
**THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 24-004**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKOTA GROUP TO UNDERTAKE A
MASTER PLANNING AND DESIGN PROCESS TO UPDATE THE
HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW OF
THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois (the “Village”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to a government and affairs including the power and authority to contract and be contracted with; and

WHEREAS, the Village issued a Request for Proposals for the Design of an Updated Master Plan for the Village of Homer Glen, Heritage Park, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, in response thereto, the LAKOTA GROUP submitted a Professional Services and Qualifications Proposal, (hereinafter referred to as “AGREEMENT”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate Village officials have considered and reviewed the AGREEMENT, and finds the same to be in the best interests of the Village;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village President and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT AS TO PRICE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES. The substantive terms and conditions with respect to price, and the scope of LAKOTA’s services/work as shown in the AGREEMENT are conditionally accepted, subject to the Village Attorney’s review of all other terms; and

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT. Subject to the Review of the Village Attorney, as set forth in Section I

above, the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village President or the Village Manager to execute the AGREEMENT with the LAKOTA GROUP. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the Village to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 3: If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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ADOPTED by the Village President and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, Illinois this 10th day of April, 2024 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Consolino	X			
Mason	X			
Fialko	X			
McNaughton			X	
Steilen	X			
Reynders	X			
Neitzke-Troiike (Village President)				
TOTAL	5		1	-

APPROVED by the Village President on April 10th, 2024.



 Christina Neitzke-Troiike
 Village President

ATTEST:


 Candice Bielski
 Village Clerk



EXHIBIT 1

Village of Homer Glen's Request for Proposals



HOMER GLEN

Request for Proposals

**DESIGN OF AN UPDATED MASTER PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE
OF HOMER GLEN HERITAGE PARK**

Proposals are due by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 8th, 2024.

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Section I: Overview

The Village of Homer Glen is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms, with backgrounds in Landscape Architecture, Park Planning, or similar professions, to provide an updated Master Plan for the Village's Heritage Park. Heritage Park is a 103-acre regional park owned by the Village of Homer Glen and centrally located on the behind the Village Hall at 14240 W 151st Street. The Master Plan shall incorporate existing and proposed park amenities through a comprehensive and thoughtful design process. The plan should be constructible, maintainable, respond to the needs of the community and will serve as the basis of completing future design development, final design and construction documents for subsequent project phases of Heritage Park.

All questions related to this proposal must be submitted in writing, no later than 12:00pm local time on **February 27th (2/27/2024)** to:

Brett Westcott, PE
Village Engineer
Email: bwestcott@homerghenil.org

Prior to the submission deadline, the Village will make available to the public answers to questions or any modifications or additions to this RFP in the form of a written Addendum which will be posted on the Village website by **March 1st (3/1/2024)**.

No verbal/oral comments will be made to any Proposer as to the meaning of the RFP, Specifications or other contract documents. Answers will be provided in writing to all potential Proposers. **Proposers are required to acknowledge receipt of any formal Addendum by signing the Addendum and including it with the submission.**

Proposals must be submitted no later than 3:00pm, local time, on **Friday, March 8th, 2024 (3/8/2024)**. Proposals received after this date and time will not be accepted; all proposals received after the submittal deadline will be rejected and returned unopened. Proposals must include all information and documents as requested in this Request for Proposal, failure to follow these instructions may result in rejection of the proposal.

The Village of Homer Glen reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and void any irregularities. Proposals will be opened and evaluated in private and proposal information will be kept confidential until an award is made.

Section II: Project Details

Community Profile

Homer Glen, Illinois, is a home-rule community of 24,446 residents located in northeastern Will County, approximately 25 miles southwest of Chicago. The Village was incorporated on April 17, 2001 and is home to a unique blend of open space, residential developments and vibrant commercial corridors. Homer Glen is one of Will County's largest municipalities encompassing more than 22 square miles.

Background

Heritage Park, is considered the crown jewel of Homer Glen's park system and is the premier location for events and recreation within the Village. Heritage Park is situated just north of the Village Hall and is surrounded by single family homes.

In 2013, the Village acquired Heritage Park (formerly the Woodbine Golf Course) for the purpose of preserving open space, providing a park for the public benefit and to acquire an existing building for the development of a Village Hall. In 2016, the Village selected a design team to design a Master Plan for Heritage Park. To date, numerous phases of the park have been completed.

Homer Glen's Heritage Park currently contains the following amenities:

- Bike/Walking Paths Throughout the Park.
- 18-hole Frisbee Golf Course
- 30 Acres of Natural Prairie Area
- 50 Acres of Open Green Space
- Fitness Course/Active Core Area
- 2 Pickleball Courts
- 2 Tennis Courts
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts
- Playground
- Gazebo/Pavilion
- Bags, Horseshoes and Bocce Ball Area
- Sled Hill
- 4 Areas Striped/Staged for Soccer Fields

Scope of Services

The updated Master Plan shall incorporate the following proposed amenities:

- Main and Secondary Pavilions – Provide location and size for a main and secondary pavilion to provide gathering areas, shelter to park goers and to serve the existing and proposed features of the park.
- Veterans Memorial – Provide location for a Veterans Memorial incorporating features shown in the Parks Committee Packet in Exhibit B.
- Interactive Water Feature – Provide location for an interactive water feature.
- Restrooms – Provide recommendation for restroom facilities to be centrally located and serve the many amenities of the park.

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- ADA Accessible Fishing Dock – Located off of the pond in the southeast corner of the park, adjacent to the Parks Building.
- Spot Grading/Areas for Soccer Fields – There are currently four (4) fields which are striped and used within the park, the Master Plan should analyze ways to improve upon these existing fields and provide recommendation for possible expansion within the park as well.
- Pathway Plan – Incorporate ADA accessible pathways throughout the Master Plan to facilitate access and connectivity.
- Amphitheater (Previously Designed) – Utilize existing design/location of a proposed Amphitheater and incorporate it into the overall Master Plan for the Park.
- Village Green Area (Previously Designed) – Utilize existing design/location of a proposed Amphitheater and incorporate it into the overall Master Plan for the Park.

A general draft of proposed locations for these improvements is included and can be found in Exhibit A.

A summary of our Parks Committee's input on the master plan is included and can be found in Exhibit B.

Proposers will be required to attend three (3) Parks and Recreation Committee meetings:

- 1) Introduction, discussion and gather information.
- 2) Present draft Master Plan, gather additional input and proposed revisions.
- 3) Present final draft Master Plan.

Following the Parks and Recreation Committee meetings, the Proposers will be required to attend up to two (2) Village Board Meetings.

Section III: Proposal Submission Requirements

Proposers shall complete and submit the requested forms included in Sections VII – X. The Village will only accept proposals in bound hard copy format and does not accept proposals submitted via fax, email, or other electronic means.

Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed Package to:

Village of Homer Glen
Attn: Brett Westcott P.E., Village Engineer
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491
(630) 740-2447
bwestcott@homerglenil.org

With the following on the outside of the envelope:

- Company Name
- RFP Title
- Due Date and Time

Package must include:

- One (1) Original Proposal, identified as “Original”
- Three (3) Copies of Proposal
- One Copy of Proposal on a Flash Drive – Include both original and public viewing versions, if applicable.

The final scope of work will be determined between the selected Proposer and the Village. All work shall be completed using the latest IDOT, Village of Homer Glen and Will County design and construction standards, guidelines, practices and procedures where applicable.

All material submitted regarding this RFP becomes the property of the Village of Homer Glen, unless otherwise noted in the RFP. The Village reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time, without penalty. Once submitted, no proposal may be withdrawn without the Village’s consent.

Section IV: General Terms and Conditions

Award

Award of the contract is subject to Board Approval. The Village award will be made within ninety (90) days after the date of the proposal opening, or any mutually agreed extension thereof.

The following terms and conditions must be met in the Proposer's preparation of and the Village's consideration of each submittal:

1. Compliance with Laws:
 - a. All services of any qualifying Proposer shall comply with all Federal and State of Illinois laws, county and municipal codes, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the services to be provided or the operations of the firm, including, but not limited to, the Prevailing Wage Act, the Illinois Procurement Code, and all laws governing employment.
 - b. A qualifying Proposer shall certify that it shall not discriminate against any worker, job applicant, employee, or member of the public, because of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, handicap, or national origin, and shall not otherwise commit any unfair employment practice, and that it shall comply with all requirements of the Illinois Human Rights Act, as amended (775 ILCS 5/101, et. seq.), and all rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Equal Opportunity Commission.
 - c. A qualifying Proposer shall further certify that it has not been barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/1-1, et. seq.); and further certifies that it has not been barred from contracting with a unit of State or local government as a result of any violation of Sections 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code {720 ILCS 5/33E-3, 33E-4}.
 - d. A qualifying Proposer shall also certify that its workplace complies with the Drug Free Workplace Environment Act {30 ILCS 580/1, et. seq.}, and that it provides a written program for prevention of substance abuse among employees and testing of employees for substance abuse, in accordance with the Substance Abuse Prevention Act (820 ILCS 265/1, et. seq.).
 - e. A qualifying Proposer shall have the ability to obtain all necessary licenses, permits and approvals, whenever applicable.
 - f. A qualifying Proposer shall submit a completed and signed Certifications and Assurances form (Section VII).

