

**City of Fayetteville  
Staff Review Form  
City Council Agenda Items  
or  
Contracts**

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Amend §34.23 (Purchases and Contracts  
not in Excess of \$20,000.00)  
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March 20, 2012

City Council Meeting Date

Chris Brown

Submitted By

Engineering

Division

Development Services

Department

**Action Required:**

An ordinance to waive requirements for bidding for services costing less than \$20,000 and to approve a contract for \$10,000 with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership to assist in the improvement of water quality in the Illinois River Watershed.

\$ 10,000.00

Cost of this request

\$ 600,287.68

Category / Project Budget

Storm Water Quality Mgmt./Nutrient Reduction

Program Category / Project Name

4470.9470.5314.00

Account Number

\$ 420,318.27

Professional Services

Program / Project Category Name

02097

Project Number

\$ 179,969.41

Remaining Balance

Sales Tax Capital Improvement

Fund Name

Budgeted Item

Budget Adjustment Attached

*Wm C. Pate*  
Department Director

03-02-2012  
Date

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

*Chris Kelly*  
City Attorney

3-2-12  
Date

Original Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Paul a. Becher*  
Finance and Internal Service Director

3-5-2012  
Date

Original Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Don Man*  
Chief of Staff

3-6-12  
Date

Received in City Clerk's Office 01:51 RCVD  
*WSP*

*Leonell J. Jordan*  
Mayor

3/6/12  
Date

Received in Mayor's Office  
ENTERED  
*3/5/12*  
*PH*

Comments:

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO**

Council Meeting of March 20, 2012

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Don Marr, Chief of Staff  
Jeremy Pate, Development Services Director *JP*

**From:** Chris Brown, City Engineer *CB*

**Date:** March 1, 2012

**Subject:** An ordinance to waive requirements for bidding for services costing less than \$20,000 and to approve a contract for \$10,000 with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership to assist in the improvement of water quality in the Illinois River Watershed.

**PROPOSAL**

The Illinois River Watershed Partnership was formed in 2005 as a non-profit organization, with a board that is representative of the various stakeholders in the watershed including government, business, agriculture, conservation, construction/development, and academia. The mission of the IRWP is to improve the integrity of the Illinois River through public education and community outreach, water quality monitoring, and the implementation of conservation and restoration practices throughout the Illinois River watershed.

A large portion of the City of Fayetteville contributes stormwater flows into the Illinois River Watershed including Clear Creek, Hamestring Creek, and Owl Creek. The new wastewater treatment plant discharges treated effluent into Goose Creek which also flows into the Illinois River. The City of Fayetteville continues to receive great benefit from the watershed education campaigns and the watershed management planning processes that have been implemented by the IRWP.

This will be the sixth year the City has contracted with the IRWP for these services. The last contract was also for \$10,000 for watershed education and planning services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance to waive the procurement requirements for services costing less than \$20,000 and to approve a contract for \$10,000 with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership to assist in the improvement of water quality in the Illinois River Watershed.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

The City of Fayetteville currently has adequate funds remaining in the Storm Water Quality Management/Nutrient Reduction Project for this contract.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR BIDS BY APPLYING §34.23(F), (PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS NOT IN EXCESS OF \$20,000.00), OF THE FAYETTEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE ILLINOIS RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FOR WATERSHED EDUCATION AND PLANNING SERVICES.

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois River Watershed Partnership possesses unique expertise and resources ideally suited to meet the City of Fayetteville's need for Watershed Education and Planning Services as part of the Stormwater Management Program, Phase II; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois River Watershed Partnership can perform this work at a significant savings to the citizens of Fayetteville.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby waives the requirements for bids by applying §34.23(F), (Purchases and Contracts Not in Excess of \$20,000.00), of the Fayetteville Code of Ordinances and approves a Contract with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership in the amount of \$10,000.00 for watershed education and planning services, and authorizes Mayor Jordan to execute this Contract. A copy of the Contract, marked Exhibit A, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**LIONELD JORDAN**, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SONDRA E. SMITH**, City Clerk/Treasurer

## CONTRACT

The Illinois River Watershed Partnership, Inc. and the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas agree to enter into the following contract on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

WHEREAS, The Illinois River Watershed Partnership, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to improve the health of the Illinois River Watershed through the implementation of best management practices, water quality monitoring, public education, community outreach and ecosystem restoration; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fayetteville has responsibilities to educate its citizens about these water quality and restoration issues through mandates of the Clean Water Act and has budgeted funds for such education activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Illinois River Watershed Partnership and the City of Fayetteville agree as follows:

1. The City of Fayetteville agrees to purchase educational, ecosystem monitoring and restoration, and community outreach services for its citizens from the Illinois River Watershed Partnership, Inc. for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

2. The Illinois River Watershed Partnership agrees to furnish a year long, extensive community outreach and educational services program to Fayetteville's citizens during the period of December 1, 2011 through December 1, 2012, and further to provide implementation of and education about best management practices for stormwater management and ecosystem restoration in the Illinois River watershed.

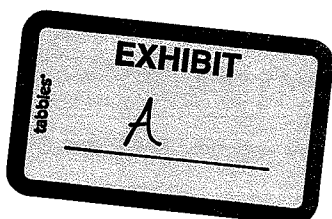
3. The Illinois River Watershed Partnership agrees to provide an annual written report about its programs and activities to the Fayetteville City Council on November 29, 2011.

ILLINOIS RIVER  
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP, INC.

By: Delia Haak  
Dr. Delia Haak  
Executive Director  
Illinois River Watershed Partnership, Inc.

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE,  
ARKANSAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Lioneld Jordan



# Illinois River Watershed Partnership 2012 Action Plan

Our Mission: To improve the Illinois River through public education and community outreach, water quality monitoring, and implementation of conservation and restoration projects throughout the Illinois River Watershed.

