



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	MARCH 23, 2026

ITEM:	Approval of the Native Vegetation Management Contract.		
<i>Presenting Item: Jesse Hauf, IT Director</i>			
DEPARTMENT: Engineering		BY/DATE: Drew Chirpich / March 10, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
X_ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity	X_ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking		
X_ High Quality Public Spaces	_ Resilient and Prosperous Economy		
X_ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone	X_ Inclusive and Connected Community		

BACKGROUND

Over the last few decades, the City of Columbia Heights has implemented areas with native vegetation to help improve water quality, provide forage for wildlife, and to add visual interest to public spaces. These areas are distributed throughout the City in parks, natural areas, and within Green Stormwater Infrastructure. While these areas are typically lower maintenance than conventional green spaces such as turf, they do still require periodic maintenance to remove accumulated organic matter, prevent the spread of invasive and undesirable species, and keep the areas thriving. This Native Vegetation Management Contract is for a length of 3 years and encompasses five different sites. City Staff has drafted a Professional Services Agreement for this work and solicited quotes from four contractors.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The City elicited quotes for this maintenance work from four contractors, and their bid totals are summarized below:

Contractor	Estimated Contract Total
Landbridge Ecological	\$35,362.06
MNL	\$43,986.38
Prairie Restorations	\$63,859.75
RES	\$104,080.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The low responsible bid is Landbridge Ecological for a three-year total of approximately \$35,362.06. Staff recommends City Council authorize the Professional Services Agreement with Landbridge Ecological in the amount of approximately \$35,362.06.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

MOTION: Motion to award Professional Services Agreement to Landbridge Ecological in the amount of approximately \$35,362.06 allocated from the Stormwater fund 604.9600.4400.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Native Vegetation Management Contract
Contractor Bid Price Comparison