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Request for Proposals Hillside Woods & Park Restoration Project Management and Other Landscaping & Horticultural Services Addendum No. 1 April 25, 2023

This addendum provides direct responses to questions received.

- 1. Does Hastings have any seasonal scheduling restrictions or preferences for any scope?
 - a. The Village does not have any seasonal preferences for the scope of work included as part of this RFP and as identified in the <u>Urban Forest Management Plan</u>.
- 2. The eastern section of Hillside is extremely steep and rocky, which may impede effective installation of wooden posts and tensioned woven wire fencing. Is Hastings amenable to installation of pipe posts and polypropylene deer exclusion netting in any or all sections? Additionally, in any areas of proposed fencing cross rock without soil, is Hastings amenable to drilled installation of fencing posts or related hardware?
 - a. Fencing is not part of this RFP.
- 3. Can Hastings provide a map of trail segments where "trail maintenance, including narrowing, delineation, and general restoration to walking condition" are desired?
 - a. The Village has not identified any specific trails at this time. Other professionals have indicated that our trails require maintenance in general. Part of this work will also include identifying sections to permanently close. See the general trail map <u>HERE</u>.
- 4. A stand of bamboo exists near the trail entrance at Overlook Road. Is any of this stand located on private property? If so, does Hastings desire removal of the stand through herbicide application? If so, does Hastings have intent to coordinate with the property owner for incidental impact to the stand not located on Hastings property?
 - a. The bamboo stand is currently on Village property and maintained by the private home owner. At this time, there is no determination as to the future status of the bamboo.
- 5. Will Hastings permit access to any parts of the trail by electric or combustion wheeled vehicle?
 - a. Where feasible, the Village will permit access by electric or combustion wheeled vehicles.
- 6. Can Hastings provide a designated staging area at the parking areas on Lefurgy Ave adjacent to trail entrance?
 - a. Staging areas on Edgewood, Overlook, Judson, and at the Chemka Pool can be identified prior to work beginning.
- 7. Does Hastings desire any restrictions on herbicide formulations?
 - a. The Village has a preference for organic herbicide formulations. Data sheets are requested for approval prior to purchasing and application.

- 8. The EpiCollect5 "Invasive Tree Inventory" appears to show trees which are located only in proximity to trails. Does Hastings desire the scope of Invasive Tree Inventory update to include only trees in proximity to trails, or all trees within the property?
 - a. As of now, the priority for hazard trees is limited to trailways. Certain trees will be removed as part of the ongoing fencing project. No additional inventory beyond what has been currently completed is necessary.
- 9. The EpiCollect5" "Japanese Barberry Inventory" shows work to date related to treatments and removal. Does Hastings desire an update to the Japanese Barberry Inventory to inventory newly located barberry, and/or log work completed within the contract?
 - a. An update to any of the inventories is appreciated as work progresses. The Village anticipates that the successful bidder will be working closely with the community volunteers.
- 10. Do any inventories exist beyond the EpiCollect5 datasets?
 - a. There is no additional inventory on-file with the Village. The EpiCollect5 datasets represent the most current to-date efforts by the Village's community volunteers.