



# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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**Issuing Agency:** City of Charlottesville, Procurement and Risk Management Services Division  
**Issue Date:** February 10, 2021  
**RFI #, RFI Title:** 21-68, Remove, Relocate & Take Ownership of ONE (1) Statue  
**Responses Due:** Responses to this RFI will be received until 5:00 pm local prevailing time on March 12, 2021. Responses received after the time designated for receipt will not be considered. Responses shall be emailed to [purchasing@charlottesville.gov](mailto:purchasing@charlottesville.gov), Attention: Vernice Grooms.

The City of Charlottesville has issued this Request for Information (RFI) solely for the purpose of gathering information to determine if there is any suitable organization or person who would be willing to safely remove, relocate and take ownership of ONE (1) statue currently located in the City of Charlottesville; specifically the "Their First View Of The Pacific" (Meriwether Lewis and William Clark Sculpture) located in a small circular remnant of Midway Park at the intersection of Ridge and Main Streets and McIntire Road.

The assumption from the City of Charlottesville is that any prospective recipient would be responsible for the safe removal and relocation of the statue, including all of the associated planning and logistical work required. The recipient would also bear all of the associated financial costs related to this work. In return for this service, the City of Charlottesville would transfer full ownership of the statue to the recipient at no cost to the recipient.

For the purpose of this RFI 'removal of the statue' should be taken as meaning the safe removal of the bronze figure as well as its stone plinth, in its entirety.

This is **not** a solicitation to purchase goods and/or services and **no** contract will be awarded as a result of this RFI.

Further technical information relating to the statue and its removal is included in the Basic Information Related to Statue and the Further Factors Related to Relocating the Monument sections of this RFI.

Provide the following as a complete response to this RFI:

1. Provide company name, contact information, etc. by completing the following:

Name And Address Of Respondent:	
Name: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____	By: _____
_____	(Signature In Ink)
_____ Zip Code: _____	Name: _____
Telephone Number: (____) _____	(Please Print)
Email: _____	Title: _____

2. The respondent shall provide a brief summary of themselves including an explanation of their interest in the statue. The recipient must also state their intended purpose for the statue, including proposed locations and future uses.

The respondent must also show that they are capable of safely implementing the removal and relocation of the statue and that they have a solid understanding of the logistics involved in such an undertaking. As part their response, the respondent shall include a brief summary that provides some information describing a proposed method for the statue removal and anticipated duration.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Questions related to this RFI must be submitted to Procurement and Risk Management Services Division/ Vernice Grooms at [purchasing@charlottesville.gov](mailto:purchasing@charlottesville.gov) no fewer than seven (7) work days prior to the date set by this RFI for receipt of responses by the City.

#### **BASIC INFORMATION RELATED TO THE STATUE:**

The sculpture is approximately eighteen feet in height, five-and a-half feet in length and five-and a-half feet in width. Three bronze figures are set atop a tall-carved rectangular pedestal of pink granite. The figures face toward the west from the center of a small landscaped circle of 1,452 square feet at the intersection of West Main and Ridge Streets and McIntire Road. A brick walk surrounds the landscaping which separates it from the busy streets on all sides. Photos 1 - 6 present different views of the statue. Various area maps are attached for location reference.

#### **FURTHER FACTORS RELATED TO RELOCATING THE MONUMENT:**

1. Without knowing the exact installation of the stone base, in order to preserve its integrity and to minimize the potential for damage to the individual stone, it may be advisable to consider the stone base and concrete foundation slab as monolithic and moved as one unit.
2. The busy intersection of West Main and Ridge Streets and McIntire Road presents additional challenges because of traffic and existing utilities around the statue. The attached Area Underground Utilities map identifies the various underground utilities within proximity to the statue. There are also various overhead utilities and utility poles within the area that are not presented on this map. The closest utility to the statue is a 6" low pressure gas main. The gas main material is polyethylene. However, this is a low pressure gas main and extreme care should be taken not to compromise the facility. There is also a low pressure gas service that taps on the gas main just to the southeast of the statue and runs to the east and then south on Ridge Street. This serves 300 West Main Street and 105 Ridge Street. There are also two water mains close to the statue - a 12" ductile iron main (in Ridge Street) and a 10" cast iron main (in West Main Street). The City installed a repair clamp on the 10" main directly to the west of the statue in 2013. The 10" main is also known to be shallow in some spots ( $\leq 24"$ ). The sanitary sewer main on the north side of West Main Street is SDR 26 PVC that was installed in 2014/ 2015 and was part of the Residence Inn project. The Area Underground Utilities map is for reference purposes, and all utilities must be field verified. These utilities cannot be relocated or damaged to facilitate this removal process. Part of the respondent's

