

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Gray Mayor David L. Holmes Commissioner

TO:

Jim Gray, Mayor

Urban County Council

FROM:

Susan Plueger, Director, Div. of Environmental Policy

DATE: August 8, 2014

RE: Requesting Authorization to Award Contract with The Arboretum for stormwater education and outreach services for Division of Environmental Policy.

The Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works is requesting authorization to award a contact with The Arboretum for the Division of Environmental Policy. The Arboretum will be responsible for the development and presentation of workshops covering issues related to stormwater education in Fayette County. All workshops shall be free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The state Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit requires Lexington to have a Public Education and Public Involvement component for its stormwater program. The Arboretum is expected to develop stormwater workshops on issues such as Building a Rain Garden, Restoring Riparian Areas along Streams, Green Lawn Care, Going Green Landscaping and Use of Urban Forests to Improve Water Quality as determined by the Division.

For the services described, The Arboretum shall be compensated for Workshop Development and Presentation at a total not to exceed \$32,000 for the contract period, which starts September 1, 2014 and extends through June 30, 2015. The Arboretum shall provide LFUCG with semi-annual written report, six and twelve months from the effective date. The reports shall include a description of workshop content and focus, registration of participants, number and date of each event, copies of workshop materials distributed, and copies of promotional materials and photographs of each workshop.

The Arboretum has been conducting successful stormwater-related workshops for the Division since 2010.

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