

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST URBAN TREE GRANT PROGRAM- TREE SERVICE PROVIDERS

1. Contact Information:
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2. Company Mission and Profile: Brenton Landscape Architecture is a design studio located in the Remington Neighborhood within the City of Baltimore. Our mission is to serve metropolitan Baltimore with sustainable design solutions. We apply our professional skills to the creation of green and nurturing places within our community. Our staff consists of one professional landscape architect, and one landscape designer. Brenton Landscape Architecture, LLC was founded in 2015. Brenton Landscape Architecture typically performs two or three urban tree planting projects per year, in addition to many suburban projects. Total design fees were \$86,000 in 2022. 2022 projects involving tree planting in Baltimore City included: Greater Grace World Outreach Green Infrastructure improvements, Islamic Society of Baltimore Green Infrastructure improvements, and the Iris Avenue Warehouse development. In the Town of Perryville, we are completing planting plans for a marina. 112 native trees will be planted to fulfill landscape and Critical Area Buffer planting requirements.



FRANKLIN SQUARE PARK SIDEWALK PLANTER

3. Types of Services & Fee Structure: With over 30 years of experience in landscape architectural design and construction, Brenton Landscape Architecture provides expert design consultation for the planning and implementation of landscape projects. In addition, we are skilled at working with communities in consensus building and visioning. Our fees are based on a rate of \$90.00 per hour. On most projects, we make a fixed fee agreement with clients based on our understanding of the scope of work. Consider a project with construction value of \$6000.00. A \$1000 design fee would represent 16% of construction value. This amount could cover GIS mapping, community visioning, species selection, and procurement.
4. Service Area: see Appendix 1.
5. Key staff: Please see attached resumes.
6. Experience: See Client references below.
 - a. Nick Lindow, P.E.; Cityscape Engineering; tel. (410) 601-3290; Green Infrastructure projects for Franklin Square Park and Islamic Society of Baltimore. Franklin Square Park is in an underserved area.
 - b. Pastor Peter Taggart; tel. (410) 483-3700; Greater Grace World Outreach Green Infrastructure Improvements. The Greater Grace World Outreach Campus is in an underserved area.



GREATER GRACE WORLD OUTREACH GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

- c. . The 29th Street Community Center. Laura Stella prepared landscape designs for improvements to the 29th Street Community Center. Improvements were funded by a \$10,000 grant from United Way. Laura participated as a volunteer for the Neighborhood Design Center for design assistance. During the summer of 2022, a community outreach survey was created, and the volunteer team lead a community visioning process. Laura's participation went above and beyond the typical NDC level of participation. She assisted with budgeting and purchasing of landscape materials as well as installation. This spring the 29th St Community Center is having a spring cleanup/Earth Day Celebration to kick off the opening the gardening season. The 29SCC staff and the community's youth are now using the new garden for their afterschool and 2023 summer programing. Laura has since been asked by the neighboring school to assist with additional improvements. Reference: Julia DiMauro, Program Manager, The Neighborhood Design Center; tel. 410-205-9552The 29th Street Community Center is in an underserved area.



29TH STREET COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

7. Past failure: Experience has taught us some important considerations to achieve high survival rates on our projects. These include:
 - a. Attention to utility clearances
 - b. Arrangement for adequate watering. Watering bags can help with this, but avoid over reliance.
 - c. Knowledgeable construction supervision.
 - d. Protection from deer browse (at some locations).
 - e. Small caliber trees when used in school yard plantings are likely to be broken up by the students.
8. Key specialties: GIS mapping, design illustration, community engagement, conservation landscaping, green stormwater infrastructure.
9. Method of evaluation: Post construction evaluations are an integral part of our practice. These post construction evaluations include observation and documentation of plant condition and survival rates.
10. DBE/MBE/SBE: Brenton Landscape Architecture, LLC satisfies the definition of a Small Business Enterprise per COMAR Section 14-301 (i)(ii).



