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**VILLAGE OF
OAK PARK**

**Lake Street
Streetscape**

The Lakota Group

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LAKE STREET
STREETSCAPE PROJECT

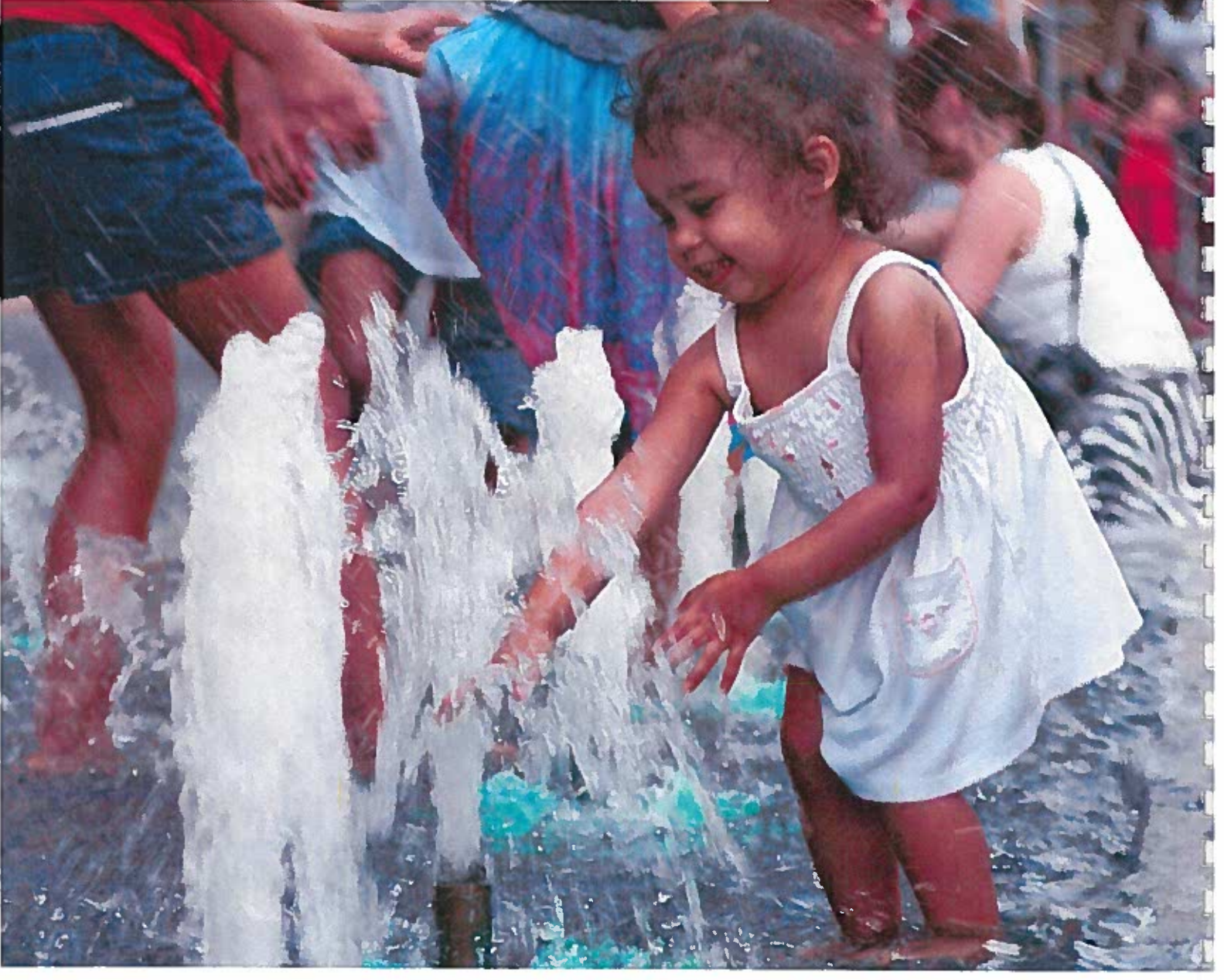
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Re: Request for Proposals for Professional Landscape Architecture, Design, and Planning Services for the Lake Street Streetscape Project

Dear Bill:

On behalf of **The Lakota Group** team, I am pleased to present our professional services proposal for assisting the Village of Oak Park with the landscape architecture, design, and planning services for the Lake Street Streetscape project.

Over the past 15 years, Lakota has worked with the Village of Oak Park to re-envision and rebuild its downtown commercial core, including the nationally-recognized Marion Street and Pleasant District streetscape projects. As you know, the key Principal and senior designers for those projects have also been intimately involved in the conceptual design and design development of Lake Street. This team will continue to be the primary contacts and designers for the detailed construction document phase.

Within the Chicago region, Lakota has unparalleled experience designing and implementing high-quality, contextual streetscapes that have contributed to strong and vibrant downtowns, including award-winning projects in Oak Park, Plainfield, and Park Ridge. Our team has the knowledge of the details, costs, and materials that have been selected and approved for Lake Street project and have been instrumental in achieving an approved design direction through our steering committee, Downtown Oak Park, and Hemingway District stakeholders. We have worked with Thomas Engineering during Phase I over the past year, including coordinating the geometry, specialty features, materials, utilities, and public engagement and are in the best position to seamlessly move into the construction document phase. Finally, we understand the Village approval process and have a proven history of successfully implementing projects in Oak Park.

We are excited about the opportunity to continue working with you, Village planning staff, and the Thomas Engineering team. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. You can contact me directly at sfreres@thelakotagroup.com or at (312) 467-5445 x202.

Sincerely,



Scott Freres, PLA ASLA
President, The Lakota Group



**THE
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 **THE
TEAM**



Heart & Soul

The Lakota Group is a team of talented planners, designers, and strategic thinkers powered by a passion to offer creative solutions.

Our defining attribute is fostered through a team-based approach to project management centered on positive dialogue. Led by our drive to institute change in a sustainable way, Lakota associates abide by a process that combines critical thinking and community engagement. The result? A practice that seeks to produce the most effective solutions, carefully balancing the real with the ideal.

Our quest is simple: we want to improve communities.

