

## **Pre-Proposal Meeting—11/18/2025**

### **WP0843011 Veterans Park Lagoon Feasibility Study**

#### **Q&A**

**Q: Is there any water quality data available for the lagoon?**

**A:** Yes, it will be provided on the RFP website.

**Q: Does the lagoon receive any flow from the combined sewer system, or just stormwater?**

**A:** The lagoon receives only stormwater; there is no connection to the combined sewer system.

**Q: Will you distribute a list of pre-proposal meeting attendees?**

**A:** Yes, the list will be posted on the County's RFP website.

**Q: If remediation becomes a large portion of the project, will potential project costs prevent the project from moving forward?**

**A:** Not necessarily. Contaminated soil will need to be properly managed, but this will not automatically halt the project. Project costs will, however, be considered when evaluating proposed alternatives.

**Q: What do the structure points represent in the figure in Attachment 2.1? Are they accurate? There seems to be conflicting information.**

**A:** The structure points represent all structures, including inlets, catch basins, outfalls, etc., and is meant to illustrate where stormwater enters the lagoon. The source of the data is the Milwaukee County Land Information Office storm sewer data, and it is not available to the public. Consultants will receive the County's storm sewer data, but field verification is recommended as inaccuracies may exist.

**Q: Has there been a study of the drainage area for the pond to quantify nutrient and sediment loading?**

**A:** No.

**Q: Is there a deadline for when questions are due?**

**A:** No questions will be answered within 48 hours of the RFP deadline.

**Q: Are the one-page resumes included in the 25-page limit?**

**A:** Yes.

**Q: On page 10, it states proposals should be submitted via email, but page 11 says submissions by phone, fax, or email will be rejected. Which is correct?**

**A:** Proposals should be emailed in PDF format.

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**Q: In the resume section, you request a description of related experience, including time contribution. What is meant by “time contribution”?**

**A:** This refers to the level of involvement or role in the project, not actual hours worked.

**Q: Could project abstracts and resumes be excluded from the 25-page limit?**

**A:** No, but required forms, such as TBE forms, level of effort spreadsheets, and proposal forms, are not counted toward the page limit. Also, the RFP states that resumes should be one page. This is a maximum—they may be shorter.

**Q: What is expected for the pond hydrology task?**

**A:** We seek recommendations to address the lagoon’s water quality issues. The lagoon has little to no connection to the lake, does not naturally turn over, and receives stormwater. We have no preconceived approach and want the consultant to determine the necessary investigation or actions.

**Q: Do you have information on existing recreational use or desired recreational activities?**

**A:** Water contact is currently restricted. Desired uses include kayaking, boating, and fishing with greater interaction with the water and surrounding ecology.

**Q: What information exists on current fish populations or fish tissue sampling?**

**A:** Available data from WDNR will be posted to the County’s RFP website. Also, fish stocking has occurred in recent years, typically on an annual basis.

**Q: How will follow-up information be disseminated to participants?**

**A:** Updates will be posted on the RFP website, and meeting attendees will be notified when new information is available.

**Q: Will the consultant lead stakeholder and public meetings?**

**A:** Yes, consultants will primarily lead all meetings, including public meetings. Milwaukee County Parks’ public engagement team will serve as a resource and may collaborate in the planning of public meetings, but the consultant will provide the foundation for clear messaging.

**Q: How much contaminated sediment and soil investigation is needed in the feasibility study?**

**A:** We do not anticipate extensive soil or sediment sampling during the feasibility study. At this stage, consultants should develop alternatives using the assumption—based on existing information from projects in the near lakeshore fill area—that any soil or sediment

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requiring removal will be contaminated and must be properly managed and disposed of. More detailed sampling and characterization would occur in the next phase of work, once preferred alternatives are identified and a more targeted investigation can be performed.

#### **Q: Will the DNR provide an Endangered Resources Review?**

**A:** Yes, the WDNR will provide an ER and IPac review.

#### **Q: Has any of the grant budget been spent, and what amount should the consultant stay under? Does being in year two affect this?**

**A:** The fee is a direct, not-to-exceed cost, and the consultant should determine the necessary resources rather than just proposing a number. None of the consultant budget has been expended to date. The grant budget breakdown by year is an estimate and the overall end date remains fixed.

#### **Q: Is the target end date for the project still November 2026?**

**A:** Yes.

#### **Q: Is there any potential flexibility on the proposal due date?**

**A:** No, the due date is fixed.