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## USGS Biological Assessment

- 18 sites in IIRW
- Algae, Fish, Macro- invertebrates
- Prioritize sub-watersheds for implementation projects and load reductions

## USGS Annual Partial Funding

- Gauge 1: 07195430 Illinois River S. Siloam
- Gauge 2: 07195855 Flint Creek W. Siloam
- Gauge 3: 07196900 Baron Fork at Dutch Mills

## Watershed Based Plan

- Revise and Finalize IIRW Watershed Based Plan for ANRC and EPA

## Volunteer Stream Teams

- IIRWP training for stream teams and individuals adopt streams, river reaches

## World Water Monitoring Day

- Lincoln Lake Day
- Local community festivals
- Provide canoes, kayaks, rafts
- WWMD monitoring
- Post results on website

## Volunteer Lake Monitoring

- Lake Keith, Lake Fayetteville  
Lake Elmdale, Springdale  
Lincoln and Bud Kidd Lakes  
Lake Tenkiller

## Illinois River Education Tours and Cleanups

- "4 Seasons of the River" float and cleanup trips for sponsors/ members

## Tributary Creek Cleanups

- Osage Creek, Rogers
- Spring Creek, Springdale
- Mud-Scull Creek, Fayetteville
- Sager Creek, Siloam Springs
- Townbranch, Tahlequah

## Riparian Project

- Streambank Riparians:  
3,500 seedlings planted along streams in Fayetteville, Prairie Grove, Gentry, Rogers, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Tahlequah
- Flint Creek Tree Farm:  
1,000 seedlings in small containers planted with City Partners' Parks Depts
- Training city landscape and mowing crews
- Tag seedlings with ID's
- Riparian Project Signage

## Jet Stinger Demonstrations

- Willow cutting demonstrations and landowner plantings to improve riparian buffers and rain gardens

## Native Plant Grow Stations

- Native plant grow stations to grow rain garden plants from seedlings and plugs
- Clean Water Rainger elementary schools, middle, junior, high schools
- Transfer grow station plants to High school environmental science, landscaping and agri greenhouse programs

## Rain Garden Project

- Rain Garden Resource Specialist (½ time position)
- Install 15 rain gardens in 2012 in the Illinois River Watershed
- Install 15 rain gardens in 2012 in the Beaver Lake Watershed
- Recruit, educate, train public & quasi-public partners
- Girl Scout partners in 2012
- Rain Garden signage

## CREP-EQIP Education & Demo Workshops

- IIRWP Conservation Program Coordinator
- Partner with USDA FSA, NRCS, ANRC, WFF and Poultry industry for education and outreach to landowners
- Demonstration farms

## Septic Pumping Program

- Workshops in communities with AR and OK Health Dept  
County co-sponsors
- \$50 rebate coupon to landowners for septic pumping with certified pumpers after attending workshop

## FUTURE PROJECTS

- Watershed Education Sanctuary
- Mitigation Bank for stream bank restoration
- "Paddler's Path and Blue Trail"
- Volunteer Low and No Phosphorous Lawn Fertilizer Campaign

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## Clean Water Raingers Program

- School and public event CWR Concerts
- Watershed songs, CDs, illustrated books
- IRW in AR & OK

## Rain Garden Academy

- Rain Garden Academy Spring-professional development hours
- Crystal Bridges national Stormwater BMP Conference - Fall
- Tours of rain gardens for garden clubs, master gardeners
- Kid's Rain Garden Academies with Girl Scout and EAST student facilitators
- Install 10 rain gardens per year
- Flood Safety Campaign "Stop! Turn Around"
- Stormwater education "Only Rain Down the Drain"

## Native Plants Project

- "Grow Stations" for native plants and grasses from seedlings for rain garden and riparian projects
- Meets new science and engineering education core
- Partner elem & middle schools with high school landscaping and agriculture programs

## 4-State Watershed Academy

- Co-host with regional watershed groups in Joplin, MO
- AR, KS, MO, OK

## Watershed Camp

- Summer day camp
- 8 -12 yrs old
- Teachers for professional development credit

## Watershed Festival

- Annual Watershed Festival and Secchi Monitoring
- Rotation on lakes in the IR Watershed: Fayetteville, Lincoln, Wedington, Springdale, Elmdale, Siloam City Lake, Cave Springs, Tenkiller

## Illinois River Rally

- "Paddler's Club" annual River Rally
- 4-H Clubs in 7 counties in AR and OK
- Boy scouts
- Girl scouts
- Conduct canoe and kayak lessons, bug-kicking, fish seining, water quality monitoring, geo caching

## CREP-EQIP Workshops

- IRWP Conservation Program Coordinator
- Partner with USDA FSA, NRCS, ANRC, UA & OSU education and outreach to landowners
- Demonstration Jet Stinger willow plantings
- Demonstration farms

## Water Wise Lawn Care

- Farmer's Market demonstrations with Low/No-Phosphorous lawn fertilizers service

## Video, Photography, Coloring Contests

- Elementary, Middle, Junior and Senior High
- Partner with Clean Water Rainger schools
- Partner with EAST programs and state education conference

## Community Events

- Farmer's Markets, county fairs, teacher fairs and conferences, regional and statewide business and environmental conferences

## Media Outreach Campaign

- TV, radio, newspaper
- Promote Rain Garden Academies for kids and adults, Riparian Tree plantings, Stream Teams for volunteer water quality monitoring & cleanups
- Tourism maps of watershed rain gardens
- Spanish and Marshallese language "Stop! Turn Around" flood waters campaign

## Internships

- University of Arkansas
- Oklahoma State
- Northeastern State
- John Brown University
- NWACC
- Science, education, environmental, engineering, business, agriculture students