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**MOWING SERVICES**

- a) All services defined in this specification shall be accomplished beginning the third (3rd) Monday of March and continue for a total of 18 two-week mowing cycles (March 20 through October 31) plus an additional 2 cycles to be used at the discretion of the Horticulture Services Manager.
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g) All rotary type mowers shall be equipped with skirt guards to restrict foreign objects from being thrown from the cutting unit enclosures. Contractors shall be financially liable for all damages caused by their operations in the course of performing this work.

h) Contractor shall trim around everything, including curb lines, sidewalks, parking lots, buildings, picnic shelters, playgrounds, trees, signs, fencing, poles, benches, trees, etc.

i) Contractor shall keep all tree mulch free of any debris and/or damage from equipment. All tree-related herbicide spraying and pruning will be conducted by the City's Urban Forestry/Horticulture employees.

j) Contractor shall keep all streets, curb lines, and concrete medians that join the grass medians free of all weeds, growing grass, and debris from mowing activity (curb lines include the bottom of curb on road).

## **LANDSCAPING SERVICES**

Landscaping and maintenance work shall consist of mulching, fertilizing, pre- and post-emergence treatments, insect/disease control, pruning, and general maintenance as needed and as directed by the Horticulture Manager. Landscaping shall be performed in two week cycles for the entire year (i.e., 26 cycles). At this time there are three primary landscaping sites: 1) KUB vegetative screening, 2) the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, and 3) the Hank Rappe Playground.

a) **Mulching:** Contractors are responsible for supplying and installing all mulch necessary to maintain landscape beds. Beds must be mulched seasonally so they remain weed free year round. Mulch must be approved by Horticulture Services Manager prior to usage. Mulch beds that already have 4 inches of mulch, do not need additional mulch applied. These beds shall be turned to help air and water penetrate and to present a fresh appearance.

b) **Fertilizing:** Fertilize all plants and shrubs twice per year: March and October, Horticulture Manager must approve the materials used.

c) **Pre-emergence/Post-emergence:** Done in a seasonable manner to help keep mulch beds free of weeds and wild plant growth. Treat all beds twice per year: spring and fall, Horticulture Manager must approve the materials used. Contractor shall always carefully follow manufacturer's instructions when applying herbicides.

### **Special Guidelines for Application of Herbicides:**

- NEVER SPRAY PLAYGROUNDS OR WHERE CHILDREN FREQUENT! THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE OUTER PERIMETER, BENCHES, TABLES AND ANY LOCATION WHERE PEOPLE EAT.
- Keep spraying to a minimum: consider cost and environmental concerns
- Spray when the weather is suitable: avoid windy and breezy conditions; high and low temperatures, avoid spraying when rain is expected or after a rain event
- Most herbicides work best when sprayed in the early morning after a few days of dry weather
- Do not spray when people are present; never inadvertently expose the public to chemical exposure
- Employees must be properly trained in herbicide use and wear all required personal protective gear.
- Dispose of waste and clean containers properly
- Do not overspray or mix too strong
- Comply with all label requirements
- Never spray near waterways; creeks, streams, rivers, lakes

d) **Insect/disease control:** As needed, report infestations and conditions to the Horticulture Manager.

- e) Pruning: Cut out the dead plant material at least every two-weeks. All plant pruning will be done in a seasonable fashion as the plant type requires. Tree pruning will be conducted by Urban Forestry and Horticulture employees.
- f) General maintenance: Remove all trash, litter, debris and dead plants/limbs every two weeks all year long.
- g) Walking trail and brush maintenance will be conducted every two-weeks all throughout the year.
  - All walking trails, sidewalks and parking areas will be edged (as necessary) and blown-off routinely per cycle.
  - All downed limbs will be picked up and piled in a designated location in a timely manner after storm events and routinely per cycle.
  - Litter will be picked up and removed routinely per cycle.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND NOTES**

- a) Map sheets of every site are available in a .pdf format.
- b) The City of Knoxville shall be invoiced for each two-week cycle for the work accomplished that period. **Contractor must submit invoices that include the mowing and maintenance checklist within two business days of work performed.** Payment will be made within 30 days of invoicing, after the City has inspected and certified its satisfaction with the work performed.
- c) Protective Equipment: Contractor shall provide and ensure employees are wearing all TDOT-required required safety clothing, masks, eye and ear protection, footwear, etc., as required by law, regulation, ordinance, and/or manufacturer's instructions for material and equipment. **At minimum, protective equipment shall consist of an OSHA or DOT approved safety vest.**
- d) Attire: Contractors must bear in mind that the public often perceives the Contractor's staff as employees of the City; therefore, contractor's staff must wear, while performing services under this contract, tasteful and appropriate clothing. No tank tops or undershirts will be permitted. Clothing displaying nudity, obscene language, obscene symbols, or pro-drug slogans is strictly prohibited.
- e) Mowers and string trimmers must not make contact with trees. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage caused by his operations to plants, trees, shrubs, fences, vehicles and any other property during the performance of this work. As specified in the City of Knoxville Tree Ordinance, the City may impose penalties for such damage to trees.
- f) All equipment to be used must be in good working condition and have all safety features required by law.

