



Legislation Text

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Resolution Approving a Contract in the Amount of \$230,413.75 with Invasive Plant Control, Inc for Vegetative Maintenance Services

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Council District: 1

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PURPOSE:

The City of Greensboro Water Resources and Parks & Recreation Departments wish to enter into three-year contract with Invasive Plant Control, Inc. to provide vegetative maintenance services to support the City in the management and maintenance of vegetated stream buffers along select publicly owned stream corridors within the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro.

BACKGROUND:

Between 1999 and 2003, the City of Greensboro planted approximately 17,000 native riparian trees and established vegetated stream buffers ranging from 10 feet to 50 feet in width along approximately 11 linear miles of streams within City owned parks. Along with the natural regeneration, various invasive and exotic species have introduced themselves. From 2004 to 2014, a contracted maintenance effort controlled the invasive/exotic species to improve the biological diversity and general aesthetics of the stream corridors.

Now, in 2015, a continuation of that holistic management strategy is still considered necessary to ensure that the stream buffers are both ecologically successful as well as accepted by the community. Some buffers still require maintenance of the woody invasive or exotic species, but the corridors are largely being inundated with invasive vines which out compete the desirable vegetation.

In March of 2015 a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in order to identify companies that could perform vegetated maintenance services tied to this ongoing project. On April 17, 2015 six proposals were received and all six respondents proposed to self-perform the requested maintenance services. The M/WBE Office was involved in the review of the submitted proposals and completed a good faith review. The M/WBE Office confirmed it is the practice of the selected firm to self-perform the requested vegetative maintenance work.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$230,413.75 for this ongoing effort is budgeted in the Stormwater Management Operations Fund account 505-7003-03.5413 for amount of \$224,861.90 and in Parks and Recreation

Department accounts 205-5001-04.5612 for amount of \$4,191.73 & 101-5022-21.5627 in the amount of \$1,360.12.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended by the Water Resources Department and Parks and Recreation Department that City Council approve the three-year contract with Invasive Plant Control, Inc for maintenance of vegetated stream buffers in the amount of \$230,413.75.