

February 6, 2024

I-195 Redevelopment District

ADDENDUM NO. 001

**Request for Proposals
for
Organic Landscaping Consulting Services**

The I-195 Redevelopment District ("District") is soliciting proposals from organic lawn and landscape professionals ("Professional") to support the transition from traditional to organic maintenance practices for the lawns and landscaping in 195 District Park ("District Park").

There were no written questions submitted to the District or conveyed during the information session held on January 31, 2024.

A copy of the Power Point presentation presented during the non-mandatory information session held on January 31, 2024 can be found as attachment A.

*****End of Addendum*****

Attachment A

RFP-I19558: Lawn Consulting Services
Prebid Presentation
January 31, 2024



• Photo by Rafael Medina



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District Park

Agenda

- 195 District Park Overview
- Existing Conditions
- Current Lawn Care Inputs
- Organic Lawn Care Goals
- Transition to Organic Lawn Care Strategy





Park Overview

- 7-acre urban park
- Approximately 5,000 visits/day
- Nearly 1.5 million visits in 2023
- Maintenance is completed by third-party contractors

Park Overview



Park Overview: Programming

- Over 130 events in 2023, the majority of which are free and open to the public
- 2 temporary seasonal concessions:
 - Guild PVD beer garden
 - Tizzy K's ice cream
- Regular events range in size



Park Overview: Park Pavilion

- Program will include:
 - Public restrooms
 - Support space for park (small office and storage)
 - Anchor food & beverage vendor with year-round indoor seating
 - Ancillary vendor with take out service
- Project also includes infrastructure upgrades in park (WiFi, enhanced electrical service, etc.)
- Breaking ground in Summer 2024
- Construction timeline: approximately 1 year



Existing Conditions

- Urban site conditions with compacted urban fill soil types; existing cap
- Traditional land care practices relying on artificial and often toxic inputs
- Management heavy and time intensive
- Weekly mowing and extensive watering
- Potentially unsafe/toxic conditions for young children and pets
- Ecological impacts to Providence River through runoff and groundwater



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Current Lawn Care Inputs

- **Repeated annual applications of fertilizers, herbicides, and soil conditioners**
- **5 annual treatments as outlined below:**
 - Treatment 1: 30-0-6 .15% Dimension 120-day release fertilizer and Trimec 992 broadleaf weed spot treatment
 - Treatment 2: Trimec 992 broadleaf weed spot treatment
 - Treatment 3: 22-0-6 Allectus 120-day release fertilizer and Pylex Herbicide / Drive XLR8 Herbicide broadleaf and grassy weed spot treatment
 - Treatments 4 & 5: 18-0-5 fertilizer and AMP XC enriched calcitic limestone soil conditioner



Organic Lawn Care

Goals

Organic land management system that places value on ecological health, biodiversity, and reversal of long-term impacts

Commitment to a holistic lawn care program focused on conditioning and improving overall soil quality within District Park

- Support healthy soil structure and bacteria
- Transition from synthetic to organic treatments
- Reduce required inputs, mowing, and watering
- Promote root growth, nutrient uptake by grass
- Establish flora and fauna to manage pest control
- Reduce ecological impacts and inputs to runoff and groundwater



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Transition to Organic Lawn Care Strategy

- Soil testing
- 3 – 5 year transition strategy with schedule and estimated budget
- Organic landscape management training for existing staff
- An ongoing maintenance strategy for post-transition landscape
- Assistance with disseminating information to the public
- Ongoing collaboration with District staff and existing contractors/sub-contractors





Thank you!



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