



Title:	Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project: Award Contract to Construct the Project; and Authorization to Amend Stantec Design Contract to Include Construction Support Services
Resolution numbers:	26-059 26-060
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Reviewed by:	Rachel Baker, Planner-Project Manager; Chuck Holtman, Smith Partners
Recommended action:	The Board of Managers awards a contract to Vada Contracting, LLC to construct the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project and authorizes the District Administrator to amend the design contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to include construction support services.
Schedule:	July 2026: Award contract August 2026: Notice to proceed October 2026: Substantial and final completion Spring 2027: Vegetation establishment
Budget considerations:	Fund name and code: SWLRT Trail Connection, 3-3152 2026 Fund budget: \$494,432 2026 Expenditures: \$29,062 Requested amount for construction: \$676,931 (\$615,392 + 10% contingency) Requested amount for construction support: \$99,641 (\$90,583 + 10% contingency) Partner Contributions: Hennepin County grant (\$200,000); City of St. Louis Park 50% split of remaining costs
Past Board action:	Res # 15-084 Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Professional Instruments Company for Cooperative Planning at 7800 Powell Road, Hopkins, MN Res # 22-050 Authorization to Proceed with Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Feasibility Res # 24-036 Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with Hennepin County for Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection Res # 24-054 Ordering the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project Res # 26-049 Approval of 90% Design Plans for the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project and Authorization to Solicit Bids Res # 26-050 Approval of Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project Agreements

Summary:

Background

Since 2009, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) has worked with municipal and private partners on a series of projects in the highly urbanized corridor between West 34th Street and Meadowbrook Lake (within Hopkins and St. Louis Park) to address downstream water quality and quantity issues, impaired ecological integrity within the creek and riparian corridor, and a lack of recreational access to Minnehaha Creek; and to catalyze economic development. In 2012, MCWD developed a conceptual design for the Minnehaha Creek Greenway encompassing these projects and identifying future projects in the corridor, and once the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment is complete, the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration project will fill the remaining gap in the network of trails and greenspace.

The trail connection will bring the Greenway trail under the newly constructed SWLRT corridor, connecting the Minnehaha Creek Preserve and the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail near 325 Blake Road, providing uninterrupted pedestrian infrastructure along Minnehaha Creek between Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park and Cottageville Park in Hopkins. This project also provides an opportunity to stabilize the streambank and enhance the riparian zone of the stretch of Minnehaha Creek between 325 Blake Road and the Minnehaha Creek Preserve.

Since 2012, MCWD has worked closely with St. Louis Park, the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, and private property owners to ensure support for the trail project. All project partners were re-engaged in 2022 as the updated feasibility study was scoped and conducted, with engagement continuing throughout the design process.

Feasibility, Project Ordering, and Design Process

Initial feasibility work was conducted in 2015/2016 by Wenck (now Stantec). MCWD contracted with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) and Inter-Fluve, Inc. in 2022 to conduct a more detailed feasibility study to reflect current conditions in the creek and rail corridors, model the floodplain, and advance two potential trail alignments to assess constructability and land rights. During feasibility, MCWD staff worked closely with the City of St. Louis Park to understand the city's trail design requirements, maintenance preferences, and potential funding sources. The updated feasibility study resulted in two modified trail alignment options.

At the September 26, 2024, Board of Managers meeting a public hearing was held and the Board formally ordered the project. At the following Board of Managers meeting on October 10, 2024, the Board authorized contracting with Stantec and subconsultant Inter-Fluve to lead project design and engineering. A kickoff meeting with Stantec, MCWD, and agency partners was held on January 7, 2025, to gather information, share ideas, and identify any potential project hurdles. 30% design was reviewed, and a preferred trail alignment was confirmed at the May 8, 2025, Board of Managers meeting. 60% design was reviewed at the September 25, 2025, Board of Managers meeting and a community open house was held September 30, 2025.

