

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Jessica Ahlstrom, Water Conservation Program Manager  
Shawn Kohtz, Utilities Director

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Green Gardens Group, LLC to Host the Climate Ready Landscape Academy

**MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Agreement - Vendor/Contract

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Green Gardens Group, LLC to Host the Climate Ready Landscape Academy.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 6.1 Clean Water Supplies: Ensure adequate supplies of clean water for today and tomorrow.

**BACKGROUND:** With over 40% of annual residential water use going into lawns and landscapes, expanding efficient outdoor water use practices in Bozeman is central to reducing overall water demand. The City hired the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® accredited Green Gardens Group (G3) for the past five years to host their Watershed Wise Landscape Webinar Series, providing Bozeman residents with the knowledge to increase outdoor water use efficiency through landscape and irrigation changes. Dozens of community members signed up for the Webinar Series each year and overwhelmingly provided positive feedback about the content. However, residents indicated that in-person classes would be preferred, and the in-person DIY landscape design workshop held in 2025 was a huge success. The attached professional services agreement outlines services provided by G3 to host the Climate Ready Landscape Academy (Academy) – a series of five in-person classes that educate residents about healthy soils, drought-tolerant plants, DIY landscape design, landscape installation, and efficient irrigation. The Academy will provide residents with the skills and knowledge to transform their landscapes from thirsty to thriving. Academy attendees will receive workbooks for each class that are customized for the City of Bozeman and a certificate of completion if all five classes are attended. Classes will be held in May 2026, and class recordings will be available for 90 days online for those who cannot attend in person.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by the Commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:**

Total costs are not to exceed \$8,700.00 and will be paid for out of the approved Water Conservation Division professional services fund.

Attachments:

[PSA\\_G3\\_Climate Ready Landscape Academy\\_2026.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A\\_G3\\_Climate Ready Landscape Academy\\_2026.pdf](#)

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