

## **Wythe County Request for Proposals Ager Park Playground Replacement**

The County of Wythe, Va., seeks proposals from professional playground equipment providers and designers to replace and improve playground facilities at Ager Park. Elements must be inclusive and have handicap accessible components, easy maintenance, incorporate natural elements, and encourage health and fitness through play.

**Background:** Ager Park has been serving communities in Wythe and Bland County since 1994. Ager Park offers visitors free access to a children's playground, picnic shelter, basketball court, tennis court, and baseball field. Located in Wytheville, the park promotes healthy activities through outdoor exercise. The current playground was created through donations and sponsorships, and has helped improve outdoor health and wellness opportunities for youth. The playground area is approximately 12,500 square feet, inside of a fence partially comprised of engraved pickets memorializing original donors.

**Scope:** Wythe County seeks a professional playground provider to design and install a new playground to provide play surfaces and fitness opportunities, improve safety, provide accessible activities for all abilities, and update the park to modern playground standards. The county desires both physical and mental elements to help create a new playground that will foster creative play for years to come. Playground area should include open areas for running and free imaginative play.

Wythe County would prefer a playground with a nature theme, but is open to others which spark imagination and creative play. Proposers should consider incorporating some features of the existing playground fencing, including engraved donor pickets and donated, dedicated items. The County does not have a set budget for the project.

### **Proposals must include:**

- Detailed letter of interest introducing the company, its experience and its design team.
- Preliminary design incorporating modern best practices in playground design to provide safe but challenging physical exercise and play areas; include proposed equipment, equipment availability
  - Toddler area: 9 to 36 months
  - School-age play area: 3 years - 12 years old
  - Handicap accessibility
  - Ground sensory components.
  - Visual breakdown of the proposed playground design.
  - Expected future availability of additional components matching the design theme.
  - Expected schedule of mobilization and work with a contract award in December 2022.
  - Total expected project budget, highlighting match or grant offered, including installation and construction by the provider or its vendors. Detail line items so the county can eliminate items to meet budget.
- Proposal Alternatives: Proposals should include pricing with the following options:
  1. The respondent performs demolition and site preparation, on its own or through a third party.
  2. The County performs demolition and site preparation.

**Pre-Proposal reviews:** Interested firms who would like to review the playground with staff prior to submitting a proposal should do so no later than Monday, November 7, 2022. Call Recreation Director Kevin Williams at 276-223-4519 to schedule.

**Scoring:** Proposals will be scored equally on scope, cost, time to completion, technical expertise, and the proposer's supply chain.

**Deadline:** Interested firms must submit proposals by Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 11 a.m.

**Questions:** Prospective providers may direct questions regarding this procurement to the Assistant County Administrator at [mchankins@wytheco.org](mailto:mchankins@wytheco.org).

**Submittal:** Deliver four hard copies along with an electronic copy of your proposal to: Martha Collins, County Clerk; Wythe County Administration Building, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, VA 24382 no later than 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Wythe County is not responsible for late or lost packages. Wythe County is an equal opportunity offeror, and small/disadvantaged business enterprises are encouraged to apply.