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Wilde Lake Dredging Project plan moving forward

Contract awarded; dredging process tentatively scheduled to begin early fall 2010

The Columbia Association (CA) has chosen the proposal submitted by Genesis Fluid Solutions headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado for the dredging of Wilde Lake. The selected proposal was unanimously rated highest on the proposed staging area and dredging methodology. The Genesis Fluid Solutions proposal is the most cost effective, while at the same time presents an environmentally and neighborhood friendly solution to the removal of accumulated sediment from Wilde Lake.

Per this plan, the contractor will launch a hydraulic dredge into the lake at the existing boat ramp and “vacuum” sediments. The floating pipeline connected to the dredge will carry the sediment to mechanical dewatering equipment located at a staging area below the Wilde Lake dam on open space property. The boat ramp will be accessed via Hyla Brook Drive west of the barn parking lot. Trucks and other contractor equipment will access the below-dam staging area via Hyla Brook Drive near the intersection of Runningbrook Drive. The dredging process will last an estimated 60 to 75 days. During this time, the community can expect approximately 35 trucks per day in this area. The proposed contract cost, based on removing 24,000 cubic yards of sediment from Wilde Lake, is \$1.17 million. Engineering and project management costs will add approximately \$350,000 to the project budget bringing the total cost to dredge Wilde Lake to approximately \$1.6 million, well within CA’s FY10 budget-approved amount of \$2 million. Currently, the project is in the final design stage. Plans will be sent to various agencies for permits and is tentatively set to begin early fall 2010.

Throughout the project proposal process, CA has welcomed community input and encouraged involvement in choosing options for the dredging of Wilde Lake. CA staff attended three Wilde Lake Village Board public meetings and presented maps, charts and other pertinent information; attended two Wilde Lake Village Board “Listening Sessions” where residents were able to discuss the dredging project and ask questions; and provided the Wilde Lake Village Board with summaries of the short-listed proposals, which they in turn made available to residents. The Wilde Lake Village board unanimously supported the proposal, which CA staff brought to the CA Board’s Planning and Oversight Committee. This committee made the final recommendation to the CA Board for approval and the CA Board of Directors approved the staging and methodology on March 26, 2009.

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