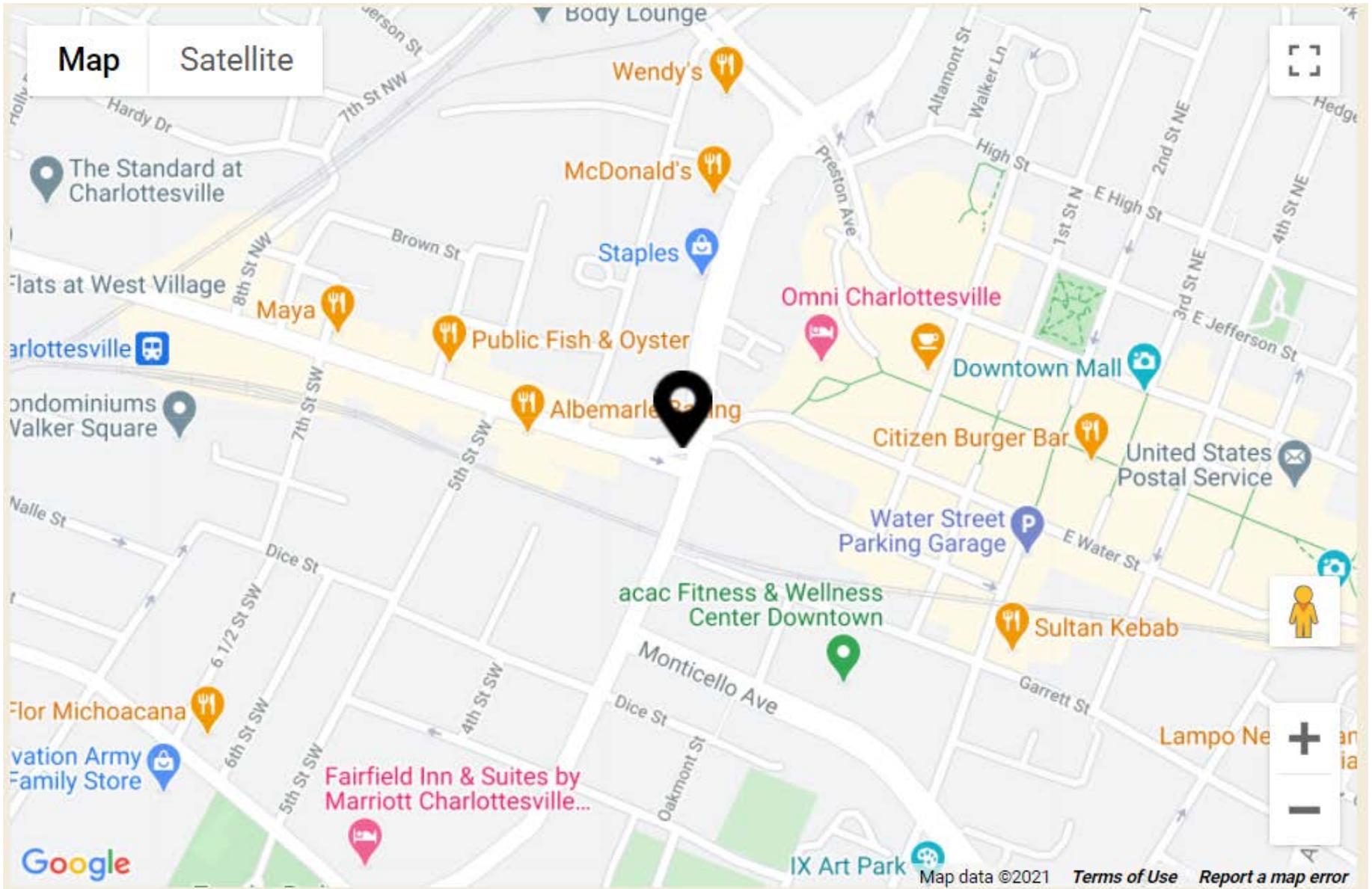
evaluation process will need to include the preservation and protection of this infrastructure during removal and transportation of the statue and base.

