

ID 111441

DATE: July 8, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kathleen M. O'Connor
Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with Davey Resource Group, Inc. pursuant to which it will conduct a comprehensive canopy study and assessment of current tree canopy and locations throughout Westchester for a term commencing upon contract execution and continuing for two (2) years thereafter, for an amount not-to-exceed \$420,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with Davey Resource Group, Inc., ("Davey"), 1500 North Mantua St., Kent, OH 44240, pursuant to which Davey will investigate urban tree canopy change for the entire county of Westchester, conduct a park-wide tree inventory of all trees near infrastructure, and develop a long-term tree management plan (the "Services"), for a term commencing upon contract execution by both parties and continuing for a period of two (2) years thereafter (the "Agreement"). In consideration for Services rendered, the County will pay Davey a total amount not-to-exceed Four Hundred Twenty Thousand and 00/100 (\$420,000.00) dollars in accordance with an approved budget and rate schedule.

The County has complied with Section 6 of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures. On March 20, 2025, the Department issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") seeking qualified firms to conduct a comprehensive canopy study and assessment of current tree canopy and locations for forestry management activities. The RFP was posted on the County's RFP website. On April 8, 2025, five (5) proposals were received in response to the RFP from the following vendors: Davey, ArborPro, Inc., Arcadis, Eocene Environmental Group, and SavATree. Following a careful review of each proposal with reference to the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP, Davey was selected because their proposal represented the best overall value by presenting a comprehensive technical approach and clearly defined scope for a firm, predictable cost. This was strongly supported by their extensive experience and exceptional references from similar county-level government projects, which confirmed their ability to deliver high-quality, actionable results on time and on budget.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing usable data and strategies that the Department and Westchester County will use to inform policies, establish goals and objectives for reforestation, forest management, and nature-based climate solutions.



Accordingly, approval of the attached Resolution by your Honorable Board is most respectfully requested.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/17/2025 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (the “Department”), is authorized to enter into an agreement with Davey Resource Group, Inc., (“Davey”), 1500 North Mantua St., Kent, OH 44240, pursuant to which Davey will investigate urban tree canopy change for the entire County of Westchester, conduct a park-wide tree inventory of all trees near infrastructure, and develop a long-term tree management plan (the “Services”), for a term commencing upon contract execution by both parties and continuing for a period of two (2) years thereafter (the “Agreement”); and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents and take any actions necessary and appropriate to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

Agreement # PRC-1484

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
372	42	RGP07-01-F	6020		\$420,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025-2027 Start Date upon execution End Date For 2 years
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$420,000 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Other x (Capital) _____