

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 9,2026

Agenda Item:

RiverPark Trails Non-Native Plant Treatment

Motion to approve award of Invitation to Bid 10626 with Earth Balance to provide non-native plant treatment services to RiverPark for \$90,895 over five years.

Approve a \$9,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project.

Authorize the Village Manager to sign the purchase order and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

Background:

The Village of Estero purchased approximately 62.5 acres of property along the Estero River, that is now known at the Estero RiverPark, in January 2019. The land was purchased to protect the Estero River and create a public park along the Estero River. Phase 1 of the RiverPark was completed earlier this year. It includes an entrance off County Road & Highlands Avenue, parking, restroom building, pedestrian bridge over the Estero River, boardwalks and trails.

Over the past several years the Village has pursued and received several grants to treat non-native plants on the Estero RiverPark property. While these treatments have provided some improvement, to better control non-native plants, the Village will require more regular treatments. This is especially important now that the park is open to the public.

Description:

An Invitation to Bid (ITB 10626) was publicly advertised on July 8, 2026 to treatment non-native plant on the Estero RiverPark property. The Village received five bids from qualified firms; Earth Balance, Solitude Lake Management, LLC, Milborne, LLC, Earth Tech Environmental, LLC, Crosscreek Environmental. The tabulation sheet is attached. The lowest, responsive, responsible bidder is Earth Balance.

Village Staff has recommended award to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Earth Balance. Following is a summary of the proposed scope of services.

- For years 1 & 2, two applications per year
- For years 3-5, one application per year

Additional details regarding the scope of services are included in the attached purchase order and ITB scope of services.

Action Requested:

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Process and Timeline:

The first treatment will occur within 45-days of purchase order. Subsequent treatments will occur approximately every 6-months for the first two years. Then once a year in years 3-5

Financial Impact:

The purchase order is for five years, with two treatments each of the first two years and one treatment per year in three through five. Funding this year is provided by the RiverPark Construction budget. In future years, costs will be covered by the Estero RiverPark maintenance budget.

Years 1 & 2:	\$25,790
Years 3-5:	\$12,895
Contingency:	\$9,000
Total:	\$99,265 (over five years)

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Attachments:

1. Purchase Order Non-Native Plant Treatment
2. Bid Tabulation Sheet
3. Bid Scope of Services
4. Location Map