

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Danada South Natural Area Maintenance Improvements

DATE: February 18, 2026



SUMMARY:

In an effort to improve the natural areas within Danada South Park and meet terms of our lease agreement, staff reached out to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC) to see if they would be willing to let the Park District utilize their pre-qualified contractors to clear approximately 15.33 acres worth of invasive species at Danada South. This includes the area that surrounds the Sensory Garden Playground. Staff met on-site with representatives from the FPDDC to discuss the scope and various methods that could be implemented to achieve this. FPDDC staff developed a request for proposals and provided it to the contractors. The results were as follows:

Management Unit	~ Acres	Semper Fi	Pizzo
		Price	Price
Selective Forestry Mowing Brush < ~6"	15.33	\$8,694.40	\$38,916.80
Selective Removal Trees > ~6"	15.33	\$12,966.72	\$14,076.80
Selective Herbicide Application Foliar & Cut Stump	15.33	\$19,842.24	\$40,435.24
NTEP Total	15.33	\$41,503.36	\$93,428.84

Contractors stating No Bid included V3, Stantec & ENCAP.

FPDDC staff provided pricing from similar projects that indicates similar pricing for this type of work.

Selective forestry mowing is anticipated to be completed in March/ April. Herbicide work will be completed before July 31 and Selective tree removal will be completed before October 31.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

Current lease agreement approved at the February 20, 2019 Board meeting (Ordinance No. 2019-01)

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

\$80,000 budgeted in 40-800-853-57-5701-0000 for invasive clearing.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Staff worked with FPDDC staff to develop scope of work.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal Counsel has reviewed this matter and provided the opinion that our contractor selection process was appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District approve a contract with Semper Fi for invasive clearing in the amount of \$41,503.36 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,150.