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**Bids must include information that responds to all the following criteria:**

##### **1. Qualifications of the Firm**

- Number of years in business, location of working office
- Number of personnel employed available to provide service for this RFP. Note if personnel is full-time, part-time, or seasonal employment. Include the use of any subcontractors.
- List of equipment to be used for this service

##### **2. Experience, Past Performance and References**

- Detail a list of what portion of the work, if any, will be subcontracted

- List of a minimum of three (3) references within the past 3 years where similar type of work and comparable job size was performed. Include phone numbers and/or email addresses of references.
- Provide any unique strengths, experiences or qualifications of your firm
- Demonstrated understanding of landscaping best practices

### 3. Cost

- Enter your cost on the bid form included in this document.

### 4. Approach and Current Workload

- Demonstrate your understanding of the proposal requirements
- Provide information on current workload and how this project will be accomplished

### 5. Plan for Debris Disposal

## BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bidders must submit FIVE COPIES of their bids in the mailing envelope.**

Bidders must furnish the following information in writing with their submission:

1. Bid Form showing bidder's name, address, quoted price, business license number and date of expiration of business license. A copy of the bidder's current business license may be submitted in lieu of providing the license expiration date.
2. Non-Collusion Affidavit
3. Child Crime Affidavit
4. Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit
5. Iran Divestment Act Certification of Noninclusion
6. Form I or Form II to indicate Title VI compliance
7. Responses for each of the Evaluation Criteria listed above.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Knoxville in Room 667-674, City/County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee until **November 30, 2016, at 11:00:00 a.m.**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud and the contract awarded as soon as practicable. **No bid will be received or accepted after the above-specified time for the opening of bids.** Bids that arrive late due to the fault of U. S. Postal Service, United Parcel Service, DHL, FEDEX, any delivery/courier service, or any other carrier of any sort are still considered late and shall not be accepted by the City. Such bids shall remain unopened and will be returned to the submitting entity upon request.
2. The City of Knoxville reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, to evaluate bids, and to accept any bid which, in its opinion, may be for the best interest of the City.
3. Prior to submitting their bids, bidders are to be registered with the Purchasing Division by setting up a Vendor Self-Service Account. Instructions for registering on-line are available at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing). **Bid submissions from un-registered bidders may be rejected.**
4. Included in the Invitation to Bid is an affidavit in proof that the undersigned has not entered into any collusion with any person in respect to this bid or any other bid. The fully executed and notarized affidavit must be submitted with the sealed bid.
5. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** After the posting of this solicitation to the Purchasing Division's website, any contact initiated by any proposer with any City of Knoxville representative concerning this proposal is strictly prohibited, unless such contact is made with the Purchasing Division representative listed herein or with said representative's authorization. Any unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the proposer from this procurement transaction.

6. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** During periods of inclement weather, the Purchasing Division will enact the following procedures with regard to solicitations and weather delays:
  - If City offices are closed due to inclement weather on the date that bids/proposals/qualifications/letters of interest are due into the Purchasing Office, all solicitations due that same day will be moved to the next operational business day.
  - The City of Knoxville shall not be liable for any commercial carrier's decision regarding deliveries during inclement weather.
7. **IMPORTANT:** Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Purchasing Agent; City of Knoxville; City/County Building; 400 Main Street, Room 667-674; Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902. **Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as: "Lakeshore Park."**
8. All bids must be made on the Bid Form supplied with the contract documents, and no interlineations, excisions, or special conditions shall be made or included in the Bid Evaluation Sheet by the Bidder. **Any bid on which there is an alteration of or departure from the Bid Form may be considered irregular and may be rejected.** All bids must be signed in full by the Bidder or Bidders in their business name or style when submitted and must show his or their complete address.
9. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
10. All bidders must be licensed to conduct business in the State of Tennessee. Bidder's name, address, license number, date of expiration of license, and that part of the license classification applying to the bid must be placed on the sealed envelope containing the bid.
11. Payment for completed services delivered to and accepted by the City shall be at the contract price.
12. All bids must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
13. Bidders shall verify bids before submission, as bids cannot be withdrawn or corrected after being opened.
14. Within 30 days of delivery of the contract to the Contractor, the City must receive either the executed contract or, if execution of the contract is pending agreement of the parties as to contract language, a written request for extension indicating the cause of the delay and an estimated schedule for execution. The City may accept or reject the request for extension, but will afford reasonable opportunity for review. Failure to obtain a certificate of insurance prior to submission of a bid will not be considered a reasonable basis for extension. If neither the executed contract nor a written request for extension has been received by the City within 30 days of delivery, the City may award to the next most responsive, responsible bidder.
15. By execution and delivery of a bid submission, the bidder agrees that any additional terms and conditions, whether submitted to the City purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect.
16. Bidders must provide a fully executed and notarized Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit with their bid submission.
17. Due to the successful bidder's likelihood of working in close proximity to children and adolescents, all bidders are required to submit an affidavit with their bids stating that they agree not to allow any employee or volunteer who is awaiting trial or has been convicted of a felony crime involving the sexual exploitation of children, sexual offenses involving children, or violent crimes to participate in this Agreement. Failure by the bidder to comply with this requirement is grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement. Bidders are required to submit this affidavit with their proposal and failure to do so may be considered grounds for rejection of the bid. Said affidavit is contained within this ITB for bidder's use.

