



The Town of Cottage City  
3820 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Cottage City, MD 20722

March 11, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Cottage City Commission

**From:** John Hoatson, Town Manager

**Date:** March 11, 2026

**Subject: Recommendation for Lawn / Grounds Maintenance Contract**

After reviewing the proposals for the Town's lawn and grounds maintenance contract, staff evaluated each contractor's qualifications, experience, and regulatory compliance.

Two contractors submitted proposals: American Landscaping, Inc. and Shamrock Lawn Maintenance.

As part of the evaluation, staff verified whether each contractor holds the appropriate licenses to apply fertilizer and weed control products in the State of Maryland. The Maryland Department of Agriculture requires contractors performing pesticide or fertilizer application to maintain valid licenses.

### **The findings are as follows:**

- American Landscaping, Inc. holds a valid Pesticide License (#2008) and a Professional Fertilizer Applicator License (MDA-F 0877).
- Shamrock Lawn Maintenance is not currently licensed to apply fertilizer or weed control products.

Because proper licensing is required to legally perform fertilizer and pesticide applications, American Landscaping, Inc. meets the regulatory requirements for

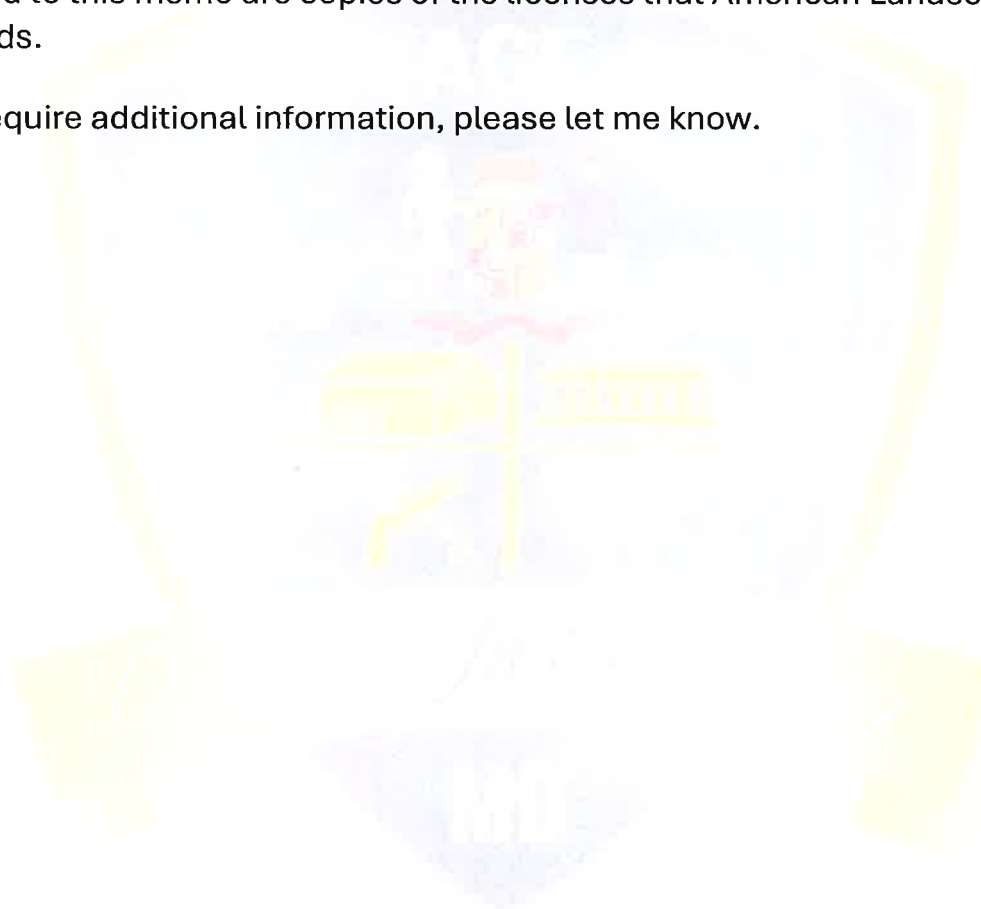
the services included in the contract, while Shamrock Lawn Maintenance does not currently meet these requirements.

**Recommendation:**

Based on the review of licensing and compliance with Maryland Department of Agriculture regulations, staff recommends awarding the lawn and grounds maintenance contract to American Landscaping, Inc.