By engaging local residents through workshops, discussions, and surveys, we strive to pinpoint the opportunities for improvement. We want clients to help us place ourselves in their frame of context: what would we want if we were the ones living in their town? Working in their building? Raising a family in their neighborhood? We want to listen, and we want to talk, and then we want to listen some more. Lakota acknowledges the issues, while also recognizing the strengths, shedding light on the qualities that make a community unique, and brainstorming the ways upon which they can be built.

Since the firm's conception in 1993, Lakota (an Illinois Corporation) has completed award-winning master plans in more than 500 towns and cities across the country, gaining recognition for its work in placemaking, planning, and historic preservation.

Through its mold-breaking and place-making mentality, Lakota relishes the coalescence between land and community, ultimately demonstrating a practice that perfectly reflects its name: "Allies," the English translation of the Native American word, Lakota.

The personnel named in the proposal will be available for the duration of the project at the indicated level of involvement, except where prevented by circumstances beyond the control of the consultant.

Why us?

We are urban designers, landscape architects, urban and preservation planners who understand **TEAM**. We work with allied experts to achieve the best desired results for the communities with whom we work. We leave our egos at home and understand success for these projects are measured in many ways.

What unique qualities does Lakota bring to this process? We bring individuals and senior staff that have been working with Village staff and leaders for OVER 15 YEARS to create, support, and maintain a successful Downtown Oak Park. This is more than an exercise in document preparation...this is an exercise in maintaining and balancing benchmarks for the success of the community. It requires a careful balance of **SCIENCE AND ART**. It requires a knowledge of community spirit and character, and it requires a sense of fiscal and economic stewardship. The Lakota team uniquely understands our role must provide this value-added approach to our services.

WE ARE...

Creative. We are problem solvers that understand the value of good public space design.

Common Sense. We know how to meet the needs and outcomes of this process to benefit the community.

Engaged. We understand the history, context, and community spirit of Oak Park and the on-going process of successful placemaking.

Responsible. We understand the budget expectations and community Return On Investment.

Committed. Our senior team and leaders have been actively involved in Oak Park's Downtown growth and success for the last 15 years.

Efficient and Effective. We have the current momentum, know the timelines, and have been working with the engineering team for the past year.

Communicators. We know how to educate, defend, and promote the values of this project in a calm, fair, and equitable manner.

Cost Effective. We can seamlessly and efficiently deliver the detailed construction documents given our involvement in the preliminary design work and understanding of the project design, details, and cost goals.

PROJECT TEAM

The Lakota team has the skills and expertise necessary to assist the Village of Oak Park with a successful design and planning process. While other staff members will be used as necessary, the following key staff will be involved in the process.

The Lakota Group



SCOTT FRERES PLA ASLA **President** - sfreres@thelakotagroup.com

Scott is the principal and co-founder of The Lakota Group, and has nearly 30 years of experience in design and planning projects. As an industry leader in sustainable urban design, Scott has spoken at numerous conferences for various planning, recreation and conservation organizations. Scott's ability to take a fresh, simple and inclusive approach to problem solving has established The Lakota Group's reputation as a creative leader in the industry. Scott has a Bachelor's in Landscape Architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Scott will be the Principal-in-charge for this process and will provide oversight and quality control.



KEVIN CLARK PLA AICP **Director of Design** - kclark@thelakotagroup.com

Kevin brings 16 years of experience in urban planning and landscape architecture to The Lakota Group, where he oversees the firm's work in urban design projects. He manages the firm's planning process from concept generation through implementation steps. Kevin's work includes downtown, transit-oriented and neighborhood revitalization plans, physical and economic development strategies, and innovative design of open spaces and public places. Kevin is recognized for his focus on community engagement, placemaking, and sustainable, contextual design. He has successfully orchestrated dynamic, interactive public processes that have resulted in the implementation of master plans.

Kevin will be the team lead, day-to-day contact, and lead planner/designer for this project.



ELLEN SCHMIDT PLA LEED-AP **Senior Associate**

Ellen is a landscape architect whose projects have included medical campuses, retail centers, schools, parks, residential developments, streetscapes, religious facilities, retirement communities, and resorts. She is particularly skilled at guiding projects from inception through construction, ensuring that the built project is true to the original design intent. She oversaw the design and construction of Hubbard Woods Park, a \$2 million project that revitalized a key public space in the heart of Winnetka, Illinois. She has also managed a variety of streetscape projects, introducing plantings, lighting, public art, and streetscape furniture to create destinations for downtowns and commercial corridors throughout the U.S.

Ellen will contribute to design and oversight of construction documents.



JONATHAN SMITH PLA ASLA **Senior Associate**

Jonathan brings 12 years of experience in urban design and landscape architecture to The Lakota Group, where he assists in the management of the firm's landscape architecture projects. His award-winning portfolio spans the commercial and municipal sectors including K-12 schools, urban plazas, parks, transportation enhancements, sport venues and amenities, mixed-use developments, and retail environments. He has extensive experience working on a variety of scales, from managing complex multi-use projects to designing green roofs and amenity decks.

Jonathan will contribute to design and oversight of construction documents.



JESSICA PILON ASLA **Associate**

Jessica is a landscape designer with significant experience in a range of projects that support health and wellness, including parks and open space, playgrounds, therapy gardens, and senior living centers. Her work spans all aspects of the project cycle, from concept design, through design development and construction documents, to overseeing the implementation. Jessica works closely with clients to ensure that their vision is carried throughout the process and fully realized in the built product.

Jessica will be involved in production of construction documents.

RESUMES



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Scott Freres, PLA, ASLA

President | 1993-Present

Scott is the President and co-founder of The Lakota Group, and has over 30 years of experience in designing and shaping communities and open spaces around the country. As an industry leader in sustainable design, Scott has worked with cities, towns, developers, institutions, and non-profit agencies, using his skills placemaking and urban design to create beautiful and engaging places. Scott's ability to take a fresh, simple, and inclusive approach to problem solving has established The Lakota Group's reputation as a creative leader in the industry.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Marion Street Streetscape - Oak Park, IL

Lakota developed award-winning plans to open Marion Street to two-way traffic in order to revitalize the deteriorated pedestrian mall in the center of Historic Downtown Oak Park. The project which uses sustainable design techniques and a rich variety of materials, has been integral to creating an active and vibrant commercial district, and has spurred additional streetscape enhancements within the downtown.