2. Insurance and Indemnification:

- a. A qualifying Proposer shall provide evidence of insurance coverage.
- b. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the qualifying Proposer shall, if awarded a contract with the Village, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees (attorneys' and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising out of or resulting from the performance of the services to be provided; provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (i) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property, and including the loss of use resulting therefrom; and (ii) is caused in whole or in part by any wrongful or negligent act or omission of the firm or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Proposer or anyone for whose acts it may be liable, except to the extent it is caused in whole or in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described herein. A qualifying Proposer shall similarly agree to protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the Village, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions, and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees incurred by reason of such Proposer's breach of any of its obligations under, or default of, any provision of any contract entered with the Village for such services.

c. Insurance Requirements

1) Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance (CGL):

- A. \$1 million per occurrence
- B. \$2 million aggregate

2) Professional Liability Insurance

- A. \$1 million per occurrence
- B. \$1 million annual aggregate

3) Auto Liability

- A. \$1 million per occurrence Combined Single Limit or
- B. \$1 million bodily injury per occurrence
- C. \$500,000 property damage

All Certificates of Insurance shall include the Village of Homer Glen as additional named insured, as well as the Village's officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

- d. Worker's Compensation Insurance: Worker's compensation and employers' liability insurance shall be provided as statutorily required items.

Section V: Evaluation and Selection Process

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be evaluated by the Parks and Recreation Committee and Village Staff representatives. Total scores will be tabulated, and the proposal that is deemed to be the most advantageous to the Village will be selected. In preparing responses, firms should describe in detail how they propose to meet the specifications as detailed in the previous sections. Specific factors will be applied to proposal information to assist the Village in selecting the most qualified firm for this contract. Evaluation criteria that will be used are as follows:

- Successful experience on projects of similar or larger scopes, value and quality. (30%)
- Successful past performance through reference of previous clients, including local governments. (20%)
- Organizational capacity and managerial capability to successfully execute and deliver projects of similar or larger scopes, value and quality. (20%)
- Credentials, experience and reputation of personnel identified to lead, execute, deliver and manage the project. (15%)
- Experience in design, in particular landscape architecture. (15%)

Section VI: Submittal Checklist

Please submit the following items:

- A technical proposal as described in this RFP.
- Signed and completed required forms included in Sections VII - X.
- Three references.
- Insurance requirements.
- Acknowledgement of Addenda – Proposers are required to acknowledge receipt of any formal Addendum by signing the Addendum and including it with the proposal submission.
- Proposal – Proposer must submit one (1) flash drive containing the full proposal electronically and four (4) complete signed, sealed and attested copies of the proposal. (1 Original, 3 Copies)
 - a. Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed Package to:
Village of Homer Glen
Attn: Brett Westcott P.E., Village Engineer
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491
(708) 301-0632 Ext. 117
bwestcott@homerglenil.org
 - b. With the following on the outside of the envelope:
 - i. Company Name
 - ii. RFP Title
 - iii. Due Date and Time

Section VII: Proposal Summary Sheet

_____ (Name of Organization) proposes to provide services for the Village of Homer Glen’s Master Plan in Heritage Park, as outlined herein; for the total cost of \$ _____. This includes all services, labor, material, equipment, supervision, and any other items considered a billable expense.

Signed:

Printed Name:

Title:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Dated:

Section VIII: Certifications and Assurances

I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related contract(s):

1. The attached proposal is a firm offer for a period of 90 days following receipt, and it may be accepted by the Village without further negotiation at any time within the 90-day period.
2. In preparing this proposal, I/we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the Village whose duties relate (or did relate) to this proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official public capacity. Neither does such a person nor any member of his or her immediate family have any financial interest in the outcome of this proposal. (Any exceptions to these assurances are described in full detail on a separate page and attached to this document.)
3. I understand that the Village will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal. All proposals will become the property of the Village, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples.
4. I/we warrant that, in connection with this procurement:
 - a. The price and/or cost data have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communications, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any competition.
 - b. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data which have been submitted have not knowingly been disclosed by him/her prior to opening, in the case of a proposal directly or indirectly to any other competitor
 - c. No attempt has been made or will be made by the consultant to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

Company _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Title _____

Section IX: References

Organization: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Contact Person: _____
Name of Project: _____
Date of Project: _____

Organization: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Contact Person: _____
Name of Project: _____
Date of Project: _____

Organization: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Contact Person: _____
Name of Project: _____
Date of Project: _____

Section X: Non-Collusion Certificate

The Undersigned Bidder is not barred from bidding for this Contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes concerning bid rigging, rotating, kickbacks, bribery and interference with public contracts.

(Printed Name of Firm)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Authorized Representative

Title

Date

Section XI: Contract

The Village reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposal submitted or to not make any award. The proposal must be submitted initially on the most favorable terms which the firm can propose. The firm shall enter into a written contract, which shall be submitted to the Corporate Authorities of the Village for approval. Final acceptance of the proposal shall only be complete under Corporate Authorities acceptance of a contract executed by the Proposer.

The Proposer should be prepared to accept a contract resulting from this RFP. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the official file on this matter, without obligation to the Village.

This RFP does not obligate the Village to contract for services specified herein.

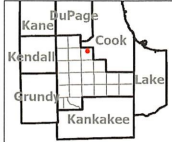
Section XII: Notice

1. This RFP is not a contract or offer of employment.
2. The cost of preparation of proposals shall be the sole obligation of the Proposer.
3. All submitted proposals, whether accepted or rejected, are the property of the Village of Homer Glen.
4. The firm selected to perform the work must enter into a standard Village of Homer Glen contract, as written by the Village in consultation with the successful firm.

EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT A



Proposed Parking Expansion (Under Construction)

ADA Accessible Fishing Dock

Proposed Parking Expansion (Under Construction)

Existing Water Main

Existing Sanitary Stub

Notes

Date: 11/28/2023

EXHIBIT B

Homer Glen
Parks and Recreation
Committee
Recommendations for Heritage
Park



VETERANS MEMORIAL

- There has been discussion at the committee level about the potential need to expand Village Hall in the future. If this is ever a need, the committee understands that expansion can only occur to the back of the current building, where Tria had proposed to place the Veterans Memorial. Because the committee would like to keep the option open to expand Village Hall in the future, it is being recommended to move the Veterans Memorial to the east (where the nature themed creative play area was originally proposed). This allows the memorial area to be near the new parking lot (easy access for community to visit the memorial) and keeps the memorial area near Village Hall (specifically the Community Room) so that if an event is planned, the event team will have easy building access and both indoor and outdoor space can be utilized for event participants. Additionally, since a playground area was added to the Active Core, it was deemed that a nature themed creative play area is not a necessity in this area anymore.
- Regarding the design of the Veterans Memorial, a concept was envisioned by Trustee Reynders and a concept drawing was created by Touch of Green. In general, the committee is amiable to this design as it is smaller than the one proposed by Tria (and less expensive). The committee did feel like the statues in the concept by Trustee Reynders are an element that do not need to be included right away (or at all), depending on the cost.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

- After the Touch of Green design concept was discussed at the committee, Trustee Reynders spoke separately with veteran representatives from the community. They offered additional suggestions for what they and other veterans in the community would like to see in a memorial. They suggested:
 - Using black or bronze flag poles (as it looks better over time).
 - They preferred having a statue of an eagle in the center rather than a battle cross.
 - They thought the statues around the perimeter were not necessary.
 - They did not like the idea of selling pavers with dedications (which was an idea that Trustee Reynders had as a means for fundraising for the memorial) as they thought it was disrespectful to have people walking on names of veterans. As an alternative they suggested doing a large granite wall along the backside of the memorial where community members could pay to have veterans' names inscribed on the wall.

VETERANS MEMORIAL SAMPLE



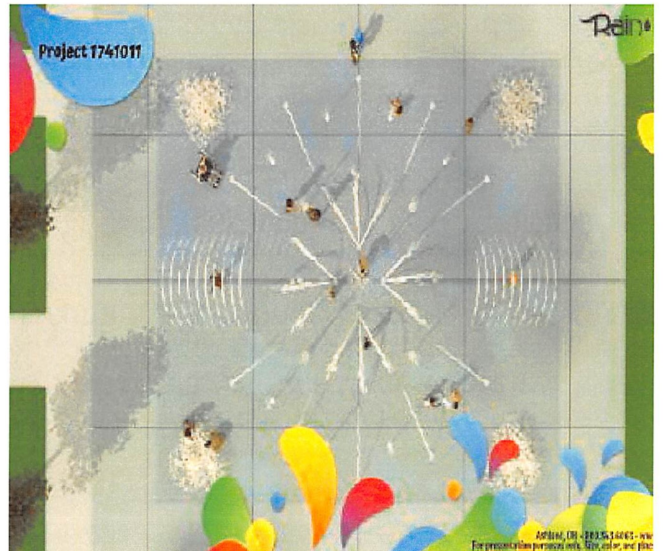
VETERANS MEMORIAL SAMPLE



Water Feature

- In Tria's original concept plan an interactive water feature is proposed for the area directly north of the nature themed creative play area. This area was chosen as it is near to the water and sewer lines. As such, the committee agrees that this feature should stay generally in that area. In the document, "Option B: Current Plan w/ Cul de Sac Added", one can see the 10,000 sf area recommended for where the water feature should be placed.
- In terms of design, a concept was never realized with Tria. As such, the committee prefers to see a water feature that is more along the lines of an interactive fountain, as opposed to a splash pad. The committee feels like something more abstract than a splash pad will better serve the community at large. Placing the water feature near the Veterans Memorial is strategic because, if the water feature is designed to be aesthetically pleasing and calming, it can also be enjoyed by those sitting by the memorial.

