



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0002

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ken Elwert, Director of Parks & Natural Resources
Matt Einheuser, Natural Resources Manager

DATE: January 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant Project Agreement for the Protection of Green Spaces through Long-Term Invasive Species Management

REQUEST:

The Parks and Natural Resources Department requests that City Council accept the terms of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Agreement (NFWF Grant ID 0501.24.082905) between the City of Rochester Hills and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for \$300,000.00 over the next three (3) years for invasive species management in the City's Green Spaces with the City providing matching funds of which the funds are already budgeted in the amount of \$375,000.00 over the next three (3) years under the City's annual Green Space stewardship budget and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

Natural Features Stewardship of our Green Spaces began in 2014 and has continued over the past 10 years where the City has continued to perform management of our Green Spaces and natural features on city-owned properties. This stewardship includes invasive species management, native vegetation plantings, habitat restoration, and natural features preservation. Up to this point, funding for this management of our natural areas is through our Green Space Fund. In 2013, Rochester Hills voters approved a ballot proposal to revise the permissible use of tax revenues derived from the Green Space Millage to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of, and to improve pedestrian accessibility to and within, Green Spaces and natural features owned, acquired or controlled by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land.

In efforts to maximize and leverage this Green Space funding, the City continues to work to acquire grants that can be used to help supplement these stewardship efforts. This specific grant award from The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is to support on-going invasive species management efforts on over 140 acres of permanently preserved natural area in the City of Rochester Hills. Outcomes of this project will include invasive species treatments of woody and herbaceous vegetation for the next three (3) years. Management as part of this project aims to reduce invasive species cover by 70% and expand on previously restored areas.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Reason for Selection:
Grant Project Agreement

Method of Purchase:
Grant Funding (Match 1:1)

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2025 Adopted and FY 2026-27 Projected Budget for annual Invasive Species Management and Stewardship Services.

However, the City does not currently have this Grant Revenue Source included in the FY 2025 Adopted or the FY 2026-27 Projected Budget.

This additional +\$300,000 in Grant Revenue funding over the next three (3) years into the Green Space Operating Fund (299) will in turn reduce the amount of funding required from the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Fund (761) to fund Green Space Stewardship services over the next three (3) years. These funds will be retained within the Green Space Perpetual Care Trust Fund (761) to be used to fund future Green Space stewardship services.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	3-Year Budget Revenue Amount	3-Year Revenue	3-Year Remaining Budget Revenue
Green Space Operating Fund	299.501005	Federal Grant	\$0	+\$300,000	+\$300,000

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