



RFP for WPB, Wicker Park Bucktown SSA #33:

2018 Planter Install & Maintenance

WPB, the Special Service Area (SSA) for Chicago's Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods and its sponsoring agency, the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, is seeking a landscape company to install, care for and maintain 30 new planter boxes along Milwaukee Avenue within the Wicker Park Bucktown SSA #33 district boundaries (as outlined in *Attachment A: WPB Boundary Map*). Services will be provided during a 7-month period to begin May 1, 2018 and conclude December 31, 2018. Depending on the selected provider, there may be an option to extend the landscape service contract through December, 2019.

The landscape services required are described in detail below.

Services Requested:

- 30 planters to be delivered by supplier and warehoused until installation
- Planters to be installed at agreed upon locations on Milwaukee Avenue (to be confirmed)
- Planters to be planted with flowers and greenery 3 times a year that are drought resistant and robust
- Planters to be maintained and cared for twice a week for duration of contract including weeding, removal of litter, and cultivation of soil every 4-6 weeks during plant growing season.

Please submit a proposal for all services by 5pm Friday, March 2, 2018. Proposals should include a scope of services, anticipated timelines, and all related fees.

For more information on WPB, please see *Attachment B: Background on WPB and Core Values*. If you have questions prior to submission, please call Samantha Choudhury, WPB Program Manager at 773-384-2672 or send an email to the address below.

Proposals should be sent via:

Email (preferred method) to: samantha@wickerparkbucktown.com

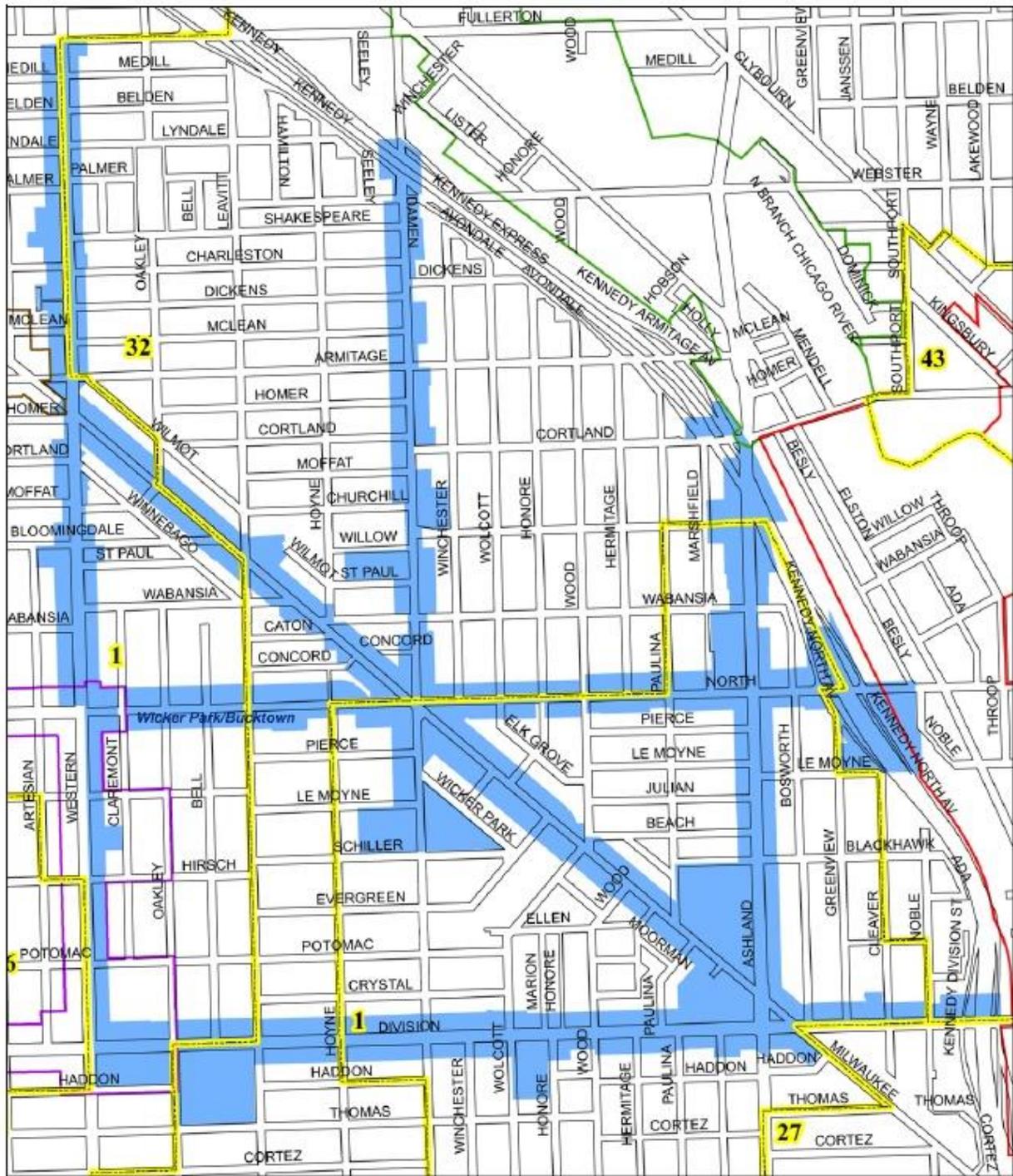
Or by post to:

