

Bartram's Mile Fishing Pier Feasibility Study Request for Proposals

Background and Study

The Schuylkill River Development Corporation (SRDC) is seeking proposals from design firms for a study of the feasibility of repurposing an abandoned pier into a fishing pier.

The study will evaluate two abandoned piers along the west bank of the Schuylkill River near the intersection of 49th Street and Botanic Avenue with the objective of deciding which of the two piers would be the best candidate for repurposing as a fishing pier. Photos of the two abandoned piers are shown below.

Following that determination, additional analysis and evaluation of the selected pier will identify problems or issues that would need to be addressed, the difficulty of addressing the problem/issues and the estimated cost of construction for such repurposing.

It is anticipated that some under-water investigation of the existing pier supports and foundations will be required to get a complete picture of the work needed to repurpose the pier. The study will include some conceptual sketches of how a repurposed pier might look (widths, materials, etc.), how it would be connected to the existing Bartram's Mile trail and any other amenities that might be proposed to complete the project.

Access to the Site

The piers are located along the west bank of the Schuylkill River slightly north (upriver) of the intersection of 49th Street and Botanic Avenue. Access to the greenway adjacent to the piers is open to the public and would provide a good vantage point to assess the assignment. The piers themselves are in poor condition and cannot be safely accessed.

Timeframe

SRDC is anxious to move this project forward and anticipates a study period of four months in duration measured from the Notice to Proceed. Design firms unable to meet this schedule should not submit a proposal.

Future Phases

The RFP is for a feasibility study. However, the selected firm may be retained for future phases (preliminary engineering, final design, etc.) should SRDC determine that to be in its best interest.

Selection of Design Firm

The selection of a design firm will be based upon the evaluation of the proposals by SRDC based on the merit of the presentations and the experience of the design team. Design fees, while important to SRDC, do not have to be presented and will not affect the selection process. Fee will be negotiated with the selected firm and if a mutually satisfactory fee cannot be negotiated, SRDC reserves the right to move to another proposer.

Proposals are due to the SRDC office by 4pm on December 7, 2018.

Proposals may be submitted in hard copy or electronically, but it is the responsibility of the proposer to assure delivery by the deadline.

Mailed or delivered proposals (one copy only) should go to:

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Questions regarding this process may be directed to Joseph Syrnick at joseph.syrnick@srdc.net.



Northernmost Pier



Southernmost Pier