Water Feature Sample



PAVILION(S)

- In Tria's original concept design a pavilion is placed next just north of the parking lot set to go in next to Village Hall. The Committee proposes moving that pavilion slightly to the east, so that it sits in between the interactive water feature and the Veterans Memorial. This just seems to make sense as it can then be utilized from both features. The committee recommends placing bathrooms in the pavilion.
- A potential second pavilion is recommended for the area northeast of the water feature nearer to the proposed soccer fields. The committee feels like this would be a nice addition, depending on cost, to the park for those people enjoying the soccer fields or walking through the middle of the park. Specific location is variable, depending on how the layout inside the ring road is determined.

PAVILION(S) SAMPLE



SOCCKER FIELDS

- The committee recommends formalizing the use of Heritage Park for the soccer program. This includes spot grading in the open area - to create safe, flat, open field space that can be used for soccer and other events.

AMPHITHEATER AND VILLAGE GREEN

- The committee recommends moving forward with the amphitheater and Village Green as conceptualized by Tria. The committee is open to completing the amphitheater and Village Green project exactly as laid out in the already existing engineered drawings. The committee is also open to redesigning that area if the board desires (reimagined stage area/paths/landscaping)—though the committee is aware of the expense that is saved by using the drawings that are already in place. Overall, the committee supports constructing an amphitheater in the proposed location and deems it absolutely necessary to complete the Village Green—which includes walking paths throughout Heritage Park so that park goers can move easily from one park feature to another.

EXHIBIT 2

LAKOTA GROUP Professional Services Proposal

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN: HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN

This agreement (AGREEMENT) between The Lakota Group, Inc., an Illinois corporation doing business as **The LAKOTA Group (hereafter "LAKOTA")**, 1 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, Illinois 60601 and the **Village of Homer Glen, Illinois (hereafter "CLIENT")**, 14250 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois 60491, is entered into on **March 25, 2024**, and includes seven parts: Project Description, Project Team, Scope of Services, Schedule, Compensation and Payment, Additional Conditions, and Acceptance.

PART ONE: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Village of Homer Glen, Illinois, wishes to undertake a master planning and design process to update the Heritage Park Master Plan. The Village seeks to focus on the following elements and amenities to ensure they cohesively relate within the park's setting: Main and secondary pavilions, Veterans Memorial, water feature, restrooms, ADA accessible fishing dock, soccer fields, pathways plan, amphitheater, and Village Green.

PART TWO: PROJECT TEAM

The Lakota Group as described in "Our Team" contained in the Proposal, **Exhibit A**.

PART THREE: SCOPE OF SERVICES

LAKOTA shall perform the services described in the "Scope of Work" contained in the Proposal, **Exhibit A**.

PART FOUR: SCHEDULE

A draft project schedule is described in the "Work Plan" contained in the Proposal, **Exhibit A**, and may be modified based on mutually agreed deadlines and the ability to schedule meetings and presentations, as the project advances.

PART FIVE: COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

Fee Amount

CLIENT agrees to compensate LAKOTA for the Scope of Services described in the "Proposal Summary Sheet" contained in the Proposal, **Exhibit A**, an amount not to exceed \$22,800, inclusive of all fees and expenses.

Authorized Additional Services

Any additional services and expenses requested of LAKOTA beyond the Scope of Services will be conducted on an hourly basis and billed according to LAKOTA'S billing rates, listed below. If requested, a fee estimate will be provided for a task or assignment based on a defined work scope. Such changes, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the CLIENT and LAKOTA, shall be incorporated in written amendments to this AGREEMENT.

LAKOTA Billing Rates (2024):

President	\$360
Principal	\$315
Associate Principal	\$275
Vice President	\$240
Senior Associate	\$210
Project Planner/Designer/Manager	\$200
Associate (Planner/Urban Designer/Landscape Arch.)	\$145-\$160
Research/Operations Staff	\$105

Reimbursable Expenses

Reimbursable expenses will be billed as incurred with a not-to-exceed amount, which is included in the overall budget as listed above:

- *Travel for field work/site visits (mileage/tolls/parking/cabs/airfare/out-of-region meals & lodging)*
- *Delivery (postage/messenger/express)*
- *Copying/Reproduction*
- *Computer Plots*
- *Special Supplies*
- *Miscellaneous (municipal documents, special reports, data)*

Invoicing

LAKOTA shall submit monthly invoices to the CLIENT providing an accurate and itemized accounting of the hours incurred on the project. Each invoice shall be subject to the audit and approval of the CLIENT. Invoices will be accompanied by receipts for all reimbursable expenses and shall be itemized and detailed as to the type/date of the services/tasks performed. Invoices past due 30 days will bear interest at 1.5% per month.

PART SIX: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Compliance with Laws

LAKOTA shall give notices and comply with laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of all public authorities applicable to these services and shall comply with all federal, state and local tax laws and social security, unemployment compensation and workers compensation acts applicable to the performance of these services.

Equal Opportunity

Each party represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and will operate to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws relating to equal employment opportunities, and if required, with the rules or regulations enforced by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance or any similar federal or state agency monitoring employment practices or government contracts.

Entire Agreement

This AGREEMENT and the attached Proposal, **Exhibit A**, contains the full understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and it supersedes all prior proposals, agreements, memoranda, statements and representations, written or oral, between the parties. This AGREEMENT may not be modified or amended except by a written instrument signed by the parties hereto.

Conflict of Interest

LAKOTA certifies the no employee or officer of any agency with an interest in the AGREEMENT has any pecuniary interest in the business of LAKOTA or this AGREEMENT, nor does any employee or officer have an interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with LAKOTA'S performance of this AGREEMENT.

Ownership

All data collected, drawings generated and documents prepared for the project by LAKOTA shall be deemed work for hire, and upon payment of all fees and expenses, shall be the property of the CLIENT.

Insurance and Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, LAKOTA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the CLIENT, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees (attorneys' and paralegals' fees and court costs), arising out of or resulting from the performance of the services to be provided; provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (i) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property, and including the loss of use resulting therefrom; and (ii) is caused in whole or in part by any wrongful or negligent act or omission of LAKOTA or anyone directly or indirectly employed by LAKOTA or anyone for whose acts it may be liable, except to the extent it is caused in whole or in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described herein. LAKOTA shall similarly agree to protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless the CLIENT, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions, and expenses, including but not limited to legal fees incurred by reason of LAKOTA'S breach of any of its obligations under, or default of, any provision of any contract entered with the CLIENT for such services.

1. Insurance Requirements
 - a. Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance (CGL):
 - 1) \$1 million per occurrence
 - 2) \$2 million aggregate
 - b. Professional Liability Insurance
 - 1) \$1 million per occurrence
 - 2) \$1 million annual aggregate
 - c. Auto Liability
 - 1) \$1 million per occurrence Combined Single Limit or
 - 2) \$1 million bodily injury per occurrence
 - 3) \$500,000 property damage
 - d. Worker's Compensation Insurance

- 1) Worker's compensation and employers' liability insurance shall be provided as statutorily required items.

All Certificates of Insurance shall include the **Village of Homer Glen** as additional named insured, as well as the Village's officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

Relationship of the Parties

LAKOTA is and shall remain an Independent Contractor. Nothing contained in this AGREEMENT shall be construed to create an agency, employment relationship, or partnership between the parties. LAKOTA shall not, at any time, directly or indirectly, act as an agent, servant, or employee of the CLIENT, nor shall it make any commitments or incur any liabilities on behalf of the CLIENT without its express written consent. LAKOTA shall be responsible for: (a) the supervision, control, compensation, and health and safety of its own personnel; (b) the payment of all federal, state, and local taxes and all appropriate deductions or withholdings; (c) the payment or provision of any unemployment insurance benefits, state disability benefits, vacation, overtime or holiday pay, health, medical, dental or group insurance or any pension or profit sharing; and, (d) obtaining any applicable business or other commercial licenses.

Severability

If any provision of this AGREEMENT is declared invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced by any Court of competent jurisdiction, all of the remaining provisions of this AGREEMENT shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and no provision shall be deemed dependent upon any other provision unless so expressed herein.

Governing Law and Venue

This AGREEMENT shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to its conflict of law provisions. Any legal action or proceeding relating to this AGREEMENT shall be instituted in the Circuit Court of Will County, Illinois. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of, and agree that venue is proper in, said court in any such legal action or proceeding.

Termination

Either party shall have the right to terminate the AGREEMENT at any time, with or without cause, by written notice delivered to the other party at least fifteen (15) days prior to the specified effective date of such termination. In such event, all finished and unfinished documents and drawings and their reproducible origins prepared by LAKOTA under the AGREEMENT shall become the property of the CLIENT upon payment of all invoices properly submitted and due to LAKOTA under the terms of the AGREEMENT.

Notices

Written notice between the parties shall be deemed to have been duly served if delivered in person or by certified mail to the following addresses:

To the CLIENT:

Village of Homer Glen
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491

To LAKOTA:

The LAKOTA Group
1 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 2700
Chicago, Illinois 60601

PART SEVEN: ACCEPTANCE

Please indicate acceptance of this AGREEMENT by signing one copy and returning it to our office listed above. LAKOTA will begin work after receiving written authorization to proceed via fax, email, mail, or messenger.

