

**WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Whitewater Township is seeking the services of a qualified Arborist, Environmental Specialist, Conservation Scientist, or Forester to coordinate and oversee hazardous tree removal and pruning activities within the Lossie Road Nature Trail and the Battle Creek Natural Area. The complete bid packet can be found on the home page of the township website, www.whitewatertownship.org, or may be obtained by contacting Clerk Cheryl Goss at clerk@whitewatertownship.org, 231-267-5141 x24, or P.O. Box 159, Williamsburg, Michigan 49690. **Bids must be received no later than June 30, 2016.** Whitewater Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

REQUEST FOR BID

Whitewater Township is seeking a qualified Arborist, Environmental Specialist, Conservation Scientist, or Forester (collectively, “Arborist”) to coordinate and oversee hazardous tree removal and pruning activities within the Lossie Road Nature Trail and the Battle Creek Natural Area of the Township. The Lossie Road Nature Trail is a wooded 3-mile narrow linear park featuring an established walking path between Cook Road and Skegemog Point Road. Battle Creek Natural Area is a unique recreational opportunity comprised of 255 acres of diverse wildlife habitat, open meadow, wetland, hiking trails, and one of the longest uninterrupted Elk Lake shorelines.

Due to a windstorm in August 2015, these parks suffered significant tree damage resulting in unsafe trail conditions and total park closures. As such, the Township seeks an Arborist to develop a hazardous tree inventory and subsequent hazardous tree mitigation plan.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake and complete several services in coordination and management of this project.

- 1) Identify the scope of work on either side of the trail centerlines and also near structures on the subject property (the “target area”) to sufficiently protect trails and structures.
- 2) Complete an inventory of hazardous trees within the target area.
- 3) Generate a map and list of all hazardous trees within the target area on the subject property. This document shall identify any tree with disease, particularly oak wilt, or used as habitat by the Northern Long-Eared Bat within the target area.
- 4) Develop a prioritized action plan for removal or pruning of hazardous trees in compliance with rules, regulations, or best practices designed to limit the spread of disease and maintain or improve bird/animal habitat.
- 5) Assist the Township with the development of a bidder’s document for selecting a contractor to execute the removal or pruning of trees.
- 6) Candidate shall disclose any conflicts of interest with the Contractor or the Township.
- 7) Oversee the Contractor during tree removal and mitigation activities.
- 8) Provide a letter of final completion certifying the trails are open to the public and that removal of trees was completed in accordance with best practices.

Any interested candidate should include in its response the following information:

- a) The candidate’s experience and skill related to hazardous tree identification, mitigation, and elimination.
- b) The candidate’s experience, if any, identifying and mitigating disease in forestry, particularly oak wilt.
- c) The candidate’s experience, if any, identifying and maintaining Northern Long-Eared Bat habitat.
- d) At least 3 references that can attest to the candidate’s experience and skill.
- e) The names of individuals who will work with the candidate, if any, to complete the work.

- f) Proof of adequate insurance to complete the work identified for hazardous tree identification and elimination.
- g) Any potential conflicts of interest with the Township.
- h) A proposed cost to complete the services identified.
- i) Certification that the candidate is not an “Iran Linked Business” within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012.

Responses may be sent to:

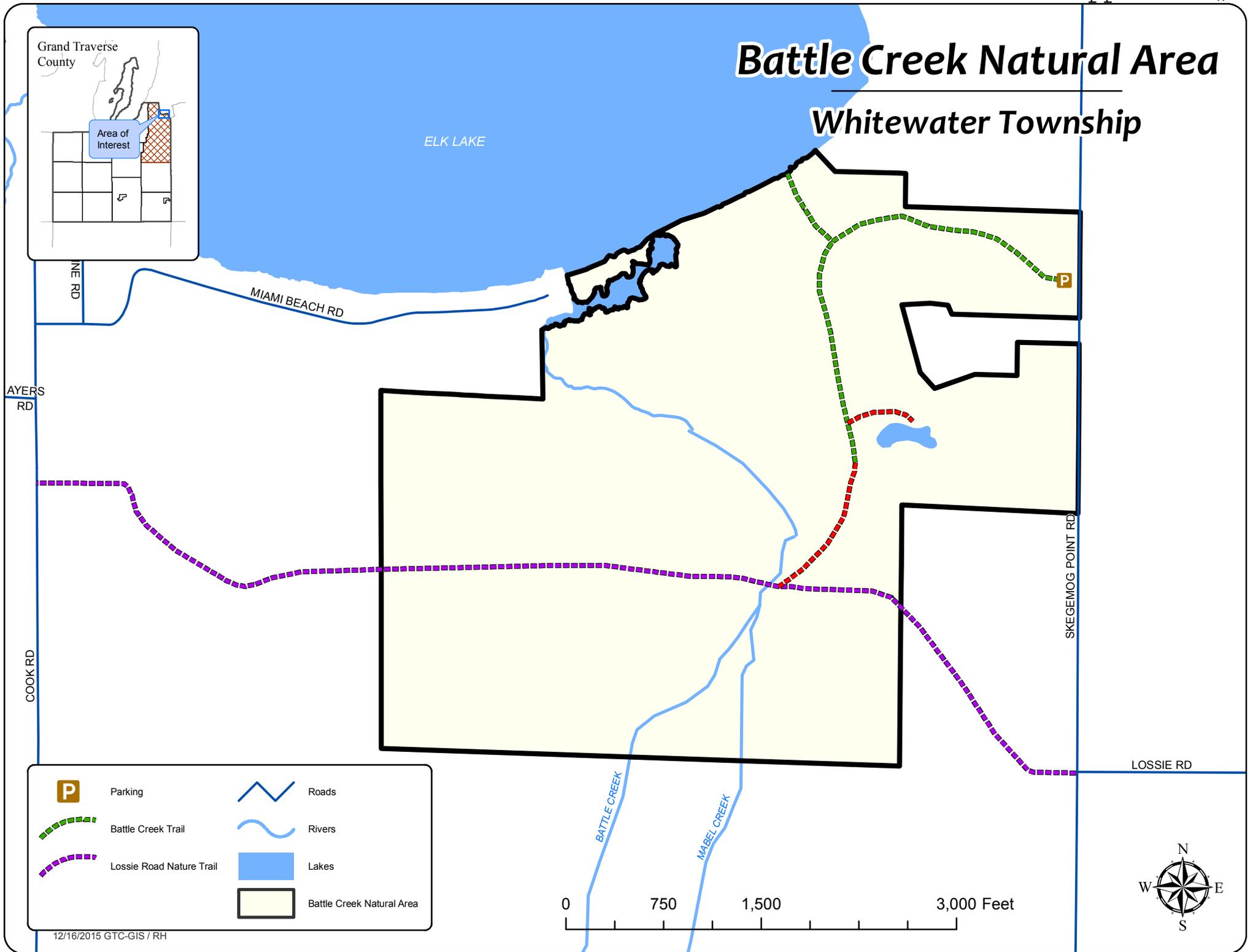
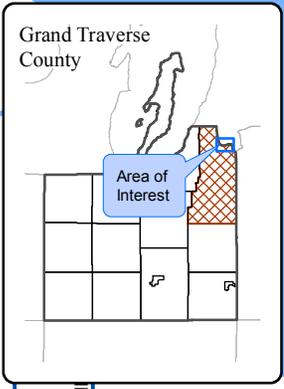
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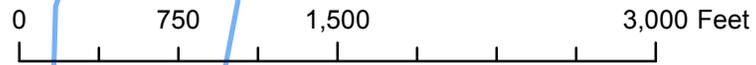
Interested parties are asked to submit proposals and qualifications no later than June 30, 2016.

Battle Creek Natural Area

Whitewater Township



	Parking		Roads
	Battle Creek Trail		Rivers
	Lossie Road Nature Trail		Lakes
	Battle Creek Natural Area		



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