



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Turf Care

I. Introduction

The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is seeking proposals for turf care service for the 2025 season.

II. Project Description/Locations

Multiple park locations in Homewood and Flossmoor Illinois:

Apollo Park, Morgan Street & Bowling Green Road, Homewood

Homewood Estates Park, 2920 W. 183rd Street, Homewood

Millennium Park, 18600 Harwood Avenue, Homewood

Patriots Park, 187th Street and Center Avenue, Homewood

Richard D. Irwin Park, 18120 S. Highland Avenue, Homewood

Woodborough Park, 18402 Aberdeen Street, Homewood

Flossmoor Park, 2523 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor

III. Scope of Work

Equipment – General

Application equipment shall be calibrated to deliver the desired rate of product and sized appropriate to turf area being treated. Tractors utilizing 3-point hitch granular spreaders and low volume booms, or ride-on / stand-on type applicators shall be used for larger, open turf areas. Smaller turf areas shall be treated with hand spray liquid applications or push spreaders with working deflectors to ensure a consistent, uniform application and to help keep product out of non-target areas.

Contractor – General

All applicators will maintain a neat and professional image and will wear a company logoed uniform that meets the personal protective equipment requirements set forth on the product labels. All application vehicles will have the company name clearly displayed.

All applicators will be properly licensed by the state. Copies of pesticide licenses for all applicators must be submitted prior to the start of the season.

Product Information

Prior to each application, contractor will supply labels of all fertilizers and control products to be applied. Tank mix fill charges for all liquid applications will also be supplied to verify that the control product concentrations set forth in these specifications have been met.

Product substitutions must be clearly identified and submitted with the proposal to be considered, however, the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District reserves the right to reject any proposal that specifies products other than those identified in the written specifications.

Site Inspections

A qualified company representative shall inspect the properties at the time of each application. The site inspection should identify any existing or potential issues such as evidence of insects or disease, or damage from cultural practices or environmental extremes. A site inspection summary that includes recommendations on how to address identified issues shall be submitted to the appropriate Homewood-Flossmoor Park District representative.

Site Clean-Up

Any granular fertilizer that lands on the sidewalks, curb lines, driveways or any other impervious surface during application must be cleaned up by the contractor prior to leaving the site.

Product Selection, Application Rates and Application Dates

1. Spring

Granular Fertilizer: 25-0-5 .19 Dimension, applied at 3.0 lbs of product/1000 sq. ft. This rate will deliver 0.75 lb N/1000 sq. ft. and 0.25 lb dithiopyr per acre.

Liquid fertilizer if used (smaller turf areas only): 17-0-5. Product to be mixed to deliver 0.75 lb N/1000 applied at a rate of 2 GPM.

Timing of spring application will be dependent on weather conditions but will not be completed until there is active broadleaf weed growth. Contractor must receive approval by authorized Homewood-Flossmoor Park District representative prior to starting work.

2. Fall

Granular Fertilizer: 25-0-5 all mineral fertilizer applied at a rate of 3.0 lbs of product per 1000 sq. ft. This rate will deliver .75 lbs of N/1000 sq. ft.

Liquid fertilizer if used (smaller turf areas only): 17-0-5. Product to be mixed to deliver 0.75 lb N/1000 applied at a rate of 2 GPM.

Mid-October is the targeted application period but actual application date will be dependent on weather conditions. Contractor must receive approval by authorized Homewood-Park District representative prior to starting work.

IV. General Conditions and Requirements

This request for proposal (RFP) is only an invitation to submit a proposal and does not commit the park district in any way to enter into a contract for turf care service. In addition, the RFP does not obligate the Park District to pay any costs incurred by any respondent in conjunction with the preparation of a response to this request.

The following provisions, without limitation, apply:

- A) Contractor will submit invoices for payment, which will be paid according to the Park District's established payment procedure.
- B) Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws, regulations and ordinances which in any manner affect the conduct of the work, including, but not limited to the following: (a) the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/1 et seq.); (b) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5-101 et seq.) and will have in place a no-harassment policy pursuant to said Act; (c) the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Ethics Ordinance #466; (d) the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Act. Any complaint, claim or action brought against the

Contractor for failing to observe or comply with any law, ordinance, or regulation shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and shall in no way extend to or expose the Owner liability and the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from any and all such complaints, claims, or actions. All equipment and services shall conform and comply with the requirements of the building ordinances and rules and regulations of all departments and bureaus of the county, city and state having lawful jurisdiction.

- C) Contractor's attention is directed to the Illinois Pesticide Act (415 ILCS 60, *et.seq.*) and the Lawn Care Products Application Act (415 ILCS 65/1 *et.seq.*) and, especially their requirements for licensing, notice, application restrictions, and disposal. The Contractor must comply with these acts in their entirety.
- D) Application flags must be placed every 30' at each location at the time of each application.

Documents submitted in response to the RFP become the exclusive property of the Park District and are accordingly considered public records under the Freedom of Information Act. The Act specifically exempts disclosure of proposals until a final award is made.