Role: Principal-in-charge, lead designer

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

Pleasant District Streetscape - Oak Park, IL

Following the success of North Marion Street, the Village of Oak Park engaged The Lakota Group to develop streetscape designs, plans, and construction documents for South Marion. With a set of challenges unique to this section of the corridor, South Marion as a whole rebranded itself as the Pleasant District during the process, and the streetscape design was coordinated to reinforce the new moniker, including a custom gateway signage element.

Role: Principal-in-charge, lead designer

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

Downtown Open Space and Streetscape - Homewood, IL

Lakota prepared designs and construction documents for two critical blocks of the downtown. The recently constructed project incorporates design for flexible streets that can be used for community events, and includes amenities such as overhead catenary lights and a fire feature.

Role: Principal-in-charge, lead designer

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

Park Ridge Uptown Streetscape - Park Ridge, IL

In collaboration with a development team, The Lakota Group prepared a master plan for a key multi-block area in this Uptown district. The plan focused on the pedestrian-oriented "Main Street" by framing street walls with first-floor retail and upper-story residential uses. As part of a second design phase, Lakota also created concepts for City Commons which comprises Uptown's central space.

Role: Principal-in-charge, lead designer

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

Education

University of Wisconsin - Madison
Bachelor of Science in
Landscape Architecture
(1986)

Organizations

- American Society of Landscape Architects
- American Planning Association
- American Institute of Architects
- Wisconsin Alumni Association - Alumni Park Design Committee
- Lambda Alpha International
- Urban Land Institute
- Illinois Park & Recreation Association
- Society for Environmental Graphic Design
- Village of Winnetka Plan Commission & Design Review Board - Former Member
- Skokie/Crow Island/Hubbard Woods Schools - Former Member
- Winnetka Parks Foundation Teaching Professional Architect - State of Illinois

Accreditations

- Professional Landscape Architect - State of Illinois

Experience

Years with Lakota: 23
Years of Practice: 29



Kevin Clark, PLA, AICP

Director of Design | 2005-Present

Kevin brings 16 years of experience in urban planning and landscape architecture to The Lakota Group, where he oversees the firm's urban design projects. His award-winning portfolio spans downtown, transit-oriented and neighborhood revitalization plans, physical and economic development strategies, and innovative design of open spaces and public places. He is passionate about dynamic and interactive public processes and works to integrate innovative technology throughout all of Lakota's projects.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Lake Street Streetscape - Oak Park, IL

Lakota is currently working with the Village and Thomas Engineering to redesign Oak Park's primary main street. The redesign features high-quality materials to complement the Marion Street streetscape as well as a series of specialty elements, including a water feature, seating pockets, and lighting. The plan has evolved from the Schematic Design phase into Design Development and has included multiple touch points with the community to gain consensus.

Role: Lead Designer, Project Manager, Quality Control
Level of involvement: Conceptual Design and Design Development

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Role: Design, Construction Documentation, Construction Administration
Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

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Role: Design, Construction Documentation, Construction Administration
Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

Lockport Street Streetscape Design - Plainfield, IL

Served as project manager for the \$7.5 million award-winning project that involved redesigning the street by using a "road diet" approach, which resulted in a safer, more vibrant and successful commercial district. A comprehensive wayfinding and signage family was developed, including gateways, directional signs, kiosks, and street signs.

Role: Project Manager and Design
Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Administration

Education

University of Illinois at Chicago
Masters in Urban Planning & Policy
(2006)

University of Kentucky
Bachelor of Science in
Landscape Architecture
(2000)

Organizations

- American Planning Association
- Congress for New Urbanism
- American Institute of Architects, Associate Member
- APA Mentorship Program
- Uptown Development Partners, appointed member
- Greentown Advisory Committee (2014)
- American Society of Landscape Architects Awards Jury (2014)
- UIC Professional Development Panel (2010)

Accreditations/Awards

- Professional Landscape Architect State of Illinois
- American Institute of Certified Planners
- Featured Alumni Profile, UIC MUPP Student Website
- Featured Alumni Profile, Univ. of Kentucky Program Website

Experience

Years with Lakota: 12
Years of Practice: 17



Ellen Schmidt, PLA, LEED-AP

Senior Associate | 2013-Present

Ellen is a landscape architect whose projects have included medical campuses, retail centers, schools, parks, residential developments, streetscapes, religious facilities, retirement communities, and resorts. She is particularly skilled at guiding projects from inception through construction, ensuring that the built project is true to the original design intent.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Metropolitan Square - Des Plaines, IL

Lakota is currently developing designs to reinvigorate this key downtown public plaza in Des Plaines. The concepts explore realigning roadways to improve pedestrian safety along with a shared-street design to allow for flexibility and larger community events. Amenities included in the designs consist of improved lighting, shade structures, water features, and a performance space. The process has included significant public engagement, including focus groups and an online survey to understand community goals for this space.

Role: Project Manager, designer

Level of involvement: Schematic Design, Design Development

Downtown Streetscape - Des Plaines, IL

As part of downtown Des Plaines' on-going revitalization, Lakota developed a new streetscape aesthetic for the city. The revitalized streetscape serves to enhance existing retail and provide opportunity for outdoor dining and gathering. Ellen served as project manager and designer for the second and third phase of the downtown Des Plaines streetscape.

Role: Project Manager, designer

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Observation

Downtown Open Space and Streetscape - Homewood, IL

Lakota led a study of Homewood's downtown engaging the local community to determine the feasibility of a new open space to serve the public. Based on that study's findings Lakota led a multi-disciplinary team through design and construction for two critical blocks of the downtown. The recently constructed project includes flexible streets that can be used for community events, entry monuments, overhead tivolli lights, and a fire feature.

Role: Project Manager, designer,

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design through Construction Observation

Berwyn Depot District Streetscape - Berwyn, IL

Lakota is currently working on plans enhance the Depot District in Berywn. The plans include transportation upgrades to enhance safety and promote multi-modal transportation, introduction of green technologies to improve stormwater management in the district, and incorporate the District's new branding efforts to support business and redevelopment goals.