18. The City's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is subject to funding contingent upon an annual appropriation.
19. Regarding the Equal Business Opportunity Program contracting, the appropriate Form 1 or Form 2 **must** be submitted with the bid. Successful bidders who include Form I with their bid, stating their intent to use MOB or WOB subcontractors for any part of the contract, will be required to submit Form III, Statement of Payments to MOB/WOB Subcontractor(s) & Supplier(s). Contractors will use Form III to report the amount(s) they have paid to MOB and/or WOB subcontractors on June 30th and December 31st of each year during the life of the contract and with the final payment. Failure to submit this reporting data may result in a delay of payments. Final payment will not be released by the City until Form III is submitted.
20. Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and 11375 which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Bidders must not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin. Bidders must also comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Copeland Anti-Kick Back Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act, Section 402 of the Vietnam Veterans Adjustment Act of 1974 and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.
21. All bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified in 42 U.S.C. 2000d. The successful bidder must follow Title VI guidelines in all areas including hiring practices, open facilities, insurance, and wages. The City of Knoxville reserves the right to review all compliance records by a contract compliance officer designated by the City.
22. No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or other pre-bid documents will be made to any bidder orally. Each request for such interpretation should be in writing addressed to Janice McClelland, Assistant Purchasing Agent for the City of Knoxville, 400 Main Street, Room 667, Knoxville, TN 37902, or emailed to her at [jmcclelland@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmcclelland@knoxvilletn.gov). To be given consideration, such requests/questions must be received by close of business on November 23, 2016. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the specifications which, if issued, will be posted to the City's website at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing). Submitting organizations are strongly encouraged to view this website often to see if addenda are posted. Failure of any bidder to receive such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents.
23. Attention of all bidders is directed to the set off provision contained in Article II, Section 24-33, entitled, "Debts owed by persons receiving payments other than salary", and Section 2-1049 entitled "Receipt of benefits from City contracts by council members, employees, and officers of the City" of the Code of the City of Knoxville.
24. Where applicable, the successful Bidder will be required to pay prevailing wages to those whom they employ (to include any sub contractors). Information regarding the prevailing wage rates may be obtained on the following State of Tennessee website:  
<http://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/prevailing-wage>.
25. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by written notice of termination to the Contractor. If the City terminates this Agreement, and such termination is not a result of a default by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive as its sole and exclusive remedy the following amounts from the City, and the City shall have no further or other obligations to the Contractor: (a). The amount due to the Contractor for work executed through the date of termination, not including any future fees, profits, or other compensation or payments which the Contractor would have been entitled to receive if the Project had not been terminated; and (b) the direct out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Contractor for demobilization of the Project following receipt of the notice of termination, not to exceed the amount reasonably and actually required to demobilize the Project.
26. The City may, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this contract if the Contractor fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the services wherein

the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or if the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of the contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Purchasing Agent may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Purchasing Agent specifying such failure.

27. If the contract is terminated in whole or in part for default, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Purchasing Agent may deem appropriate, supplies of services similar to those so terminated.
28. If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to termination for convenience of the City.
29. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.
30. Before a contract will be signed by the City, the submitting entity, if selected, **must** provide the City Purchasing Division with a copy of its valid business license **or** with an affidavit explaining why it is exempt from the business licensure requirements of the city or county in which it is headquartered. If a contract is signed, the contractor's business license shall be kept current throughout the duration of the contract, and the contractor shall inform the City of changes in its business name or location. Any Contract resulting from this Invitation to Bid shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Tennessee and its conflict of laws provisions. Venue for any action arising between the City and the Vendor from the Agreement shall lie in Knox County, Tennessee.
31. When applicable and prior to the commencement of the contract, contractor must, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of the Agreement and any extension hereof at least the following types and amounts of insurance for claims which may arise from or in connection with this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the City of Knoxville with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall clearly evidence all insurance required by the City. All insurance must be underwritten by insurers with an A.M. Best rating of A-VIII or better. Such insurance shall be at a minimum the following:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**; occurrence version commercial general liability insurance, and if necessary umbrella liability insurance, with a limit of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) each occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, property damage, and products and completed operations. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to the work/location in this Agreement or be no less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000).