The LAKOTA Group appreciates the opportunity to provide the **Village of Homer Glen** Professional Planning and Design Services.

The LAKOTA Group

Village of Homer Glen

Scott Freres, PLA, ASLA
President



Signature

Date



Printed Name/Title

5-7-24

Date

Exhibit A includes Proposal dated March 8, 2024

Exhibit A

HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN

The Lakota Group

March 8, 2024

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March 7, 2024



Mr. Brett Westcott, P.E.
Village Engineer
14240 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Re: 2024 Heritage Park Master Plan

Dear Mr. Westcott:

The Lakota Group is excited to submit the following professional services proposal and qualifications package to assist the Village of Homer Glen with developing an updated master plan to enhance the Village's key central open space—Heritage Park. Here is why we think we are just the right team to partner with you on this project:

- ▶ **We are creative landscape architects** skilled at understanding how to activate parks, re-imagine open spaces, envision achievable and sustainable solutions, and communicate exciting design ideas. Our creativity, passion, and expertise are perfectly suited for addressing every aspect needed for this project.
- ▶ **We are multi-faceted and have local knowledge.** As you will see from our qualifications, The Lakota Group team has significant experience working with municipalities and community leaders on a wide array of open space design and planning projects. Our team knows how to envision and achieve vibrant, active, and beloved places and spaces for the communities in which we work and we see this as an integral component of the visioning we have been doing for Homer Glen's Town Center project.
- ▶ **We are passionate about improving places.** Our passion for creating great places has repeatedly driven us to refine our craft as designers. Lakota has been the creative force behind award-winning parks, plazas, streetscapes, and recreation spaces throughout the Midwest, with each assignment bringing new challenges and sparking unique solutions. As you will see from our qualifications, we recently completed the award-winning design and implementation for Howard Park, South Bend, Indiana's primary downtown open space—one that saw over 100,000 visitors in the first three months after it reopened.
- ▶ **We will roll up our sleeves and work** with residents, Village staff, the Parks and Recreation Committee, community leaders, and other key stakeholders to create positive dialogue and maximize public benefit of this vital park open space. Communication, whether through project branding and websites or graphically depicting visionary concepts, is a hallmark of Lakota's mission and inherent in every design and planning process in which we are involved. We have outlined a balanced project approach to shape the plan and achieve consensus...all while making the process interesting, stimulating, and fun!

Our team relishes the opportunity to immerse ourselves in this process and continue working with the Village of Homer Glen to shape, program, and create an exciting vision for Heritage Park. As you will see in our proposal, we are passionate about planning and design and we love engaging people to help them improve their community spaces. We look forward to discussing our submittal with you and your selection committee. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

We are your Allies in Place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Clark".

Kevin Clark, PLA, AICP
Principal and Director of Design, The Lakota Group
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(312) 467-5445 x 206



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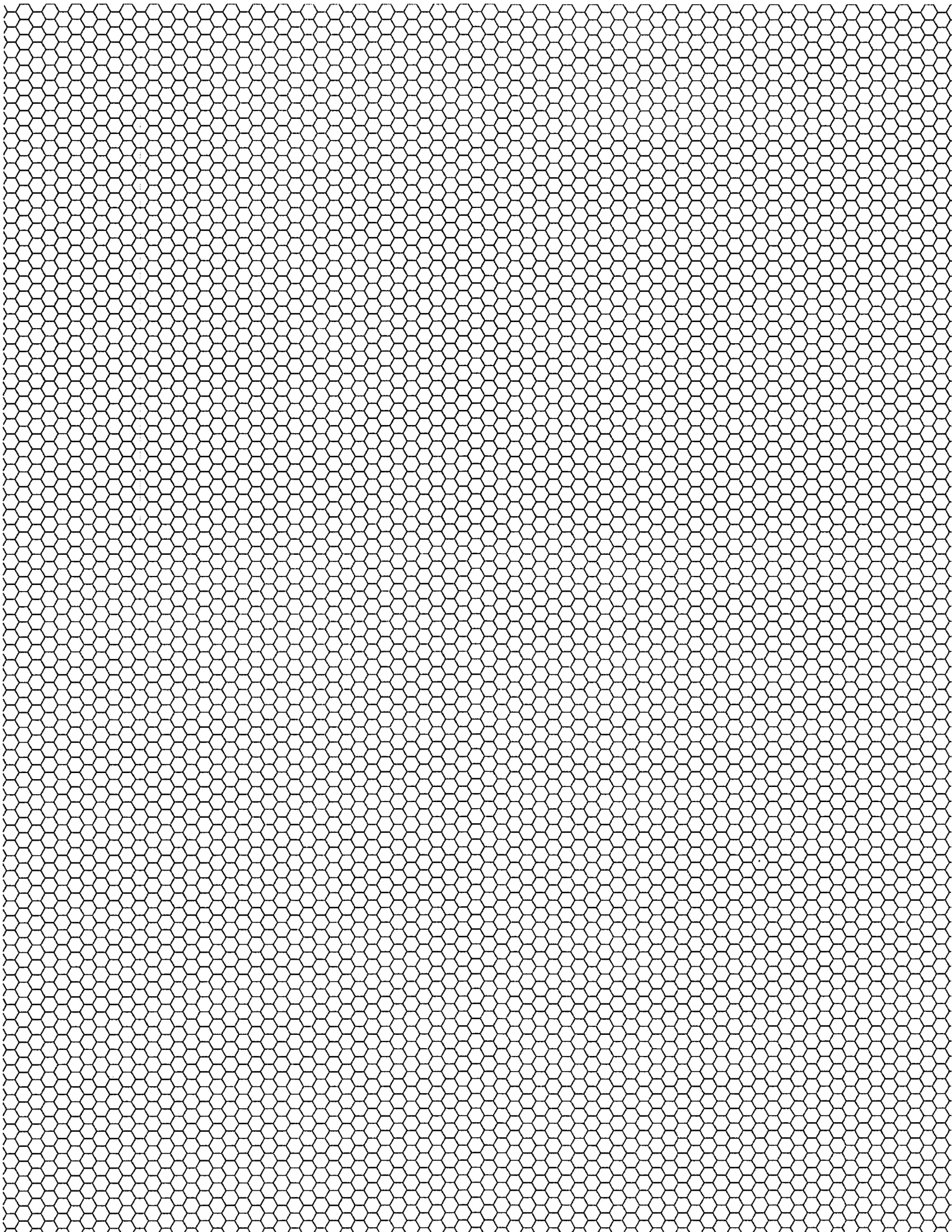
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Our Team



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Heart & Soul

The Lakota Group is a team of talented designers, planners, and communicators powered by a passion to offer creative solutions.

Our defining attribute is fostered through a team-based approach to project management centered on positive dialogue. Led by our drive to institute change in a sustainable way, Lakota associates abide by a process that combines critical thinking and community engagement. The result? A practice that seeks to produce the most effectively efficient solutions, carefully balancing the real with the ideal.

Our quest is simple: we want to improve communities.

By engaging local residents through workshops, discussions and surveys, we strive to pinpoint the opportunities for improvement. We want clients to help us place ourselves in their frame of context: what would we want if we were the ones living in their town? Working in their building? Raising a family in their neighborhood? We want to listen, and we want to talk, and then we want to listen some more. Lakota acknowledges the issues, while also recognizing the strengths, shedding light on the qualities that make a place unique, and brainstorming the ways upon which they can be built.

Since the firm's conception in 1993, Lakota has completed award-winning assignments in more than 500 towns and cities across the country, gaining recognition for its work in landscape architecture, waterfront planning, site planning, design, and community engagement.

Through its mold-breaking and place-making mentality, Lakota relishes the coalescence between land and community, ultimately demonstrating a practice that perfectly reflects its name: "Allies," the English translation of the Native American word, Lakota.



SCOTT FRERES

 PLA ASLA

PRESIDENT | 1993 - PRESENT

HOMETOWN

Northbrook, Illinois

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison
*Bachelor of Science in Landscape
Architecture*
Madison, WI
(1986)

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Society of Landscape Architects
- American Planning Association
- American Institute of Architects
- Wisconsin Alumni Association - Alumni Park Design Committee
- Lambda Alpha International
- Urban Land Institute
- Illinois Park & Recreation Association
- Society for Environmental Graphic Design
- Winnetka Parks Foundation
- Teaching Professional Architect - State of Illinois
- Village of Winnetka Plan Commission & Design Review Board - Former Member
- Skokie/Crow Island/Hubbard Woods Schools - Former Member

EXPERIENCE

Years with Lakota: 30

Years of Practice: 37

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Scott is the President and co-founder of The Lakota Group, and has over 30 years of experience in designing and shaping communities and open spaces around the country. As an industry leader in sustainable design, Scott has worked with cities, towns, developers, institutions, and non-profit agencies, using his skills placemaking and urban design to create beautiful and engaging places. Scott's ability to take a fresh, simple, and inclusive approach to problem solving has established The Lakota Group's reputation as a creative leader in the industry.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Landscape Architecture & Site Design

- Irish Green - Notre Dame, IN
- Lake Forest Place Landscape Design - Presbyterian Homes - Lake Forest, IL
- North Shore County Day School Master Plan - Winnetka, IL
- Fox Meadow Site Plan & Landscaping - Northfield, IL
- Heatherfield Site Plan & Landscaping - Glenview, IL

