5, Subtitle 27 of the Baltimore City Code, as amended (the "Local Hiring Law") and its rules and regulations apply to contracts and agreements executed by the City on or after the Local Hiring Law's effective date of December 23, 2013 which is applicable to all vendors. The Local Hiring Law applies to every contract for more than \$300,000 made by the City, or on its behalf, with any person. It also applies to every agreement authorizing assistance valued at more than \$5,000,000 to a City-subsidized project. Please visit [www.oedwork.s.c.g.r.n](http://www.oedwork.s.c.g.r.n) for details on the requirements of the law.

#### Additional Information

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A resume for each person listed as key personnel and/or specialist, including those from MBE and WBE firms, must be shown on the page provided within the application.

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT NO. 1393 ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

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The Consultant teams to include but not limited to prequalified Building Architects, Landscape Architects, Surveyors, Construction Managers, Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Geotechnical, and Environmental Engineers, and Community Engagement Professionals.

Aquatic Designers having designed a minimum of 5 public, institutional, or commercial pool projects should also be

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included on the teams.

The consultant firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate the following:

\*Experience in the design or renovation of modern recreation and aquatic facilities.

\*Familiarity with International Green Construction Code.

\*Experience in preparation of reports which includes field investigations, feasibility studies and cost estimates.

\*Experience in providing Construction Management services.

\*Ability to provide manpower for a rapid response to the City's needs in meeting, scheduling requirements.

\*Experience in research-based creative strategies for community outreach.

Each contract will be limited to an estimated fee of \$4,000,000. The contract duration will be three years with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term.

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#### **Pregualification Requirement**

**All firms** listed in the specific proposal for the Project **must** be prequalified by

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the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline *at time of submittal* for this Project. *A copy of the prime and sub consultant's current Prequalification Certificate should be included in the bid submittal package.* Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

#### **Submittal Process**

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The MBE goal is **23.90%**

The WBE goal is **20.30%**

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#### **Verifying Certification**

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#### **Non-Affiliation**

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#### **Insurance Requirements**

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Deena Joyce, AEAC Executive Secretary Chief, Office of Boards and Commissions

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT NO. 1394 ON-CALL CIVIL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

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The Consultant teams to include but not limited to Structural, Electrical, Geotechnical and Environmental Engineers, Landscape Architects, Surveyors, Environmental Graphic Designers, and Community Engagement Professionals.

The consultant firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate the following:

- \*Experience in design of recreational trails, roads, and parking facilities in urban park settings.
- \*Experience in preparation of Stormwater Management and Sediment and Erosion Control plans and reports.
- \*Experience in design of athletic facilities.
- \*Experience in geo-technical studies and land surveys.
- \*Experience in environmental site assessments and environmental management plans.
- \*Experience in community-based planning.
- \*Experience in design and fabrication techniques of historic, interpretation and directional signage.

Each contract will be limited to an estimated fee of \$2,250,000. The contract duration will be three years with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term.

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### MBE/WBE Requirements

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The MBE goal is **23.80%**

The WBE goal is **13.90%**<sup>1</sup>

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittals that do not include the proper MBE/WBE (in some instances

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DBE} participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

### Verifying Certification

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### Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if:

1. The firm has a financial interest in the MBE or WBE
2. The firm has an interest in the ownership or control of the MBE or WBE
3. The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5, Subtitle 28-41).

### Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

### Local Law Hiring

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### Additional Information

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Deena Joyce, AEAC Executive Secretary Chief, Office of Boards and Commissions

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### CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT NO. 1395 ON-CALL HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP), Capital Development and Planning Division, to advertise for Historical Architectural Design Consultants to provide on-call services for the City of Baltimore. The work will include planning,

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design, and preparation of construction documents necessary for the renovations and improvements of various historic City facilities, park buildings and other miscellaneous projects. The City intends to select the services of two (2) consultants.

The Consultant teams to include but not limited to Building Architects, Landscape Architects, Surveyors, Archeologists, Archivists, Community Engagement Professionals, and Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical and Geotechnical Engineers.

The consultant firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate the following:

- \*Experience in rehabilitation of historic buildings and park structures with sensitivity to historic forms and context.
- \*Experience in design of historic park and open spaces in an urban setting. Familiarity with International Green Construction Code.
- \*Experience in preparation of reports which includes field investigations, feasibility studies and cost estimates.
- \*Experience in providing Archeological Investigations.
- \*Experience with Archive and Document Management.
- \*Experience in research-based creative strategies for community outreach.

Each contract will be limited to an estimated fee of \$4,000,000. The contract duration will be three years with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term.

