




Interoffice Memorandum
City of Green
Public Service Department

To: City Council
Cc: Mayor Neugebauer
From:  Valerie Wax Carr, Director of Public Service
Date: June 4, 2018
Subject: **Contract to remove invasive species from South Gate Park**

As you may recall, the City of Green applied for a grant through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation funding for the Boettler/Southgate Park Development & Stream Restoration, additional parking, and the removal of invasive species. I am happy to report we were granted a \$308,555 for these projects. We recently took quotes to complete the trail head parking at Southgate Park and the work will begin shortly. We are also in the process of developing a design build proposal that will be distributed to a list of firms for the stream restoration portion of the project. The last portion of the projects is the removal of invasive species. While researching firms that are qualified to perform this kind of specialized work, we were continually referred to EnviroScience. The city's grant agreement stipulates the invasive species removal will take place twice yearly – spring and fall of 2018 and spring and fall of 2019. EnviroScience has not only demonstrated that they have the expertise necessary to perform the work, but they assured us they have the capacity to meet the grant timeline and begin the spring 2018 work immediately. Therefore, we are asking to waive competitive bidding and enter into a direct contract with EnviroScience for an amount not to exceed \$175,000. **We also request first reading passage.** The amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) from the Southgate Improvements account (Acct#402-7810-53630) will be utilized to pay for the expenditure. This expense is eligible to be reimbursed up to 50% as part of our overall grant of \$308,555.