



City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, Maryland 20715

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: Church Road Park Forest Mitigation Bank Implementation
R-1-09

DATE: December 30, 2008

A legal notice advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP) for contracting services for the implementation of the Church Road Park Forest Mitigation Bank was placed and the RFP responses were due on Friday, November 14, 2008. The following bid proposals were received:

Highway and Safety Services, Inc. Gaithersburg, MD	\$890,796.66
Ecological Restoration & Management, Inc. Timonium, MD	\$350,645.50
Greenskeeper Environmental, LLC Ashton, MD	\$56,644.00

Each bid response was evaluated and scored according to the following criteria:

- Understanding of the Request for Proposals, and the proposed scope of the study (25%)
- Qualifications, capacity and experience of the prospective bidder with comparable projects (35%)
- Availability and type of equipment (10%)
- Reference checks with prior clients (20%)
- Price (10%)

Church Road Park Forest Mitigation Bank
Award of Bid

The proposed project will establish a 16.66 acre forest mitigation bank on the property in accordance with the approved Tree Conservation Plan. This project is recommended in the Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan approved by Council in September, 2007. The scope of work includes mechanical and chemical removal of invasive vegetation, planting of native seedlings and annual maintenance/monitoring for a two year period after planting.

The approved forest mitigation bank involves afforestation of an abandoned farm field located in the southern portion of the Church Road Park property, adjacent to two (2) existing woodland conservation easements which were planted by developers several years ago. With the mitigation bank in place, the City will be eligible to satisfy its own forest mitigation needs (for example, the new City Hall site will require 2.54 acres of off-site forest mitigation) and/or sell additional easements to developers. Assuming a market rate of return of about \$39,204 per acre for an easement over the remaining area, the City would gain approximately \$553,560 in new revenue from the mitigation bank. Contractor access will again be from Pepper Tree Drive in Tall Oaks Crossing. In recent years, when trash and debris were removed from the property, staff notified residents of Pepper Tree Drive of the use of their street by the City's contractors. Likewise, staff will send notices to residents in advance of any additional work taking place on the City's property.

After a careful review of the bids submitted, staff determined that Greenskeeper Environmental, LLC submitted the lowest, most responsive, responsible bid. Funding for this project is available in the FY 2009 Approved City Budget, appearing in Budget Year 1 of FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvements Program.

I concur with the above recommendation and request Council's approval of Resolution R-1-09, which is attached.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
ACCEPTING BID PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHURCH ROAD PARK
FOREST MITIGATION BANK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 61 of the City Charter, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for contracting services for the implementation of the Church Road Park Forest Mitigation Bank in accordance with the approved Tree Conservation Plan (TCP II/153/95-06) and the recommendations of the City's Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project will establish a 16.66 acre forest mitigation bank in an abandoned farm field located in the southern portion of the Church Road Park property, adjacent to two (2) existing woodland conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, the City received three (3) proposals ranging from \$56,644.00 to \$890,796.66 and funding for this project is available in the FY 2009 Approved City Budget; and,

WHEREAS, after a careful review by City staff of the three (3) proposals submitted, it was determined that Greenskeeper Environmental, LLC had submitted the lowest, most responsive, responsible bid, meeting all the requirements of the RFP, in the amount of \$56,644.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the Council hereby accepts the bid proposal of Greenskeeper Environmental, LLC for contracting services related to the implementation of the Church Road Park Forest Mitigation Bank and authorizes the City Manager to sign a contract therefor with Greenskeeper Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$56,644.00.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on January 5, 2009.

G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela A. Fleming, City Clerk