Role: Project Manager, designer

Level of involvement: Schematic Design, Design Development

Education

Iowa State University, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (2004)

Accreditations/Awards

- Professional Landscape Architect - State of Illinois
- LEED Accredited Professional

Organizations

- American Society of Landscape Architects - Celebration Committee Chair

Experience

Years with Lakota: 4

Years of Practice: 13



Jonathan Smith, PLA, ASLA

Senior Associate | 2017-Present

Jonathan brings 12 years of experience in urban design and landscape architecture to The Lakota Group, where he assists in the management of the firm's landscape architecture projects. His award-winning portfolio spans the commercial and municipal sectors including K-12 schools, urban plazas, parks, transportation enhancements, sport venues and amenities, mixed-use developments, and retail environments. He has extensive experience working on a variety of scales, from managing complex mixed-use projects to designing urban plazas and gardens.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

159th Street Corridor Plan - Orland Park, IL *

The 159th Street Corridor Plan was initiated by the Village of Orland Park and was funded by IDOT to establish coordinated transportation, urban design and economic development strategies to improve 159th Street between I-355 and I-294. Six municipalities along the Corridor cooperated in this planning effort, which addressed a range of relevant planning issues, including improvements to circulation and access, urban design concepts, common branding and wayfinding strategies, and coordination of marketing efforts.

Role: Support Landscape Architect / Urban Designer

Level of involvement: Every aspect from existing conditions analysis to final corridor plan

Western Avenue / Boulevard Streetscape Master Plan, Chicago, IL *

Retained by the City of Chicago Department of Transportation, the design team was tasked with developing a Streetscape Master Plan for the Western Avenue and Western Boulevard Corridor between the Western Orange Line Station and 32nd Street/ I-55 Stevenson. The study area is part of the City of Chicago's Historic Boulevard System.

Role: Lead Landscape Architect / Project Manager

Level of involvement: Every aspect from existing conditions analysis to master planning

Opportunity Corridor, Cleveland, OH *

As part of ODOT's \$1.3 billion Cleveland Innerbelt Corridor Reconstruction program, the design team is responsible for developing context sensitive solutions for the \$300 million Opportunity Corridor project in Cleveland. The design team is responsible for the delivery of ODOT's Preliminary Development Process Steps 5-12 for preliminary and final design, which includes environmental documentation through final design of this proposed three-mile, six-lane boulevard.

Role: Support Landscape Architect / Urban Designer

Level of involvement: Existing conditions analysis, Phase I engineering, and environmental documentation

Lakefront Trail Flyover at Navy Pier, Chicago, IL *

Identified as one of the City of Chicago's top capital improvement projects, the Lakefront Trail flyover bridge aims to relieve congestion near one of the City's most iconic tourist attractions; Navy Pier. The result is a proposed path that is 16-foot wide and approximately 1,700 feet long that bypasses congested intersections and provides for safer access for pedestrians along the existing Lakefront Trail alignment. Various green technologies, including bioswales, native landscaping, permeable pavement, and green catch basins, were implemented.

Role: Lead Landscape Architect

Level of involvement: Every aspect from Schematic Design to Construction Documents

Education

Ball State University, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (2006)

Organizations

- Chicago Architecture Foundation
- Friends of the Chicago River - Planning Committee

Accreditations

- Registered Landscape Architect - State of Illinois, Indiana

Experience

Years with Lakota: 1
Years of Practice: 11

*Completed while with previous employers



Jessica Pilon, ASLA

Associate | 2016-Present

Jessica is a landscape designer with significant experience in a range of projects that support health and wellness, including parks and open space, playgrounds, therapy gardens, and senior living centers. Her work spans all aspects of the project cycle, from concept design, through design development and construction documents, to overseeing the implementation. Jessica works closely with clients to ensure that their vision is carried throughout the process and fully realized in the built product.

SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Lake Street Streetscape Improvements - Oak Park, IL

Building off the Lake Street Master Plan that was adopted in 2012, the Lake Street streetscape improvements will stretch from Harlem Avenue to Euclid Avenue along Lake Street in the Village of Oak Park. The streetscape amenities pull from the material palette utilized in the Marion Street and Pleasant District streetscape improvements.

Role: Production and design
Level of involvement: Schematic Design, Design Development

Forest Preserve District of Cook County Gateway Master Plan - Cook County, IL

The Lakota Group is currently leading a team of design professionals and engineers to provide vision for a gateway system for the Forest Preserve of Cook County. Ultimately, the team will implement plans that celebrate each site's unique sense of place, all with an eye towards increasing access to physical activities and the unique and wonderful resource that is the nations largest forest preserve district. Lakota helped facilitate community and stakeholder focus groups as well as provide site inventory, analysis, and precedent study research focusing on wayfinding, improved site amenities, enhanced sense of place, and increased access to physical activity in nature.

Role: Production and design
Level of involvement: Schematic Design, Design Development

Big Marsh Bike Park - Chicago, IL*

Hitchcock Design Group led a multi-disciplinary project team to design improvements for a multi-phase master plan of the 278-acre Big Marsh Bike Park in the Chicago Southeast side neighborhood of South Deering. She played a large role in facilitating the construction administration of the Phase I and II design improvements. Numerous eco-recreation opportunities were incorporated into the design of the master plan with a large focus on mountain biking. Additional bicycling activities being proposed for the site include: single track bike trails, dirt jump trail, cycle-cross course, pump park, and gravity flow trails.

Role: Production and design
Level of involvement: Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents

Arroyo Trails Master Plan - Channahon, IL*

The Arroyo Trails Master Plan is a mile-long, multi-use trail system nestled into a picturesque ravine, tributary to the DuPage River, owned by the Channahon Park District. Green infrastructure improvements such as native landscaping and slope stabilization were incorporated into the design.

Role: Production and design
Level of involvement: Schematic Design, Design Development

Education

Michigan State University
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
(2013)

Organizations

- American Society of Landscape Architects
- Michigan Horticulture Therapy Association
- Certified Playground Safety Inspector

Experience

Years with Lakota: 1
Years of Practice: 3

*Completed while employed at Hitchcock Design Group

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**PROJECT
EXPERIENCE**

RELATED EXPERIENCE

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Marion Street Streetscape Design Oak Park, Illinois

Lakota developed plans to open Marion Street to two-way traffic in order to revitalize the deteriorated pedestrian mall in the center of Historic Downtown Oak Park. The overall plan links the mall to another new, pedestrian-friendly street that has several local businesses. The streetscape design focused on rejuvenating this well-known commercial center with a rich variety of materials and flexible outdoor gathering spaces. The design included natural stone, brick street/sidewalk paving, custom site furnishings, a central water feature, new plantings, and custom lighting. Sustainable design techniques, such as an under-sidewalk heat mat and a gray water storage system for irrigation, were used. The project has been integral to creating an active and vibrant commercial district, and has spurred additional streetscape enhancements and economic development within the downtown.

