

RESOLUTION 22 - 06, 2022
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARBORIST AND
LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND MUCHMORE PARK IMPROVEMENTS;
AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH NATURAL
SOLUTIONS URBAN FORESTRY LLC, DISPENSING WITH THE
SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to contract for certified arborist and landscape design professional services to implement the new Neighborhood Economic Development program (“NED”), which will enhance the appearance of township neighborhoods and improve housing values through a street tree inventory, assessment, and preservation or replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees also desires to contract for such services to identify feasible improvements for the now-closed Muchmore Park after severe storm damage, ongoing hill slippage, and Walton Creek bank erosion; and,

WHEREAS, Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC provides comprehensive urban arboriculture professional services as certified by the International Society of Arboriculture and treecare safety services as certified by the Treecare Industry Association, and also provides landscape design services; and,

WHEREAS, such professional treecare safety and certified arborist services are necessary for the public safety and welfare of Township residents and businesses as we must address increasing safety and nuisance issues with the township’s inventory of more than 700 street trees which are caused by aging, damage, disease, and severe cutting by utility companies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens, hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to sign, on behalf of the Township, an agreement between Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC and Columbia Township for professional arborist and landscape design services as provided in the attached proposal.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to address increasing public safety and nuisance concerns caused by street trees, to assure the NED street tree replacement project can meet the fall 2022 planting season deadline, and to provide feasible opens to restore and reopen Muchmore Park.

Passed this 8th day of February, 2022

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Motion to accept Resolution made by: MS. HUGHES

Seconded by: MR. KUBICKI

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki, President	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>02/08/2022</u>
Brian Lamar, Vice-President	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>02/08/2022</u>
Susan Hughes, Trustee	<u>yes</u>	<u>Susan Hughes</u>	<u>02/08/2022</u>
ATTEST:		<u>Carole B. Heekin</u>	<u>02/08/2022</u>
		Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer	

Passed this 8th day of February, 2022

February 4, 2022

Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC

Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC proposes to provide to Columbia Township, upon direction from Columbia Township administration, the following consulting services to be performed by Jerry Frankenhoff.

Scope of Services:

1. Provide advice regarding the design and implementation of the Columbia Street Tree Enhancement Project
2. Assist in drafting plans and specifications for the Columbia Street Tree Enhancement Project including mapping locations for proposed tree plantings, selecting specific genus, species, and sizes of trees to be planted.
3. Assist with Community Engagement meetings, and creation of presentations related to the Columbia Street Tree Enhancement Project as directed.
4. Assist with drafting specifications for RFP's relating to tree planting, oversee contractor implementation of project as needed.
5. Provide advice on drafting a tree management plan and perform tree assessments required to implement the plan.
6. Assist in implementing a tree inventory required for tree management.
7. Assist with oversight of contractors for tree maintenance.
8. Assist with coordinating communication between utility providers and Columbia Township regarding utility / tree conflicts.
9. Assist with design and implementation of landscape plans as needed.
10. Provide training or written guidelines to Columbia Township staff regarding arboriculture best practices pertaining to the evaluation of diseased and hazardous trees, tree removals and pruning requirements
11. Assist Columbia Township with other duties that may be requested, related to tree protection and management.

Time and Availability:

Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC will devote a minimum of 50 hours and a maximum of 100 hours per month in performing the services listed above for Columbia Township. The number of hours per month between 50 and 100 shall be at the discretion of Columbia Township. Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC shall have discretion in selecting the dates and times throughout each month in regard to providing the hourly needs of Columbia Township.

Compensation:

Columbia Township shall pay to Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC \$130.00 per hour for services rendered. An invoice for services rendered will be submitted to Columbia Township monthly.

Invoices shall detail the hours worked on any specific task or activity in the Scope of Service to which the costs are related.

Independent Contractor:

Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Columbia Township. Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC shall be responsible for all taxes arising from compensation and other amounts paid for consulting services rendered.

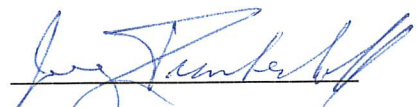
Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC agrees that all plans, manuals, and specific materials developed by the Consultant on behalf of Columbia Township in connection with services rendered are and shall remain the exclusive property of the Columbia Township.

Reimbursable Expenses:

Columbia Township shall be responsible for providing all maps, mapping & drafting materials and required presentation materials. If Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC is required to provide maps, drafting & mapping materials, and presentation materials reimbursement will be provided for these materials by Columbia Township.

Termination:

Either party may terminate this agreement in writing thirty days in advance.


Natural Solutions Urban Forestry LLC

Date: 02/15/2022


Columbia Township

Date: Feb 15 2022



The International Society of Arboriculture

Hereby Announces That

Jerry P. Frankenhoff

Has Earned the Credential

ISA Board Certified Master Arborist®

By successfully meeting ISA Board Certified Master Arborist certification requirements through demonstrated attainment of relevant competencies as supported by the ISA Credentialing Council

Caitlyn Pollihan
CEO & Executive Director

15 November 2021

31 December 2024

OH-6267BM

Issue Date

Expiration Date

Certification Number





Certified Treecare Safety Professional

This certifies that

Jerry P. Frankenhoff, CTSP

*has attained the status of
Certified Tree Care Safety Professional
from the Tree Care Industry Association*



Peter Gerstenberger

Peter Gerstenberger
Senior Advisor for Safety, Compliance & Standards

Certification Number: 03691

Renewal Date: 11/19/2022