The Board approved the 90% design at its May 14, 2026 meeting and bid-ready construction documents were subsequently finalized, incorporating comments from all partner agencies. All permit and regulatory review that is not the responsibility of the contractor has been completed, and the necessary project agreements were approved by the Board at its May 14, 2026 meeting. The three agreements are:

- Project Agreement among Creekwest LLC, City of St. Louis Park & Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Cooperative Agreement between City of St. Louis Park & Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
- Cooperative Construction Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Bid Solicitation Process

On May 22, 2026, staff released the project bid package on the online platform QuestCDN. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held at the MCWD office on June 3, 2026, and the public bid period closed on June 15, 2026. The bid included a base bid and a bid alternate for contractor-led construction testing. MCWD received four bids, listed in the table below. Vada Contracting, LLC (Vada) submitted the low bid both for the base bid, and for the base bid with bid alternate. District staff and Stantec have determined the bid to be responsive, and find Vada to be a responsible bidder based on an assessment of Vada's qualifications submitted at the request of MCWD.

Bidder	Base Bid	Base Bid + Bid Alternate
Vada Contracting, LLC	\$605,392.11	\$615,392.11
Urban Companies	\$764,272.00	\$774,272.00
New Look Contracting, Inc.	\$834,885.25	\$849,885.25
Rosti Construction	\$857,286.50	\$887,286.50

Vada's base bid is \$605,392.11 and its bid alternate is \$10,000, for a total bid of \$615,392.11. This compares with the Engineer's opinion of probable cost of \$762,217 for the base bid, and \$8,000 for the bid alternate, for a total estimated cost of \$770,217. Pursuant to the Data Practices Act, the full bid tabulation is not yet public information. A copy of the bid tabulation will have been distributed to the Board of Managers, via email, for review prior to the July 9, 2026 meeting. The remaining permits to be issued for construction are the contractor's responsibility, therefore awarding the contract at this time is appropriate.

Construction Support

Given the favorable bids, staff recommend advancing the project to construction. As such, MCWD requires construction administration and observation services and staff requested that Stantec submit a construction support proposal. Stantec submitted a proposal (attached) with the following tasks:

- Preconstruction assistance
- Construction observation and administration
- Record plans and project closeout

Stantec assumes a construction window of approximately nine weeks of active construction, plus two weeks of vegetation establishment. Stantec will subcontract with Inter-Fluve for additional construction observation of streambank stabilization practices. The proposal estimates the total cost of the construction support services to be \$90,583.

Recommendation

At the July 9, 2026 MCWD Board meeting, staff will recommend that the Board award a contract to Vada for the base bid plus bid alternate for a contract price of \$615,392.11. Staff will also recommend that the Board authorize the District Administrator to issue change orders in the amount of 10% of the contract price.

Furthermore, staff will recommend authorizing the District Administrator to amend the existing design contract with Stantec to include construction support services for a price not to exceed \$90,583, and authorize the District Administrator to issue change orders in the amount of 10% of the contract price.

Supporting Documents:

- Attachment 1: Stantec Project Award Recommendation
- Attachment 2: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. construction support proposal



RESOLUTION

Resolution number: 26-059

Title: Award Contract to Construct the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project

