

BELLEVUE STATE PARK CAUFFIEL ESTATE

Executive Summary

The Division of Parks and Recreation is seeking proposals from vendors to provide facility management at Cauffiel Estate 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
- Creation of a small table restaurant or catering services
- Creating a bed and breakfast or overnight accommodations
- Refurbishing facilities and outbuildings

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



History

The State of Delaware acquired the Cauffiel Estate, inside Bellevue State Park, located in Wilmington, DE in 1976. Once the home of Daniel Cauffiel, advisor to the DuPont family, the Cauffiel House was built in the early 1920s in the Colonial Revival-style. Influenced by his frequent travels to Europe, Cauffiel decorated the estate with unique furnishings from the 1930s, some of which remain. The Cauffiel family used the home as a summer residence, and two of his children lived at the house into the 1990s. Known as "The Last River House," the property was acquired by the State of Delaware in 1993. The spacious first floor, including two sun rooms, a large dining room, and large living room can accommodate small parties and special events. An outdoor gazebo and large front yard, featuring a view of the Delaware River, can be used for wedding ceremonies, and an accessory barn on the property can be upgraded to accommodate large special events and parties. The park is minutes from I-95 and Cauffiel Estate is conveniently located just off Philadelphia Pike.

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 bandstand (6,000+ capacity)



About the Property

- 6 Bedrooms
- 3.5 Bathrooms
- Sleeps 18 guests
- 4 Unique event rooms

Current Operating Capacity:

- Mansion & Grounds (with outdoor tent): 150
- Mansion (first floor only): 50
- Rustic Barn on property for weddings and events
- Handicapped accessible
- Kitchen facilities
- Easily accessible from I-95 and is within 30 minutes driving distance from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and two hours from New York City and Washington, D.C.

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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