BCRP reserves the right to have a second interview with eligible firms.

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Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the Project, **please contact Mr. Adam Boarman at 410-396-7948 or**

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**email** [adam.boarman@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:adam.boarman@baltimorecity.gov).

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### Prequalification Requirement

**All firms** listed in the specific proposal for the Project **must** be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline at time of submittal for this Project. A copy of the prime and sub consultant's current Prequalification Certificate should be included in the bid submittal package. Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

### Submittal Process

Each consultant responding to this Request for Proposal (RFP) Project #1395 is required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255 unless otherwise specified in this RFP, along with **five (5)** copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions on or prior to 7/26/2024 by **NOON**. **Submittals will not be accepted** after this deadline.

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### MBE/WBE Requirements

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) - Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is **25.30%**  
The WBE goal is **20.70%**

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittals that do not include the proper MBE/WBE (in some instances DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

### Verifying Certification

The firm submitting a SF 255 for consideration for a project is responsible for verifying that all MBEs and WBEs to be utilized on the project are certified by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) prior to submitting the proposal. A directory of certified MBEs and WBEs is available from MWBOO. Since changes to the directory occur daily, firms submitting SF 255s should call MWBOO at (410) 396-4355 to verify certification, expiration dates and services that the MBE or WBE is certified to provide.

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### Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if:

The firm has a financial interest in the MBE or WBE  
The firm has an interest in the ownership or control of the MBE or WBE  
The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5, Subtitle 28-41).

### Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

### Local Law Hiring

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### Additional Information

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*more of the outstanding stock of an entity, a partner of a partnership, a 5% or more shareholder of a sub-chapter 'S' Corporation, or an individual owner.*

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Deena Joyce, AEAC Executive Secretary  
Chief, Office of Boards and Commissions

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### CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT NO. 1396 ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP), Capital Development and Planning Division, to advertise for Landscape Architectural Design Consultants to provide on-call services for the City of Baltimore. The work will include planning, design, and preparation of construction documents necessary for the renovations and improvements of various City parks and playgrounds. The City intends to select the services of four (4) consultants.

The Consultant teams to include but not limited to Building Architects, Surveyors, Environmental Graphic Designers, Community Engagement Professionals, and Civil, Structural, Electrical and Geotechnical Engineers.

The consultant firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate the following:

\*Experience in design of park and

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open spaces in an urban setting.

\*Experience in public gardens, including low maintenance and native landscaping.

\*Experience in renovation of existing park structures with sensitivity to historic forms and context.

\*Experience in design and fabrication techniques of historic, interpretation and directional signage.

\*Experience in community-based planning and design.

Each contract **will be** limited to an estimated fee of \$2,250,000. The contract duration will be three years with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term.

BCRP reserves the right to have a second interview with eligible firms.

BCRP encourages consulting firms having the specified experience who have not previously worked with the City of Baltimore and those who are currently working with the City that have the capacity to deliver the specified work in this scope, to submit their proposals. However, during presentation, consultants (currently working with City) must demonstrate and document their capacity and resources to deliver the required services on time.

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### Prequalification Requirement

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be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

### Submittal Process

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more City Code (2000 Edition) Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is **17.30%**  
The WBE goal is **14.50%**

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

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### Insurance Requirements

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### Additional Information

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#### CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PROJECT NO. 1397 ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP), Capital Development and Planning Division, to advertise for Special Inspections & Testing Consultant, to provide on-call services for the City of Baltimore. The work will include site inspections, material testing, environmental assessments, surveying, and natural resource inventorying associated with the renovations and improvements of various City parks, recreational facilities, and other miscellaneous projects. The consultant firm must demonstrate. The City intends to select the services of two (2) consultants.

The Consultant teams to include but not limited to Construction Inspectors, Material Testers, Construction Managers, Land Surveyors, Geotechnical Structural, Electrical, Geotechnical and Environmental Engineers.

The consultant firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate the following:

- \*Experience in construction inspections and material testing.
- \*Experience in geo-technical studies and land surveys.
- \*Experience in soil analysis and environmental assessments.
- \*Experience in natural resource inventorying.
- \*Experience in construction management.

Each contract will be limited to an estimated fee of \$1,500,000. The contract duration will be three years with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term.

