

TO: Board of Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Native Landscape Maintenance Services Bid

DATE: January 28, 2022



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 of 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 areas 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
- Wheaton Oaks Property – Gary Ave., South of Winfield Creek and Elliot Lake
- Thompson Detention Area – East side of Gary Ave., across from Prairie Ave
- Lincoln Marsh
- Toohey Park

Bids were solicited on January 13, 2022 and they were opened on January 27, 2022. The results were as follows:

Contractor	2022	2023	2024	Total Bid Amount – 3 Yr. Contract
Bedrock Earthscapes	\$29,730.00	\$31,240.00	\$32,920.00	\$93,890.00
Tallgrass	\$42,400.00	\$40,200.00	\$42,550.00	\$125,150.00
Bluestem	\$48,121.97	\$48,121.97	\$48,121.97	\$144,365.90
Encap	\$61,700.00	\$61,700.00	\$61,700.00	\$185,100.00
V3	\$60,100.00	\$61,890.00	\$63,759.00	\$185,749.00

Unit Costs:

Contractor	Muskrat Control	Erosion Control	Seed and Blanket
Bedrock Earthscapes	\$1,200 to \$2,500.00	\$3.50	\$3.10
Tallgrass	\$2,000.00	\$26.00	\$3.50
Bluestem	\$325.00	\$110.00	\$75.00
Encap	\$1,200.00	\$4.50	\$3.80
V3	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

Bedrock Earthscapes has performed this work for the park district previously and we have been satisfied with their work.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approved a 3-year contract with Bedrock Earthscapes for a similar scope of work in January 2019 at an amount not to exceed \$92,025.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal Year	Budget 40-000-000-52-5210	Proposed Spending
2022	\$50,000	\$29,730.00
2023	\$50,000	\$31,240.00
2024	\$50,000	\$32,920.00

The \$50,000 budget is for the annual pond and stream maintenance also includes aquatic maintenance (which has averaged just under \$20,000 annually) in addition to this work.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided the front end bid documents and sample legal agreement that will be used with the selected bidder.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner’s approve the bid from Bedrock Earthscapes for \$93,890.00