- WHEREAS the MCWD 2018-27 Watershed Management Plan identifies for capital project implementation a connection between the Minnehaha Creek Greenway and the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail and restoration of a degraded section of Minnehaha Creek through streambank stabilization and vegetative enhancement;
- WHEREAS the MCWD has been coordinating with the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project Office with respect to the integration of public transit, development and water resource management interests, including for the purpose of informing design as to a critical pedestrian crossing at Minnehaha Creek and SWLRT that is part of the Minnehaha Creek Greenway conceptual plan;
- WHEREAS on October 8, 2015, the Board of Managers authorized the MCWD to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Professional Instruments Company which documented mutual goals and established a cooperative framework within which the potential for a beneficial collaboration may be explored;
- WHEREAS in 2015/2016, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec), previously Wenck Associates, Inc., completed initial feasibility work to determine potential alignments for a trail connection between the Minnehaha Creek Preserve and the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail under the SWLRT, freight rail, and regional trail bridges in St. Louis Park;
- WHEREAS on August 11, 2022, the Board of Managers authorized a contract with Stantec and Inter-Fluve to complete an updated feasibility study to reflect current conditions in the creek and rail corridors, model the floodplain, and advance two potential trail alignments to assess constructability and land rights;
- WHEREAS on June 22, 2023, the Board of Managers reviewed the results of the feasibility study, which demonstrated a viable trail alignment that minimizes impacts to private property and proposed a range of options for streambank stabilization and ecological enhancements;
- WHEREAS St. Louis Park has identified this trail connection as a priority through its “Connect the Park” transportation planning initiative;
- WHEREAS in March 2023, the MCWD applied for Hennepin County TOD Program Grant funds for eligible elements of the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment and the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration projects;
- WHEREAS on August 22, 2023, the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners passed Resolution 23-0310 authorizing the County Administrator to negotiate a grant agreement with the MCWD in the amount of \$200,000 for eligible elements of the trail connection project;
- WHEREAS on June 27, 2024, the Board of Managers authorized the District Administrator to execute, with Hennepin County, the Southwest Community Works Program Grant Agreement for the Blake Road Station Area Cedar Trail Connection by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District;

WHEREAS on September 9, 2024, the St. Louis Park City Council adopted a resolution of support for the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project, granting the MCWD access to City-owned parcels for the purposes of project design and signaling its intention to allocate funds for half the trail costs through its 2025-2029 CIP;

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WHEREAS on September 25, 2025, the Board of Managers received a briefing on 60% designs;

WHEREAS on February 17, 2026, the City of St. Louis Park approved the three project agreements necessary to construct the trail connection: (1) Project Agreement among Creekwest LLC, City of St. Louis Park & Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, (2) Cooperative Agreement between City of St. Louis Park & Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and (3) License agreement among the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) and the city;

WHEREAS on May 14, 2026, the Board reviewed and approved the 90% design plans and the project agreements;

WHEREAS all MCWD-led permits and regulatory permissions have been received;

WHEREAS Stantec incorporated comments from all relevant external parties into the final designs and these parties have reviewed and approved the final bid package;

WHEREAS on May 22, 2026, Stantec released the project bid package on the online platform QuestCDN, and a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on June 3, 2026;

WHEREAS on June 15, 2026, four bids were received and opened, with Vada Contracting, LLC (Vada) submitting the low bid for both the Base Bid and the Base Bid Plus Bid Alternate;

WHEREAS Stantec, as the Project engineer, and staff have determined that the Vada bid is responsive, that there are no irregularities in the bid, and that they consider Vada to be a responsible bidder;

WHEREAS the Board concurs in and adopts the findings of the Project engineer and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers awards to Vada Contracting, LLC, the contract to construct the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project, including Base Bid and Bid Alternate, in accordance with the terms of the Vada bid submittal and by Vada and the subcontractors named therein, for the contract price of \$615,392.11;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MCWD Administrator is authorized, on advice of counsel, to enter into a contract with Vada Contracting, LLC for construction services for the stated contract price, and further is authorized to execute change orders in his discretion up to an additional 10 percent, in aggregate, of the contract price; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the MCWD Administrator is authorized to issue a formal notice to proceed to Vada Contracting, LLC, on advice of counsel and after receipt of a signed contract and required bonds and insurance documentation.

Resolution Number 26-059 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____. Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: 7/9/2026

Secretary Date: _____



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WHEREAS the Board concurs in and adopts the findings of the Project engineer and staff;

WHEREAS in anticipation of the award for construction services, MCWD staff requested that Stantec submit a construction support proposal; where Stantec's proposal has been reviewed and recommended by MCWD staff and which the Board finds satisfactory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the MCWD Administrator, on advice of counsel, to amend the design contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to include construction support services for the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration Project in an amount not to exceed \$90,583, and further authorizes the MCWD Administrator to execute change orders in his discretion up to an additional 10% of this fee.

