

CITY COUNCIL REQUEST

The Build Our Park board of directors respectfully seeks the support of Harrisonburg City Council for their authorization of City staff to collaborate with Build Our Park to plan for the future construction of a public urban park in downtown Harrisonburg. This request is sought under the following conditions:

1. The intended park footprint includes city-owned land consistent with previous proposed boundaries extending from a southern border with the Lindsey property, (Warren Street remaining); to the east behind the City Hall/Municipal Buildings, Community Foundation, Smith House, and Asbury United Methodist Church properties; to the north at Bruce Street; and to the west at Liberty Street and the Harrisonburg Electric Commission property line (see attached map).
2. Representatives of the Build Our Park board of directors and appropriate city staff including, but not limited to, the city manager and director of the Department of Parks & Recreation will begin intentional and collaborative planning to include: park design, amenities, phasing strategies, construction, maintenance, programming, costs, funding and income.
3. Through this process, the Build Our Park board of directors will meet with key stakeholders and neighboring property owners, and invite public input.
4. Representatives of the Build Our Park board of directors and city staff will return to city council with an up-to-date report containing a detailed proposal and plans for approval.
5. Construction of any phase of the park will not begin until private funds or grants are committed to cover the costs.