Attached to this memo are copies of the licenses that American Landscaping, Inc. holds.

If you require additional information, please let me know.





## Maryland Nutrient Management Program For Hire Professional Fertilizer Applicators

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Suffix	Company	Branch Location	Certification Number	Business License #
Gary	L.	Wisniewski		Amazing Grass	Professional Turf Solutions	PFA 2530	
Brandon	C.	Ambush		Ambush Logistics, LLC dba	Mastergreen Lawn Care	PFA 2591	MDA-F 1319
Brian		Martins		American Landscaping, Inc.		PFA 1764	MDA-F 0877
James	D.	Fisher		American Turf		PFA 0191	MDA-F 0728
Patrick	D.	Anderson		Anderson Lawn Care		PFA 2284	MDA-F 1229
Christian	A.	Paul		Anne Arundel Mannor		PFA 0204	MDA-F 0128
Steven	B.	Thomas		Anne Arundel Mannor		PFA 0488	MDA-F 0128
Sean	P.	Watson		Anne Arundel Mannor		PFA 2611	MDA-F 0128
Thomas	L.	Herr		Anthony's Flowers & Landscaping, Inc.		PFA 2181	MDA-F 0047
Ryan		Acre		Antietam Tree Service, Inc.		PFA 0998	MDA-F 0682
J.	Randall	Finn		Antietam Tree Service, Inc.		PFA 1351	MDA-F 0682
Joel	O.	Flores		Aramark Global Business Services		PFA 0115	MDA-F 0883
Chad	K.	Thurman		Arbor Care, Inc.		PFA 2266	MDA-F 1221
Matthew	D.	Bichner		Arbor Landscapers, Inc.		PFA 2013	MDA-F 0843
Kevin	W.	Weber		Arboreal Artisans, Inc.		PFA 0764	MDA-F 0256
Mason	C.	Hofmeister		Argyle Land Company, Inc. t/a	Argyle Country Club	PFA 2398	MDA-F 0345
Laura	J.	Kuttler		Argyle Land Company, Inc. t/a	Argyle Country Club	PFA 1803	MDA-F 0345
Cory	M.	Wesselman		Argyle Land Company, Inc. t/a	Argyle Country Club	PFA 1408	MDA-F 0345
Marta	L.	Cruz		Artistic Landscaping, Inc.		PFA 1862	MDA-F 1059
Dean	B.	Statler		Ashton Manor Environmental, LLC		PFA 2093	MDA-F 0902
Fotini	P.	Dousikos	Dambro gio	ATD Landscaping, LLC		PFA 0069	MDA-F 0135
John	R.	Anderes,	III	Atlantic Golf, LP	Queenstown Harbor Golf	PFA 0441	MDA-F 0276



Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Office of Resource Conservation, Nutrient Management Program  
50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Suite 201 Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-841-5959 [www.mda.maryland.gov](http://www.mda.maryland.gov)

*Post in a conspicuous place*

This License is granted to said business for Fertil Application within the State of Maryland, and in accordance with the provisions of Maryland State Annotated Code, Agriculture Article, Section 8-8

***Professional Fertilizer Business License***

Number: MDA-F 0877  
Expires: 12/31/2026

Granted to: Brian Martins  
American Landscaping, Inc.  
15530 Peach Orchard Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin Atticks".

Kevin M. Atticks, DCD  
Secretary of Agriculture



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
PESTICIDE REGULATION SECTION  
THE WAYNE A. CAWLEY, JR. BUILDING  
50 HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
(410) 841-5710

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**PESTICIDE BUSINESS LICENSE NO. 2008**

AMERICAN LANDSCAPING INC  
15530 PEACH ORCHARD RD  
SILVER SPRING, MD 20905

EXPIRES 06/30/2026  
POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE

APPLICATION CATEGORIES: 3A, 3C, 6

This license is granted to this business for the application of pesticides, in the category(ies) shown above, within the State of Maryland, in accordance with the provisions of the Agricultural Article, Sections 5-201 through 5-211, Annotated Code of Maryland.

A listing of the Pest Control Categories as appears in the Regulations Pertaining To The Pesticide Applicators Law, Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.05.01 is provided on the reverse side of this certificate (license or permit).