Resolution Number 26-060 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____. Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: 7/9/2026

_____, Date: _____
Secretary



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
733 Marquette Avenue, Suite 1000 Minneapolis, MN 55402

July 2, 2026

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 5534

Re: Cedar Greenway Trail Connection Project.
Stantec Project No. 227707443
Bid Results

Dear Minnehaha Creek Watershed District:

Bids were opened for the Project stated above on June 15, 2026. Transmitted herewith is a copy of the Bid Tabulation for your information and file. A copy will also be distributed to the Bidders once the Project has been awarded.

There were a total of 4 Bids. The following summarizes the results of the Bids received:

	Contractor	Total Base Bid	Alternate #1
Low	Vada Contracting, LLC	\$605,392.11	\$10,000.00
#2	Urban Companies	\$764,272.00	\$10,000.00
#3	New Look Contracting, Inc.	\$834,885.25	\$15,000.00
#4	Rosti Construction Co. of MN, Inc.	\$857,286.50	\$30,000.00

The low Bidder on the Project was Vada Contracting, LLC with a Total Base Bid Amount of \$605,392.11. These Bids have been reviewed and found to be in order.

If the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board wishes to award the Project to the low Bidder, then **Vada Contracting, LLC** should be awarded the Project on the Adjusted Total Base Bid in the amount of **\$615,392.11**.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (952) 838-5661.

Sincerely,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

Nick Wyers, P.E.

Enclosure



July 2, 2026

Gabe Sherman

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Boulevard
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dear Gabe,

Stantec is pleased to submit this proposal to assist Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) with the construction administration and oversight for the Cedar-Greenway Trail Connection project in St. Louis Park.

Background

Stantec has completed the design of the Cedar-Greenway Trail Connection project under its original contract with MCWD, which included support through bidding and recommendation of project award. Bidding has been completed and Stantec has recommended Vada Contracting for project award.

This scope of work amends the original design contract to carry the project through construction, with tasks focused on construction administration and observation.

Scope of Work

Task 1: Construction Administration and Observation

Stantec will fulfill all roles and responsibilities of the Engineer under the General Conditions and the contract.

Stantec will lead construction observation and field staking for the Cedar-Greenway Trail Connection project. Prior to the start of construction, staff will stake benchmarks and project site access and staging areas. Our staff will also complete follow-up construction staking to provide locations and elevations for specific design features. Our team, led by Nick Wyers, will lead the preconstruction meeting to establish project objectives, construction meeting cadence (as necessary), submittal process, review status of required permits, and communication requirements for the project. Creating clear communication processes during the start of the project with the contractor and team will allow for a smoother construction process. As the project progresses our team will lead designated construction meetings as needed and provide minutes for relevant parties to understand the progress of the project and next steps. During construction our team will complete site visits to observe and document key design components. Construction summaries will be provided each week with photos of key project components. If additional information is needed, the construction logs can be shared with MCWD staff on a weekly basis.

Part of the preconstruction assistance task will be to assist with Public Agency Coordination. Prior to the start of construction, the contractor is required to obtain permits from Three Rivers Park District, City of St. Louis Park, and the Metropolitan Council. Stantec will work with the contractor to obtain the permits by providing relevant information from the plans and project manual. The contractor will be responsible for providing the construction means and methods, schedule, equipment and other information requested from the permits. Once obtained, Stantec will understand the requirements of each of the permits and help facilitate the permits through construction. This will include necessary reminders of communication and submittal needs from the contractor and reminders to other partner agencies of timelines through weekly construction meetings and additional correspondence as necessary.



In addition to site visits, staff will review pay applications, prepare change orders, review submittals and respond to requests for information from the contractor. Stantec will be onsite to document and collect as-built information of trail and retaining wall construction, stream bank stabilization, and vegetation installation to ensure construction details and specifications are being followed. This will be completed on an as-needed basis in a timely manner to ensure the contractor's work can progress without delay.

Before final completion staff will conduct a final inspection and prepare punch lists for the contractor prior to project closeout. Once this inspection is completed our team will conduct a post-construction survey and provide as-built record drawings and electronic GIS files. This step is critical to perform promptly as winter conditions like snow and ice can make it tough to verify graded areas and installed practices.