Such insurance shall:

(a.) Contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that includes the City, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of its protection afforded to the above-listed insureds. Proof of additional insured status up to and including copies of endorsements and/or policy wording will be required.

(b.) For any claims related to this project, Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its officers, officials, officers, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance programs covering the City, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

(c.) At the sole discretion of the City, dedicated limits of liability for this specific project



may be required.

- B. **Automobile Liability Insurance;** including vehicles owned, hired, and non-owned, with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for loading and unloading hazards. Insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that includes the City, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by or on behalf of Contractor.
- C. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Contractor shall maintain workers' compensation insurance with statutory limits as required by the State of Tennessee or other applicable laws and employers' liability insurance with limits of not less than \$500,000. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Workers' Compensation for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by Contractor's workers' compensation insurance coverage. Such insurance shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City. Proof of waiver of subrogation up to and including copies of endorsements and/or policy wording will be required.
- D. **Other Insurance Requirements.** Contractor shall:
- Prior to commencement of services, furnish the City with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this section and provide that such insurance shall not be cancelled, allowed to expire, or be materially reduced in coverage except on 30 days' prior written notice to the City Attorney of Knoxville; P.O. Box 1631; Knoxville, Tennessee 37901. Proof of policy provisions regarding notice of cancellation will be required.
  - Upon the City's request, provide certified copies of endorsements and policies if requested by the City in lieu of or in addition to certificates of insurance. Copies of policies will only be requested when contracts are deemed to be extremely or uniquely hazardous, include a dollar amount that is significant to the overall budget of the City or a City Department, or the coverage(s) may not follow standard insurance forms. A policy will only be requested after the City's Risk Manager has reviewed the contract and proof of coverage has been provided. Should the certificate of insurance refer to specific coverage wording or endorsements(s), proof of such policy wording or endorsement(s) will be required.
  - Replace certificates, policies, and endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of services.
  - Maintain such insurance from the time services commence until services are completed. Failure to maintain or renew coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by the City as a material breach of contract.
  - If Contractor cannot procure insurance through an insurer having an A.M. Best rating of A-VIII, Contractor may, in the alternative, place such insurance with insurer licensed to do business in Tennessee and having A.M. Best Company ratings of no less than A. Modification of this standard may be considered upon appeal to the City Law Director.
  - Require all subcontractors to maintain during the term of the Agreement Commercial General Liability insurance, Business Automobile Liability insurance, and Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability insurance (unless subcontractor's employees are covered by Contractor's insurance) in the same manner as specified for Contractor. Contractor shall furnish subcontractors' certificates of insurance to the City without expense immediately upon request.
  - Any deductibles and/or self-insured retentions greater than \$50,000 must be disclosed to and approved by the City of Knoxville prior to the commencement of services. Use of large deductibles and/or self-insured retentions may require proof of financial ability as determined by the City.

- The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, and employees for losses arising from work performed by Contractor for the City. Proof of waiver of subrogation up to and including copies of endorsements and/or policy wording will be required.
  - All general liability policies must be written on an occurrence basis, unless the Risk Manager determines that a claims made basis is reasonable in the specific circumstance. Use of policies written on a claims made basis must be approved by the Risk Manager and retroactive dates and/or continuation dates must be provided to the City prior to commencement of any work performed. Professional Liability and Environmental Liability (Pollution Coverage) are most commonly written on a claims made basis and are generally acceptable in that form.
32. The successful proposer will be required to sign a contract which contains the following indemnification clause. This indemnification clause will not be altered in any way. Failure to agree with this indemnification clause in the contract may result in the City moving to the next responsible responsive proposer.

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from any and all liabilities which may accrue against the City, its officers, employees and agents or any third party for any and all lawsuits, claims, demands, losses or damages alleged to have arisen from an act or omission of Contractor in performance of this Agreement or from Contractor's failure to perform this Agreement using ordinary care and skill, except where such injury, damage, or loss was caused by the sole negligence of the City, its agents or employees.

Contractor shall save, indemnify and hold the City harmless from the cost of the defense of any claim, demand, suit or cause of action made or brought against the City alleging liability referenced above, including, but not limited to, costs, fees, attorney fees, and other expenses of any kind whatsoever arising in connection with the defense of the City; and Contractor shall assume and take over the defense of the City in any such claim, demand, suit, or cause of action upon written notice and demand for same by the City. Contractor will have the right to defend the City with counsel of its choice that is satisfactory to the City, and the City will provide reasonable cooperation in the defense as Contractor may request. Contractor will not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement with respect to an indemnified claim without the prior written consent of the City, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The City shall have the right to participate in the defense against the indemnified claims with counsel of its choice at its own expense.