Open Space and Park District Planning

- Hubbard Woods Park Master Plan - Winnetka, IL
- Skokie Playfields Master Plan - Winnetka, IL
- Lakefront Master Plan - Winnetka, IL
- FCEC Feasibility Study - Chicago, IL
- Park District of Highland Park Comprehensive Plan - Highland Park, IL

Streetscape & Urban Design

- Downtown Open Space and Streetscape - Homewood, IL
- Lockport Street Streetscape - Plainfield, IL
- Pleasant District Streetscape - Oak Park, IL
- Park Ridge Uptown Streetscape - Park Ridge, IL
- Marion Street Streetscape - Oak Park, IL

Park District Planning

- Hubbard Woods Park Master Plan - Winnetka, IL
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- Park District of Highland Park Comprehensive Plan - Highland Park, IL
- Skokie Playfields Master Plan - Winnetka, IL
- Lakefront Master Plan - Winnetka, IL

Urban & Regional Planning

- Illinois Route 53/120 Land Use Strategy - Lake County, IL
- Riverfront Neighborhoods Comprehensive Plan Update - Moline, IL
- MedQuarter Master Plan - Cedar Rapids, IA
- Downtown Strategic Development Plan - Kenosha, WI
- Illinois Medical District Master Plan - Chicago, IL
- Willow Road Corridor Plan - Northfield/Winnetka, IL
- State of Oregon Main Street Revitalization Services - OR
- Village Center Master Plan - Wilmette, IL
- San Antonio Strategic Historic Preservation Plan - San Antonio, TX



KEVIN CLARK

PLA AICP

PRINCIPAL & DIRECTOR OF DESIGN | 2005 - PRESENT

HOMETOWN

Louisville, Kentucky

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago

*Master of Urban Planning and Policy
Chicago, IL
(2006)*

University of Kentucky

*Bachelor of Science in Landscape
Architecture
Lexington, KY
(2000)*

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Planning Association
- American Society of Landscape Architects, Awards Jury (2014)
- Congress for New Urbanism
- American Institute of Architects, Associate Member
- American Planning Association Mentorship Program
- Lambda Alpha, ELY Chapter
- Uptown Development Partners
- Greentown Advisory Committee (2014)
- UIC Professional Development Panel (2010)

EXPERIENCE

Years with Lakota: 18
Years of Practice: 23

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Kevin brings over 20 years of experience in urban planning and landscape architecture to The Lakota Group, where he oversees the firm's urban design projects. His award-winning portfolio spans downtown, transit-oriented and neighborhood revitalization plans, physical and economic development strategies, and innovative design of open spaces and public places. He is passionate about dynamic and interactive public processes and works to integrate innovative technology throughout all of Lakota's projects.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Open Space and Park Design

- Antioch Village Green - Antioch, IL
- Howard Park - South Bend, IN
- Hubbard Woods Park - Winnetka, IL
- Skokie Playfields - Winnetka, IL
- Hesburgh Library Plaza - Notre Dame, IN
- Swedish Heritage Park - Loves Park, IL
- City Commons - Park Ridge, IL

Streetscape & Urban Design

- Antioch Streetscape Master Plan - Antioch, IL
- Lockport Street Streetscape - Plainfield, IL
- Marion Street Streetscape - Oak Park, IL
- Pleasant District Streetscape - Oak Park, IL
- Uptown Park Ridge Streetscape - Park Ridge, IL
- Algonquin Downtown Streetscape - Algonquin, IL
- Lake Street Streetscape - Oak Park, IL
- Homewood Downtown Streetscape - Homewood, IL

Landscape Architecture & Site Design

- Irish Green - Notre Dame, IN
- Delnor Hospital Landscape Master Plan - Geneva, IL
- Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital Landscape Improvements - Winfield, IL
- Lake Forest Place Landscape Design - Presbyterian Homes - Lake Forest, IL

Urban & Regional Planning

- East Point Form-Based Code - East Point, GA
- Downtown Master Plan - Evanston, IL
- Riverfront Neighborhoods Comprehensive Plan Update - Moline, IL
- MedQuarter Master Plan - Cedar Rapids, IA
- Downtown Strategic Development Plan - Kenosha, WI
- Illinois Medical District Master Plan - Chicago, IL
- Willow Road Corridor Plan - Northfield/Winnetka, IL
- State of Oregon Main Street Revitalization Services - OR
- Village Center Master Plan - Wilmette, IL



MORGAN CHAPMAN

 PLA ASLA

SENIOR ASSOCIATE | 2018 - PRESENT

HOMETOWN

Gurnee, Illinois

EDUCATION

Iowa State University

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
Ames, IA
(2016)

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Society of Landscape Architects

EXPERIENCE

Years with Lakota: 6
Years of Practice: 8

Morgan is a landscape architect whose background focuses on sustainable design and land and water conservation with an emphasis in public spaces. She assists in the management of the firm's landscape architecture projects and has shaped award-winning projects spanning commercial and municipal sectors including urban plazas, parks, streetscapes, mixed-use developments, and bluff and shoreline environments. She has extensive experience working on a variety of scales, from managing complex multi-disciplinary projects to designing intimate plazas and gardens.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Winnetka Park District Bluff Land Restoration - Winnetka, IL

The Lakota Group led the development and implementation of the Phase One Bluff Land Restoration and Site Improvements for Winnetka Park District. These improvements are step one in a long-range Bluff Master Plan vision for the Winnetka Lakefront Parks. The improvements include invasive species eradication and native landscape restoration at all five beach parks, as well as entrance enhancements and an elevated bluff walk at Tower Road Beach. Morgan led site design, detailing, construction documentation and construction oversight.

Juniper Park - Chicago, Illinois

The Lakota Group led the design, engineering, and construction phase services of a new playground at Juniper Park, a Chicago Park District park located in the Lakeview neighborhood. The new playground included sensory, motor, cognitive and social/emotions skills development features; nature-based play elements such as log steppers, log balance beams, a sand play area, a hill slide, outcropping stones, and a spray pool; and, standard play elements including tot swings, basket swings and a rope spinner. Morgan participated in construction administration.

Howard Park Community Ice Ribbon and Playscape - South Bend, IN

The Lakota Group led the design, construction, and program verification for South Bend's historic 12-acre riverfront park. The redevelopment includes a new community center, an ice ribbon, an interactive splash pad and meandering stream, a custom playscape, an events lawn and stage, a riverwalk, and festival street. The design seamlessly integrates spaces using a cohesive vernacular of site elements as well as dramatic topographical changes. Morgan participated in site design and construction documents and led on-site construction administration.

William Powers State Recreation Area - Chicago, IL

The Lakota Group worked with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to expand access to recreational opportunities already offered on site. Responding to sensitive and protected natural site conditions on Wolf Lake with a focus on ADA accessibility, improvements included an outdoor classroom, nature trail, fishing pier, and kayak launch. Morgan managed staff and subconsultants, oversaw site design, detailing, and construction documentation.

YMCA Camp Duncan Pat's Playground - Ingleside, IL

Serving as a summer and day camp, Camp Duncan provides children of all ages in the Fox Lake region opportunities to learn skills, developing character, and making friends. Meant as an improvement to the existing, dated playground, Pat's Playground provides children diverse play opportunities. With an emphasis on sensory play and accessibility, the playground includes a splash pad, music play, accessible zip-lines, and several slides. Morgan assisted with site design and construction documents and participated in construction administration.

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CARLOS TERRY

URBAN DESIGN SPECIALIST | 2021 - PRESENT

HOMETOWN

Lima, Peru

EDUCATION

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Bachelor in Architecture and Urbanism
Lima, Peru
(2016)

EXPERIENCE

Years with Lakota: 2
Years of Practice: 8

Carlos is an architectural and landscape designer with nine years of design practice experience, both in Chicago and previously in Lima, Peru. His expertise extend to the design development of diverse public open space projects, including education facilities, parks, playgrounds, trails, plazas and streetscapes. Carlos brings valuable skills in rendering, graphic presentation, and the preparation of construction drawings and documentation to his work.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Harmony Square - Tinley Park, IL

Collaborating with Kristi Trevarrow from the Rochester Downtown Development Authority, The Lakota Group partnered with Tinley Park to design Harmony Square, enhancing the downtown character. A key element of Tinley Park's brand identity, Harmony Square features a strategically placed performance stage at the heart of Downtown Tinley. Carlos contributed to conceptual designs for the Oak Park Ave entry plaza, produced 3D models, perspective renderings, graphics, and construction documents through an engaging community process.

The Lot - Highland Park, IL

The Lot in Highland Park is turning an empty parking lot into a dynamic community hub at the center of downtown. Hosting popular events like the Taste of Highland Park, artisan markets, and car shows, the project aims to seamlessly integrate these activities for a year-round destination. Its goal is to enhance community life, encourage social interaction, and boost economic activity. Carlos contributed to conceptual designs, graphic production, and community engagement.

Potawatomi Park - Southbend, IN

The Lakota Group collaborates with South Bend on a unified Master Plan for Potawatomi Park and the River Park neighborhood. The envisioned transformation includes year-round programming, featuring areas like aquatic recreation, performance spaces, picnic groves, gardens, playgrounds, and the South Bend Zoo. The planning process addresses landscape character, circulation, connectivity, and parking. Carlos assists with graphic production and perspective renderings for different scenarios.

