



**MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:** Susan Norton, Chief of Staff  
**FROM:** Tim Nyander, Utilities Director  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** Northwest Arkansas Land Trust - West Side Prairie Habitat Restoration and Management

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of a Contract for Habitat Restoration and Management of West Side Prairie between the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Northwest Arkansas Land Trust in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a term of one year.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Northwest Arkansas Land Trust has maintained the West Side Prairie near the West Side Treatment Facility since 2020. They have worked on restoring the prairie habitat and also performing ecological management services for the West Side Prairie. The current contract has expired, so staff has negotiated a new contract with Northwest Arkansas Land Trust to continue the habitat restoration and management.

**DISCUSSION:**

Due to their expertise in habitat restoration and management, Northwest Arkansas Land Trust was selected to perform these services on behalf of the City of Fayetteville. Services to be provided include:

1. Use adaptive restoration strategies to restore the site to native tall grass prairie and savannah habitat.
2. Use adaptive management strategies to properly manage habitat for native tall grass prairie and savanna species.
3. Install and manage appropriate infrastructure for public access.
4. Administer and manage work schedules, vendors, and contractors, and coordinate with proper City of Fayetteville staff.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

Funds are available in the Wetlands Bank Construction account within the Water and Sewer fund. This agreement may be renewed for 5 additional one (1) year terms with mutual agreement of the parties.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF Northwest Arkansas Land Trust, NWALT\_Contract for WSP\_ Signed\_03222023