Lakota has received the following awards for the Marion Street project: Honor Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects Illinois Chapter; Gold Award for Implementation from the American Planning Association Illinois Chapter; Charter Award from the Congress of New Urbanism Illinois Chapter and Gold Award from the Brick Industry Association.

Statistics

Start Date: September 2006
Completed: November 2007
Contract Cost: \$210,000
Construction Cost: \$6M

Reference

Loretta Daly
Business Services Manager
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Community Engagement



Pleasant District Streetscape Design Oak Park, Illinois

Following the success of North Marion Street, the Village of Oak Park engaged The Lakota Group to develop streetscape designs, plans, and construction documents for South Marion. While the material palette was mostly defined by the previous process, there were unique challenges and goals associated with this new phase. Wider street widths prompted the use of additional overhead roadway lights. An increased focus on Complete Streets led to subtle modifications to cross-walks and alley crossings. The area as a whole rebranded itself as the Pleasant District during the process and the streetscape design was coordinated to reinforce the new monicker, including a custom gateway signage element. Lakota designed a light element over the off-set intersection of Marion and Pleasant Streets to help define a sense of place and to visually draw visitors down into the Pleasant District from Downtown Oak Park to the north. Custom design elements helped connect to an adjacent park and tie the street back to the neighborhood in an authentic way.

Statistics

Start Date: December 2010
Completed: November 2011

Contract Cost: \$125,000
Construction Cost: \$6M

Reference

Loretta Daly, Business Services Manager
Village of Oak Park
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Craig Failor, Village Planner
Village of Oak Park
708-358-5418

David Pope, Former Village President
312-498-6001

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
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URBAN DESIGN
Landscape Architecture
PLANNING
URBAN DESIGN



Lake Street Streetscape Design Development Oak Park, IL

In 2012, The Lakota Group was engaged by the Village of Oak Park to redesign Lake Street, Oak Park's prime commercial corridor. Working with staff and a steering committee, Lakota created concept-level designs for various levels of streetscape treatments, including paving and landscaping, as well as a series of specialty elements, including gateways, lighting, kiosks, signs, and water features. Ultimately, a concept plan report was ultimately approved by the Village Board, providing a guide for materials and a budget for improvements.

After a delay, Lakota was brought back to restart the process and refine the streetscape design and specialty features. Currently, Lakota is working with Thomas Engineering and the Village to create a design development package as the next step toward implementation of the plan.

Statistics

Start Date: 2012
Completed: On-going
Contract Cost: \$117,900
Construction Cost: N/A

Reference

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Landscape Architecture
Historic Preservation
Environmental Design



Lockport Street Streetscape Design Plainfield, Illinois

Lakota led a design team charged with the revitalization of Lockport Street, Plainfield's main commercial corridor. The streetscape design focuses on rejuvenating this historic "Main Street" with a rich variety of materials and flexible outdoor gathering spaces. The design includes natural stone walls, brick paving, new site furniture and lighting, raised speed tables at intersections, new plantings, street trees, and custom signage and wayfinding elements.

Lockport Street Streetscape has won the following awards: President's Award for Urban Design-Constructed Project from the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (2012); Merit Award from the Chicago Building Congress in the Infrastructure Category (2011); and Public Works Project of the Year from the American Public Works Association (2010).

Statistics

Start Date: September 2007
Completed: June 2009

Contract Cost: \$250,000
Construction Cost: \$7.5M

Reference

Jonathan Proulx
Village Planner
Village of Plainfield

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PLANNING
ARCHITECTURE
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION



Downtown Des Plaines Streetscape Master Plan Des Plaines, IL

Lakota was part of a team, including Christopher B. Burke Engineering and SPACECO hired by the City of Des Plaines to develop a streetscape master plan for the downtown. The goal of the master plan was to create a unique and walkable environment that would support the existing mixed-use transit oriented downtown. The design, which is being implemented in phases, includes granite paver banding with clay paver inlays, expanded outdoor cafe areas, benches, bike racks, movable planters, additional planted beds and medians, street trees, and masonry seatwalls and gateway monuments to create a distinctive identity for the area. To date phases one and two have been successfully completed. The project team's implementation of the streetscape is ongoing with phase three currently under construction and phase four designs underway.

Statistics

Start Date: September 2007
Completed: June 2009

Contract Cost: \$190,000
Construction Cost: \$4M

Reference

Jon Duddles, P.E.
Assistant Director of Public Works and
Engineering
City of Des Plaines

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Urban Design
Landscape Architecture

Public Planning
Community Management



Uptown Master Plan & Streetscape Design Park Ridge, Illinois

Lakota participated as a member of a development team hired by the City of Park Ridge to prepare a master plan and urban design for a key multi-block area in its Uptown district. The plan focuses on the pedestrian-oriented "Main Street" character of the district by framing street walls with first-floor retail and upper-story residential uses. The streetscape design establishes the theme for future redevelopment efforts throughout Uptown. A design theme was developed to complement and reflect the Art Deco architecture of the Pickwick Theater, a historic focal building in the heart of the Uptown district. As part of a second design phase, Lakota also created redevelopment and streetscape design concepts for the City Commons, which comprises Uptown's central open space, library complex, and adjacent blocks.