The Park District expressly reserves the right at any time and from time to time, for its own convenience, and without notice to do any or all of the following:

- Waive or correct any defect or technical error in any response, proposal, or proposal procedure, as part of the RFP or any subsequent negotiation process.
- Reject any and all proposals, with or without cause, and without obligation to indicate any reason for such rejection.
- Modify the selection procedure, the scope of the proposed license, minimum requirements, or the required responses.
- Negotiate with any, all, or none of the respondents to the RFP.
- The terms of this RFP shall be incorporated into any contract that is awarded. The Company should provide its proposed contract for consideration by the Park District.

V. Qualifications

The selected firm will demonstrate a proven record in providing comparable services.

- A) Provide five (5) acceptable references. List your experiences dealing with similar service.
- B) Insurance Requirements for Contractors – Attention is directed to the insurance requirements below. It is highly recommended that companies confer with their respective insurance carriers or brokers to determine in advance of proposal submission, the availability of insurance certificates and endorsements as prescribed and provided herein. If an apparent low bidder fails to comply strictly with the insurance requirements, that bidder may be disqualified from award of the contract.

Contractor shall obtain insurance of the types and in the amounts listed below.

1. Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance. Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this project/location. CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) occurrence form CG 00 01 10 93, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage, and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract). Owner shall be included as an insured under the CGL, using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 10 or a substitute providing equivalent coverage, and under the commercial umbrella, if any. This insurance shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance afforded to Owner. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Owner shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL limiting the scope of coverage for liability arising from pollution, explosion, collapse, or underground

property damage.

2. Continuing Completed Operations Liability Insurance. Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability (CGL) and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence for at least three years following substantial completion of the work. Continuing CGL insurance shall be written on ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 10 93, or substitute form providing equivalent coverage, and shall, at minimum, cover liability arising from products-completed operations and liability assumed under an insured contract. Continuing CGL insurance shall have a products-completed operations aggregate of at least two times its each occurrence limit. Continuing commercial umbrella coverage, if any, shall include liability coverage for damage to the insured's completed work equivalent to that provided under ISO form CG 00 01.
3. Business Auto and Umbrella Liability Insurance. Contractor shall maintain business auto liability and, if necessary, commercial umbrella liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto including owned, hired and non-owned autos. Business auto insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01, CA 00 05, CA 00 12, CA 00 20, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in the 1990 and later editions of CA 00 01.

4. Workers Compensation Insurance. Contractor shall maintain workers' compensation as required by statute and employers' liability insurance. The commercial umbrella and/or employers' liability limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident or \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease. If Owner has not been included as an insured under the CGL using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 10 under the Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance required in this Contract, the Contractor waives all rights against Owner and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents for recovery of damages arising out of or incident to the Contractor's work.
5. General Insurance Provisions:
 - i. Prior to beginning work, Contractor shall furnish Owner with a certificate(s) of insurance and applicable policy endorsement(s), executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth above. All certificates shall provide for 30 days' written notice to Owner prior to the cancellation or material change of any insurance referred to therein. Written notice to Owner shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. Failure of Owner to demand such certificate, endorsement or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Owner to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance. Owner shall have the right, but not the obligation, of prohibiting Contractor or any subcontractor from entering the project site until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by Owner. Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this Contract at Owner's option. With respect to insurance maintained after final payment in compliance with a requirement above, an additional certificate(s) evidencing such coverage shall be promptly provided to Owner whenever requested. Contractor shall provide certified copies of all insurance policies required above within 10 days of Owners written request for said copies.

- ii. Acceptability of Insurers. For insurance companies which obtain a rating from A.M. Best, that rating should be no less than A VII using the most recent edition of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If the Best's rating is less than A VII or a Best's rating is not obtained, the Owner has the right to reject insurance written by an insurer it deems unacceptable.
- iii. Cross-Liability Coverage. If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insured's' provision, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.
- iv. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to the Owner. At the option of the Owner, the Contractor may be asked to eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the Owner, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents or required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and other related costs including but not limited to investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
- v. Subcontractors. Contractor shall cause each subcontractor employed by Contractor to purchase and maintain insurance of the type specified above. When requested by the Owner, Contractor shall furnish copies of certificates of insurance evidencing coverage for each subcontractor.

6. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner and their officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including but not limited to legal fees (attorney's and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Contractor's work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (i) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property, other than the work itself, including the loss of use resulting there from and (ii) is caused in whole or in part by any wrongful or negligent act or omission of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, except to the extent caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this Paragraph. Contractor shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the Owner, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by reason of Contractor's breach of any of its obligations under, or Contractor's default of, any provision of the Contract.

V. Response to the Request

Questions concerning this request must be directed to Patrick McAneney, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, at 708-957-0280.

Interested companies must respond to this request no later than Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 12 noon. Proposals should be directed to:

Patrick McAneney, Superintendent of Parks & Planning

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District

3301 Flossmoor Road

Flossmoor, IL 60422

708-957-0280 phone

708-647-0425 fax

pmcaneney@hfparks.com

Company Information

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Request for Proposal Sheet
Homewood-Flossmoor Park District 2025 Turf Care**

Company Name: _____

Total cost for Spring and Fall Turf Care applications as outlined at each individual park listed below:

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Flossmoor Park , 2523 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor	\$ _____
Total Annual Cost:	\$ _____

*The Homewood-Flossmoor Park District is tax exempt,
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