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### **Submittal Process**

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The MBE goal is **12.10%**  
The WBE goal is **10.60%**

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

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### **Insurance Requirements**

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Deena Joyce, AEAC Executive Secretary

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### **CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION NOTICE OF LETTING**

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **SANITARY CONTRACT NO. 1030-Urgent Needs Improvements to Baltimore City Sanitary Sewers in Various Locations-Zone 2** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M on **July 10, 2024**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates and can be watched live on CharmTV's cable channel 12.5 / 1085 HD ; [charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live](http://charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live) or listen in at (443) 984-1696 (ACCESS CODE: 0842939) from City Hall at Noon. The Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at Contract Administration 4 South Frederick Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (410) 396-4041 as of **June 7, 2024** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **100.00**. **Conditions and**

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**requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact OBC at 4 S Frederick St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture (“JV”), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Pre-qualification Category required for bidding on this project is **B02552 – Sewer Construction, G90007 – Cleaning & CCTV/Lining.** Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$5,000,000.01 to \$10,000,000.00.**

A “Pre-Bidding Information” session will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Vendor can call 1 667-228-6519, 641060206# Passcode: ZTTaqJ on June 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

To purchase a bid book, please make an electronic request at:

[https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting and \\_dpwidopportunities@baltimorecity.gov](https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting-and_dpwidopportunities@baltimorecity.gov). For further inquiries about purchasing bid documents, please contact the assigned Contract Administrator [Latonia.Walston@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Latonia.Walston@baltimorecity.gov)

**Principal items of work for this contract include, but are not limited to:**

\*Sewer cleaning and closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection;

\*Open cut point repairs of sanitary sewers;

\*Cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining of sanitary sewers;

\*Excavate and replace segments of sanitary sewer via point repairs;

\*Manhole repair and rehabilitation work;

\*Sewer house connection (SHC) repair and rehabilitation work;

\*New manhole and cleanout installation work

The MBE goal is **12%**

The WBE goal is **5%**

APPROVED:

Clerk, Board of Estimates

APPROVED:

Khalil Zaied

Acting Director

Department of Public Works

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### CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **STORM DRAIN CONTRACT NO. 7803-Drainage Repairs and Improvements at Various Locations** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. on **July 10, 2024**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates and can be watched live on CharmTV’s cable channel 25/1085HD; [charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live](http://charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live) or listen in at (443) 984-1696 (ACCESS CODE: 0842939) from City Hall at Noon. The Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at Contract Administration 4 South Frederick Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (410) 396-4041 as of **June 7, 2024** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **100.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact OBC at 4 S Frederick St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture (“JV”), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **B02554 – Drainage Structures**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$6,000,000.01 to \$7,000,000.00.**

A “Pre-Bidding Information” session will be conducted via Conference Call. Vendor can call 443-984-1696 PASSCODE: 2161292# on **June 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. Contractor questions shall be submitted via email to [latonia.walston@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:latonia.walston@baltimorecity.gov) and [rupak.karki@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:rupak.karki@baltimorecity.gov)

To purchase a bid book, please make an electronic request at:

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[Latonia.walston@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Latonia.walston@baltimorecity.gov)  
**Principal items of work for this contract include, but are not limited to:**

Closed circuit television inspection including videotaping before and after improvements, construction of storm drains of various types, lengths, diameters, and depths, construction of storm drain manholes and inlets; repairing and cleaning damaged storm drain structures, construction of sidewalks, curb and gutter, and asphalt and concrete paving associated with the storm drain systems, stream channel and stream bank repair.

The MBE goal is **7%**

The WBE goal is **2%**

APPROVED:

Clerk, Board of Estimates

APPROVED:

Khalil Zaied

Acting Director

Department of Public Works

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### CORRECTION CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION CITY OF BALTIMORE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROJECT 1389E PLANNING/FEASIBILITY STUDY WEST BALTIMORE UNITED RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) advertised Project 1389 Planning/Feasibility Study West Baltimore United Reconnecting Communities Project on Friday May 10, and Saturday May 11, 2024, with a submission due date: June 21, 2024, at 12:00 (NOON) to the Office of Boards and Commissions (OBC), 4 South Frederick Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. (DO NOT PROVIDE A COST PROPOSAL).

The corrected submission due date is **June 28, 2024, 12:00PM (NOON) to the above address. Submittals cannot be emailed. Reminder: All firms must be prequalified with OBC at time of submission.** All other information in the original advertisement remains the same.