Statistics

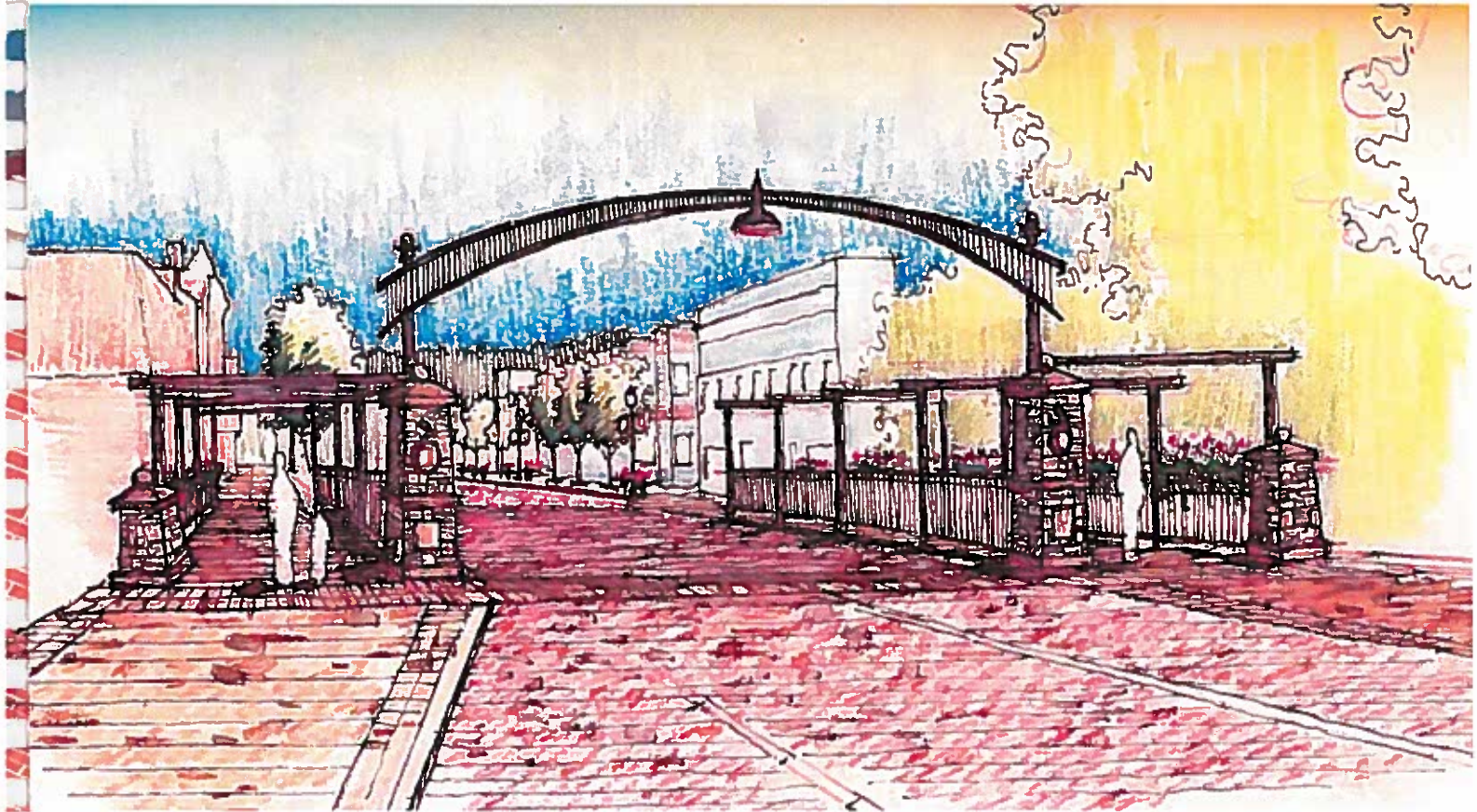
Phase I Completed: 2007
Phase II Completed: 2008
Phase III Completed: 2014

Contract Cost: \$260,000
Construction Cost: \$3.2M

Reference

Juliana Maller
Village Manager, Hanover Park
Former Deputy City Manager, Park Ridge

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jmaller@hpil.org



Algonquin Streetscape Master Plan Algonquin, Illinois

The Lakota Group worked with Christopher Burke Engineering to develop a Downtown Streetscape Master Plan for Algonquin. A hierarchy of street typologies was created and linked to the level of treatment, materials, and costs. In addition to developing monumental gateways, signs, and hardscape and landscape palettes, Lakota also designed a curbless “festival street” adjacent to the Village’s primary riverfront park. This street is envisioned as a pedestrian and bike-friendly plaza with spaces for tents, special lighting, gateways, and paving.

The Village is currently completing a Phase I engineering study for Main Street and will be moving into Phase II in late 2017.

Statistics

Start Date: July 2015
Completed: February 2016
Contract Cost: \$40,000
Construction Cost: N/A

Reference

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Public Works Director

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**PROJECT
APPROACH**

Project Approach

Following final approval of the Overall Lake Street Streetscape Plan and its related features in the Design Development Phase, the team will begin development on a set of working drawings necessary for bidding and implementing the project. The Lakota team will assume its role as the urban design and landscape design lead focusing on specialty items/features, hardscape area designs and treatments, landscape, lighting character, and wayfinding signage coordination and documentation into the plan. This will include a Tree Preservation Plan, layout and dimensioning of site features and hardscape, irrigation, site elements/furniture selection, location and specifications, hardscape details, and landscape plans.

TASK 1: Recap Meeting with Staff/Project Team (Meetings #1-2)

Meet with Village Staff/Project Team to discuss next step direction, anticipated timeframe, and project milestones for Construction Documents phase. Coordinate with team civil engineer and other necessary consultants based on final design direction and budget.

TASK 2: Develop Final Overall Site Plan

Refine Final Site Plan design based on approved direction from Design Development set. Clarify budget limitations and opportunities for specific site features/value engineering.

TASK 3: Develop Final Site Plan - Enlarged Area Plans

One overall final site/streetscape plan and several enlarged area plans are envisioned as part of the Construction Documents set of drawings. These enlarged areas will be

developed to further detail and specify the design intent for such key target areas as:

- Key intersections
- Street cross-sections
- Enlarged Planter Areas
- Gateway areas
- Specialty features

TASK 4: Develop Final Overall Landscape Plans

Prepare an overall Final Landscape Plan for the entire site at an appropriate scale that details all required plant materials (species, size, and quantities) to be provided as part of the approved plan. This plan may be broken down into one or more drawings for clarification.

TASK 5: Develop Final Landscape Plans - Enlarged Area Plans

The team will prepare detailed landscape plans for several key target areas at an enlarged scale. These enlarged plans will provide more detail of specific landscape areas with multiple landscape layers such as color pockets, specialty gardens or planters, and movable planters.

TASK 6: Develop Site Layout & Dimensioning Plans

Working with the team civil engineer, one or more detailed geometric layout plans will be developed illustrating and identifying specific layout and dimensions of site features such as: hardscape areas, specialty gateways, or key site feature locations. Geometrics of the roadway alignment will be part of the engineer's scope and is not included in this proposal.

