


MEMO 25-12

TO: Frank Schulte, City Administrator

FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services 

DATE: April 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Bark Mulch for City Landscape Beds and Installation of Playground Mulch

An "Invitation to Bid" for supplying bark mulch and injection of mulch in city landscape beds and delivery and installation of playground mulch throughout the city was posted on the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) website on April 3, 2025. The information was also advertised in the Grosse Pointe News. The following bids were received at the bid opening on April 22, 2025.

Synergy Landscape	\$29,089.00
Superior Groundcover, Inc.	\$37,720.00
Tommy's Lawn Service	\$39,150.00
Platinum Lawn Service and Landscaping	\$51,945.00
Strategic Grounds Management	\$56,900.00
Professional Grounds Services	\$59,655.00
Berns Landscaping	\$59,871.90
JLV Landscaping	\$67,660.00


Synergy Landscape submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$29,089.00. They have done work for Farmington Hills and their work is satisfactory.

Therefore, I recommend Synergy Landscape, located at 33360 Groesbeck Highway, Fraser, MI 48026, to supply bark mulch and inject the mulch in city landscape beds and delivery and installation of engineered wood fiber playground mulch in the amount of \$29,089.00.

This is a budgeted item in FY 2024/2025 budget included in accounts 101-774-818.102 in the amount of \$6,000.00, 101-775-818.000 in the amount of \$3,000.00, and 202-463-818.000 in the amount of \$20,089.00.

I do not believe any benefit will accrue to the City by seeking further bids. Approved for Council consideration.

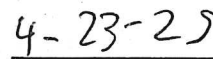

Frank Schulte, City Administrator


Date

Fund Certification:

Account numbers and amounts have been verified as presented.


Steven Schmidt, Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller


Date

**DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH
AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS AND
DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND
MULCH THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

April 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.

COMPANY	SIGNED BID YES -- NO	TOTAL AMOUNT
Superior Ground Cover	yes	37,720.00
Tommy's Lawn Service	yes	39,150.00
Berns Landscaping	yes	59,871.90
Synergy Landscape	yes	29,089.00
Platinum Lawn Svc. + Landscaping	yes	51,945.00
JLV Landscaping	yes	67,660.00
Strategic Grounds Mgmt. (Trans)	yes	56,900.00
Professional Grounds Svc	yes	59,655.00

IN ATTENDANCE: Ken Treacher - Berns Landscaping
Tommy Dorsett - Tommy's Lawn
Jim Kowalski
Elise Coyle



City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

April 3, 2025

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods at the Municipal Buildings, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397, until **Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following item as described herein below:

**DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION
OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS AND DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND
MULCH THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

Bid sheets should be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope bearing the following notation:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
20025 MACK PLAZA
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236-2397

CLEARLY MARKED: HARDWOOD AND PLAYGROUND MULCH

- A. All bids shall be submitted exclusive of any sales tax, excise tax, etc.
- B. The bidder shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variation from or exceptions to the conditions and specifications of this bid. This sheet shall be labeled "Exceptions to Bid Conditions and Specifications", and shall be attached to the bid.
- C. Descriptive literature may be required by the city.
- D. All bids shall be F.O.B. the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.
- E. All bids must state date or schedule proposed.
- F. All bids shall incorporate any requirements of the Michigan State laws and shall incorporate all safety equipment and standards in conformance with the latest regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- G. Additional copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk.

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in the bidding process or minor deviations from the specifications in a proposal and to accept any bid that deems itself in the best interest of the city.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS AND DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND MULCH THROUGHOUT THE CITY

General:

Furnish labor, equipment, and materials for injection of Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch in landscape beds throughout the city and installation of Engineered Wood Fiber Playground Mulch at various locations in city parks. Final quantities and locations will be determined at time of delivery. **All work to be completed on or before Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Specifications to Include:

