

**Request for Bid Q01178
Prairie Maintenance
Addendum #1
May 7, 2025**

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This Addendum consists of the following questions received to date and their responses:

1. There is an area directly adjacent to the South of the designated site that appears to have been recently cleared and planted with Hazelnut saplings. There is also an area near the shoreline to the Southeast along the trail that looked like it may have been recently cleared. Are stewardship plans to include either of these areas within this contract or in the future? Stewardship of the area with the saplings in particular will help ensure the success of these trees.

Response: No, we have no plans to include those areas in the stewardship plan within this contract. Those areas are monitored by student and volunteer groups for now.

2. Large stands of buckthorn are prominent along the North edge of the site. There is a large old growth Red Oak tree in this area, as well as native geranium and other native woodland species. Would you like buckthorn removal included in the proposal, particularly around this tree?

Response: No, buckthorn removal is NOT required in the proposal. Buckthorn removal plans are currently under the supervision of the biology department in conjunction with volunteer and student events.

3. As we visited the site today, we noticed the area was recently treated with herbicide, probably within the past 48 hours. There was noticeable overspray, and with recent rains there may have been other herbicide migration. Are there any performance standards for herbicide application that Harper College adopts beyond self-performance within the vendor's Utilization Plan per the RFB? Please see images enclosed and forward to the project contacts in the biology department.

Response: No, there are no additional performance standards for herbicide application. Any unintended damage to non-targeted species during invasive removal should be minimized as much as possible. If damage occurs, department representatives will reach out to the vendor for alternative methods to reduce damage as appropriate.

Sincerely,

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