TASK 7: Develop Site Phasing or Demolition Plan (Coordination Only - To be done by Team Civil Engineer)

As directed by staff and overall plan direction and budget, coordinate with the team civil engineer to develop one or more drawings, which illustrate the existing conditions and required removals, relocations, and site preparation (pre-construction activities) that will be required to further implement the project.

Task 8: Coordinate Final Site Engineering Plans (Coordinate w/Team Engineer)

Coordinate overall grading and drainage, cross-sections, utilities, and underdrainage with the team civil engineer. Actual engineering drawings are not part of this proposed scope.

TASK 9: Site Irrigation Plan and Details (Coordinate w/Team Engineer + Irrigation Consultant)

As directed by staff, site irrigation plans and details will be prepared and executed as required per the design development budget direction. We will coordinate with and irrigation consultant and the team engineer regarding utilities, water sources, etc.

TASK 10: Coordinate Site Lighting Elements/Locations

Lakota will coordinate site lighting elements, electrical needs, and light locations with the team electrical engineer. Lakota will lay out landscape lighting locations. All lighting and electrical engineering is considered part of team engineer's scope and is not included in this work scope.

TASK 11: Structural Review /Design and Detailing

Coordinate specialty features, such as gateway elements or lighting elements with a structural engineer consultant. We have included a structural review fee allowance as part of this scope which may change depending upon final direction of design, character, and quantity of elements.

TASK 12: Site Details Package

As required by the project design, develop all the required site details and design drawings necessary to fabricate and implement the accepted, and approved design scope direction for the landscape portion of the streetscape study area.

TASK 13: Appropriate Site Specifications

As required by the project design direction, and standards set forth by the Village, we will prepare all the required design specifications for hardscape, landscape, and specialty items necessary to bid and implement the accepted and approved design.



TASK 14: Final Cost Estimates/Value Engineering

We will develop detailed final site construction cost estimates and quantities for the overall approved site/streetscape plan direction based upon cost assumptions established with the Village during the SD/DD Budget preparation. Our team will work closely with staff to refine the final design budgets and "value engineer" components of the plan, as deemed necessary by staff to adhere to the approved Village budget.

TASK 15: Preparation of 75-95% Complete Plan Sets

As customary to a detailed design process, our team will develop partially completed detailed design set to be reviewed internally with staff, engineering team, and outside vendors for budget conformance. The team and staff will establish mutually acceptable and realistically achievable milestone dates for these sets. We assume that the lead engineering consultant will be responsible for packaging and submitting plans to IDOT or other agencies as part of the overall document set.

TASK 16: On-going Staff and team Internal Review Meetings (Meetings #10-15)

We have allocated at least 6 team/staff coordination review meetings to address the above tasks and detailed design issues outlined in this proposal (estimated at one per month). In addition, we have included regular internal team meetings and calls in this scope.

TASK 17: Municipal/State Review/Permit Requirements (N.I.C)

As identified by our project engineer, there may be one or more permits required for this project. This work will be undertaken by the engineer and is not included in this scope.

TASK 18: Final Plan Set Refinements/Bid Set Preparation

Following staff, or other detailed review of all documents and costs associated with the project, and pending any required municipal /permit requirements, we will refine the final drawings set for bid package use and distribution.

Any substantial changes to the design direction or project study limits, not previously discussed with the team will be considered outside of this design work scope and will be considered an additional service. The team will provide the Village with written and verbal acknowledgment of such scope change and prepare an additional service work order/fee estimate for the required services to be performed. Additional work scope services will be provided at the team's attached hourly rate schedule, as appropriate and mutually agreed to by the Village and team.

TASK 19: General Administration and Project Management

Includes weekly team coordination calls with Thomas Engineering, email correspondence, meeting preparation, meeting summaries, phone calls, and organization related to the project.



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FORMS



RESPONDENT CERTIFICATION

PROPOSAL SIGNATURE: _____
State of ILLINOIS
County of COOK
SCOTT FRERES
TYPE NAME OF SIGNEE

being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that the Respondent on the above proposal is organized as indicated below and that all statements herein made on behalf of such Respondent and that this deponent is authorized to make them, and also deposes and says that he has examined and carefully prepared their bid proposal from the Contract Exhibits and Specifications and has checked the same in detail before submitting this proposal or bid; that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Signature of Respondent authorizes the Village of Oak Park to verify references of business and credit at its option.

Signature of Respondent shall also be acknowledged before a Notary Public or other person authorized by law to execute such acknowledgments.

Dated 5/23/2017

THE LAKOTA GROUP
Organization Name

(Seal - If Corporation)

By [Signature]
Authorized Signature

110 W. ILLINOIS ST., 7TH FL, CHICAGO, IL 60654
Address

(312) 4101-5445
Telephone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of MAY, 2017.

In the state of IL [Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Dec 17 2020
(Fill Out Applicable Paragraph Below)



(a) Corporation

The Respondent is a corporation, which operates under the legal name of THE LAKOTA GROUP and is organized and existing under the laws of the State of ILLINOIS.

The full names of its Officers are:

President SCOTT FRERES
Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

The corporation does have a corporate seal. (In the event that this bid is executed by a person other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation which permits the person to execute the offer for the corporation.)

(b) Partnership

Name, signature, and addresses of all Partner

The partnership does business under the legal name of _____ which name is registered with the office of _____ in the county of _____ in the state of _____.

(c) Sole Proprietor

The Respondent is a Sole Proprietor whose full name is _____.
If the Respondent is operating under a trade name said trade name is _____ which name is registered with the office of _____ in the county of _____ in the state of _____.

Signed _____
Sole Proprietor



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Attachment I.

RESPONDENT CERTIFICATION

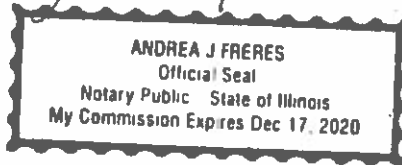
THE LAKOTA GROUP, as part of its bid on a contract for
(name of Respondent)

Professional Landscape Architecture, Design, and Planning Services for the Lake Street Streetscape Project to the Village of Oak Park, hereby certifies that said Respondent is not barred from bidding on the aforementioned contract as a result of a violation to either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of Article 33E of Chapter 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to "Bidding Requirements".