**SUCCESSFUL RESPONDANT:**

If a respondent is deemed to be suitable then the City of Charlottesville will require the following information prior to the finalization of any agreement:

- Full work plan detailing the logistics of the statue removal and relocation.
- Site plan detailing new location and installation details of the statue.
- Name and contact details of all proposed contractors (rigging/hauling contractors etc.).
- Name and contact details of any proposed design professionals.
- Proof of Insurance and provision of bonds to cover damages.

Area Maps Showing Location of the Statue



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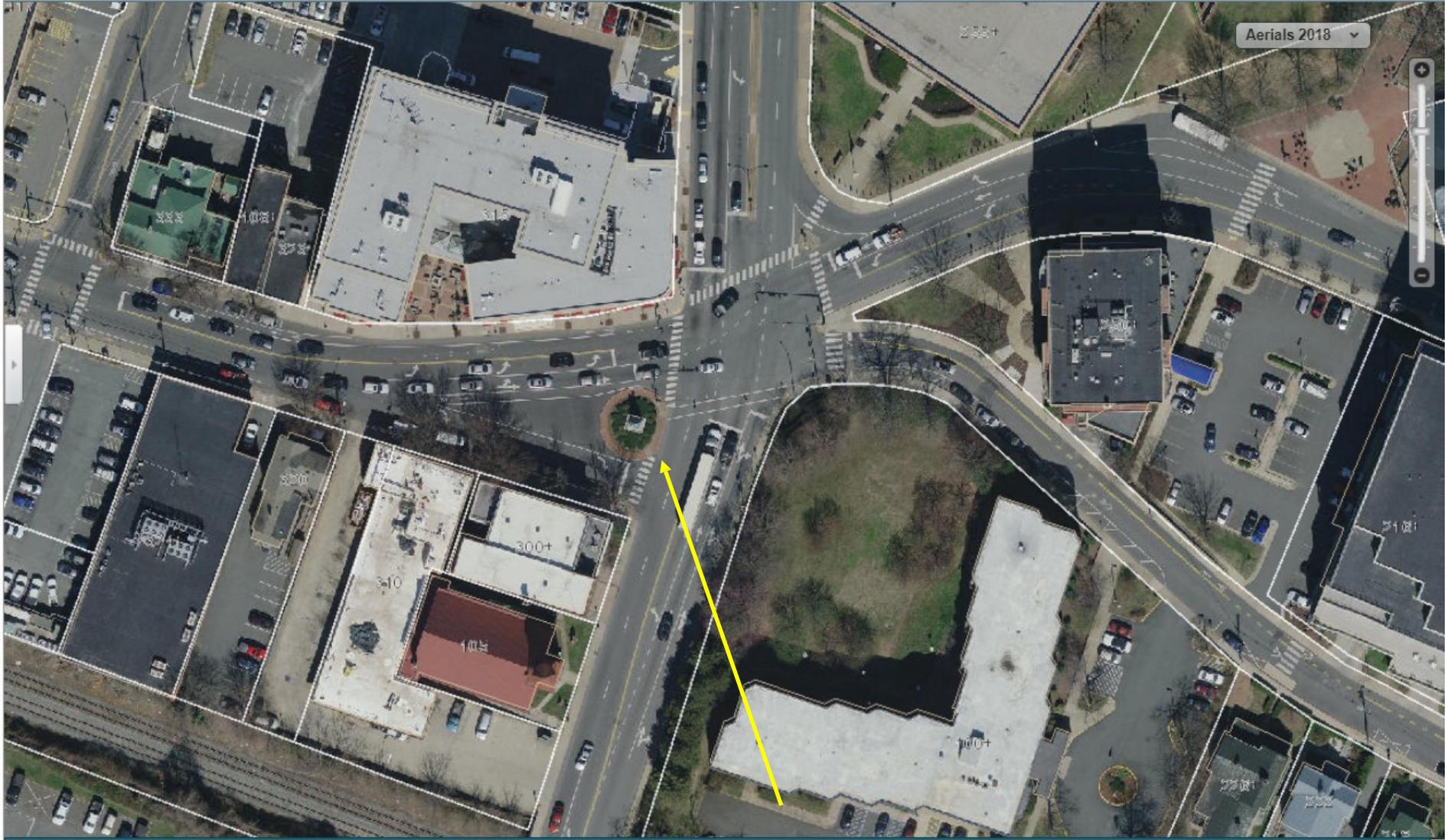
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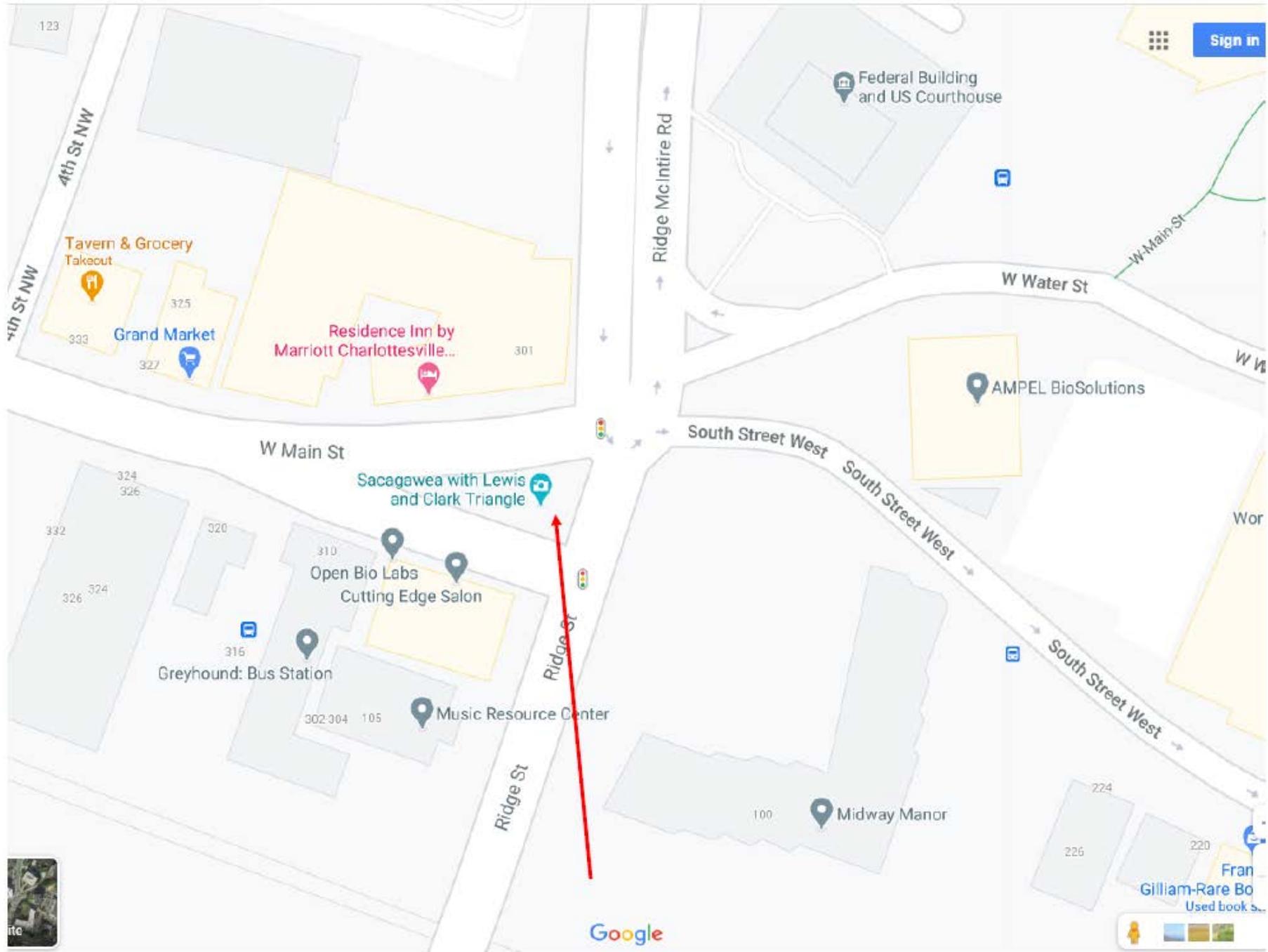
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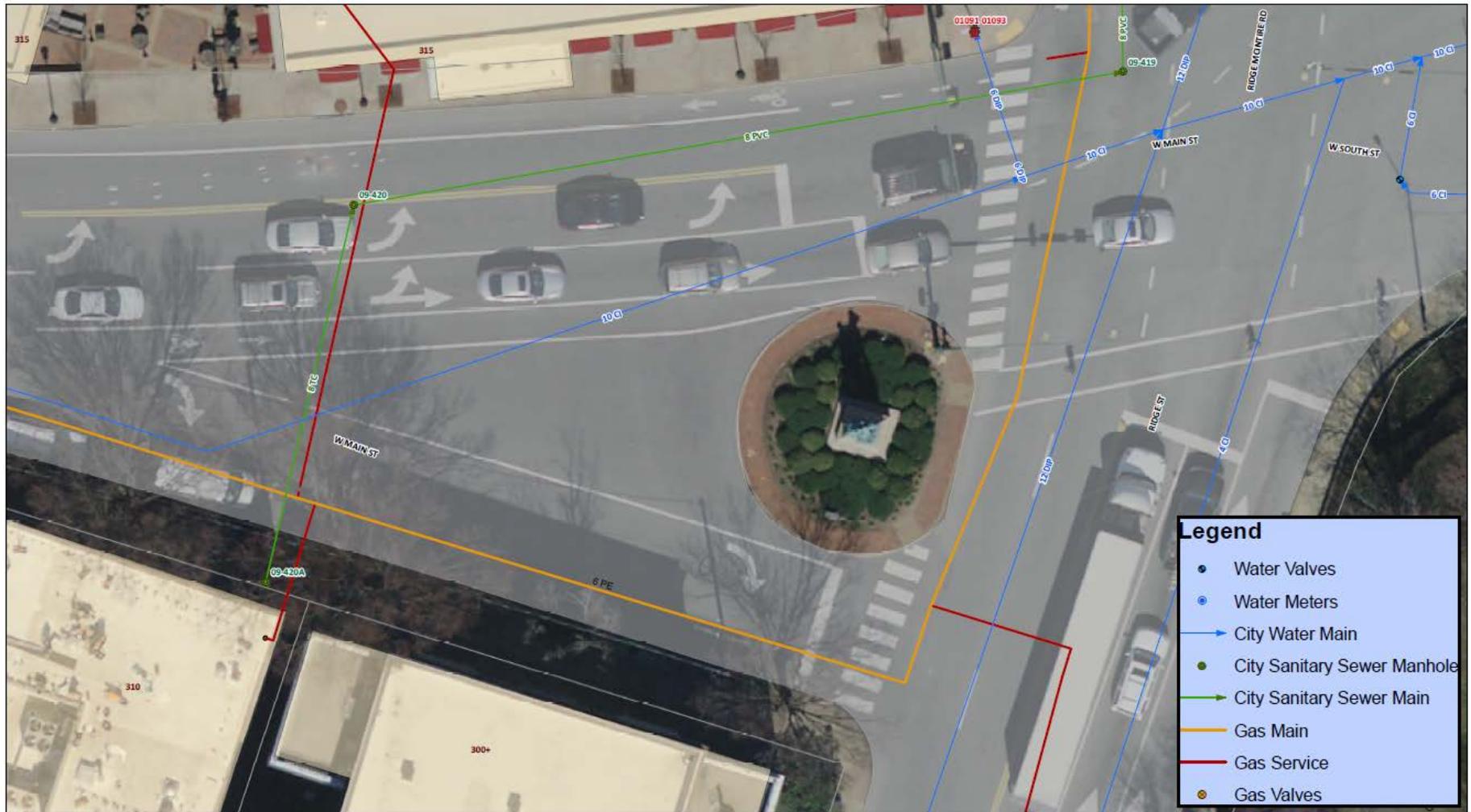
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## Area Underground Utilities