CONSERVATION PLANTING PLAN FOR THE ISLAM

The following documents are included with this submittal:

1. Appendix 1
2. Resumes in pdf format

Appendix 1

Please complete Table 1 and Table 2 below as part of your submission information.

Table 1 - Services Provided

Complete the third and fourth columns of this table. You can add any additional comments in the fifth column. If you provide additional services you feel are relevant to the audience described in the RFQ, please use the “other” line(s) below and identify your service(s) in the Summary column. Contractors providing native trees to grantees are strongly encouraged to source stock that has been grown in the State of Maryland. Trees sourced out of state, moved to MD for a short period of time, and then re-sold may not likely survive. Therefore, in the Comments column in row 3 below, please indicate your source(s) of trees (either specific nurseries/growers or general source state/region).

Service	Summary	Does contractor provide the service? (Yes or No)	Fee structure for service	Service-provider Comments
1) Tree planting site identification	Identifying the best planting sites available in a community or in a particular location (i.e., church or school grounds); identifying the type of planting: street lawn, tree pit, cluster planting that is possible at the site	Yes	Fixed fee based on efficient project scope	
2) Species selection	Identifying the most appropriate species for the site	Yes	same	
3) Tree purchasing	Obtaining trees from nurseries/growers	Yes	same	
4) Utilities and other restrictions	Identifying utilities, other infrastructure and/or ordinance restrictions to take into consideration when selecting a tree-planting site	Yes	Included in #1 above	
5) Impervious removal	Creating tree planting pits/tree cells within sidewalks and other impervious areas; fully removing sidewalks or other impervious areas	No	No	
6) Site preparation	Cleaning up the site (i.e., trash or invasive plant removal); preparing the soil, applying soil conditioner/amendment, and ensuring that the right soil volume is available	No	No	

	for root growth; Installing root barriers			
7) Planting	Planting the tree(s); providing appropriate tree root preparation and care at time of planting; staking the tree(s); installing tree shelters or fencing for lawn mower or deer protection; installing tree grates for tree protection as needed; applying mulch	No	No	
8) Maintenance	Watering, mulching, pruning, checking for disease or damage during the first two years after planting	No	No	
9) Warranty – 1 year	Re-planting if a tree dies within 1 year	No	No	
10) Warranty – 2 years	Re-planting if a tree dies within 2 years	No	No	
11) Other	Assist with Grant Application	Yes	Fixed fee based on efficient project scope	
12) Other	Facilitate community visioning and consensus building	Yes	Fixed fee based on efficient project scope	
13) Other	Illustrative Graphics	Yes	Fixed fee based on efficient project scope	
14) Other				

Table 2 – Company’s Service Area

Please indicate the Maryland jurisdictions where the company provides services by writing “Yes” or “No” in the **Service column** below. Feel free to add any additional relevant information under the **Comments column**.

Jurisdiction	Service Area (Yes or No)	Comments
Allegany County	no	
Anne Arundel County	yes	
Baltimore City	yes	
Baltimore County	yes	

Calvert County	no	
Caroline County	no	
Carroll County	no	
Cecil County	no	
Charles County	no	
Dorchester County	no	
Frederick County	no	
Garrett County	no	
Harford County	yes	
Howard County	yes	
Kent County	no	
Montgomery County	no	
Prince George's County	yes	
Queen Anne's County	no	
Somerset County	no	
St. Mary's County	no	
Talbot County	no	
Washington County	no	
Wicomico County	no	
Worcester County	no	

Charles Brenton, asla

Registered Landscape Architect: Maryland (693)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Charles Brenton established Brenton Landscape Architecture in 1995. Brenton Landscape Architecture serves the architecture and engineering industry within the Mid-Atlantic region. Charles' 30 years of experience with plant materials and green infrastructure are the foundation for a portfolio of work, demonstrating consistent design excellence and sustainable landscape performance. Brenton Landscape Architecture has been responsible for well over fifty million dollars worth of design and planning projects. These projects have included the planning and design of recreational trails, planned communities, parks, commercial and institutional facilities.