  
Kevin Atticks  
Secretary of Agriculture



STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FOREST SERVICE



**Certificate of Registration**  
**as a**  
**Licensed Tree Expert**

This is to certify that

**Brian James Martins**

**AMERICAN LANDSCAPING INC**

**15530 Peach Orchard Road**

**Silver Spring, MD 20905**

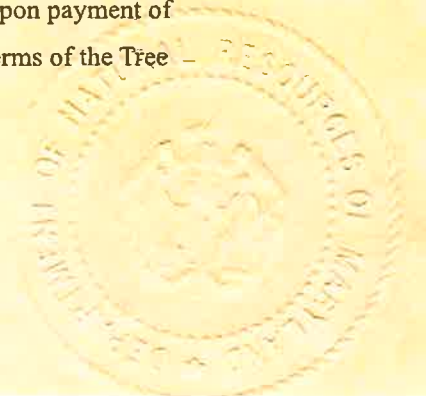
having met the requirements in the Maryland Code is hereby licensed and qualified to practice as a tree expert and to engage in the business of the treatment and care of trees in the state of Maryland.

License 000830

Issued this Thirteenth day of November 2025

This license expires December 31, 2026 and is renewable yearly thereafter upon payment of the proper fee, or revoked by the Department for non-compliance with the terms of the Tree Expert Law.

Anne Hairston-Strang  
Director/State Forester





DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY • MARYLAND

# CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

*Brian Martins*

of

**AMERICAN LANDSCAPING INC.**

*has successfully completed the*

*2024 Stormwater Facility Maintenance Contractor Training Program,  
sponsored by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection,  
Stormwater BMP Inspection and Maintenance (SWIM) Program, Rockville, Maryland.*

*Pamela Parker*

*Pamela Parker, Manager*

*Stormwater BMP Inspection and Maintenance (SWIM) Program*

*February 28, 2024*

*Issue Date*

*February 28, 2027*

*Expiration Date*



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First Name	Middle	Last Name	Suffix	Company	Branch Location	Certification Number	Business License #
Bryan	A.	Schlosser		Roseland Nurseries, Inc.		PFA 1865	MDA-F 1060
Rowland	G.	Dennie		RowLandScapes		PFA 0564	MDA-F 0207
Jesse	C.	Smith		Royal Greens, Inc.		PFA 0085	MDA-F 0004
Brian	J.	Shufelt		Royal Lawns, LLC		PFA 0259	MDA-F 0510
Ryan	F.	Rote		Ruppert Landscape, Inc.	Baltimore Maintenance	PFA 1548	MDA-F 1247
John	E.	Holtzinger		Ruppert Landscape, Inc.	Frederick Maintenance	PFA 1537	MDA-F 0827
Christopher	W.	Bixler		Ruppert Landscape, Inc.	Silver Spring Maintenance	PFA 2036	MDA-F 1127
Nicolas		Tardif		Ruppert Landscape, Inc.	Silver Spring Maintenance	PFA 2094	MDA-F 1127
Daniel	C.	Trocher		Ruppert Landscape, Inc.	White Marsh Maintenance	PFA 1549	MDA-F 1029
Douglas	L.	Fleming		S.W. Smith Landscaping, LLC		PFA 2630	MDA-F 1330
Sean	P.	Crossley		Sacred Heart Parish		PFA 0917	MDA-F 1359
Aniceto		Sanchez		Sagar Garden Services, Inc.		PFA 1423	MDA-F 0750
Ryan	K.	Leonard		Saint Michaels Ventures, LLC		PFA 1678	MDA-F 0980
Jeb	G.	Augustine		SavATree, LLC		PFA 2721	MDA-F 0645
Joshua	S.	Franz		SavATree, LLC		PFA 1488	MDA-F 0645
Vincent	P.	Hipp		SavATree, LLC		PFA 1780	MDA-F 0645
Matthew	G.	Weathersbee		SavATree, LLC		PFA 2669	MDA-F 0645
William	W.	Levillain		Scapers Landscape Services, Inc.		PFA 1419	MDA-F 0757
Jeffrey	W.	Scarbath		Scarbath Landscaping, LLC		PFA 1638	MDA-F 0965
Thomas	J.	Coates,	Jr.	Seascapes Landscaping & More		PFA 0393	MDA-F 0489
Joseph	A.	Unruh		Sharp Lawn & Tree, Inc.		PFA 1304	MDA-F 0646
Blair	R.	Carey		Shorecut Lawn Care, LLC		PFA 1443	MDA-F 0788
Neil	A.	Stevens		Shoreline Pine, LLC		PFA 2696	
Caroline	B.	Glasgow		Simplot Grower Solutions		PFA 0500	N/A

3/3/2026