



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Matthew Johnson Recreation Supervisor
Lucas Miller Assistant Public Works Director

SUBJECT: PTRC Buckthorn Removal utilizing Great River Greening

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
\$0	\$43,625 over 5 years	General Fund

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Pursuit of grant funding and buckthorn removal utilizing Great River Greening’s services.
- If the use of Great River Greening’s services is approved and the City receives grant funding, to focus these efforts on buckthorn removal at Hazelnut Park and Floral Park.

Background/Discussion

On April 24, 2023, the PTRC and Great River Greening presented to Council at the special work session about pursuing grant funding directed toward buckthorn removal within city parks.

On May 2, 2023, at a special meeting held by the PTRC with a quorum, voted 6-0 to bring forward for the Council’s consideration the following:

- 1) To pursue the grants and buckthorn removal utilizing Great River Greening’s services.
- 2) To focus these efforts on Hazelnut Park and Floral Park.

Budget Impact

Per the presentation by Great River Greening at the special work session, the grant would require a 25% match by city funds, which could utilize “in-kind” resources and hours spent by volunteers and city staff.

The break down of maximum cost to the City of Arden Hills is based off the estimated cost for the projects as follows and is broken down in Attachment A:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	<u>City's Share at 25%</u>	<u>Annual Totals Over 5 Years*</u>
Hazelnut Park	\$70,000	\$17,500	\$3,500
Floral Park	\$104,500	\$26,125	\$5,225

*Grant recipient has 5 years to fulfill its obligation to a funded project

Attachments

Attachment A: Breakdown of City’s cost commitment