The planning and design of trails and green stormwater infrastructure have long been one of Charles' specialties. As project landscape architect on green infrastructure projects, Charles typically provides a range of services complementary to those of his engineering partners. These services include tree assessment and preservation, grading and planting design, and design illustration. Some recent examples of this work include:

- * **Greater Grace World Outreach, Baltimore, MD.** BrentonLA lead a design team to green this 13 acre church and educational campus. Green stormwater infrastructure retrofits are funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
- * **Franklin Square Park Stormwater Retrofits, Baltimore, MD.** The Parks & People Foundation engaged BrentonLA to lead the design team charged with the renovation of the historic west Baltimore park. Improvements included stormwater planters, plantings, and upgrades to pavements.
- * **Newington Triangle Park, Baltimore, MD.** BrentonLA's design pays homage to this park's mid-20th Century modernist expression while significantly reducing impervious cover and removing barriers to access.
- * **Myersville Memorial Trolley Park, Myersville, MD.** BrentonLA provided a full range of design services to the design/build team. Design services included site layout, memorials and other hardscape features, plantings, lighting and site furnishings for this town center park.
- * **Schuylkill Towpath Trail, Oaks, PA:** The project involves historically important remnants of the Schuylkill Canal system. Trail design carefully balances long term stability of the canal embankment against the resource value of established trees. The trail section was carefully designed to achieve low impact while resisting periodic flooding. A pedestrian bridge allows hikers to pass over a 100' long spillway.
- * **Tredyffrin Safe Routes to School, Berwyn, PA:** This Federally funded project, provided 1.4 miles of new sidewalks around the Townships school complex. Taking a complete streets approach, the design team integrated stormwater management retrofits and other safety improvements. The sidewalk construction impacted many roadside trees. Charles worked closely with the community on tree preservation and landscape restoration matters.

RELATED AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Landscape Architects; Member

EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture: University of Georgia, 1980

Awards

Montgomery County (PA) Lands Trust, Green Futures Award, 2009

Neighborhood Design Center, Volunteer of the Year, 1999

EDUCATION

- 2015 *MLA Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD*
2004 *MFA Sculpture Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD*
2000 *BA Studio Art Major Kenyon College, Gambier OH*
Anthropology Minor

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020- *Associate at Brenton Landscape Architecture, Baltimore, MD*
2016 *GIS Mapping and Imagine Designer, Neighborhood Design Center, Baltimore, MD*
2014- *Freelance Landscape Designer*
2013-14 *Teaching Assistant, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD*
Site Design
2013-14 *Landscape Architecture Internship, Smithsonian Gardens, Washington, D.C.*
2013 *Park User Survey Internship, Parks and People, Baltimore, MD*

PROJECTS

- 2023- *Barclay Elementary Middle School Outdoor Classroom Design, Baltimore MD*
2023 *Broad Creek Conservation Plan, Fort Washington, MD*
2022- *29th Street Community Center Green Space Project, Baltimore, MD*
2022 *Calvert Street Green, Baltimore, MD*
2022-23 *Islamic Society of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD*
2021-2022 *McCormick Place Subdivision, Baltimore County, MD*
2020- *Greater Grace World Outreach Campus Green Infrastructure, Baltimore, MD*

BOARDS/VOLUNTEERING

- 2021- *29th Street Community Center Board*
2022 *Chair of the Marketing and Outreach Committee for 29SCC*
2022- *Neighborhood Design Center Volunteer*
2016- *Charles Village Festival Committee Vendor Coordinator*
2017-2020 *Friends of Barclay Coordinator*

AWARDS

- 2013 *Scholarship for the Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. Symposium*
Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks & Landscape, Inc., Baltimore, MD
2013 *Landscape Architecture Genius Loci Award, Baltimore, MD*
2006 *Visiting Artist Honorarium for the Park School, Baltimore, MD*
2005 *Visiting Artist Honorarium from Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA*
2004 *Creative Alliance Artist Residence, Baltimore, MD*
2004 *Rinehart Sculpture Award, MICA, Baltimore, MD*
2003 *Mildred Caplan Perl Graduate scholarship gift, MICA, Baltimore, MD*