Contractor shall save, indemnify and hold City harmless and pay judgments that shall be rendered in any such actions, suits, claims or demands against City alleging liability referenced above.

The indemnification and hold harmless provisions of this Agreement shall survive termination of the Agreement.

## **SUBMISSION FORMS**

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Mowing and Landscaping Services –  
Lakeshore Park

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** You may bid on more than one mowing contract, but **YOU MUST** submit bid forms for each bid in **SEPARATE ENVELOPES**. Make sure that you properly label **THE OUTSIDE** of this bid's mailing envelope with "Lakeshore Park."

TO: Purchasing Agent  
City of Knoxville  
Suite 667-674  
City/County Building  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Having carefully examined the specifications entitled "**Mowing and Landscaping Services - Lakeshore Park**" to open on **November 30, 2016**, at 11:00:00 a.m., and the other Contract Documents and addenda, and having familiarized ourselves with the existing conditions of the job, we hereby propose to provide the work as specified for the following amount:

2-week mowing cycle (14 calendar days): \_\_\_\_\_

2-week landscaping cycle (14 calendar days): \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bidders must submit FIVE COPIES of their bids in the mailing envelope.**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(By) (Name Typed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF PRIME BIDDER**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He is owner, partner, officer, representative, or agent of \_\_\_\_\_, the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid;
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;
- (3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;
- (4) Neither the said Bid nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, firm, or person to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price or the bid price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Knoxville or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
- (5) The price or prices quoted in that attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Crime Affidavit

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He/She is the owner, partner, officer, representative, or agent of

\_\_\_\_\_, the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid;

(2) The Bidder \_\_\_\_\_ will abide by the following if chosen as the successful bidder:

The Bidder \_\_\_\_\_ agrees not to allow any employee or volunteer who is awaiting trial or has been convicted of a felony crime involving the sexual exploitation of children, sexual offenses involving children or violent crimes to participate in this Agreement at sites where children may be present. Failure by the Bidder to comply with this requirement is grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, deposes, and says that:

- (1) He/She is a principal officer of \_\_\_\_\_, the firm that has submitted the attached Proposal, his or her title being \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm; and
- (2) He/She has personal knowledge of the policies of the above-named firm with respect to the maintenance of a drug-free workplace; and
- (3) He/She certifies that all provisions and requirements of the Tennessee Drug-Free Workplace Program, as established by Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 50-9-100 et. seq., have been met and implemented.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Title \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT**  
Certification of Noninclusion

**NOTICE:** Pursuant to the Iran Divestment Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 requires the State of Tennessee Chief Procurement Officer to publish, using creditable information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. Inclusion on this list makes a person ineligible to contract with the state of Tennessee; if a person ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, it may be removed from the list. The State of Tennessee currently uses the State of South Carolina's list, available here:

[https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/generalservices/cpo/attachments/List\\_of\\_persons\\_pursuant\\_to Tenn. Code Ann. 12-12-106, Iran Divestment Act-July.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/generalservices/cpo/attachments/List_of_persons_pursuant_to_Tenn._Code_Ann._12-12-106,_Iran_Divestment_Act-July.pdf)

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. § 12-12-106.

Vendor Name (Printed)	Address
By (Authorized Signature)	Date Executed
Printed Name and Title of Person Signing	

**NOTARY PUBLIC:**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2\_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



# EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

## Contracting Component

### SECTION I

#### EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM "GOOD FAITH EFFORT PLAN"

The City of Knoxville strongly encourages contractors to employ minority owned businesses and women owned businesses as subcontractors whenever feasible. This is viewed favorably by the City of Knoxville. In fact, the City's goal for minority and women owned business participation is 10 percent of the contract amount.

Prime contractors will consider all competitive sub-bids and quotations received from minority owned businesses (MOB) and women owned businesses (WOB). When a subcontract is not awarded to the MOB/WOB submitting the lowest bid, the prime contractor must document the reason(s) the award was not made in writing. If the Contractor terminates an agreement and/or subcontract with a MOB/WOB, then the contractor is required to strongly consider selection of another MOB or WOB as a replacement.

#### GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

1. Soliciting through all reasonable and available means.
  - a. Advertising
  - b. Written notices to all certified MOB's and WOB's who have the capability to perform the work or provide the service.
  - c. Solicitation of interest must be within sufficient time to allow MOB's and WOB's to respond to the solicitation.
  - d. Faxes, direct mailings, and telephone requests.
2. Providing interested MOB's and WOB's with adequate information about plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.
3. Negotiating in good faith with interested MOB's and WOB's.
  - a. It is the **bidder's/proposer's** responsibility to make opportunities available to MOB's and WOB's subcontractors and suppliers and to select opportunities consistent with the available MOB/WOB business subcontractors and suppliers. Evidence of such negotiations includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MOB's and WOB's considered.
    - (1) A description of the specifications for the work selection for subcontracting
    - (2) Evidence why agreements could not be reached for MOB's and WOB's to perform the work.
4. Effectively using the services of available minority, women contractor groups, local minority and women business assistance offices, small business groups, and other organizations on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of minority/women business.

