

BELLEVUE STATE PARK

BELLEVUE HALL



Executive Summary

The Division of Parks and Recreation is seeking proposals from vendors to provide facility management at Bellevue Hall and its surrounding grounds. The Division's goal is to attract and provide park patrons with unique event/activity opportunities. Vendors are encouraged to submit creative business proposals that may include, but are not limited to:

- Public event coordination services
- Creating and hosting public and private events
- Creating a bed and breakfast
- Creation of a small table restaurant or a catering services business
- Refurbishing facilities

The Division will engage in a cost share for approved capital improvements.



History

Bellevue Hall mansion commands a grand view of this historic estate, and its present form reflects alterations made by William du Pont, Jr. Mr. du Pont surrounded his home with the finest facilities: tennis courts, equestrian stables, gardens, and a picturesque pond, amid woodlands and fields overlooking the Delaware River. The park was acquired by the State of Delaware in 1976 and the Division of Parks and Recreation has since retained the historic charm of Bellevue while providing many opportunities for recreation. A 1-1/8 mile fitness track circles a stocked catch-and-release fishing pond and nearby hiking trails allow you to explore other parts of the estate. If you prefer cycling, both paved and unpaved paths lead you on a leisurely tour.

Amenities at a glance

- 7+ miles of multi-use trails
- Bellevue Tennis Center featuring 8 clay courts
- Bellevue Arts Center
- Featuring educational programs and lunch time concerts
- Arboretum
- Recreational activities
- Biking, disc golf, fishing, horseshoes, tennis, volleyball
- Additional event space including concert bandshell (6,000+ capacity)



About the Property

Current operating capacities include:

- Mansion & Grounds (with outdoor tent): 300 people
- Formal Garden & Gazebo (with outdoor tent): 200 people
- Mansion (first floor cocktail event): 200 people
- Mansion (first floor banquet event): 150 people
- Library: 70 people
- Crystal Dining Room: 50 people
- Trophy Room: 30 people
- William DuPont Room (2nd Floor Meeting Room): 35 people
- Kitchen (standing instructional space): 20 people
- Dedicated driveway from Phil. Pike
- Parking Facility (includes both a paved parking lot and unpaved overflow parking)
- Multipurpose outdoor area
- Tents may be used on the grounds
- Commercial Grade Kitchen
- Updated restroom facilities

About Delaware State Parks

Our mission is to provide Delaware's residents and visitors with safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities and open spaces, responsible stewardship of the lands and the cultural and natural resources that we have been entrusted to protect and manage, and resource-based interpretive and educational services.

- Delaware State Parks welcome more than 5 million visitors total statewide in 2017
- Received the 2015-16 National Gold Metal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management from The National Recreation and Parks Association – the smallest state to ever win
- Close to 1 million visitors per year view 10 million pages on the Delaware State Parks website at destateparks.com
- 25,000 Delaware State Parks e-newsletter subscribers
- 17 current concessionaires and partners operate inside Delaware State Parks and we're always searching for partners specializing in opportunities outside of our expertise that offer an array of recreational opportunities to our 5 million visitors annually!

Questions regarding this RFP?

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