

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
ORDINANCE 2025-017**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH BLUESTEM ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE NATIVE STEWARDSHIP SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Vernon Hills, County of Lake, State of Illinois (*“the Village”*) is a duly organized and existing municipality and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff has delineated \$45,000 within FY2026 budget account (0106047-520600) for Open Space Maintenance for various locations within the Village to control invasive plant material around ponds and open space areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2023-10 authorized a two-year contract extension with Bluestem Ecological Services to provide said services in FY2024 and FY2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Bluestem Ecological Services has agreed to extend the contract one additional year for FY2026 for an amount of \$44,047.71; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to waive the competitive bidding process and extend the contract with Bluestem Ecological Services to provide Open Space Native Stewardship Services throughout FY2026 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1: EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT:** The Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute all required documents to extend the current contract with Bluestem Ecological Services to provide Open Space Native Stewardship Services throughout FY2026 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE OF PAYMENT:** The Finance Director is hereby authorized to make payment to Bluestem Ecological Services for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage and approval.

**SECTION 4: ORDINANCE NUMBER:** This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2025-017.

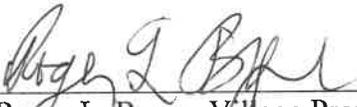
Dated the 18th of February, 2025.

Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

AYES: 6 – Schenk, Marquardt, Forster, Oppenheim, Koch, Byrne

NAYS: 0 - None

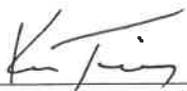
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Takaoka

  
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Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 02/18/2025

APPROVED: 02/18/2025

ATTEST: 02/18/2025

  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



Village of Vernon Hills  
CHANGE ORDER

Order No. 002  
Date: 2/27/2025  
Agreement Date: 6/06/2018

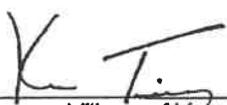
PROJECT: Invasive Species Control Services  
OWNER: Village of Vernon Hills  
CONTRACTOR: Bluestem Ecological Services

The following changes are hereby made to the AGREEMENT:

1. ADD contract extension and price agreement proposal as attached.

Change to CONTRACT PRICE: \$44,047.69

Original BASE CONTRACT PRICE:	\$ 41,232.00
Current CONTRACT PRICE adjusted by previous CHANGE ORDERS/ADDENDUMS (2019-2024)	\$ 292,687.96
Total change in CONTRACT PRICE for this CHANGE ORDER	\$ 44,047.69
The CONTRACT PRICE including this CHANGE ORDER will be (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 totals combined)	\$ 336,735.65
Original Date for Contract Completion	<u>4/30/2022</u>
Time Extension (in calendar days)	<u>365 Days</u>
Modified Date for Contract Completion	<u>4/30/2026</u>

Approved by (Owner):  2/28/2025  
Village of Vernon Hills Date

Accepted by (Contractor):  2-27-25  
Bluestem Ecological Services Date



February 5, 2025

Josh Hansen  
Engineering Landscape Technician  
Village of Vernon Hills  
490 Greenleaf Drive  
Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061

Dear Josh,

Bluestem Ecological Services is requesting a 3.9% adjustment to our annual renewal term for Naturalized Landscape Maintenance Services. We are also requesting the new proposed T&M rate of \$75.00 per hour.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing our partnership. Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Sebert", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eric Sebert  
President  
O: 815.568.2927  
W: [www.bluestemeco.com](http://www.bluestemeco.com)

19812 W. Coral Road, Marengo, Illinois 60152

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THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

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President and Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois, this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF LAKE     )

I, KEVIN TIMONY, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2025-017 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH BLUESTEM ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE NATIVE STEWARDSHIP SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2025 TO MARCH 4, 2025.

  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

  
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Notary Public