## SECTION II

### MOB/WOB SUBMITTAL TIME FRAME

The Contractor will submit the following forms with the **bid/proposal**:

**1. "Statement of Intent for MOB/WOB Utilization" (Form I Attached)**

This form will be submitted by the bidder/proposer if he/she plans to subcontract any portion(s) of the work with a MOB and/or a WOB. This form illustrates the areas the Contractor has identified as potential MOB and/or WOB subcontract opportunities and the **dollar value** associated with these opportunities. The purpose of "Form I" is to measure the Contractor's **"Good Faith Efforts."** It does not commit the prime to subcontracting these areas only to MOB and WOB firms or release the prime from negotiating with MOB/WOB firms for subcontract opportunities.

OR

**2. "Statement of Intent of Performing Work Without Subcontracting" (Form II Attached)**

This form will be submitted if the **bidder/proposer** does not plan to subcontract any portion(s) of the work and if there are not any sufficient material purchases in which MOB/WOB firms can be utilized. The **bidder/proposer** must certify that this has been a typical practice on projects of similar scope and dollar value. By submittal of Form II, the Contractor certifies that:

- (1) He/she does not typically subcontract on projects of similar scope and dollar value.
- (2) He/she will not enter into any subcontract for duration of the project, and if he/she does decide to subcontract any portion of the work, he/she will: notify the City immediately of the decision to subcontract and adhere to the provision of **"Good Faith Efforts"** in filling that subcontract opportunity.

**The Purchasing Division may request the apparent low bidder/proposer to provide additional information to clarify the bidder's/proposer's responsiveness and intent in this regard.**

These documents will be received by the Purchasing Division upon submission of a proposal/bid. Additionally, prime contractors who submit Form I stating their intent to use MOB or WOB subcontractors for any part of the contract are required to report the amount(s) they have paid to these subcontractors on June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31st of each year. Failure to submit this reporting data may result in a delay of payments. At the time of the final request for payment, the prime shall submit a Statement of Final Payments to MOB and WOB Subcontractors and Suppliers (Form III attached). Final payment will not be released by the City until Form III is submitted.

## SECTION III

### DEFINITIONS

Minority: A person who is a citizen or lawful admitted permanent resident of the United States and who is a member of one (1) of the following groups:

- a. Black American, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
- b. A Hispanic American, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race;
- c. Native American, which includes persons who are American Indians or Alaska Native;
- d. An Asian-Indian American, which includes persons whose origins are from Indian, Pakistan or Bangladesh.
- e. An Asian Pacific Islander, which includes persons whose origins are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Samoa, Guam, the U. S. Trust Territories of the Pacific and Northern Marinas.

Minority-Owned Business (MOB), Women-Owned Business (WOB): A business which is at least (51%) owned and controlled by minority group members or European American female(s). A MOB/WOB is bonafide only if the minority group interests are real and continuing and not created solely to meet the MOB/WOB requirement. In addition, the MOB/WOB must perform satisfactory work or services to provide supplies under the contract and not act as a mere conduit. In short, the contractual relationship must be bonafide. Certification of minority owned businesses and women owned businesses is provided by City Community Relations Office.

Owned and Controlled: A business which is (1) a sole proprietorship legitimately owned by an individual who is a minority or European American female; (2) a partnership or joint venture controlled by minorities or European American females, and in which at least (51%) of the beneficial ownership interests legitimately are held by minorities or European American females; or (3) a corporation or other entity controlled by minorities or European American females, and in which at least 51% of the voting interests and 51% of the beneficial ownership interests are legitimately held by minorities or European American females. In addition, these persons must control the management and operation of the business on a day-to-day basis.

Subcontractor: Any named person, firm, partnership, or corporation which supplies any work, labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing contract with the contractor on a public contract.

# FORM I

## STATEMENT OF INTENT OF MOB/WOB UTILIZATION (TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID/PROPOSAL)

We, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that on the  
(Bidder/Proposer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Project Name)

(\_\_\_\_\_)  
(Dollar Amount of Bid)

MOB/WOB's will be employed as subcontractor(s), vendor(s), supplier(s), or professional service(s). The estimated **dollar value** of the amount that we plan to pay the MOB or WOB subcontractor(s), vendor(s), supplier(s), or professional service(s) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Description of Work	MOB/WOB Utilization		Name of MOB/WOB
	MOB Amount	WOB Amount	

The undersigned understands that they are to report the annual amount disbursed to these MOB(s) /WOB(s) on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Moreover, the undersigned understands that he/she is required to report the total amount disbursed to MOB(s)/WOB(s) for this project at the completion of the project and that payments may be withheld until these reporting requirements are met.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Representative)

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

# FORM II

## STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM WORK WITHOUT SUBCONTRACTING (TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BID/PROPOSAL)

We, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that it is our  
(Bidder/Proposer)

intent to perform 100 % of the work required for the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ contract.  
(Name of Project)

In making this certification, the **Bidder/Proposer** states that:

1. It is a normal business practice of the bidder/proposer to perform all elements of this type contract with its own work forces without the use of subcontracts.

