

Exhibit A

Tree and Vegetation Trimming and Removal Service Specifications

Scope of Services:

The Work consists of providing tree and vegetation trimming and removal services for various specified areas as indicated during the Vendor's site visit with the District's Parks and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. These areas will be identified on **Exhibit "B"** to the contract between the District and the selected Contractor. All trimming and removal services must be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the District's Parks and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. The selected Contractor will assume full responsibility for removal of trees as identified by the District that are dead, storm damaged, diseased, deteriorated, or pose a safety hazard to the public. Services include cutting all stumps flush with the ground, debris removal and disposal, and clean up associated with these arborist activities. The Contractor will be expected to work cooperatively with the District and to adapt to developing circumstances should they arise. The Contractor will be responsible for:

1. Assessing the feasibility of removing identified trees, vines, shrubs, brush, deadwood on the ground and other plant material and providing a cost proposal and proposed work schedule and timeline.
2. Working as a member of the support team and interfacing with the District's Parks and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator.
3. Identifying temporary construction or temporary access easements and Right-of-Way limits required for the removal services.
4. Completing the removal services within the agreed timeframe and within budget.
5. Defining traffic control plans for the trails and sidewalks to control vehicular traffic in order to protect pedestrians, bicyclist, runners and other users on the trail near arboricultural work being performed. Using safe driving speeds on the trails, remaining under 5 mph in all vehicles.
6. Assuming responsibility for any consequences and damages resulting from any and all aspects of the removal services.

Equipment:

The Contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District that the maintenance equipment to be used in the Work is in good working condition and suitable for performing the Work required. Operate all work equipment in a safe manner so as not to create a hazard to the public.

Quality Assurance:

The services are to be performed by tree workers, under the supervision of an ISA Certified Arborist who through related training and on the job experience are familiar with the techniques and hazards of this work including trimming, maintenance, repairing, and removal, and equipment in such operations.

Safety Standards:

Contractor is to follow all ANSI Z133 Safety Standards and indicate what general safety protocols are followed by the Contractor.

All equipment to be used and all work to be performed shall be in full compliance with the most current revision of American National Standards Institute (ANSI), standard Z133. These standards are made part of the Agreement by this reference.

The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all work is performed in good standing with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and in compliance with ANSI A300 standards for tree care operations.

The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all work is done in a safe and responsible manner. Any damage done to either the District's property or private property shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to repair or to make arrangements to repair with the District's approval. This shall be done prior to final payment of Agreement.

Clean-Up:

Contractor is to remove all dead wood and trees, including limbs, twigs, logs, vines, lumber and similar materials daily. All debris from tree removal process shall be cleaned up each day before the work crew leaves the site. All logs, branches, vines and brush shall be removed from the site.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to remove and dispose of all logs, brush, vines and debris resulting from the tree removal operations at no additional cost to the District.

Contractor is to cut all stumps flush with the ground.

Liability for Damage to Property:

Any healthy tree damage caused by the Contractor shall be repaired immediately at no additional cost to the District. Any healthy tree damaged beyond repair will be removed and replaced by the Contractor at no additional cost to the District. The replacement tree will be of a size and species acceptable to the District Parks and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator.

Healthy tree root systems must be protected during the phase of service.

Tree Removal:

Contractor shall be experienced in the removal of trees, vines, shrubs and other plant material in accordance with standards set forth by the arboriculture industry as specified in ANSI Z133 and ANSI A300 standards for tree care operations.

A shaded fuel break (indicated as a red line on the mapping) shall be trimmed 30' from the property line within the District's property. This fuel break shall include trimming of trees and shrubs up to 10' high in this area. Trees and shrubs over a 1" diameter (defined at 4.5' from the ground) shall remain in the shaded fuel break. If the height of these trees or shrubs is less than 10' the Park and Facility Maintenance Coordinator shall be consulted to determine if the plant material should be removed or left in place. This area shall also have all vines removed at soil level and cut and or pulled out of tree

canopies, and removed from surface growth on ground. All dead wood, fallen trees, branches, twigs, vines and plant debris piles shall be removed from this area. Portions of the properties are Federally protected environmental preserves. These areas cannot have vehicular traffic in the preserve boundaries or any fuel or chemicals poured (re-fueling, mixing and similar activities on site). Plant materials may be pulled out by wench or hand to an area with the brush chipper. These areas are indicated in green in the mapping.

Contractor shall notify the District's Parks and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator of trees that have a major defect that may present a hazard to the public.

Maintenance of Traffic:

The Contractor will be required to maintain ingress and egress to all businesses and dwellings and easy access to fire hydrants.

The Contractor shall mark all hazards within the project limits with well-maintained signs, barricades, warning and/or channelizing devices.