

Request for Legislation

An ordinance to allow the Department of Public Utilities to enter into one or more requirement contracts for testing, maintaining, installing, repairing, and replacing landscaping at all Department of Public Utilities' facilities and in rights of way, for a two-year term.

Executive Summary

Landscaping

Background / Purpose:

The Department of Public Utilities has several facilities, including office buildings, water filtration plants, pump stations, sewer lift stations, electrical service centers and sub-stations, yards, and towers that require landscaping services. Testing, maintaining, refurbishing and repairing landscaping are needed to preserve a positive aesthetic appearance at the properties. Additionally, the same services may be needed to repair landscaping in rights of way where underground facilities have been repaired.

The Department of Public Utilities is requesting legislation to authorize the purchase of services for a two-year period. This ordinance will allow for the execution of new requirement contracts for these services.

Scope of Work / Commodities / Services:

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, turf areas, trees, shrubs, ground cover, tree trimming, rain gardens, bioswales and lawns at facilities and in rights of way. It will provide general maintenance and trash/litter management.

Generally such work includes:

- Seasonal, special and general cleanup, including hillside/brush removal and maintenance.
- Irrigation monitoring and watering.
- Soils testing and preparation; ph & nutrient adjustment; weed, disease, & insect control; pathology testing.
- Mulching/cultivating, aerating, thatching, pruning, tree trimming, lawn/field mowing, edging/trimming, planting of new plants, shrubs and trees.
- Install, replace, and restore tree lawns damaged due to utility work performed by the Department of Public Utilities.
- Maintaining, repairing and installing rain gardens and bioswales which improve water quality by reducing surface runoff of pollutants and contaminants.

Justification / Urgency:

The aesthetic appearance of the Department of Public Utilities' facilities is critical to the image of the systems that provide electricity, remove sewage and produce drinking water for the health and welfare of the City and neighboring communities. When landscaping components are not maintained, replaced or refurbished, the Department of Public Utilities public image becomes tarnished.

Anticipated Costs and funding source:

This requirement contract is estimated to cost \$2,000,000.00 over its life. Operating or Capital Funds will be used. Fund 52, SF 001, Fund 54, SF 001, Fund 58, SF 001, any and all funds deemed necessary by the Director of Finance.

First year: \$1,000,000.00

Second Year: \$1,000,000.00

Schedule or Term of Contract:

Legislation is to lead to a requirement contract or contracts for the term of two years.

Current Contract(s):

Vendor Company Name	Vendor Address	Services / Work performed (current contract)	Contract Info
EZK Landscaping LLC.	15261 High Point Strongsville, Ohio 44136 Elias M. Lignos	Landscape Maintenance at Baldwin, Fairmount, Garrett Norgan, Crown, Nottingham Parma Controls, Water Pollution Control & Radio Communications	Contract #: MA 2024-71 Contract Amt: \$625,821.92 Contract Exp Date: 05/30/2026
Farrens Landscaping (MBE/CSB/LPE/VSBE)	3817 Montevista Cleveland Hts., 44121 Willie D. White	Landscape Maintenance at: Harvard Service Centers	Contract #: MA 2024-10 Contract Amt: \$28,820.00 Contract Exp Date: 02/13/2026
Zscape LLC (MBE/CSB/FBE)	14900 York Rd. Suite C North Royalton, OH 44133 Julie Zarembo	Landscape Installation at: Crown, Parma Controls, Baldwin, Garrett Morgan, Nottingham, Water Pollution Control, Radio Communication, Harvard, Secondary Stations	Contract #: MA 2024-056 Contract Amt: \$712,230.00 Contract Exp Date: 04/12/2026
EZK Landscaping LLC.	15261 High Point Strongsville, Ohio 44136 Elias M. Lignos	Landscape Installation at Mindszenty Plaza/Public Utilities and 1825 Lakeside	Contract #: MA 2024-053 Contract Amt: \$40,475.00 Contract Exp Date: 04/23/2026

CSB Participation on the Current Contracts:

Goals: 20%; Commitments made by Vendor: See Below

Farrens Landscaping RC#2024-10
ESK Landscaping LLC RC#2024-53
ESK Landscaping LLC RC#2024-71
Zscape LLC RC# 2024-056

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EZK Landscaping LLC.	15261 High Point Strongsville, Ohio 44136 Elias M. Lignos	Landscape Maintenance at Baldwin, Fairmount, Kirtland, Nottingham & Radio Communications	Contract #: RC 2021-106 Contract Amt: \$355,010.00 Contract Exp Date: 11/04/2023
Caver Platform LLC (MBE/CSB/LPE)	16400 Miles Avenue Cleveland, OH 44128 Marcel Caver	Landscape Maintenance at: Harvard Service Centers and Garrett Morgan WTP	Contract #: RC 2021-077 Contract Amt: \$183,427.00 Contract Exp Date: 09/07/2023
Robin's Nest Property Management (MBE/CSB/LPE)	16012 St, Clair Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44110 Jamal Warith	Landscape Materials at: Crown and Parma Controls Facility and Pump Stations	Contract #: RC 2021-075 Contract Amt: \$81,682.00 Contract Exp Date: 09/07/2023
Zscape LLC (MBE/CSB/FBE)	14900 York Rd. Suite C North Royalton, OH 44133 Julie Zarembo	Landscape Materials at: Crown, and Parma Controls Facility and Pump Stations	Contract #: RC 2021-70 Contract Amt: \$247,189.94 Contract Exp Date: 8/05/2023
Zscape LLC (MBE/CSB/FBE)	14900 York Rd. Suite C North Royalton, OH 44133 Julie Zarembo	Landscape Installation at: All Division of Public Utility locations	Contract #: RC 2021-076 Contract Amt: \$495,448.00 Contract Exp Date: 8/12/2023