WPB, Wicker Park Bucktown SSA #33
1414 N Ashland Ave
Chicago, IL 60622

Please Note: All proposals must arrive at the WPB office by **5pm Friday March 2, 2018**

Late proposals will not be accepted or considered.

Attachment A



Legend	
 SSA	 North Branch North TIF
 Wicker Park/Bucktown SSA	 North Branch South TIF
 Fullerton/Milwaukee TIF	 Ward
 Humboldt Park TIF	



WPB Boundary Map

WPB is the special service area in the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods. For more information about WPB, please visit www.wickerparkbucktown.org.



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Attachment B

Background on WPB and Core Values

What is WPB?

WPB is the Special Service Area for the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods of Chicago. The mission of WPB is to sustain and promote the prosperity and unique qualities of life in the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods and commercial district, whilst preserving its diverse character for the benefit of its residents, visitors, and businesses through the wise and discerning investment of resources to enhance our public ways.

Core Values

The Commission of WPB (SSA #33) has a set of core values that are at the heart of any and all decisions made. These values guide the Commission, influencing goals, priorities, and allocation of funding for projects.

Environmental best practices are preferred, and should be incorporated into all projects. Being located in a well-established urban area presents unique environmental challenges. Green space is limited, while hard, impervious surfaces abound, especially on the commercial streets of WPB. Alternatives to conventional methods of managing stormwater runoff should be explored and implemented whenever possible. As natural resources become more and more limited, the need to recycle as well as find alternative methods for powering vehicles, buildings, etc. is becoming more imperative. The Commission of WPB is committed to finding ways to encourage recycling and a more “green lifestyle” in order to lessen the burden on infrastructure and resources.

Walking, bicycling, and public transit are preferred methods of transportation. Traffic congestion and parking are major concerns in the Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods. The Commission of WPB feels that it is important to maintain the neighborhoods as safe, interesting, and inviting places to walk and bike. When residents are walking and biking, they are more likely to use transit. The private vehicle is here to stay and needs to be considered in planning, however, the Commission of WPB desires to put the needs of walkers, cyclists and transit riders first, as they are the more sustainable means of transportation in an urban setting.

Public space, particularly streets, are an integral part of making a neighborhood exciting. When people talk about a great neighborhood, they are often referring to the public life of the neighborhood, an experience that can only be had in the public way, on streets or sidewalks. An active, exciting, and interesting street life is the backbone of successful neighborhoods, as it serves residents, visitors, and businesses of all kinds equally. When people talk about a great neighborhood, they rarely speak of the interior of houses or stores, but rather the people they watch, the storefronts that catch their eye, the outdoor spaces where they relaxed, and the overall experience of being in the neighborhood as experienced from its sidewalks. To this end, the Commission of WPB is interested in maintaining the unique atmosphere of Wicker Park and Bucktown that can only be experienced in the public way.

Honoring the heritage of the neighborhoods while progressing into the future.

The Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods have been home to many artists, musicians, writers, and others in the creative community for many years. Unfortunately, there has been a decline in the creative community, a detriment to the culture and liveliness of the neighborhoods. Similarly, the neighborhoods have a wealth of architectural history that has also been lost. The Wicker Park and Bucktown neighborhoods are at an important crossroads: find ways to nourish the creative community and preserve architectural heritage so that it continues to flourish or risk further decline and the loss of what has helped define the neighborhoods for so long.

Any community process should be open and transparent to its stakeholders. WPB is funded through property tax dollars, and exists as a public body. Any planning, budgeting, or decision making process shall be open to the public. Innovative methods to solicit public comment and input are expected; WPB considers transparency and engagement to be paramount to its success and validity in the community.