AND

2. If it is necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the **bidder/proposer** will comply with all requirements of the "**Good Faith Efforts**" in providing equal opportunity to MOB/WOB Firms to subcontract the work.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read the terms and agrees to the terms of this statement.

Signature and title of authorized official of the company and the date must be properly executed on this document and a list of previous projects of similar scope and dollar value as stated in Section II attached or the bid may be deemed non-responsive.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Representative)

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

# FORM III

**STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS TO MOB/WOB SUBCONTRACTOR(S) & SUPPLIER(S)  
(TO BE SUBMITTED ON JUNE 30 AND DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR FOR THE  
LIFE OF THE CONTRACT AND TO BE WITH FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST)**

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract#: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. #	MOB	WOB	Name of Firm / Address & Phone#	Total Amount Paid	Contact Person

I hereby certify that this statement is true and that above payments have been made.

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

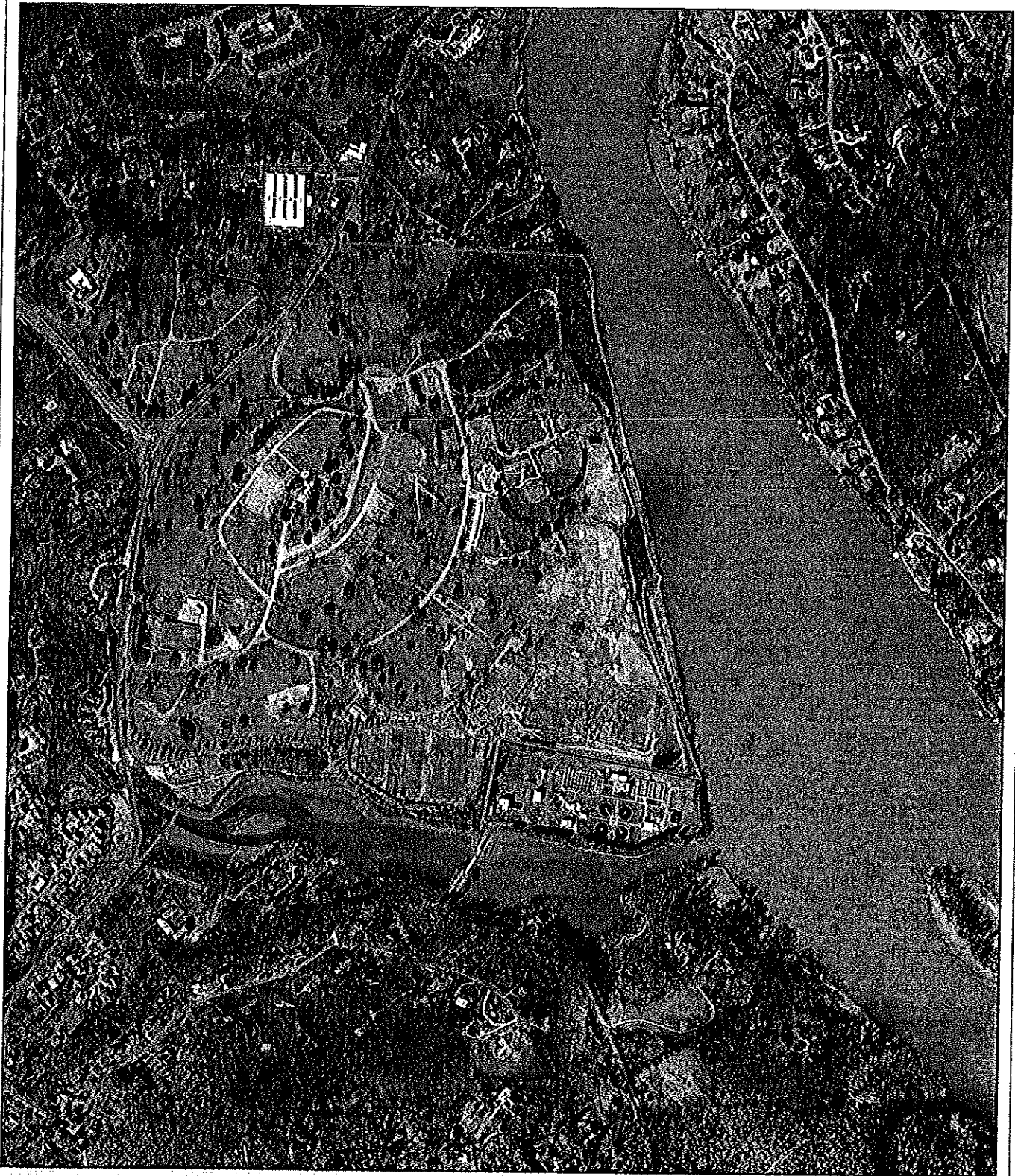
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Contractor's Signature Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