Green Bay Trail - Winnetka, IL

The Village of Winnetka enlisted The Lakota Group to create a conceptual master plan study focused on improving Winnetka's section of the Green Bay Trail Corridor. The study assesses short and long-term physical enhancement strategies for Winnetka's 2.4-mile paved pathway alongside the Union Pacific Railroad. It recognizes essential contextual elements, including surrounding land use, environmental conditions, vegetation, and connections to and from adjacent areas. Carlos contributed to site analysis and conceptual initiatives using diagrams and graphics to enhance comprehension of the project's character.



LEXI PAUS

ASSOCIATE | 2023 - PRESENT

HOMETOWN

Yorkville, Illinois

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Certificate of Environmental Studies

Madison, WI

(2023)

ORGANIZATIONS

- American Society of Landscape Architects

EXPERIENCE

Years with Lakota: 1

Years of Practice: 2

Lexi, a landscape designer at The Lakota Group, brings a unique blend of passion and expertise in landscape architecture. Graduating with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and a Certificate of Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Lexi is deeply committed to harnessing the transformative power of design. Her ability to capture the essence of a place and articulate it through innovative design is further enriched by her international exposure to design. With a keen eye for form and a flair for creating distinctive spaces, Lexi excels in transforming ordinary landscapes into memorable, meaningful environments. Her work is driven by a commitment to sustainability and a deep respect for the narratives that shape our spaces.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Harmony Square - Tinley Park, IL

Tinley Park engaged the Lakota Group to re-envision a 1.6 acre downtown site as an urban plaza, featuring flexible open spaces for a variety of programming and four season use. The design features a large artificial turf lawn anchored by a stage on one end and a focal "gateway" plaza with a splash pad on the other. The lawn accommodates a winter ice rink, while seasonal fire pits, seating, and a Christmas tree are brought out to enhance the winter experience. Lexi has assisted in the production of 3d models, perspective renderings, graphic materials and construction documents.

1500 Sheridan Road - Wilmette, IL

The Lakota Group is leading a Master Plan for a condominium in Wilmette, IL. The project scope includes the redesign of landscapes over structure, updates to site amenities and furniture, and pedestrian lighting. A focal point is the remediation of a failing seawall along Lake Michigan to provide safety and enhance natural beauty. With a focus on improving accessibility, circulation, and views, The Lakota Group aims to create a harmonious and inviting environment for residents and their visitors. Lexi has assisted in site design, production of graphic materials, and community engagement.

The Lot - Highland Park, IL

The Lot in Highland Park aims to revitalize an underutilized parking lot into a bustling community hub at the heart of downtown Highland Park. Currently hosting popular events such as the Taste of Highland Park, artisan markets, and car shows, this permanent urban plaza seeks to seamlessly integrate these events and add additional uses for a dynamic, year-round destination. The goal is to enrich community life, encourage social interaction, and boost economic activity in the area. Lexi contributed to initial site design and graphic production.

Potawatomi Park - South Bend, IN

The Lakota Group and South Bend are collaborating on a Master Plan for Potawatomi Park to create a unified vision for this significant open space. The concept includes year-round programming, aquatic recreation, performance spaces, picnic groves, gardens, playgrounds, and walking paths. The planning process will focus on the landscape character, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and connectivity within the overall open space. Lexi has assisted with the production of 3d models and graphic materials.

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Hubbard Woods Park Master Plan & Implementation

Winnetka, IL

The Lakota Group led the development of a master plan for near and long-term park improvements, which focused on the park's role in the revitalization of the surrounding district. The planning effort examined both the function and location of current and potential amenities within the park and in context with the district's surrounding land uses. The final Park Master Plan clustered key amenities to create a more beneficial user experience while also promoting synergy with nearby businesses. The park planning effort began with an assessment of existing amenities and the recreational needs of the community, including a series of community workshops and meetings with local business owners.

Lakota Group assisted the Park District in moving the project through the Village entitlement process and proceeded with the implementation of the enhancements. The park features a new park pavilion, relocated and modernized playground, splash pad, native garden, bocce courts, and a reorganized circulation system.

Since the reopening of the park, the surrounding Hubbard Woods commercial district has seen marked improvement, including the opening of new businesses in spaces with persistent vacancy.

Statistics

Start Date: January 2014
Completed: September 2016

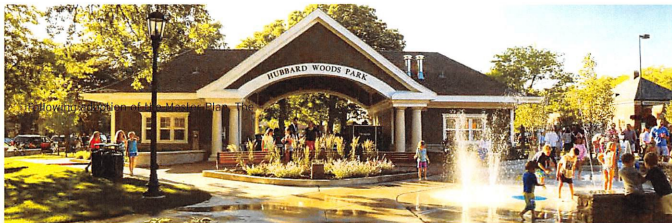
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Costa Kutulas
Superintendent of Parks
Winnetka Park District

(847) 501-2052
ckutulas@winpark.org

Budget

\$1.6 million





2016 Merit Award
American Society of Landscape Architects,
Illinois Chapter



Potawatomi Park Master Plan

South Bend, IN

The Lakota Group is currently working with the City of South Bend to re-envision one of the City's oldest and largest open spaces - Potawatomi Park. This master planning effort considers the park's historic function as both a neighborhood-level and city-wide amenity, as well as its context adjacent to the Potawatomi Zoo, which attracts thousands of visitors. After extensive focus group discussions with key stakeholders and public workshops, the proposed plan emphasizes the importance of investing and expanding the existing conservatory, relocating the natural

playground, creating a focal point water feature, enhancing circulation and access, incorporating native planting and garden spaces, and relocating parking to decrease the impermeable footprint.

Statistics

Start Date: June 2023
Completed: On-going

Reference

Tim Corcoran
Director, Planning & Community Resources
City of South Bend

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tcorcora@southbend.in.gov

Budget

N/A





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Howard Park

South Bend, IN

The Lakota Group led the design of Howard Park, downtown South Bend's historic riverfront park, for South Bend Venues Parks and Arts. The design reimagines the 12.75-acre site as a premier regional destination and hub of activity for downtown. The program includes two new park buildings, an ice rink, curving ice trail, an interactive water feature, custom playground, an event lawn, and a series of plazas, gathering spaces, and art gardens. The key driving force behind the design was to create a place that is both multi-seasonal and multi-generational, building upon the history

of South Bend and embracing its location on the St. Joseph River. The design seamlessly integrates spaces using a cohesive vernacular of site elements, hardscape, landscape, and lighting, as well as dramatic topographical changes to surprise and delight park visitors at every turn. Within the first two months of being open, the City estimated 100,000 people visited the park.

Statistics

Start Date: June 2017
Completed: November 2019

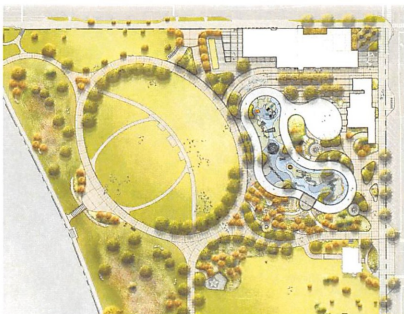
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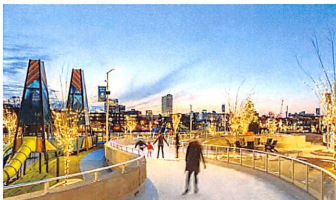
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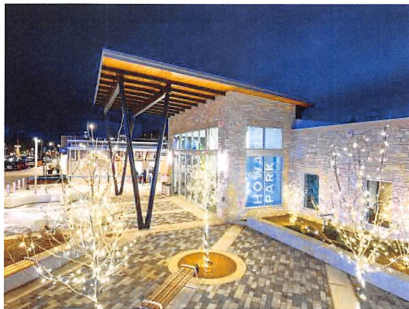
Budget

\$18 million (includes buildings)
\$1.2 million (playground)





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Harmony Square

Tinley Park, IL

The Lakota Group along with Kristi Trevarrow of the Rochester Downtown Development Authority (DDA), worked with the Village of Tinley Park to develop a Plaza design for Harmony Square with the goal of creating a cohesive downtown character. Harmony Square is a key component of the Village's recently completed branding initiative that puts music at the core focus of Tinley Park's brand.

With a robust, year-round programming schedule that includes music performances, outdoor exercise classes and ice skating, the new plaza will become the heartbeat of Downtown Tinley. The project was an interactive process that featured multiple opportunities for the community to shape the final outcome of the plaza.

Statistics

Start Date: June 2018
Completed: Ongoing

Reference

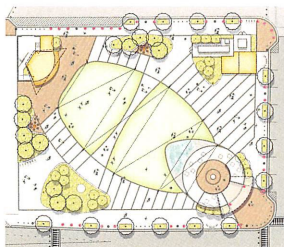
Donna Framke
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Budget

\$8 million





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Village Green

Bourbonnais, IL

The Lakota Group is leading a consultant team to design a new Village Green at the center of Bourbonnais' municipal campus. A robust engagement effort with input from over 2,100 residents led to a program for this key community space. The plan features a focal point stage and event lawn for large gatherings, a smaller stage adjacent to a new festival street that bisects the site, a gathering bosque, custom water feature featuring the Village's logo, and a large accessible playground.

Lakota led the design of all site and landscape elements, material selections, seating areas, water features, and the playground.

The \$20 million project has just been awarded with construction beginning in fall/winter 2022 through 2023.