Initial conversations with the contractor estimated nine weeks to remove the trees, construct the proposed trail and retaining wall, implement the bank stabilization practices, and perform final grading and Stantec has budgeted 20 hours per week for on-site observation for the primary inspector, contractor coordination and processing of project requests (i.e., pay applications, requests for information, change orders, etc.). The 20 hours are based on an average weekly breakdown of 18 hours onsite and 2 hours of administrative work. The staff onsite will vary based on what is being constructed any given day or week. We do recognize some time will be needed for project closeout once vegetation has established later in the spring and have budgeted hours for the project closeout but have not focused our schedule on this activity.

During the nine weeks estimated for tree removal, trail construction, retaining wall construction, and bank stabilization construction, we recognize the following as critical times during the construction process to be on-site:

- **Project Start-up:** As the project starts up erosion control measures will be required. Since the project is in such close proximity to Minnehaha Creek, and work will occur on the banks, it is crucial that erosion control measures are in place prior to construction. Our team will be prepared to do regular site visits prior to the first 1-2 days of excavation to ensure practices are implemented and maintained in an appropriate manner to prevent sediment discharge to the creek.
- **Initiation of Excavation and Tree Removal:** As the contractor gets started moving materials it is important they maintain the prescribed erosion and sediment control practices and respect the project limits. Correctly identifying the trees to be removed is also important so that any unnecessary tree removal can be avoided. Tree protection will need to be put in place to maintain safe distances from the trees to remain on the site. Setting expectations early is critical as it sets the tone for the duration of the project to ensure success.
- **Trail Alignment:** Once Stantec has staked the proposed trail alignment, Stantec and MCWD will review the staked center-line of the trail orientation with the Contractor and adjust as needed.
- **Continued Observation of Excavation:** Once bank excavation is initiated and installation of the bank protection measures and retaining wall begins, Stantec will continue to monitor progress and confirm that practices are installed according to the construction details and specifications. Stantec will also closely monitor the activities that are occurring near/under the existing bridges and ensure that operations are being conducted in a manner that protects the bridges' structural integrity.
- **Completion of Trail, Bank Stabilization, and Retaining Wall:** Documenting conditions once the contractor has confirmed they have installed the proposed practices and protections is key to ensure proper payment of actual constructed improvement length. Our approach will be to work with the contractor to give our survey team one-week advance notice of when they will be



wrapping up, allowing the survey team to come in and document graded elevations and confirm appropriate constructed improvement lengths.

We assume MCWD staff will visit the site once per week at a minimum and attend any necessary on-site meetings required due to contractor, public, or partner agency requests. While MCWD will remain engaged throughout construction, it is understood that MCWD's on-site presence will not be relied on for construction oversight responsibilities.

Task 1 Deliverables:

Task 1.1 Preconstruction Assistance

- Pre-construction meeting agenda and minutes
- Contract review
- Submittal review
- Permit Coordination

Task 1.2 Construction Observation and Administration

- Construction staking
- Construction observation reports
- Review third-party construction material testing and provide necessary recommendations.
- Approved change orders, pay applications, and requests for information
- Weekly Construction meeting agendas and minutes
- Weekly construction summary and key component photos

Task 1.3 Record Plans and Project Closeout

- As-built records with survey points GIS and CAD formats
- Metro Transit Agreement Closeout Required survey data

Task 1 Assumptions:

- Weekly on-site construction meetings will be included for this project
- MCWD will be responsible for public and partner agency coordination
 - Stantec will support MCWD on the public and partner agency needs providing necessary backup information and project specifics.
- Contractor will be responsible for permitting agency coordination
 - Stantec will assist contractor by providing project relevant information to obtain permits
- Assumed 9 weeks of active construction
 - Additional 2 weeks of vegetation establishment
- Assumed coordination of up to 4 pay requests and 2 change orders
- MCWD will be responsible for managing the 3-year vegetation establishment
 - Stantec will assist with the first year of establishment through the initial warranty period

Task 1 MCWD Staff Resource Needs:

- Coordination with public (residents) and partner agencies
- Attendance at pre-construction meeting
- Approval of change orders and pay applications
- Management of inspections and payments for the 3-year vegetation establishment
 - Stantec will assist with the first year of establishment through the initial warranty period



Our approach as highlighted in our project understanding and scope of services is to deliver a cost-effective improvement to MCWD's trail system and stream banks, which can make a big difference on the community landscape.

