

TO: Board of Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Toohey Park Concept Design for OSLAD Grant Application

DATE: May 21, 2025



SUMMARY:

Staff has identified Toohey Park as a good candidate for this year's OSLAD grant submission. Potential park improvements may include:

- Playground replacement/ Add 5-12 playground
- Safety City renovation
- ADA park improvements
- Pond dredge & shoreline stabilization/ cottonwood removals
- Level area for sports field
- Trail connection to Orchard Park
- Picnic shelter

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to four landscape architecture firms on March 18, 2025 to aid in the development of concept plan and cost estimate suitable for grant submittal. The following is a summary of proposals that were received on April 8, 2025.

Firm	Proposal Amount	Reimbursables	Optional Services (public input)	Total Contract
Upland Design	\$11,800	\$800	\$1,200	\$13,800
Wight	\$12,900	\$500	\$1,200	\$14,600
Hitchcock Design	\$18,200	\$500	\$1,800	\$20,500
V3	\$55,000			\$55,000

Upland Design has performed work for the district in the past. Most recently they were part of the design team on the Briar Patch Park improvements, which was funded through OSLAD.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

N/A

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

\$50,000 is budgeted for work at Toohey in 2025.

OSLAD is funded through the IDNR and is a 50% matching grant up to \$600,000 (\$1.2M total project cost).

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

We will work with recreation programming staff throughout the process.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal from Upland Design

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve the proposal in the amount not to exceed \$13,800 from Upland Design for the Toohey Park Improvement project.