

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

## PLANTING RAILS

### Introduction

The North Broad Renaissance (NBR) invites proposals from qualified contractors to replace existing planting rails for the planting beds along North Broad Street. This project aligns with our mission of revitalizing the corridor by enhancing its aesthetic appeal, improving safety, and increasing the durability of community infrastructure.

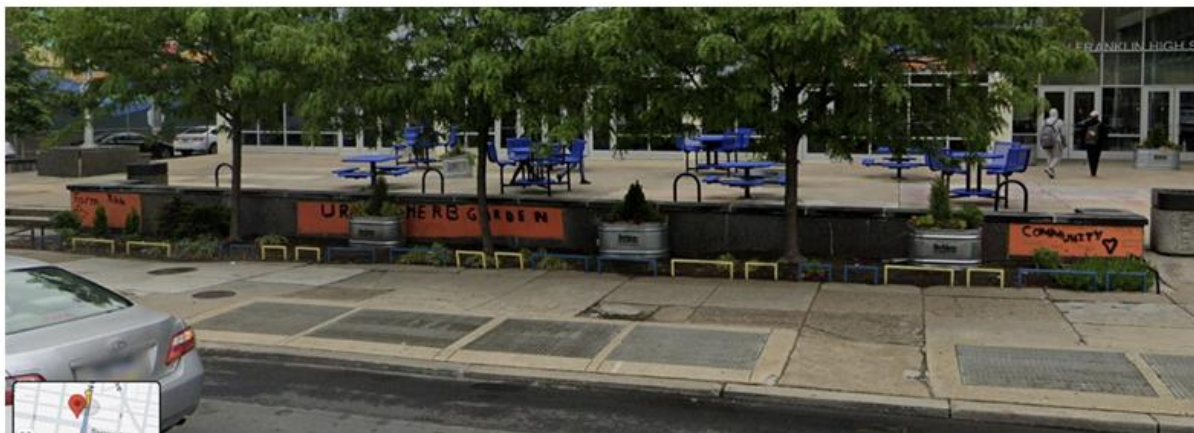
### About the NBR Maintenance and Landscaping Program

The North Broad Renaissance (NBR) proudly maintains 61 planting beds along North Broad Street, spanning from Noble Street to Glenwood Avenue. Our mission is to enhance and rejuvenate these green spaces, contributing to the beautification of the corridor and promoting vibrant, sustainable urban environments. At NBR, we prioritize the aesthetics of the streetscape, ensuring that the planting beds and surrounding infrastructure align with our broader vision of creating a cleaner, safer, and greener North Broad Street.

### 2. Project Overview

The current planting rails have deteriorated and no longer meet our standards. This project aims to replace them with new, high-quality, and sustainable planting rails that contribute to the functionality, safety, and visual appeal of the streetscape while supporting our broader community revitalization goals.

For your reference, below is a photo one of the planting beds:



### 3. Scope of Work

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- **Assessment and Removal:** Evaluate the condition of existing planting rails and remove them safely.
- **Installation:** Supply and install new planting rails, ensuring compliance with specified design and material standards.
- **Site Restoration:** Restore the site to its original condition after installation, including thorough cleanup and debris removal.

#### 4. Project Specifications

- **Materials:** New planting rails must be made from durable, weather-resistant, and sustainable materials designed to withstand extreme conditions while contributing to environmental sustainability.
- **Design:** Planting rails should enhance the overall aesthetic appeal of North Broad Street and seamlessly integrate with its streetscape. **Please see below preferred design:**



#### 5. Sustainability and Community Impact

- NBR places a strong emphasis on sustainability and community impact. Proposals should detail how the contractor will:
- Use environmentally friendly and recyclable materials whenever possible.
- Implement practices that minimize the environmental impact of the project, such as reducing waste and conserving resources.
- Enhance the aesthetic appeal of the corridor, aligning with NBR's mission to create vibrant, welcoming spaces for the community.



- Improve the durability and functionality of planting areas to ensure long-term benefits for the neighborhood.
- Support the community revitalization mission by fostering a sense of pride and ownership among residents, businesses, and visitors.

## **6. Budget**

- Proposals must include a detailed budget breakdown, outlining costs for labor, materials, and any additional expenses.

## **7. Proposal Submission Requirements**

- Interested contractors should provide the following:
- Proof of insurance
- Necessary licensing and permits
- References and examples of past projects
- Communications plan
- Details on securing pedestrian walkways and obtaining parking restriction permits (as the project is on a state road)
- Daily cleanup procedures
- Warranty details for materials and workmanship
- Payment schedule
- Emergency contact information
- A brief company profile, highlighting relevant experience
- Itemized cost proposal
- Rendering of the new planting bed design (to be considered in the budget)

## **8. Evaluation Criteria**

- Proposals will be evaluated based on:
- Experience and qualifications
- Alignment with sustainability and community impact goals
- Proposed timeline and project management approach
- Cost-effectiveness



- Quality and suitability of materials

## 9. Contact Information

- For questions or additional information, please contact:  
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## 10. Submission Instructions

- Proposals must be submitted electronically to [sthomas@northbroad.org](mailto:sthomas@northbroad.org) by **October 1, 2025**. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted via email by **October 1, 2025**. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**Safety:** Proposals must ensure that the new rails prioritize pedestrian and vehicular safety, adhering to applicable standards and regulations.

### Timeline:

- Proposal Submission Deadline: October 1, 2025
- Project Start Date: January 31, 2026
- Completion Date: March 31, 2026

Thank you for your commitment to enhancing the North Broad Street community. We look forward to reviewing your proposal.