- Injection of Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch to be installed at 1½" depth in all city landscape beds as follows –
 - 80 CubicYards Vernier Road Medians
 - 270 CubicYards Mack Avenue Medians (including trees)
 - 30 CubicYards D.P.W.
 - 35 CubicYards City Hall
- Injection of Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch to be installed at 2" to 2½" depth along the Activities Building, Bathhouse, Concession Stand, Gate House, three pine trees around the pool deck, the boardwalk and around the three boardwalk gazebos at Lake Front Park as follows –
 - 160 Cubic Yards Lake Front Park
- Bulk delivery of materials to D.P.W. –
 - 100 CubicYards Hardwood Mulch
- Delivery and installation of Certified to ASTM Engineered Wood Fiber Playground Mulch at various locations in city parks as follows–
 - 30 Cubic Yards Chene-Trombley Park
 - 55 Cubic Yards Ghesquiere Park
 - 50 Cubic Yards Lake Front Park
 - 60 Cubic Yards Sweeney Park

Insurance Coverage:

As a condition of performing work for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the contractor must provide the City with satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage as follows:

1. Worker's Compensation including Employer's Liability Insurance covering statutory obligations for the state in which work is to be performed in aggregate amount of not less than \$1,000,000.
2. Automobile liability insurance applicable to all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles: Bodily Injury & Property Damage - \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
3. Comprehensive General Liability - \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 policy aggregate including products & completed operations and no exclusions for XCU (explosion, collapse and underground).
4. Evidence of contractor's insurance coverage, required herein, is to be provided to Owner on ACORD Certificate Form 26 or 25-S.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS IS A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT AND AS SUCH IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF ALL STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES APPLYING ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED EQUIPMENT, AND THE ABOVE PRICES THEREFORE DO NOT INCLUDE THIS AMOUNT.

The bidder by execution of the proposal thereby declares that the bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation making any other bid, or who otherwise would make a bid, and agrees to furnish all bid items in strict accordance with all Federal Regulatory Measures.

All bids must be submitted on the city's bid sheet.

Submission of a bid will be construed as a conclusive presumption that the bidder is thoroughly familiar with the bid sheet and specifications, and that he understands and agrees to abide by each and all of the stipulations and requirements contained therein.

BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ALL AVAILABLE DATA AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE COVERING THE MATERIALS PROPOSED TO BE FURNISHED AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY.

THE UNDERSIGNED, by execution of this bid, certified that he is the President of the firm named as bidder in the bid; and that he signs the bid on behalf of the firm; and that he is authorized to execute the same in behalf of said firm.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER:

COMPANY NAME Synergy Lawnscape

ADDRESS 33360 Groesbeck

CITY Fraser STATE MI ZIP 48026

SUBMITTED BY: Vince Pulis President
(NAME) (TITLE)

SIGNATURE: V-12

TELEPHONE (586) 850-6770 FAX _____

DATE 04/21/25

THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH BID SHEET

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

BID SHEET

THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT A CAREFUL EXAMINATION HAS BEEN MADE OF THE ITEM OF THE ACCOMPANYING SPECIFICATIONS INCLUDED IN THIS BID SHEET AND THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SAME. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNDERSIGNED WILL CONTRACT TO DELIVER WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME, DATE, AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S PURCHASE ORDER, ANY ITEMS AND SERVICES AS CONTAINED IN THIS BID AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS; TO-WIT:

DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION
OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS AND DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND
MULCH THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Installed Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch at 1½" depth in city landscape beds as follows:

- 80 CubicYards - Vernier Road Medians @\$35.35/C.Y. \$ 2828.00
- 270 CubicYards - Mack Avenue Medians @\$35.35/C.Y. \$ 9544.50
(including trees)
- 30 CubicYards - D.P.W. @\$35.35/C.Y. \$ 1060.50
- 35 CubicYards - City Hall @\$35.35/C.Y. \$ 1237.25

Installed Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch at 2" to 2½" depth at Lake Front Park as follows:

- 160 Cubic Yards - Lake Front Park @\$35.35/C.Y. \$ 5656.00

100 Cubic Yards of Bulk Double Shredded Brown
Hardwood Mulch @\$ 18.50 /C.Y.

- Delivered to DPW \$ 1850.00

Installed Certified ASTM Engineered Wood Fiber Playground Mulch in city parks as follows:

