

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning
THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director
RE: Northside Park Sediment Basin Dredging
DATE: May 20, 2026



SUMMARY:

Northside Park underwent significant renovations from 2010 to 2013. The work was completed in phases and included shoreline stabilization, dredging, and parking lots/ roadways. Christopher Burke Engineering (now Burke LLC) was the engineer for this project. The dredging work purposely was designed with a deeper basin on the upstream side to allow water flow to slow and drop out sediment and focus ongoing maintenance to a smaller location. Burke took extensive measurements and prepared a report. In summary the report found that the basin had accumulated an average of three feet of sediment since the dredging project was completed.

Burke prepare plans for permitting and bidding. Bid specifications were sent on March 12th, 2026, and nine (2) bids were received. They were opened on March 26th, 2026, and the results are as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
Earthwerks	\$535,000
ILM	\$624,815

Earthwerks successfully completed the dredging work for the original project.

The work is planned to occur over the summer from mid-June to the end of July, weather permitting.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board approved a contract with Burke LLC in the amount of \$38,000 for engineering services related to permitting and bidding at their September 24, 2025 meeting. The board also discussed this project at the January 17, 2026 Capital Projects meeting and consensus was for staff to proceed.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

\$500,000 is budgeted in the 2026 budget for dredging work.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Athletic staff was consulted concerning the timing of the work.
We will engage with the public ahead of dredging work.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided front-end specifications and agreements for bidding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Burke LLC recommendation letter

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve a contract with Earthwerks in the amount of \$535,000 for Northside Park Settling Basin Dredging.