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MOWING CONSOLIDATION

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Departments

- Airport
- Engineering
- Facilities
- Fire
- Gas
- Neighborhood Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Police
- Solid Waste
- Storm Water
- Waste Water
- Water

Methodology – Completed

- Collected mowing information from each Department to include current budget, staffing, equipment, schedules/frequencies/cycles, maps and addresses..
- Collated and analyzed information received from Departments.
- Determined Departments whose mowing should be included in consolidation.
- Researched best practices – frequencies/cycles/mowing types/equipment/insurance.

Methodology

- Developed recommendations and associated costs.
- Built recommendations to contract more mowing.
- Identify the equipment and the associated support staffing (contract administrators/inspectors) required to accomplish contracted/internal mowing recommendation.
- Identified potential cost savings opportunities.

Challenges

- Portions of employees time (doing more than just mowing)
 - Fire, Gas, Solid Waste, Storm Water, Waste Water, Water
- Unusable/Unsellable Property – Engineering – unused/residual from right of way acquisitions
- Complaint Driven, not regularly scheduled – Gas (Regulator Sites), Neighborhood Services (Paper Streets), Waste Water (Lift Stations)
- Mowing Frequencies too infrequent due to resource constraints
- New properties added without a maintenance plan or resources

Potential Savings

- Storm Water Right of Way Mowing – Development Agreements
- Water and Waste Water Plants – Natural Landscaping/Less Mowing
- Selling of Surplus Properties
 - Parks – 27 on Repurpose List
 - Others – Engineering, Neighborhood Services

Recommendations

- Phase I
 - April 2014 – September 2014
 - Consolidate Mowing in Storm Water/Streets and Facilities with Parks and Recreation
 - Maintains current mowing frequencies
 - Includes current funding, manpower, equipment, offices and storage space

Recommendations

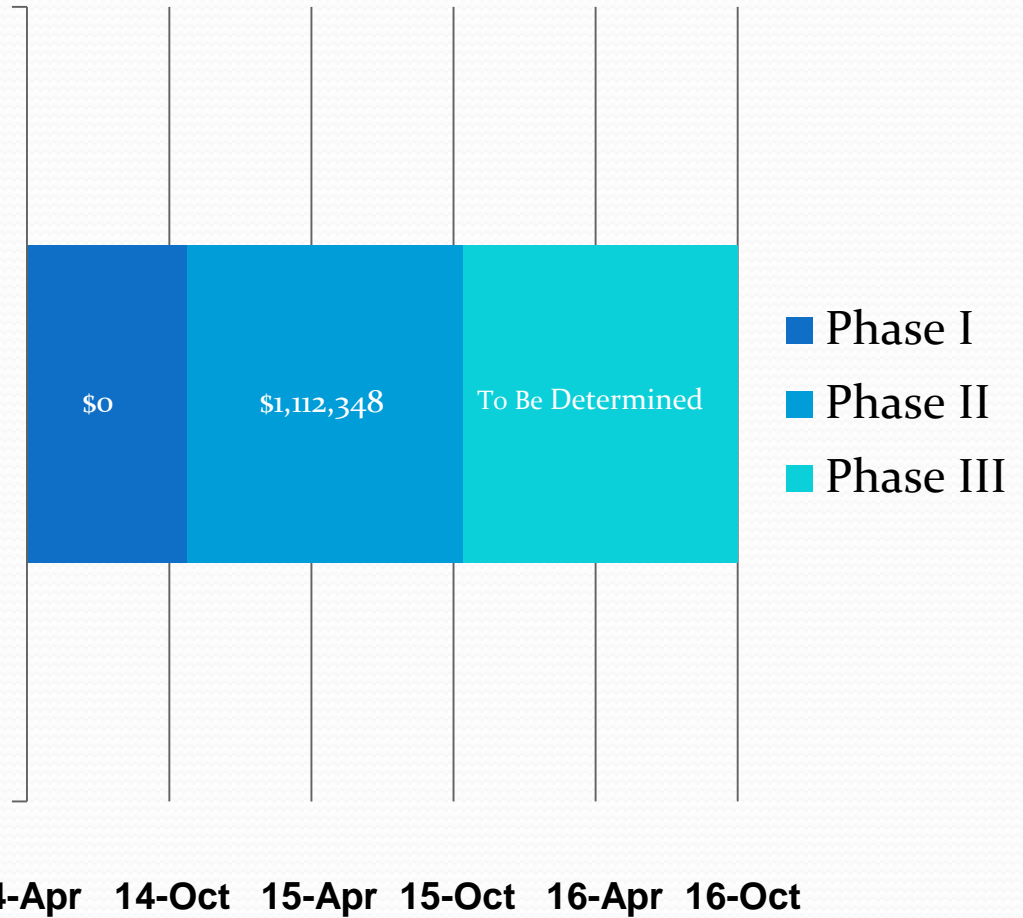
- Phase II
 - October 2014 – September 2015
 - Consolidate mowing of City Property from Engineering, Neighborhood Services, Police, Solid Waste (portions), Water (portions) and Waste Water (portions)
 - Add funding to establish or increase frequency cycles – “proactive vs. reactive” - \$1,112,348
 - Further investigation and implementation of potential cost saving measures

Recommendations

- Phase III
 - October 2015 – October 2016
 - Evaluate progress and make necessary changes – frequencies, amount contracted, new properties acquired, etc.
 - May or may not include additional funding request for FY17 Budget based upon evaluation

Schedule

Mowing Consolidation Plan





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