



Legislation Text

File #: 1969-2014, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into contract with Williams Creek Management Corporation for Low Maintenance Vacant Lot Pilot Program.

The Department of Public Utilities is responsible for stormwater management for the City and further responsible for eliminating sewer overflows. The department has an interest in increasing the amount of pervious (non-paved) property within the City. Such property reduces stormwater impacts.

The Columbus Land Bank has an inventory of property, some of which is in need of upgraded maintenance. The Department of Public Utilities and the Land Bank have selected nine (9) properties for this low maintenance vacant lot pilot project.

The Department of Public Utilities issued a Request for Proposals pursuant to the requirements of city code section 329.14 in order to solicit proposals for the Low Maintenance Vacant Lot Pilot. Two proposals were received and reviewed, and after negotiations with both proposers, pursuant to city code section 329.14, it was determined that the proposal submitted by the Williams Creek Management Corporation would best meet the needs of the Department of Public Utilities.

The contract will be for three (3) years therefore it is expected that the contract will be modified in 2015 and 2016 as per the contract.

CONTRACTOR: Williams Creek Management Corp (20-4043645); Expires 6-6-15

FISCAL IMPACT: \$150,000 is budgeted within the Stormwater Operating Fund

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a contract for the Low Maintenance Vacant Lot Pilot Program with Williams Creek Management Corporation, to authorize the expenditure of \$150,000.00 from the Stormwater Operating Fund, and to declare an emergency (\$150,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities is responsible for stormwater management for the City, and is further responsible for eliminating sewer overflows from its wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the Department has an interest in increasing the amount of pervious (non-paved) property in the City as such property reduces stormwater impacts, and is interested in learning how to maintain such property as cost-effectively as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Land Bank has a large inventory of property, some of which is in need of better maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Land Bank have selected several properties for this pilot project; and

WHEREAS, the Department had solicited requests for proposals pursuant to the requirements of city code section 329.14 and received two proposals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 329.14 (E), the Department held additional discussions with both proposers and permitted revisions to the proposals, which resulted in the submission of a combined proposal with Williams Creek Management Corp. as the lead; and

WHEREAS, upon evaluation it was determined that the revised proposal submitted by Williams Creek Management would best meet the needs of the Department of Public Utilities for the Vacant Lot Pilot program; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program is expected to last three years, and the contract with Williams Creek is therefore expected to be modified in 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the City in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with Williams Creek Management Corporation to provide timely assistance to the City, all for the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Public Utilities Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Williams Creek Management Corporation, 247 East Livingston Avenue, Suite B, Columbus OH 43215 for the Low Maintenance Vacant Lot Pilot Program in the amount of \$150,000.00.

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 expenditure of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby is authorized from the Stormwater Operating Fund, Fund No. 675 as follows:

OCA 675002
Object Level: 3336
Amount: \$150,000.00

SECTION 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, where is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, which 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.