

Special Session

Agenda Item #	5
Meeting Date	June 15, 2009
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Amendment of a Contract with Environmental Consultants and Contractors to Provide for Additional Testing at Sligo Mill Poplar Mill Natural Area
Background	<p>The City is developing a Management Plan for the Sligo Mill and Poplar Mill natural area. The 5.7 acre parcel was acquired by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in conjunction with the City of Takoma Park, through the use of Program Open Space funds in January 2002. The area is located west of New Hampshire Avenue between Orchard Avenue and Poplar Avenue.</p> <p>On March 16, 2009, the Council authorized a contract award to Environmental Consultants and Contractors (ECC) to perform a Phase 1 and Partial Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. The Phase 1 process included a background record search using historical aerial photography, fire insurance maps, geologic and soil maps, historical society records and land ownership records. The contractor has identified records of historical contamination from adjacent properties and recommends some additional testing as part of Phase 2. The recorded historical contamination includes a petroleum spill from the auto repair facility and chlorinated solvents from the dry cleaner; both businesses are located near the southeastern portion of the property.</p> <p>ECC recommends the addition of four, 50-foot deep soil borings which would allow for the collection of ground water and soil testing at regular intervals. Both would be analyzed for the presence of the contaminants from the confirmed releases. These borings would be in addition to the 20 planned test pits through the areas of known fill. The cost for the additional soil borings would be \$9,995.60.</p> <p>The City Engineer recommends that the original scope of work be expanded to include the additional testing in order to provide the most accurate information to guide decisions for the management plan. The original contract amount was \$15,800. The additional work is more than 25% of the original contract, so the Public Works Department is requesting approval from the Council to increase the contract award to \$25,795.60. The additional cost can be accommodated without any adjustment to the adopted budget.</p>
Policy	<p><u>City Code Section 7.04.060</u></p> <p>“The City Council shall, by ordinance duly enacted, approve all expenditures of \$5,000.00 or more for professional services and all expenditures of \$10,000.00 or more for any other single purchase of goods or services other than professional services, provided, however, that ordinances approving such expenditures may be enacted upon a single reading...if such expenditure is specifically authorized in the budget...”</p>

Fiscal Impact	Additional expenditure of \$9,995.60.
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single Reading Ordinance amending the contract with Environmental Consultants and Contractors• Map of Proposed Test Pit Locations
Recommendation	Recommend award of the contract.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Adopted:
Single Reading

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2009-**

Authorizing Contract for Additional Soil Testing at Sligo Mill Poplar Mill Natural Area

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2009, the City Council awarded a contract to Environmental Consultants and Contractors to perform a Phase 1 and Partial Phase 2 Environmental Assessment of Sligo Mill Poplar Mill Natural Area; and,

WHEREAS, the contractor has completed Phase 1 of the project and recommends that additional soil testing be performed in Phase 2 as a result of known contamination in properties adjacent to the natural area; and,

WHEREAS, the contractor has provided a cost estimate of \$9,995.60 to perform the additional testing; and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Stormwater Management Fund to complete this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to amend the original contract to include the additional soil testing related to the Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of June, 2009.

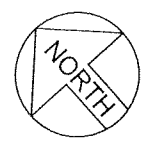
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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

FIGURE 1



Legend

- Subject Property Boundary
- Parcel Boundary
- Elevation Contour
- Curb / Roadway
- Surface Water Feature
- Existing Building
- Woods
- Proposed test pit location

CONTOUR INTERVAL = 5 FEET

TITLE: PROPOSED TEST PIT LOCATIONS		DATE: 5/14/09		SCALE: 1 INCH = 150 FEET 		 Environmental Consultants and Contractors, Inc.	
PROJECT: SLIGO MILL / POPLAR MILL NATURAL PARK 6500 - 6620 SLIGO MILL ROAD CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND 20912		DRAWN BY: JLG		PROJECT NUMBER: 09-9746			REGULATORY CASE NUMBER: N / A
		APPROVED BY: TMH					