



## PARKS

Michael Brantley, Director

District 3

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**TO:** Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

**FROM:** Michael Brantley, Director  
Dr. Jatunn Gibson, Agency Director

**DATE:** May 9, 2023

### PURPOSE

To approve a contract with Pond & Company for Professional Services for the Design, Cost Estimating, Bidding Assistance and Construction Administration Services for improvements at Ebenezer Downs Park, located at 4055 Ebenezer Road, Marietta, under the 2022 PARKS SPLOST Program.

### BACKGROUND

The 2022 PARKS SPLOST Program includes funding for the development of a passive park at the Ebenezer Downs park property, governed by the Park Master Plan, that was developed with public input and approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2019.

A Request For Proposals for Professional Design Services was published on the County Purchasing website, and advertised in the Marietta Daily Journal on February 10, 17, 24, and March 3, 2023, in accordance with the Competitive Proposal Selection Process. Two responsive proposals and fees from the following firms were received and opened on March 9, 2023:

WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.	\$218,625.00
Pond & Company	\$238,450.00

The following Selection Committee was approved to review the proposals for the design: Rustavius Ford (DOT - Engineering), Mario Henson (PARKS), Wilson Collins (CCWS), Adam Story (Fire), Laura Beall (DOT - Planning), and Livia Taylor (Purchasing – Non-Voting). The Selection Committee reviewed the proposals and ranked the firms based on their proposed staff, experience, past performance, approach to the work, availability, financial stability, and proposed fee. The top-ranking firm was Pond & Company.

The proposal submitted by Pond & Company included a fee not to exceed \$238,450. The Cobb County Attorney's Office has reviewed the contract.

### IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

**FUNDING**

Funding is available in the 2022 PARKS SPLOST fund as follows:

348-105-B063-B0631-E-8033 (Ebenezer Downs) \$238,450.00

The 2022 SPLOST, adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2020, provides for capital improvements and anticipated corresponding budget funding to address, inter alia, PARKS Improvements.

Ebenezer Downs is an eligible project under the 2022 PARKS SPLOST Program (Cobb County 2022 SPLOST, Page 38). Improvements to the park will enhance this passive recreation space for the citizens of Cobb County to enjoy.

SPLOST Project Summary as of April 5, 2023:

Budget:	\$3,000,000.00	Expended to Date:	\$544,828.35
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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Board of Commissioners approve a contract with Pond & Company in an amount not to exceed \$238,450.00, for Professional Services for Design, Cost Estimating, Bidding Assistance and Construction Administration Services for Ebenezer Downs Park, under the 2022 PARKS SPLOST Program; authorize the corresponding budget transactions; and further authorize the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Ebenezer Downs Park