Statistics

Start Date: February 2022
Completed: Ongoing

Reference

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Budget

\$20 million





Sequoit Creek Park

Antioch, IL

The Lakota Group is leading a team to design a new community open space in the heart of downtown Antioch. The park is located on a long-vacant parcel through which the Sequoit Creek had been buried in a culvert for decades. The design proposes to daylight the creek as the main element bisecting the site, allowing visitors to celebrate the natural feature that has been hidden from view for so long. The design's material palette takes its cue from the area's lake environment and the historic downtown architecture of the Village.

Key elements of the design include an event pavilion with a stepped amphitheater, multiple stone bridge overlooks, a cafe building with outdoor seating, an architectural water feature, and an inclusive playground. A variety of seating nooks and gathering spaces are located throughout the site in key places, inviting park users to experience the restored natural environment and multitude of amenities this community hub will offer. The park is scheduled to be under construction in the spring of 2023.

Statistics

Start Date: March 2022
Completed: Under Construction

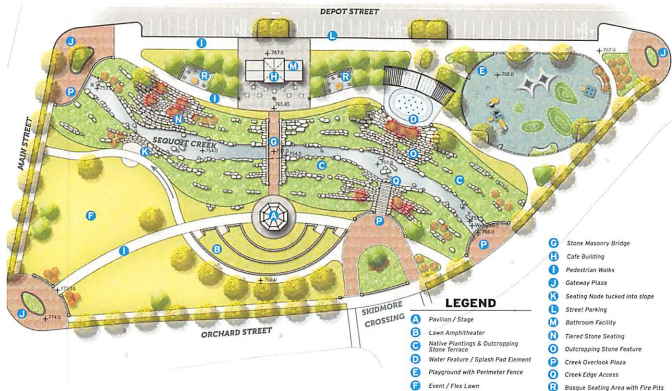
Reference

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Budget

\$10.7 million





Swedish Heritage Park Master Plan + Implementation

Rockford, IL

The Lakota Group led a master planning process to create an overall vision, as well as detailed design for the first phase of this 86-acre multi-use park facility. The design theme focused on a variety of elements to celebrate Swedish heritage, including a plant palette consisting of swaths of prairie planting and evergreen trees, Scandinavian inspired architecture, and a location for Kubb—a traditional Swedish game. The design takes advantage of the site's rolling topography to

frame key views and respect and enhance existing wetland and woodland areas, while creating efficient vehicular and pedestrian circulation, compact parking areas, and natural stormwater detention.

The initial phase includes a pavilion for 125 people, playground and recreation areas, multiple gathering spaces, and a large dog park integrated into the existing wooded landscape.

Statistics

Start Date: May 2010
Completed: June 2012

Reference

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Irish Green of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, IN

The University of Notre Dame Irish Green is a major new open space created on the south edge of campus along Edison Street. This 20-acre park provides a front door to the campus and a physical link between Notre Dame and South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood. Framed by the University's new Performing Arts Center, it complements the building's architecture with its simple, organic design. The Green was created as a place for students, local residents, and visitors to come together in an elegant setting and

experience a variety of spaces, including multiple gardens, a shaded bosque, large playground, campus Christmas tree, donor recognition area, and performance/pep rally lawn. The same palette of materials (such as stone walls, outcropping stone boulders, brick paver banding, benches, and lighting) are used throughout these individual spaces to create a cohesive open space.

Statistics

Start Date: June 2009
Completed: June 2012

Reference

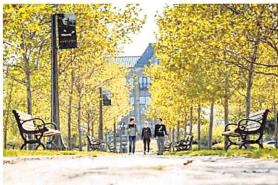
Doug Marsh
Vice President
Facilities, Design, and Operations University of
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Budget

\$3.5 million





On the Boards

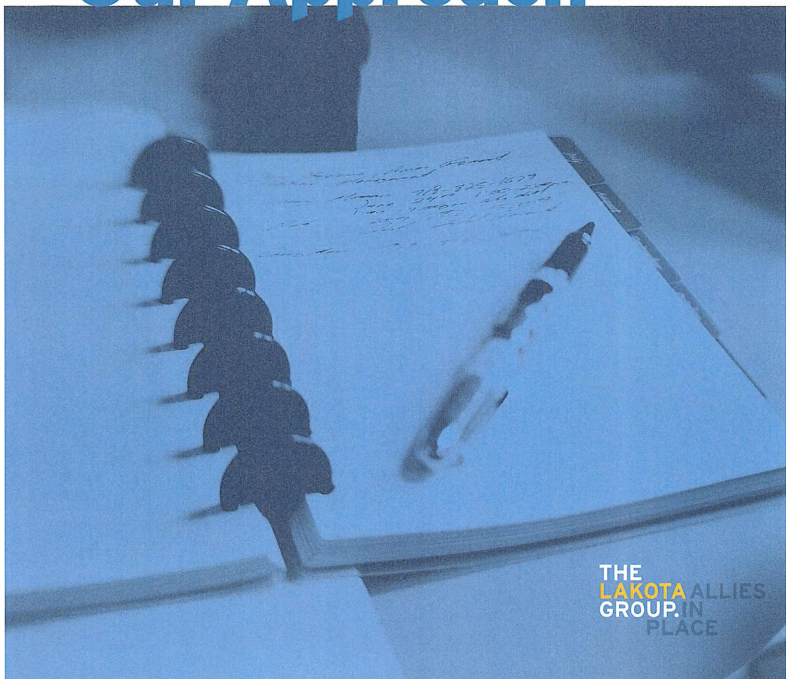


Perspective rendering for proposed plaza/park enhancements at Jon Hunt Memorial Plaza in South Bend, Indiana.



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Our Approach



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Work Plan >>

The Lakota Group is pleased to provide our professional landscape architectural design proposal to the Village of Homer Glen to update the Master Plan for the Village's key open space—Heritage Park.

We understand from this assignment that our work scope will focus envisioning improvements to the "crown jewel" of Homer Glen.

For our design and budgeting, we have broken our work scope down into three (3) distinct phases as noted below. Individual tasks are identified under each phase.

PHASE 1: ENGAGE

April 2024 - June 2024

TASK 1.1: Staff Kick-Off Meeting and Tour MEETING 1

Meet with Village staff to discuss project schedule, issues and opportunities, community engagement strategy, review site conditions, and confirm study area and program elements. After the initial organizational meeting, we will conduct a site tour of Heritage Park.

TASK 1.2: Site Base Data Collection/Development

Develop an accurate overall working base map of Heritage Park and surrounding context as discussed in the kick-off meeting. This base map may consist of GIS and aerial base maps and/or topographic surveys provided by the Village (if available).

TASK 1.3: Field Work + Inventory

Collect, examine, review, and evaluate data, previous plans, and studies and conduct field work. The data we will collect will include at least the following base information:

- » Existing public/private utility information
- » Existing right-of-way conditions
- » Landscape and tree canopy
- » Topography
- » Existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- » Existing land use map
- » Other Village planning or engineering documents
- » Existing hardscape and playgrounds
- » Existing structures

Our team will utilize aerial photography and provided GIS base data to create existing condition sheets that will be used for this design project.

Conduct additional field investigations to observe and inventory:

- » Physical conditions

- » Parking and circulation
- » Planning-level pedestrian/bicycle/vehicular network connectivity
- » ADA accessibility, pedestrian circulation, and safety
- » Presence and condition of sidewalks
- » Lighting
- » Activity nodes/generators
- » Landscape character and open space
- » Wayfinding issues and signage

TASK 1.4: Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting MEETING 2

Meet with Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting for a focus group discussion to review:

- » Site conditions and facilities
- » Future planning and space needs
- » Potential stakeholders and community outreach strategy
- » Process timeline

For this meeting our team will bring large scale aerial map print out and/or project the aerial and images on a screen.

TASK 1.5: Project Brand, Website & Social Media

Create a project-specific brand, website, and social media content to streamline communication throughout the process. The project website will serve as a hub of project information and documents, and will be updated regularly throughout the project. Surveys can be posted on the website, which can also be linked to the Village's website.

~~OPTIONAL TASK 1.6: Stakeholder Focus Group Discussions MEETING 3~~

~~Lakota will host a day of stakeholder focus group sessions to engage the stakeholder groups to discuss issues and opportunities related to the park. We anticipate these meetings will include 45 minute to hour-long sessions. We will work with Village staff to organize the appropriate venue for these meetings to take place, which could also take place virtually if desired.~~

~~OPTIONAL TASK 1.7: Visioning Open House Event MEETING 4~~

~~Facilitate an Open House event to receive input from all stakeholders, including residents, business owners, Village leaders, and other interested stakeholders. Surveys and interactive exercises will be designed to solicit feedback from participants. If an in-person event is not possible, a virtual workshop will be organized. A specific Kid Zone will be designed for engaging youth and getting their input into design preferences.~~

~~The Lakota team will provide large scale maps, potential improvement and program images, markers, and other exhibits as part of the visioning exercises.~~

~~A summary of the Open House will be submitted and shared with Village staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee. Additionally, all exhibits from the Open House will be posted in a Virtual Open House on the project website for additional input via a survey.~~

PHASE 2: ENVISION

June 2024 - August 2024

TASK 2.1: Preliminary Design Options

Based on community input, the team will develop a range of design concepts for Heritage Park. These concepts will focus on the key elements listed in the RFP, included, but not limited to: the main and secondary pavilions, Veterans Memorial, interactive water feature, restroom facilities, ADA accessible fishing dock, areas for soccer fields, pathway plan/connectivity, amphitheater, and Village Green area.

Develop alternatives for how these key elements and use zones relate and function together, as well as image boards and/or vignettes that depict landscape, hardscape materials, furniture, and special features for each of the focus areas.

