



# Mecklenburg County

600 East Fourth Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

## Legislation Text

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**Meeting Date:** 11/6/2024

**File Type:** Consent

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Landscape Architect Consultant Team Selection - Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 & 2026 Mecklenburg County Park & Greenway Projects

### **ACTION:**

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and terms and conditions to execute contracts with selected firms for Landscape Architectural/Engineering Services for FY25 & FY26 Mecklenburg County Park & Greenway Projects and in the event negotiations with any of the firms are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm.

**Staff Contact:** Jennifer Brooks, PLA, ASLA, Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management

**Presentation:** No

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Mecklenburg County has the need to select and contract with professional design firms for the design of the following capital projects funded in FY25 & FY26:

#### Greenways:

McDowell Creek Greenway - Stratford Forest Connector  
McMullen Creek Greenway - Reinvestment  
McAlpine Creek Greenway - Reinvestment  
Four Mile Creek Greenway - White Oak Connector  
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Clanton Rd.  
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Hamilton  
LSC Greenway - Pine Valley Connector

#### Park Development/Renovation:

Bryant Park  
MLK Park  
Grier Heights Park  
Rozelles Ferry & Haymarket Nature Preserve  
Berryhill Nature Preserve  
Waymer Park  
Kilborne Park  
Nevin Park

Colonel Francis Beatty Park  
Sugaw Creek Park  
Shuffletown Park  
Renaissance Park  
Idlewild Rd. Park  
Robert L. Smith Park

Added Amenities at Multiple Combined Sites:

Pickleball Courts (combined)  
Park Connections (combined)  
Spraygrounds (combined)  
Dog Parks (combined)

**PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on May 2, 2024, in the Charlotte Observer, the Charlotte Post, the GreaterDiversity.com newsletter, and the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System web site. The selection of the consulting firms followed NC General Statute 143-64.31, which prescribes a qualifications-based selection process.

Per the Board's instructions, the Selection Committee submits the following report:

**SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

George Dunlap, County Commissioner  
Laura Meier, County Commissioner  
Leslie Johnson, Deputy County Manager  
Bert Lynn, Division Director, Park and Recreation Capital Planning  
Mark Hahn, Department Director, AFM  
Carl Godman, General Contractor Appointed by BOCC

Twenty (20) firms (listed below) submitted a Statement of Qualifications expressing an interest in the projects.

Alfred Benesch & Company  
Bolton & Menk  
Design Workshop  
Dewberry Engineers  
ESP Associates  
Kimley-Horn  
LaBella Associates  
LandDesign Inc.  
LandWorks Design Group  
McAdams Company  
McGill Associates  
Pond & Company  
Progressive AE  
Site Collaborative

Stimmel Associates  
 Susan Hatchell Landscape Architecture  
 Timmons Group  
 Urban Design Partners  
 VHB Engineering  
 V3 Southeast (formerly BLOC)

On July 10, 2024, a shortlist selection committee composed of staff from the Park and Recreation and Asset and Facility Management departments short listed a total of 16 firms (listed below).

Alfred Benesch & Company  
 Bolton & Menk  
 Design Workshop  
 Dewberry Engineers  
 Kimley-Horn  
 Labella Associates  
 LandDesign Inc.  
 LandWorks Design Group  
 McAdams Company  
 Pond & Company  
 Progressive AE  
 Stimmel Associates  
 Susan Hatchell Landscape Architecture (SHLA)  
 Timmons Group  
 VHB Engineering  
 V3 Southeast (formerly BLOC)

Based on a staff presentation and the information provided in the written submittals, the Selection Committee selected the following firms and alternates for the respective projects shown:

Project/Project Grouping	Selected Firm	Alternate Firm
McDowell Creek Greenway	VHB Engineering	Pond & Company
McMullen Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
McAlpine Creek Greenway	Kimley-Horn	LandDesign Inc.
Four Mile Creek Greenway	Dewberry Engineers	VHB Engineering
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Clanton	LandDesign Inc.	McAdams Company
Irwin Creek Greenway @ Hamilton	McAdams Company	Kimley-Horn
LSC Greenway - Pine Valley	Pond & Company	Dewberry Engineers
Bryant Park	LandDesign Inc.	Bolton & Menk
MLK Park	Bolton & Menk	LandDesign Inc.
Grier Heights Park	Stimmel Associates	Design Workshop
Rozelles Ferry & Haymarket Nature Preserve	LandWorks Design Group	Stimmel Associates

Berryhill Nature Preserve	Design Workshop	LandWorks Design Group
Waymer Park	Bolton & Menk	Landworks Design Group
Kilborne Park	Pond & Company	V3 Southeast
Nevin Park	LandWorks Design Group	Bolton & Menk
Colonel Francis Beatty Park	Bolton & Menk	LandWorks Design Group
Sugaw Creek Park	V3 Southeast	Pond & Company
Shuffletown Park	SHLA	Progressive
Renaissance Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Idlewild Rd. Park	Progressive AE	SHLA
Robert L Smith Park	Alfred Benesch & Company	Kimley-Horn
Pickleball Courts (combined)	Kimley-Horn	Alfred Benesch & Company
Park Connections (combined)	LaBella Associates	Pond & Company
Spraygrounds (combined)	LandWorks Design Group	Timmons Group
Dog Parks (combined)	Timmons Group	LandWorks Design Group

**POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Projects to be funded by Parks Capital Funding