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*This is a qualifications-based selection; please do **not** submit a cost proposal.*

To obtain a detailed scope of work, please email DOT, Brenda Simmons [Brenda.simmons@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Brenda.simmons@baltimorecity.gov)

Sincerely,

Deena Joyce, Executive Secretary

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### CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **BALTIMORE CITY NO. RP24809 ROBERT C. MARSHALL FIELD RENOVATION** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. **JULY 10, 2024**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. The proposed Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at the Dept. of Rec & Parks at 2600 Madison Ave, Baltimore, Md. 21217 by appointment only Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm by emailing [benitaj.randolph@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:benitaj.randolph@baltimorecity.gov) as of **June 7, 2024** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **\$100.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact the Committee at 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture (“JV”), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **G90132-Park Rehabilitation**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$1,800,000.00 to \$2,300,000.00**. A “Pre-Bidding Information” session will be conducted in person at **10:30 A.M. on June 25, 2024**, and will be held at the BCRP Capital Development Office at 2600 Madison Avenue. The pre-bid meeting will be followed immediately by a site visit. Principal Items

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of work for this project are Demolition of existing retaining walls, stairs and walkways; tree removal; earthwork; storm water facilities; new athletic fields; landscaping; new concrete retaining walls, stairs and walkways; new water service and irrigation system, athletic field lighting. The MBE goal is **18.09%** and WBE goal is **7.63%**. **APPROVED: M. Celeste Amato, Clerk, Board of Estimates**

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### NOTICE

Queen Anne's County Sanitary District Town of Sudlersville Wastewater Treatment Plant Post Anoxic Reactor Design

Request for Statements of Qualifications

On behalf of the Town of Sudlersville, the Department of Public Works of Queen Anne's County will be accepting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) from qualified engineering firms for the design of a Post Anoxic Reactor (PAR) to enhance the denitrification process at the existing Town of Sudlersville Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until June 24, 2024 and reviewed and short-listed to up to three firms on the basis of their qualifications, at which point Queen Anne's County will then prepare a Request for Price proposals. The award of design services, if any, will be on the basis of the lowest responsible, responsive bid submitted by short-listed firms.

Additional information regarding this procurement may be obtained through contacting the Queen Anne's County Sanitary District, attention Matt Lucas, Chief Sanitary Engineer, at 410-643-3535 or [mlucas@qac.org](mailto:mlucas@qac.org).

The Town of Sudlersville reserves the right to reject any or all bids, accept any bid which best benefits the people of the Town of Sudlersville, and waive any irregularities in the bid.

## Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church to Celebrate Juneteenth

*Community Is Invited to Join the Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2024*

Baltimore, MD (June 3, 2024) — Pennsylvania Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday, June 15, 2024. The Juneteenth Celebration recognizes the time in American history when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1893 signifying the end of slavery. However, it was not until June 19, 1865 when enslaved people in Texas were informed of this action that all people were free. This new information became a time for rejoicing with the prospect of reuniting families that had been separated due to the indignity of slavery.

Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, located at 1128 Pennsylvania Avenue, will begin its activities with The Freedom Steps Juneteenth Walkathon from 8:00 to 9:45 a.m. The Walk Route will be led by a tour guide through the Pennsylvania Avenue Heritage Trail. Participants will learn about the Upton community and its surrounding Baltimore communities' contributions to Black history and culture. Various sites of historical interest will be pointed out during the walk. The Freedom Steps Juneteenth Walkathon is open to people of all ages and backgrounds.

There is a \$5.00 registration fee. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Participants can also purchase specially designed Freedom Steps Juneteenth Walkathon hats and t-shirts.

A Juneteenth Breakfast will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, the Black History Quiz Bowl Competition will debut with teams competing for prizes. All of the questions and responses will be related to Black history and culture. The teams are divided into age groups ranging from six years to 65 plus. The community is invited to join in the fun by cheering for their favorite teams while assessing their knowledge of Black history.

Immediately following breakfast, the Juneteenth festivities will continue outdoors on the Great Lawn and on Dolphin Street which will be blocked off for booths, games, and activities. At 12:30 p.m., a marching band will open the festival. Delicious food, including hot dogs, hamburgers, and fried chicken will be served fresh from the grill along with chips and snacks. Watermelon, funnel cakes, soft drinks, and water will also be provided. Vendors will display and sell jewelry, clothing, books, and other items. There will be a bounce house for kids and a booth for face painting. A DJ will spin

popular music. Arts and crafts and organized games will be available for children and adults. Voter registration and ministry information and outreach will also be provided.

Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church embraces strong families as the foundation of community. Under the direction of Rev. Milton A. Williams, Jr., the church will honor its past and celebrate its future in fellowship, fun, and food. Grandparents, parents, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all

those who have meant so much to the progress of Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, along with community members, are invited to participate at no charge. The Black History and Social Justice Ministry under the leadership of Rev. Lula Williams has organized this celebration for community outreach.

Juneteenth became an official federal holiday in 2021 when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act marking the freedom of enslaved Blacks in the United States. It is the eleventh federal holiday observed by the government with an official date of June 19.



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