

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing execution of a small Public Works contract with At Work Commercial Enterprises LLC, as the lowest responsible bidder, for the Phantom Lake Forest Restoration project, in an amount not to exceed \$90,522.80, plus all applicable taxes.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with At Work Commercial Enterprises LLC to provide forest restoration services to improve the ecological health and function of two degraded acres of sensitive wetland habitat adjacent to Phantom Lake within the Lake Hills Greenbelt. This project was proposed, voted upon, and approved by residents of the Lake Hills neighborhood through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

## RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9945

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

### Purpose & Scope of Work

The Natural Resource Division manages approximately 2,000 acres of undeveloped forested open space properties within the City of Bellevue. These properties are managed for a wide variety of community benefits including recreation, wildlife habitat and ecosystem functions such as stormwater retention, air and water filtration, and carbon sequestration.

One of the largest sites that is managed by the Natural Resource Division is the 156-acre Lake Hills Greenbelt. Park amenities include an extensive trail system, lakeside views, a park ranger station, interpretive signage, a historic cabin, the Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm, P-Patch community gardens, and a farm-fresh produce stand. The Lake Hills Greenbelt also provides critical habitat for wildlife, and the surrounding neighborhood has demonstrated its desire to see this habitat improved with the approval of this project through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

The two-acre project site is located within the shoreline buffer of Phantom Lake and is currently infested with non-native exotic vegetation including Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, English holly, and English laurel. The presence of these exotic weeds reduces diversity within the plant community which severely limits habitat potential for native birds and mammals. The scope of work will include the eradication of non-native exotic vegetation and site preparation for the planting of native trees and shrubs. The plantings will take place at a later date and will involve the participation of the surrounding neighborhood through a community volunteer event. When completed, this project will result in a more diversified native plant community, with increased tree canopy cover which will significantly enhance wildlife habitat for native birds and mammals.

### **Selection Process**

This project was advertised to all vendors registered to provide forest restoration services on Bellevue's Public Purchase Roster and posted on the Builders Exchange of Washington. The process was competitive, open, fair, and transparent. At Work Commercial Enterprises LLC was selected as the lowest responsible bidder.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

Bellevue City Code Chapter 4.28 provides for the fair and equitable treatment of all persons involved in the purchasing process. Council approval is required to award the bid where the cost exceeds \$90,000.

Implementation of this project is consistent with the following Comprehensive Plan policies:

- Environment Element, EN-63: Preserve and maintain fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and wetlands in a natural state and restore similar areas that have become degraded.
- Environment Element, EN-70: Improve wildlife habitat especially in patches and linkages by enhancing vegetation composition and structure, and incorporating indigenous plant species compatible with the site.
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element, PA-31: Manage Bellevue's forest resources, including street trees, formal plantings, and self-sustained natural stands to ensure their long-term vitality.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This agreement obligates the City to an amount up to \$90,522.80, plus all applicable taxes. There are sufficient funds in the 2021-2027 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program to complete the project (CIP Plan No. NEP-2).

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of a small Public Works contract with At Work Commercial Enterprises LLC, as the lowest responsible bidder, for the Phantom Lake Forest Restoration project, in an amount not to exceed \$90,522.80, plus all applicable taxes.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Vicinity Map
- B. CIP Project Description (NEP-2)  
Proposed Resolution No. 9945

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

Copy of Contract with At Work Commercial Enterprise LLC