

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
ORDINANCE 2026-006**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BLUESTEM ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE NATIVE STEWARDSHIP SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,550**

**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**, the Village received two proposals from pre-selected contractors on November 25, 2025 for Native Stewardship Services; and

Bluestem Ecological Services	\$110,550
V3 Construction Group	\$135,780

**WHEREAS**, Bluestem Ecological Services was the lowest bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract will be a three-year contract with the option to renew for an additional two years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to waive the competitive bidding process and execute a contract with Bluestem Ecological Services to provide Open Space Native Stewardship Services in FY2027 for an amount not to exceed \$110,550.

**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 FY2027 for an amount not to exceed \$110,550.

**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 \$110,550.

**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 2026-006.

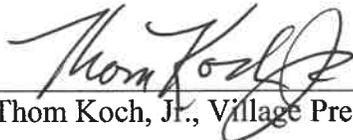
Dated the 3rd of February, 2025.

Adopted by roll call votes as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 -None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Lundeen

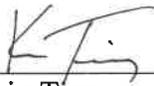
  
Thom Koch, Jr., Village President

PASSED: 02/03/2026

APPROVED: 02/03/2026

ATTEST: 02/03/2026

ATTEST:

  
Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



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NATIVE STEWARDSHIP SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,550

THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

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President and Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois, this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026



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STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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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. 2026-006 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BLUESTEM ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE NATIVE STEWARDSHIP SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,550 TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 13, 2026.

  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

  
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Notary Public