TASK 2.2 Staff Review Meeting **MEETING 5**

Meet with Village staff to review preliminary design concepts and to present the range of options. Refine concepts per comments and create add on alternative scenarios.

~~OPTIONAL TASK 2.3: Open House #2 Event **MEETING 6**~~

~~Facilitate a second Open House event to receive input from all stakeholders/residents. A brief presentation will be made highlighting the concept plan options and associated imagery. After the presentation, participants will engage in a number of activities, such as surveys, text polling, and budget voting, to select preferred plan layouts and elements for both parks. As with the first workshop, a specific Kid Zone will be designed for engaging youth and getting their input on the preferred concept.~~

TASK 2.4: Preferred Plan Refinement

Refine the preliminary plan options into one refined direction for Heritage Park with more detail based on feedback from Village staff during this iterative design process. The plan will feature:

- » Preferred layouts for circulation, parking, programmed spaces, Veterans Memorial, recreation areas, water feature, restrooms, and structures, etc.
- » Selection of preferred amenities, cut sheets, or character images

- » Selection of site furniture, benches, shade structures, trash receptacles, bike racks, etc.
- » Landscape plant palette, with a focus on sustainable native plants
- » Hardscape materials palette
- » Consideration of grading/drainage, including ADA access
- » Integration of green infrastructure solutions
- » Potential phasing

This will include developing rendered and annotated preferred plans, preferred imagery for open space elements, furniture, hardscape, landscape, and specialty elements.

TASK 2.5: Cost Estimate

Develop a schematic cost estimate for the concepts and key elements for discussion purposes.

TASK 2.6: Staff/Parks and Recreation Committee Review Meeting **MEETING 7**

Meet with Village staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee to review preferred concept design package. Present order of magnitude cost opinions for the concepts. Refine concepts and costs per comments.

PHASE 3: IMPLEMENT

September 2024 - October 2024

TASK 3.1: Final Plan Refinements

Make revisions to the plan package based on feedback from the community and Village staff/Parks and Recreation Committee direction.

TASK 3.2: "Draft" Final Plan Report

Develop a simple "Draft" Final Plan report, summarizing the process and preferred plan. At a minimum, this will include:

- » Description of the key Plan elements and features with a focus on elements that will help obtain grant funding
- » The Final Plan for Heritage Park, rendered with annotations
- » Hardscape and Plant Palettes
- » Character imagery for key elements and features
- » Implementation matrix considering near-, mid-, and long-term development plan
- » Updated Opinions of Probable Cost

The Plan Report will be revised per Village staff comments before being presented to the Village Board.

TASK 3.3: Staff Review Meeting MEETING 8

Meet with Village staff/Parks and Recreation Committee to review Draft Final Plan Report. Refine report per Village comments.

TASK 3.4: Village Board Presentations MEETINGS 9 & 10

Present the Final Plan Report and vision to the Village Board for approval.

TASK 3.5: Final Plan

Make edits and submit Final Plan to Village.

Forms & References



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HERITAGE PARK MASTER PLAN Q&A ADDENDUM

Does the Village have an identified budget or budget range for the project?

The Village budget for this project is \$25,000 or less.

Could you please clarify why the Village is not just using the consultant that did the original master plan?

Since the last master plan was created, the vision for Heritage Park has changed and evolved in layout and in terms of our wants and needs. The Village is looking to update and refresh the master plan and our board wanted to open the opportunity to new firms.

The RFP submission requirements state a technical proposal as described in the RFP, but does not outline what the technical proposal should consist of. Can you provide more information about the technical proposal requirements?

The technical proposal should identify how your firm will approach the work and satisfy the scope of services as laid out in the RFP. Proposals should include information as listed in Section V of the RFP which will aid in the evaluation and selection process.

Does the Village require a Project Approach/Scope of Work as part of our proposal for the Updated Master Plan?

Project approach and scope of work should be included as to meet the requirements laid out in Section II: Project Details and to assist with selection and evaluation as laid out in Section V: Evaluation and Selection Process.

Are you (Village) requiring a breakdown of costs in addition to the Proposal Summary Sheet?

A breakdown of costs is not required.

Will AutoCAD Files be made available to the selected firm from the previous master plan done for the park?

The Village does not have AutoCAD files from the previous master plan.

Will AutoCAD Files from any construction done since the original master plan be provided to the selected firm?

Yes. This will be provided to the selected firm.

Is a topographical and boundary survey available for the entire park?

Yes. This will be provided to the selected firm.

Is any data or programming available indicating the size of pavilions that are needed?

At this time pavilion sizing can be determined by the proposing firm in regards to how it ties in with their proposed master plan design. Final pavilion sizing would be determined after receiving input from the Parks Committee.

Are any existing utility plans available for the park?

Yes. These can be provided to the selected firm.

The RFP calls for providing the location of the future water feature. Has it been determined if this is a recirculation or non-recirculation water feature? Do we need to provide any details beyond just placement of the water feature?

No further details beyond just the placement of the water feature are required at this time. More in depth details will be worked out during future phases of park development.

Do we need to provide updated project budget cost?

A cost should be provided for the design of an updated master plan. The Village budget for this project is \$25,000 or less.

Do we need to provide updated images of the proposed Veterans Memorial?

A full design of the veteran's memorial would not be required at this time, a basic updated image/placeholder in the master plan is acceptable. More in depth details will be worked out during future phases of park development.

Is existing topographic information available for the soccer fields to do a proper analysis?

Current soccer fields are striped/painted out on the existing ground. A topographic survey for the existing conditions of the park can be provided to the selected firm.

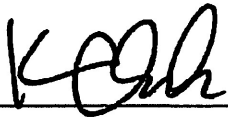
Please sign and attach a copy of the addendum with your submittal:

Signed: KEA

Date: 03.07.24

Section VII: Proposal Summary Sheet

The Lakota Group (Name of Organization) proposes to provide services for the Village of Homer Glen's Master Plan in Heritage Park, as outlined herein; for the total cost of \$ 22,800. This includes all services, labor, material, equipment, supervision, and any other items considered a billable expense.

Signed: 

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Title: Principal

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Dated: March 7, 2024

Section VIII: Certifications and Assurances

I/we make the following certifications and assurances as a required element of the proposal to which it is attached, understanding that the truthfulness of the facts affirmed here and the continuing compliance with these requirements are conditions precedent to the award or continuation of the related contract(s):

1. The attached proposal is a firm offer for a period of 90 days following receipt, and it may be accepted by the Village without further negotiation at any time within the 90-day period.
2. In preparing this proposal, I/we have not been assisted by any current or former employee of the Village whose duties relate (or did relate) to this proposal or prospective contract, and who was assisting in other than his or her official public capacity. Neither does such a person nor any member of his or her immediate family have any financial interest in the outcome of this proposal. (Any exceptions to these assurances are described in full detail on a separate page and attached to this document.)
3. I understand that the Village will not reimburse me/us for any costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal. All proposals will become the property of the Village, and I/we claim no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples.
4. I/we warrant that, in connection with this procurement:
 - a. The price and/or cost data have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communications, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any competition.
 - b. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices and/or cost data which have been submitted have not knowingly been disclosed by him/her prior to opening, in the case of a proposal directly or indirectly to any other competitor
 - c. No attempt has been made or will be made by the consultant to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

Company The Lakota Group
Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date March 7, 2024
Title Principal

Section IX: References

Organization: SEE REFERENCES PAGE
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Contact Person: _____
Name of Project: _____
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Section X: Non-Collusion Certificate

The Undersigned Bidder is not barred from bidding for this Contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes concerning bid rigging, rotating, kickbacks, bribery and interference with public contracts.

The Lakota Group
(Printed Name of Firm)

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[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Representative

Principal March 7, 2024
Title Date

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**thank
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	Lakota	Farnsworth	Confluence	PRI	GRWA	DxU/Kimley
Successful experience on projects of similar or larger scopes, value and quality. (30%)	5	5	4	3.5	3.5	3
Successful past performance through reference of previous clients, including local governments. (20%)	5	4.5	4	4	4	3
Organizational capacity and managerial capability to successfully execute and deliver projects of similar or larger scopes, value and quality. (20%)	5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	2
Credentials, experience and reputation of personnel identified to lead, execute, deliver and manage the project. (15%)	5	5	5	4.5	4	2
Experience in design, in particular landscape architecture. (15%)	5	3.5	5	4.5	3.5	2
	5	4.58	4.40	4.10	3.88	2.50
Total Cost	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,038.00	\$ 23,950.00	\$ 16,000.00

SUMMARY

Lakota Group

Proposal goes above and beyond on deliverables. Very thorough, thoughtful design approach. Extensive planning and landscape architecture experience. High quality design and detail driven.

Farnsworth

Significant park experience. Skilled landscape architects and full civil engineering which is a plus. Scope met minimum requirements based on RFP.

Confluence

Thoughtful design approach to scope of work. Extensive planning and landscape architectural experience, very large firm. Appears to not have thought about budget and have just put in maximum budget allowance.

PRI

Appears to have limited project experience through completion based on proposal. Smaller firm, limited staffing. Well thought out designs based on proposal.

GRWA

Broad spectrum of landscape architects, planners and environmental credentials. Satisfactory designs.

DXU & Kimley Horn

More architecture and engineering based as opposed to landscape architecture. Proposal is unclear on what firm is the lead for this project. Limited park work.