

February 26, 2026

***SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT***

Mr. Ian Pickett, Assistant Director of Parks & Planning  
Wheaton Park District  
1000 Manchester Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: 2026 and Future Native Areas Improvements

Ian,

In the Fall of 2025, Bedrock Earthscapes was asked to look at the sites listed below and to recommend needed improvements. The recommendations below are broken into three groups:

- Areas currently included in our 3-year native areas maintenance contract.
- Park District native areas sites not currently maintained by Bedrock Earthscapes, and
- A future burn of Lincoln Marsh.

After reviewing these recommendations, please let me know if you would like Bedrock Earthscapes to proceed with any of the recommended items.



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## Bedrock Earthscapes Native Areas Improvement Recommendations

2025-2027 Bedrock Contract sites	Areas of improvement for consideration	Cost
Northside Park ( <i>Lagoon shoreline, sled hill &amp; detention area</i> )	\$6,700 of overseeding will be done in the Spring of 2026 to address immediate concerns. Consider budgeting for <b>\$2,500 for broadcast native overseeding for the next 4 years</b> to encourage continued native quality throughout all areas not already scheduled for seeding this year. A section would be done each year on a planned rotation until all needed area have been overseeded.	\$ 2,500.00
Cosley Zoo	The two small parking lot islands have done poorly due to traffic and salt. The basin bottom constantly has cattail and Phragmites pressure. <b>Overseed the two small parking lot islands, and the basin bottom</b> with appropriate native seed to address these issues and improve the native plant cover. \$750.	\$ 750.00
CAC Detention Area - West side of Main St.	This basin was 100% covered with cattails and Reed Canary Grass six years ago. Cattails have now been killed off but the banks and bottom have very limited native diversity. <b>Overseed the banks and basin bottom</b> to promote more native growth, diversity and beauty. \$1200.	\$ 1,200.00
Elliot Lake	Good native grasses are growing on the slopes and emergent plants along the water edge. Water edge erosion on the south and west banks has been an issue and has been partially addressed. The creek/pond barrier has been breached by muskrats and repaired several times. <b>The creek/pond barrier is getting thin in some areas and will likely need a rock-toe installed to stop long-term erosion and discourage the muskrat channeling.</b> That is probably a \$15,000-20,000 project.	Will propose separately upon request.
Rathje Shoreline	Good natives are present in about half the pond perimeter. <b>Overseed</b> to promote better native growth where needed. \$800.	\$ 800.00
Arrowhead Parking Lot Detention by cart building	Stormwater native BMPs required during the last Arrowhead improvements are in good shape. <b>Consider killing off the Phragmites and cattails and thinning or removing weed trees along the Butterfield Road swale</b> to improve the first impression of Arrowhead from Butterfield road.	\$ 5,600.00

\$10,850.00

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<b>Other sites or native areas not currently maintained by Bedrock Earthscapes.</b>		Proposed Costs
Arboretum Mews	There is small degraded area covered with small weed trees and shrubs along Leask Lane with a small low-quality meadow in interior. Woodies along the road should be removed to make this a nice open meadow area from Leask lane to the creek. A burn is not recommended until a clean up is done because significant burn prep would be required to access and control a fire in the small central meadow. <b>Clear all woody weeds from Leask lane to the creek.</b>	\$ 3,800.00
Arrowhead Golf Course native areas burn	Most area marked on the burn map we were given are no-mow turf areas that should be mowed annually, not burned. Most have already been mowed. Burning no-mow areas weaken the turf and increase weed issues. <b>Some native areas and pond edges can be burned. Probably a half-day with Justin's help.</b>	\$ 3,600.00
Firefighters Park	We were asked to look at a burn at this site. A burn is not recommended at this site until more perimeter control is completed. The biggest issue here are all the cattails in the large south pond area. The .28 acre north bank of the north pond is almost all weed trees along the homes and cannot be burned. The south edge of the south pond is inaccessible right now and would take significant effort to prepare prior to a burn. The west bank has evergreen trees that will need to be mowed around prior to a burn and may get scorched. Burning cattails without a planned herbicide program to kill them off is just a burn load reduction exercise and a continual repeat expense without real improvement. The banks on both sides of the path that separates the two pond areas have been greatly improved over the last two years. The focus here should be to maintain and expanded the outer perimeter bank areas where the greatest opportunities to control weeds and cattails exist. Around the north pond that would include the east half of the north bank, the east bank, and the south bank. Around the large south pond, that would include the north bank, and the west banks. <b>Annual maintenance of all perimeter banks is needed for 2 to 3 years at \$3,800 per year.</b>	\$3,800
Rathje Park burn	<b>Controlled burn</b> should be done annually.	\$ 700.00
Toohey Park burn	Significant work has been done here over the last 4 years, and this is now a nice native perimeter area. The <b>perimeter natives should be burned annually.</b>	\$ 1,200.00

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Willow Point East: Degraded Phragmites basin	This entire area, not just the center, is degraded and needs to be burned and then herbicided two times a year. Phragmites and cattails fill the interior wet area, and small woody weeds and tall herbaceous weeds line the outer perimeter. 2 herbicide treatments a year are needed at \$1,600/yr for 2 years. A burn would cost \$1400 and should be done after one year of herbicide treatments. Overseeding may be needed once weed growth is controlled. <b>There is some question about the property line that must first be determined.</b>	To be confirmed once property lines are determined.
Willow Point West: Walnut woodland understory clearing	This very nice, mature walnut woodland needs to have the non-desirable understory brush cut and chipped. A burn is not needed here. <b>Clear the non-desirable woody understory and chip the cut material back into the woods.</b>	\$ 3,200.00
		<b>\$16,300.00</b>

<b>Lincoln Marsh Woods and Cattail Areas Burn. Considerations for future burns</b>	If burns are going to be done on a routine basis here, maintenance efforts should support creating a safe and simple burn experience with minimal burn prep. The wood chip paths create a natural break, but can carry fire. Mowed burn breaks should be maintained several times a year by mowing along the paths when moisture conditions permit. Also mow around wooded areas not to be burned or to be burned as separate areas. These proposed costs can be reduced if WPD Staff works with Bedrock staff as part of the burn crews.	
Lincoln Marsh East	North cattail area and picnic shelter prairie	\$ 4,500.00
Lincoln Marsh Central	Two significant areas. Oak woodland by office and cattail area.	\$ 9,500.00
Lincoln Marsh West, North of boardwalks		\$ 9,500.00
Lincoln Marsh West, South of boardwalks		\$ 9,500.00
		<b>\$33,000.00</b>

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Please indicate items with which you would like Bedrock Earthscapes to proceed, and sign and return one copy of this proposal to authorize Bedrock Earthscapes, LLC to proceed.

Thank you.

## Payment:

Billing for 2026 burns will be invoiced upon completion. Maintenance work will be invoiced in September upon completion of the proposed work. Project work will be invoiced upon completion of the project. Payment will be made in full within 30 days of the billing date.

The Owner identified below, by its duly authorized representative, accepts the terms and conditions contained herein. This acknowledges authorization of services described above and the assent of the parties hereto to such terms and conditions.

On behalf of:

**Bedrock Earthscapes, LLC**

By: William A. Bedrossian

Title: Owner/Managing Member

Accepted on behalf of:

**Wheaton Park District ("Owner")**

By: [Signature] 3/18/26

Title: Executive Director