Additional Project Costs

Streambank Stabilization Inspection

In addition to Stantec's scope of work, Inter-Fluve will provide construction assistance for the streambank stabilization components of the project. Inter-Fluve's scope of work is attached as a supplement to this scope of work. Inter-Fluve will assist in construction observation of the streambank stabilization components as well as providing minimal office support, submittal reviews and attendance of the preconstruction meeting.

Schedule

We are prepared for work on this project to begin immediately following MCWD's issue of the notice of award, with construction to occur Summer 2026 to Spring 2027.

Fee Estimate

Our fee to complete the identified scope of work is based on hourly rates and will not exceed **\$90,583.00** absent circumstances contrary to the assumptions stated herein. Any changes to circumstances or to the scope that will affect the project fee will be communicated to MCWD before additional work is undertaken and subject to written MCWD authorization. We will invoice monthly for actual time and expense incurred. We have included costs for both a one man and two-man survey crew for reference.

Task	Subtask	Description	Cost
1		Construction Administration and Observation	
	1.1	Preconstruction Assistance	\$4,382.00
	1.2	Construction Observation and Documentation	\$56,271.00
	1.3	Record Plans and Project Closeout	\$15,080.00
Subtotal			\$75,733.00
		Streambank Stabilization Construction Assistance*	\$14,200
Total			\$90,583.00

*Streambank stabilization construction assistance will be performed by Inter-Fluve

The total cost above includes all reimbursable expenses including mileage, printing, and equipment costs.

We thank you for this opportunity to present this proposal. Should you have any questions or need clarification of anything in the enclosed proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

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Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection & Streambank Restoration

Inter-Fluve Scope of Work

Inter-Fluve appreciates the opportunity to continue assisting Stantec with the Greenway to Cedar Lake Trail Connection project along Minnehaha Creek. The following scope of work includes on-site construction assistance for bank stabilization components of the project.

Scope

Construction Period Assistance

1. On-Site Construction Observation: Inter-Fluve has budgeted for five (5) partial (6-hour, on average) days of on-site construction observation during periods of streambank construction. The Inter-Fluve field representative will complete a daily log, to be transmitted to Stantec on a weekly basis.
2. Off-Site Construction Assistance: Inter-Fluve has budgeted up to eight hours to respond to communication (emails and phone calls) from Contractor and Stantec during construction.
3. Submittal Review: Inter-Fluve has budgeted up to six hours to review technical submittals related to streambank construction. Inter-Fluve will provide review comments and recommendations to Stantec via email, but will not ultimately be responsible for submittal response to Contractor or coordination with Contractor.
4. Meetings and Project Management: Inter-Fluve will attend and participate in a pre-construction conference to be organized and facilitated by Stantec. The meeting is assumed to be on site. Inter-Fluve will manage the staff and send monthly invoices.
5. Punchlist Site Walk: Inter-Fluve will attend a punchlist site walk organized and facilitated by Stantec to observe completed bank construction areas. Items noted on the punch list will be transmitted to Stantec.

Deliverables:

- Daily construction observation logs
- Participation in meetings as listed
- Review comments on technical submittals (email)
- Punchlist items related to bank construction areas (email)
- Monthly invoices

Assumptions:

- A minimum of 2 days of advance notice is required for all on-site construction observation visits.
- Stantec is responsible for the ultimate acceptance or rejection of work.

Fee: \$14,200

Schedule

Inter-Fluve understands that the construction phase of the project is anticipated to occur in Fall 2026. It is assumed that Inter-Fluve's involvement will span up to 2 months.