



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
New Business

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2022
PREPARED BY: Ben Jaszewski, Parks and Planning Superintendent
AGENDA ITEM: Contract Services Agreement – Arbor Lakes 2022 Natural Resources Management

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

On January 20, 2022 the Park Board authorized staff to prepare and submit an application for Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for the Arbor Lakes area and approve the proposal from Stantec to assist in the grant application process.

RECOMMENDED PARK BOARD ACTION:

Motion by _____ to approve the agreement dated April 25, 2022 with Stantec Consulting Services to provide management and implementation services for the Arbor Lakes 2022 Natural Resources Management Project and authorize execution of the Agreement, subject to final review by the city attorney and Parks and Recreation Director.

COMMENTS:

The proposal this evening is from Stantec Consulting Services (Stantec) for management and implementation of the Arbor Lakes 2022 Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP). At their meeting on January 20, 2022 the Board approved the grant application request with an anticipated budget of \$65,050. The proposal from Stantec is a lump sum totaling \$61,000 for natural resource management activities on approximately 50 acres for West Arbor Lake, Byerly’s Pond, North Arbor Lakes, Arbor Lake, Maple Lakes Park, Central Park, and associated stormwater ponds. Activities will include selective site preparation mowing this spring in advance of multiple herbaceous invasive species control treatments through the 2022 growing season (May – October). Invasive species control will prioritize the species identified in the 2021 NRMP, using the treatment timing, methods, and herbicide recommendations in the NRMP as well. Treatment objectives will focus on significantly reducing invasive plant cover in preparation for native prairie grass seeding in select areas in the spring of 2023. Funding for 2022 management is as follows:

General Fund Contribution.....	\$5,000
<u>Reimbursed Grant Contribution.....</u>	<u>\$56,000</u>
Total.....	\$61,000

Stantec was integral in assisting staff with the grant application process securing grant funding to enhance and protect the native areas around Arbor Lakes and has extensive experience in building, maintaining, managing, and restoring ecological native areas.

Funding for this project will come from the general park maintenance fund and the Conservation Legacy Partners Grant Award.

Staff recommends the Board accept the proposal to retain Stantec Consulting Services to provide management and implementation services for the Arbor Lakes 2022 Natural Resources Management Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Program Map

Attachment B – Stantec Cost Proposal