

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: September 15, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve quote for pond buffer restoration at Brennan's Pond
ITEM NUMBER: 8.f
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

Approve quote from MNL (MN Native Landscapes) for pond buffer restoration project at Brennan's Pond

INTRODUCTION

Staff is seeking to improve the area between the trail and water around Brennan's Pond

DISCUSSION

Brennan's Pond is a storm pond adjacent to the community center as shown on the attached map. A mulched trail follows the perimeter of the pond with a width between the pond and trail varying from a couple feet to approximately sixty feet. This area, as with the surrounding wooded area, has been dominated by an understory of buckthorn, burdock, and raspberry. Staff cleared the majority of the mature buckthorn then sought out quotes for a contractor to treat and clear the remaining invasive and aggressive species and plant a mix of native seeds, plugs, and shrubs. This work would improve water quality, habitat, and park user experience.

Two contractors submitted quotes, MNL in the amount of \$42,302.07, and Davey Resource Group in the amount of \$63,481.10. Staff recommends proceeding with the quote from MNL, a restoration and native plant company, in the amount of \$42,302.07. To help fund this project, staff applied and was approved for funding for the project from the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District's Stewardship Grant program in the amount of \$15,000. The remaining costs will be funded from the forestry operations and maintenance budget. Work would begin this fall and be completed next spring.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the council approve the quote from MNL for a pond buffer restoration project around Brennan's Pond

ATTACHMENTS

[Brennan's pond map.pdf](#)
[MNL CC Pond quote.pdf](#)