

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Native Area Landscape Maintenance Services

DATE: March 19, 2025



SUMMARY:

The natural areas in our parks require seasonal care and maintenance that is effectively performed by an ecological restoration contractor. This work encompasses the following procedures and techniques:

- Monitoring native plants, weed control and seed dispersal as needed.
- Prescribed burns for the upland natural areas and buffers to control invasive species and encourage new growth of native species.
- Cattail management employing herbicides and hand cutting/removal.

The work is being performed in the following parks:

- Northside Park – pond shoreline and detention area
- Cosley Zoo – marsh area on south side of property and rain gardens in parking lot
- Central Athletic Complex detention area - west side of Main St.
- Rotary Park - hill west of Mariano's parking lot
- Elliot Lake shoreline
- Wheaton Oaks Property – Gary Ave., South of Winfield Creek and Elliot Lake
- Thompson detention area – east side of Gary Avenue, across from Prairie Avenue
- Lincoln Marsh
- Toohey Park
- Arrowhead Golf Course detention area
- Rathje Park shoreline

We have also included alternative bid prices to provide monitoring of native plants and treating invasive species with herbicide applications at the following locations:

- Hoffman Park
- Seven Gables Park

Bids were solicited on February 12th, 2025, and were opened on February 27, 2025. The results were as follows:

Contractor	2025	2026	2027	Total Bid 3 Yr. Total	Hoffman 3 Yr. Total	7 Gables 3 Yr. Total	Base + Alts. 3 Yr. Total
Bedrock Earthscapes	\$33,260.00	\$34,380.00	\$35,500.00	\$103,140.00	\$2,470.00	\$4,940.00	\$110,550.00
Bluestem	\$46,445.00	\$33,235.90	\$34,051.60	\$114,793.00	\$2,300.00	\$3,950.00	\$121,043.00
McGinty Bros	\$48,250.00	\$50,062.00	\$51,566.00	\$150,238.00	\$9,055.00	\$14,500.00	\$173,793.00
V3	\$51,920.00	\$59,525.00	\$64,760.00	\$176,205.00	\$13,165.00	\$26,215.00	\$215,585.00
Tallgrass	\$64,200.00	\$66,215.00	\$68,230.00	\$198,645.00	\$10,200.00	\$17,400.00	\$226,245.00
Encap	\$70,500.00	\$70,500.00	\$70,500.00	\$211,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$243,000.00

Bedrock Earthscapes was the lowest bidder. They have performed maintenance on our natural areas for several years and we are satisfied with their work.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

N/A

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal Year	Account:	Budget:
2025	40-000-000-52-5210-0000	\$50,000
2026	40-000-000-52-5210-0000	\$50,000
2027	40-000-000-52-5210-0000	\$50,000

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

Contract Documents were provided by our legal counsel, and they have provided previous favorable opinions of this bidding process.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the base bid for native area landscape maintenance services and alternates for Hoffman and Seven Gables from Bedrock Earthscapes for 2025 through 2027 in the amount of \$110,550.