This map was generated in an effort to provide personnel from City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County Service Authority, University of Virginia, Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority, and the Public; a reference for locations and connections for utilities surrounding the Charlottesville Entity.

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Photographs of the Statue

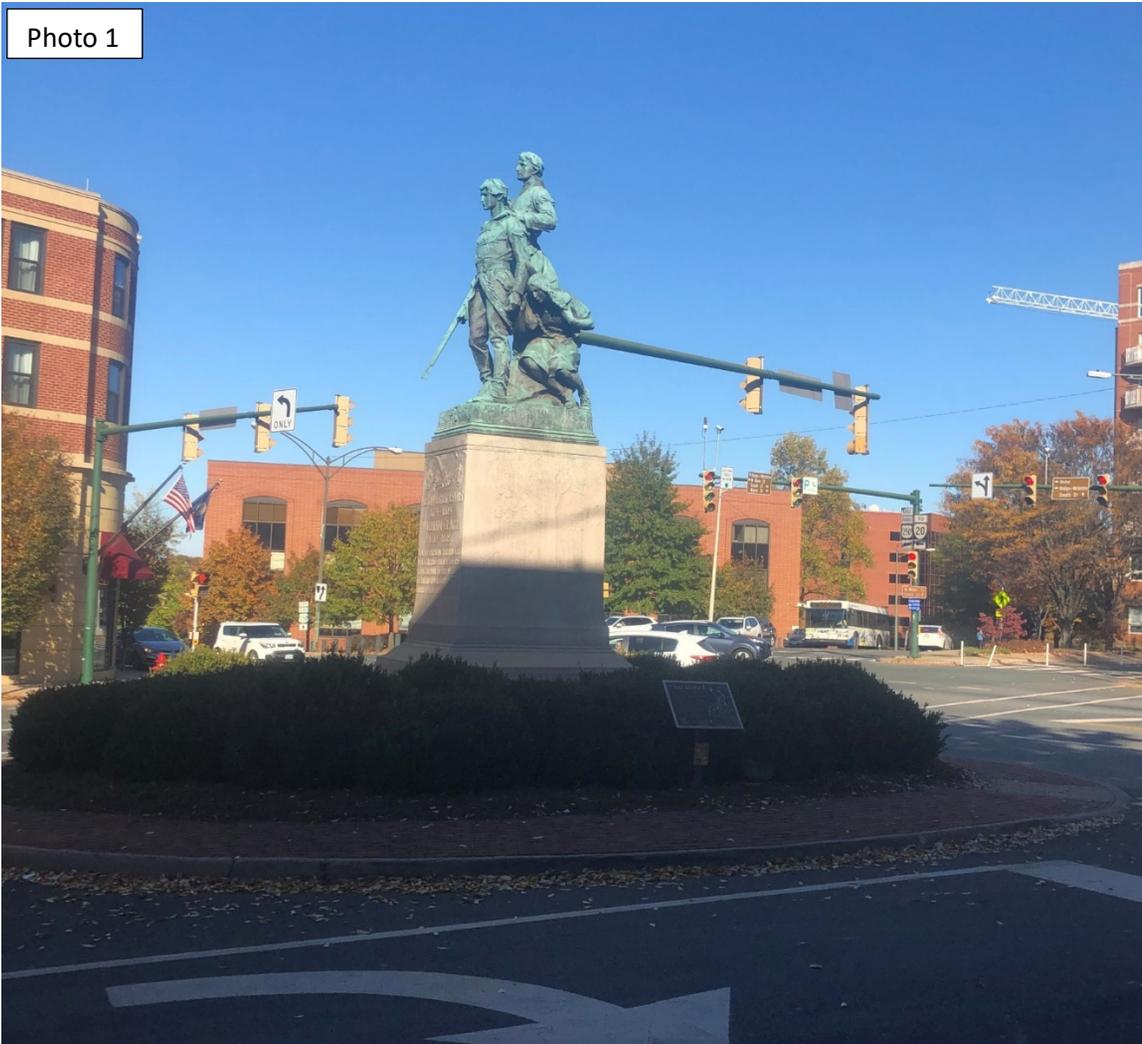


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Photo 4



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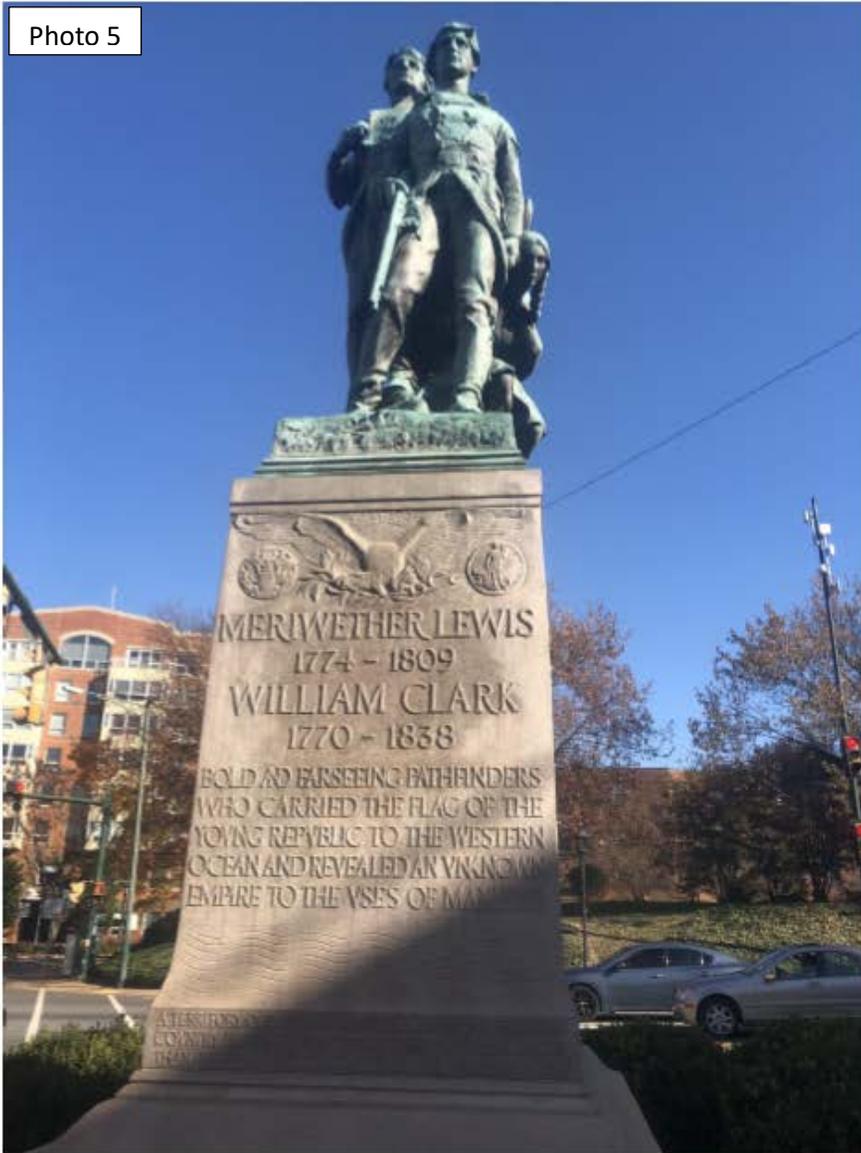


Photo 6