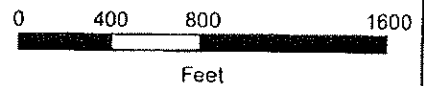
Notary  
Public: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission  
Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



### Lakeshore Park

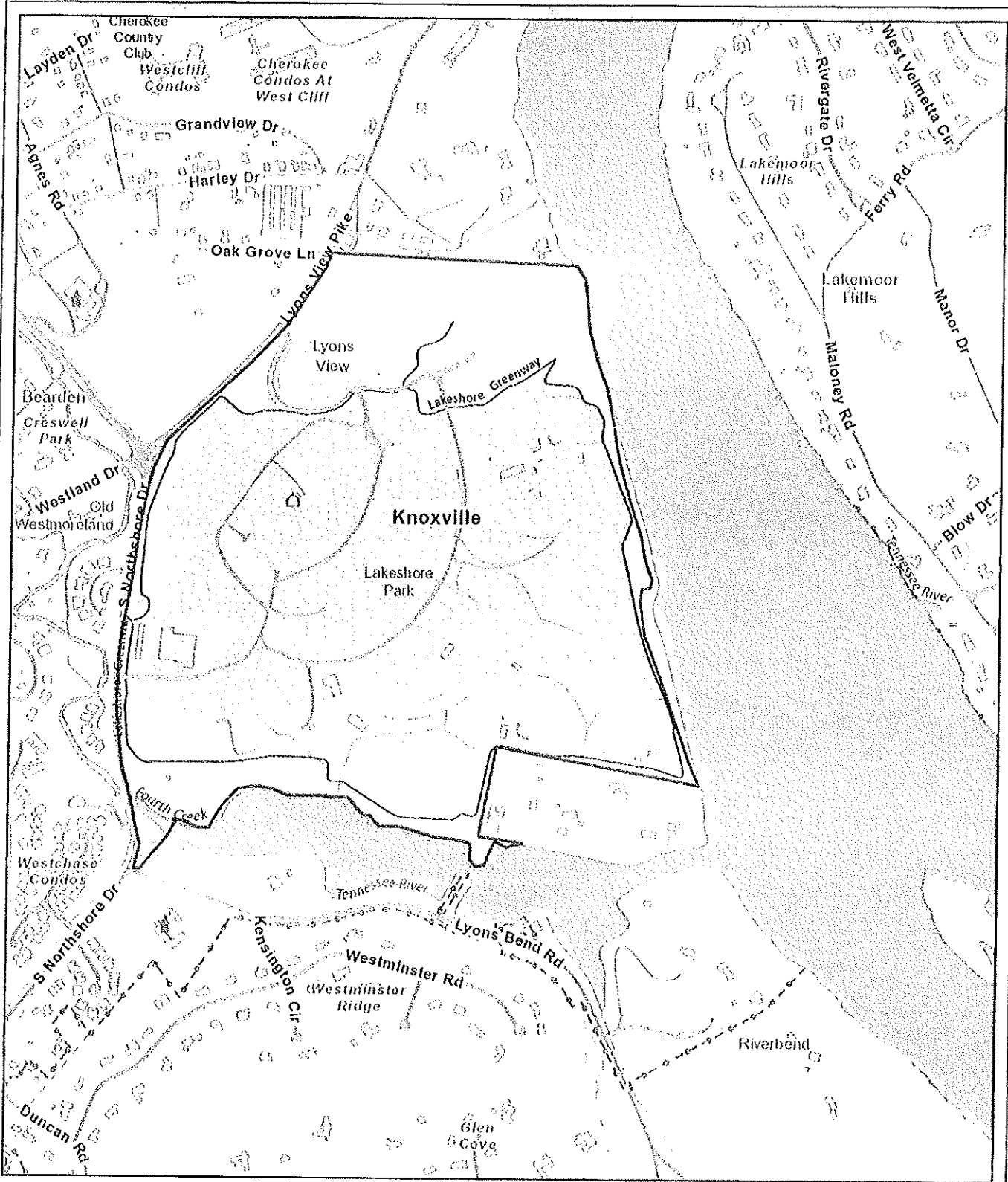
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maintenance covers approximately 130 acres



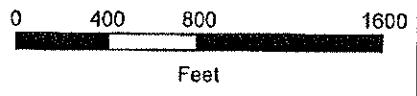
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**Lakeshore Park**  
 off S. Northshore Dr and Lyons View  
 maintenance covers approximately 130 acres



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