

# REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES MARCH 2024

## CLEAR CREEK & MUDDY PRAIRIE RUN WETLAND TREATMENT AT TWO GLACIERS PARK

### Section I GENERAL NOTICE

#### Fairfield County Park District

**Two Glaciers Park:** 3177 Clearcreek Rd, Lancaster, Ohio 43130  
**Project Location:** Madison Township, Clearport Road & Clearcreek Road parcels  
Parcel #: 0250009700, 0250010300, 0250012600, & 0250012725

**Owner Information:** Fairfield County Park District

**Contact and Submittals:** Marcey Shafer, Director  
9270 Pickerington Road  
Pickerington, Ohio 43147  
mshafer@fairfieldcountyparks.org

**Submittals:** Should be emailed or mailed to the contact above.  
Provide 1 copy of the submittal.

**Response Due Date:** **No later than March 25th, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.**

As time is of the essence, consideration will be given to Statements of Qualifications as they are submitted. A final decision on up to three (3) finalist teams will be made no later than March 29, 2024. A final decision on the successful team will be made no later than April 10, 2024.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Fairfield County Park District owns and manages the 357 acres that comprise Two Glaciers Park. In 2022, FCPD acquired two parcels located at the confluence of Clear Creek and Muddy Prairie Run. With this acquisition, and adjacent parcels purchased in previous years, the park district secured a contiguous stretch of property bordering approximately 8,800 feet of riparian corridor along Clear Creek and 1,400 feet of Muddy Prairie Run. The project area includes existing floodplain habitat that has been planted in warm-season grasses, the main stem of Clear Creek and its tributary, Muddy Prairie Run, and a floodplain agriculture field under cultivation through the 2024 growing season. Floodplain habitat improvements may provide improved water quality in the Hocking River basin through nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment reduction, and improved ecological habitat. Other site restoration improvements would include vernal pools, reforestation, invasive removal, and floodplain wetlands to be constructed in such a way to receive, treat, and temporarily retain water from within the streams during rain



events when flows in Clear Creek and Muddy Prairie Run are elevated.

Fairfield County Park District has obtained a \$1,070,000 grant through H2Ohio/ODNR from which floodplain work may be completed to meet the objectives of the H2Ohio Ohio River Basin program. Fairfield County Park District wants to take advantage of the creative talents of an engineer/general contractor team in the design and construction of such improvements. Fairfield County Park District has developed some general criteria that must be met, including a schedule that would result in the project being completed no later than Fall 2025.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

The successful team will be responsible for all aspects of the project including design, permitting, installation, and construction including but not limited to:

- All applicable permitting, notifications, and calculations necessary to obtain authorization from United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Ohio EPA 401 Water Quality Section Director's approval, Ohio EPA Storm Water NOI and General Construction Permit, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Historical Preservation Office, and local permitting
- Create the necessary construction drawings for roughly 9 acres of floodplain wetland complex near the confluence of Muddy Prairie Run and Clear Creek, and an additional approximately 24 combined acres of floodplain wetland in two locations along Clear Creek that meet the objectives of the H2Ohio Ohio River Basin program by receiving, treating, and temporarily retaining water from Clear Creek and Muddy Prairie Run, and within the H2Ohio Grant budget of \$1,070,000
- Design an approach that minimizes the disturbance during construction, reduces nutrient loading in Clear Creek and Muddy Prairie Run, and improves existing habitats.

### **DESIGN CRITERIA THAT SHALL BE MET**

Fairfield County Park District is looking to construct floodplain wetlands to improve water quality within Clear Creek and its receiving waters by reducing nutrient loading during elevated water events. The design criteria should utilize the site's floodplain to incorporate habitats that work in concert with the water levels and behavior of Clear Creek and Muddy Prairie Run. Fairfield County Park District has also established a timeframe and budget for the project that shall be met.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

In order to maximize interest in this design/build project, Fairfield County Park District will utilize a two-step selection process.

*First Step.* The goal of the first step will be to identify/select a maximum of 3 integrated design/construction teams that may move forward to the second step of the selection process. Interested teams shall submit an initial statement of qualifications to Fairfield County Park District that is **limited to 8 pages** double-sided and will include the following:

- History of the design engineer and general contractor including years established, locations, insurance coverages, and history of claims asserted against design firm/contractor within the past 5 years and resolution of the claim(s)



- Names and brief resumes/qualifications of key personnel (i.e. engineer, project manager, project superintendent of the general contractor)
- Likely major sub-consultants/subcontractors who are part of the design and construction team
- Prior experience working on design/build projects of a similar scope (i.e. floodplain wetlands, nutrient reduction) including specific examples of at least 3 successful design/build projects completed (include references)
- Prior experience of the design and construction teams working with each other on design/build projects
- History of proposed team working with Fairfield County Park District if applicable
- A brief description of a proposed schedule and approach to the project including design and construction phases that will meet the proposed timeline (or a suggested timeline based on construction realities) and anticipated total cost and what processes will be employed to meet these goals
- Description of the team’s approach to value engineering

Fairfield County Park District will evaluate this initial statement of qualifications and may select up to a maximum of 3 teams to proceed to the second step.

*Second Step.* Selected teams will be scheduled for site visits and may be asked to submit a more detailed proposal and project package that will consist of the following:

- A detailed conceptual site plan showing the extent of proposed construction
- A detailed plan of the proposed approach and materials used
- A list of the permits and permissions needed to complete the project and expected lead time to acquire
- A description of the team’s approach to cost control, value engineering, and adherence to schedule
- Proposed warranties associated with materials and workmanship
- A general contract budget and detailed proposed construction schedule

Fairfield County Park District will meet with representatives and then evaluate these packages and select the design/construction team that will be contracted to complete the project including the successful negotiation of contract terms. Evaluation criteria will include the creativity employed throughout the project in terms of design and construction, meeting or exceeding the initial criteria established for the project, length and completeness of warranties demonstrating the quality of materials and workmanship involved, and the confidence of Fairfield County Park District that the team can deliver the proposed solution on time and within budget.

**SCHEDULE**

- A. Initial 8-page double-sided statement of qualifications to Fairfield County Park District: No later than March 25, 2024
- B. Selection of a maximum of 3 design/build teams by Fairfield County Park District and site visits scheduled: No later than March 29, 2024
- C. Submission by selected design/build teams: No later than April 10, 2024
- D. Resolution to Fairfield County Park District Board of Park Commissioners: April 15, 2024
- E. Contract awarded: April 16, 2024
- F. Completion, final drawings, final plantings if necessary: August 1, 2025

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

*Prevailing Wage* – Prevailing wages will be applicable to this project.

Fairfield County Park District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, modify or postpone the RFQ, or accept the proposal that, in Fairfield County Park District's sole judgement, is in its best interest.

Firms interested in being considered for this project should respond by submitting one (1) copy of their 8-page statement of qualifications no later than 4:00 p.m. **March 25, 2024**. Send via email to [mshafer@fairfieldcountyparks.org](mailto:mshafer@fairfieldcountyparks.org) or by hard copy to Fairfield County Park District, 9270 Pickerington Road, Pickerington, OH 43147 ATTN: Marcey Shafer. Statements of Qualification will be accepted and evaluated prior to the deadline as they are received.

