



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Distinctive Lawn and Landscape, LLC for the Street Trees - Fall 2022 Project. The contract amount is \$228,608.00, with a contingency of \$22,860.00, for a total of \$251,468.00 being authorized by this ordinance.

This project will be installing trees in numerous Columbus Communities to help replace tree species that have been removed throughout the City due to tree mortality. This project will also plant new trees in areas that previously did not have them in all Forestry Planning Areas. The new tree plantings will represent a diverse species of trees selected specifically for each planting location. It takes into consideration the specific site restrictions that each location has in an effort to replace some of our lost Urban Tree Canopy and reduce storm water run-off in the area while not interfering with nearby utilities or structures.

There was no quorum during the July Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting. Per the present Commissioners this ordinance was requested to be sent thru the legislation approval process in order to avoid a delay with this project. There is August recess for Commission and Council.

### **Vendor Bid/Proposal Submissions (ODI designation status):**

Bids were advertised through Vendor Services, in accordance with City Code Section 329, on June 2, 2022 and received by the Recreation and Parks Department on June 28, 2022. This project was also picked up by various local and regional plan rooms and distributed to their membership. Bids were received from the following companies:

Distinctive Lawn and Landscape, LLC (MAJ): \$228,608.00  
Greenscapes Landscape (MAJ): \$281,248.00

After reviewing the bids that were submitted, it was determined that Distinctive Lawn and Landscape was the lowest and most responsive bidder.

### **Principal Parties:**

Distinctive Lawn and Landscape, LLC  
3080 Lamb Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43219  
Stephanie Richardson, 614-471-8733  
Contract Compliance Number, Tax ID: 023659, 27-1460902  
Contract Compliance Expiration Date: July 26, 2023

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is requested as tree planting has specific periods of time when it is most beneficial to plant them and this will allow these trees to be planted before ideal planting conditions are lost to colder winter temperatures.

**Benefits to the Public:** These plantings will increase the Urban Tree Canopy which reduces storm water runoff, reduces air pollution, and reduces utility costs to nearby homes and businesses.

**Community Input/Issues:** The majority of the trees being planted during this contract have been requested by the property owners where the trees are being planted or at locations where trees had been previously removed for various

reasons.

**Area(s) Affected:** Citywide (99)

**Master Plan Relation:** This project will support the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by adding to the City of Columbus Urban Tree Canopy.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$251,468.00 is budgeted and available from within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of this contract.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Distinctive Lawn and Landscape for the Street Trees - Fall 2022 Project; to authorize the expenditure of \$251,468.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$251,468.00)

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Distinctive Lawn and Landscape for the Street Trees - Fall 2022 Project; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of \$251,468.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with Distinctive Lawn and Landscape as tree planting has specific periods of time when it is most beneficial to plant them and this will allow these trees to be planted before ideal planting conditions are lost to colder winter temperatures, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare and, **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Recreation and Parks be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Distinctive Lawn and Landscape, LLC for the Street Trees - Fall 2022 Project.

**SECTION 2.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

**SECTION 5.** For the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$251,468.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the cost thereof, be and is hereby authorized from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 in object class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachments to this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.