- 30 CubicYards - Chene-Trombley Park @\$35.45/C.Y. \$ 1063.50
- 55 CubicYards - Ghesquiere Park @\$35.45/C.Y. \$ 1949.75
- 50 CubicYards - Lake Front Park @\$35.45/C.Y. \$ 1772.50
- 60 CubicYards - Sweeney Park @\$35.45/C.Y. \$ 2127.00

TOTAL COST \$ 29,089.00

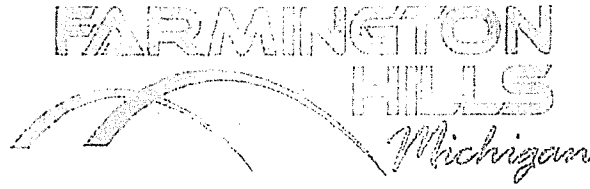
Twenty nine thousand eighty nine dollars and zero cents
TOTAL COST IN WRITING

DELIVERY DATE 04/22/25

COMPANY NAME Synergy Lawnscape

CONTACT PERSON Vince Pulis

TELEPHONE (586) 850-6720 FAX _____



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
JACOB RUSHLOW, DIRECTOR

December 30, 2024

Vince Pulis
Synergy Lawnscape LLC
33382 Groesbeck Highway
Fraser, MI 48026

Re: 2024 Mulch Replacement Program Contract Extension 1

Dear Mr. Pulis,

Enclosed please find the 2024 Mulch Replacement Program Addenda Notice. Please sign, return and email or mail to address below.

Farmington Hills DPW
ATT: Nicole Talbot
27245 Halsted
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Email to ntalbot@fhgov.com

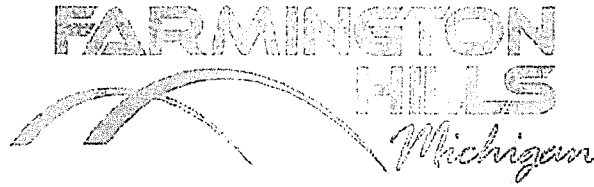
Please feel free to contact Nicole with any questions you may have regarding the contract extension at (248) 871-2854.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Schueller", is written over a horizontal line.

Derrick Schueller
DPW Superintendent

Cc: Don Droelle



DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES

December 27, 2024

CONTRACT ADDENDA NOTICE NO. 1

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. FH-23-24-2430

2024 MULCH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

NAME & ADDRESS OF VENDOR: Synergy Lawnscape LLC 33382 Groesbeck Highway Fraser, MI 48026 Contact – Vince Pulis (586) 850-6770	CONTRACT TERM: ORIGINAL: February 12, 2024 – February 11, 2025 RENEWAL/EXTENSION OPTION – February 12, 2025 – February 11, 2026, accepted with a 2% increase in prices.
TERMS: Net 30	SENIOR BUYER: Nikki Lumpkin (248) 871-2435
F.O.B.: Delivered	COOPERATIVE: N/A

NATURE OF CHANGE(S):

All terms, conditions, specifications, and pricing provisions remain unchanged.

AUTHORITY/REASON:

CMR Approval CMR 2-24-14

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE:

ORIGINAL: \$47,645

CURRENT: AS NEEDED

ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL OF CONTRACT ADDENDA

Signed: 

Printed: Vince Pulis

Date: 01/29/25

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS – DPW
2024 MULCH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

2025

MULCH LOCATION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Northwestern Highway Boulevard, Inkster to 14 Mile Road; 12 Mile Road Boulevard, Haggerty to Bunkerhill; and Orchard Lake Boulevard, 10 Mile Road to I-696, 13 Mile/Farmington Basin Perimeter, Grand River Boulevard; 8 Mile Rd to M-5, DPW Beds, West Cemetery; 12 Mile Rd Frontage.	Cubic Yards	1,300	\$37.38	\$48,598.00
TOTAL 2022 CONTRACT SUM				\$48,598.00

The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to extend the contract (beyond the first year) for up to four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, through mutual consent with the successful bidder, under the same terms and conditions.

Prices listed herein will increase 2 % each year beginning the second year of award