



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0574

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ken Elwert, Director Parks and Natural Resources
Dennis Andrews, Deputy Director Parks and Natural Resources

DATE: December 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Design Engineering Services for Avon Nature Area

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize a contract/blanket purchase order for design engineering services related to improvements throughout the Avon Nature Area to Spalding DeDecker Associates, Rochester Hills, Michigan in the amount not-to-exceed \$56,500.00 and further authorizes the Procurement Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

As part of the independent Pedestrian Bridges and Structures inspections conducted in 2023, the Avon Nature Area trail, including its overlook, boardwalks, and stairs, was identified as being in poor condition and in need of repairs/replacement. Also, in accordance with the Department's current Parks & Recreation Master Plan, this project aligns with the goal of increasing access to natural resource-based recreation.

Staff recommends proceeding with design work and obtaining permitting services from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for improvements to the Avon Nature Area trail. The proposed design would replace the existing wood infrastructure with new timbers and enhance the overall accessibility of the walking trails for public use. Spalding DeDecker is one of the City's selected on-call professional engineering firms and is being recommended to complete the required services based on their capacity, experience and familiarity with the City's parks based on work done in previous parks related projects.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Spalding DeDecker Associates
950 South Blvd East
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Reason for Selection:

Qualified Based Selection

Method of Purchase:

Contract/Blanket Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. The remaining project budget balance will be carried over to FY 2026 for the construction phase of the project.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Facilities Fund	631.974000	Trail Access & Condition Improvement Plan	\$306,000	\$56,500	\$249,500

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☐ Yes ☒ N/A