By: [Signature]
(Authorized Agent of Respondent)

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 13th day
of EM, 2017.

[Signature]
(Notary Public)





Attachment II. TAX COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

SCOTT FRERES, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

that he/she is PRESIDENT of
(partner, officer, owner, etc.)

THE LAKOTA GROUP
(bidder selected)

The individual or entity making the foregoing proposal or proposal certifies that he/she is not barred from entering into an agreement with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Department of Revenue unless the individual or entity is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. The individual or entity making the proposal or proposal understands that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the agreement and allows the municipality to recover all amounts paid to the individual or entity under the agreement in civil action.

THE LAKOTA GROUP

By:

Its:

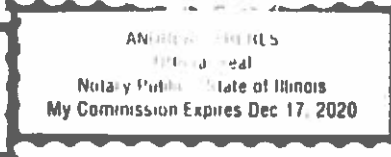
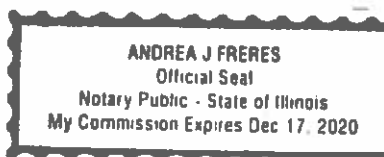
[Handwritten Signature]
(name of bidder if the bidder is an individual)
(name of partner if the bidder is a partnership)
(name of officer if the bidder is a corporation)

The above statement must be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May, 2017.

[Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public's Signature

- Notary Public Seal -



Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises Requirements

The Village of Oak Park in an effort to reaffirm its policy of non-discrimination, encourages and applauds the efforts of bidders and subConsultants in taking affirmative action and providing Equal Employment Opportunity without regard to race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, handicap unrelated to ability to perform the job or protected veteran's status.

Reporting Requirements

The following forms must be completed in their entirety, notarized and included as part of the proposal document. Failure to respond truthfully to any question on the list or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of your proposal.



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Attachment III.

ORGANIZATION OF BIDDING FIRM

Please fill out the applicable section:

A. Corporation:

The Consultant is a corporation, legally named THE LAKOTA GROUP and is organized and existing in good standing under the laws of the State of ILLINOIS. The full names of its Officers are:

President SCOTT FRERES

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Registered Agent Name and Address: THE LAKOTA GROUP, 114 W. ILLINOIS ST., 7TH FL., CHICAGO, IL 60654

The corporation has a corporate seal. (In the event that this Bid is executed by a person other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation that permits the person to execute the offer for the corporation.)

B. Sole Proprietor:

The Consultant is a Sole Proprietor. If the Consultant does business under an Assumed Name, the

Assumed Name is _____, which is registered with the Cook County Clerk. The Consultant is otherwise in compliance with the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405/0.01, et. seq.

C. Partnership:

The Consultant is a Partnership which operates under the name _____

The following are the names, addresses and signatures of all partners:

_____	_____
_____	_____
Signature	Signature

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.) If so, check here ____.

If the partnership does business under an assumed name, the assumed name must be registered with the Cook County Clerk and the partnership is otherwise in compliance with the Assumed Business Name Act, 805 ILCS 405/0.01, et. seq.



I, SLOTT FRERES being first duly sworn on oath depose and state as follows:
(Print Name)

1. I am the (title) PRESIDENT of the Proposing Firm ("Firm") and am authorized to make the statements contained in this affidavit on behalf of the Firm.
2. The Firm is organized as indicated on Exhibit A to this Affidavit, entitled "Organization of Proposing Firm," which Exhibit is incorporated into this Affidavit as if fully set forth herein.
3. I have examined and carefully prepared this proposal based on the Request for Proposals and verified the facts contained in the proposal in detail before submitting it.
4. I authorize the Village of Oak Park to verify the Firm's business references and credit at its option.
5. Neither the Firm nor its affiliates¹ are barred from proposing on this project as a result of a violation of 720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 33E-4 relating to bid rigging and bid rotating, or Section 2-6-12 of the Oak Park Village Code related to "Proposing Requirements".
6. The Proposing Firm has the M/W/DBE status indicated below on the form entitled "EEO Report."
7. Neither the Firm nor its affiliates is barred from agreement with the Village of Oak Park because of any delinquency in the payment of any debt or tax owed to the Village except for those taxes which the Firm is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue act, liability for the tax or the amount of the tax. I understand that making a false statement regarding delinquency in taxes is a Class A Misdemeanor and, in addition, voids the agreement and allows the Village of Oak Park to recover all amounts paid to the Firm under the agreement in a civil action.
8. I am familiar with Section 13-3-2 through 13-3-4 of the Oak Park Village Code relating to Fair Employment Practices and understand the contents thereof; and state that the Proposing Firm is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined by Section 2000(E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code Annotated and Federal Executive Orders #11246 and #11375 which are incorporated herein by reference. Also complete the attached EEO Report or Submit an EEO-1.
9. I certify that the Consultant is in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C.A, 702.

¹ Affiliates means: (i) any subsidiary or parent of the bidding or contracting business entity, (ii) any member of the same unitary business group; (iii) any person with any ownership interest or distributive share of the bidding or contracting business entity in excess of 7.5%; (iv) any entity owned or controlled by an executive employee, his or her spouse or minor children of the bidding or contracting business entity.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name SCOTT FRERES

Name of Business: THE LAKOTA GROUP

Your Title: PRESIDENT

Business Address: 116 W. ILLINOIS ST., 7TH FL, CHICAGO, IL 60654

(Number, Street, Suite #)

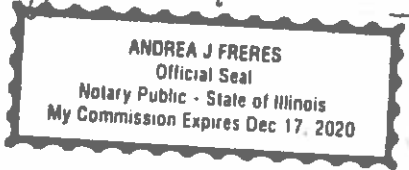
(City, State & Zip)

Telephone: 312.467.5445 Fax: N/A

Web Address: www.thelakotagroup.com

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 23rd day of MAY, 2017.

[Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public



M/W/DBE STATUS AND EEO REPORT

1. Consultant Name: N/A

2. Check here if your firm is:

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a Minority.)
- Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned,

Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, failure to complete the form or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this Bid. For assistance in completing this form, contact the Department of Public Works at 708-358-5700.

- managed and controlled by a Woman.)
- Owned by a person with a disability (DBE) (A firm that is at least 51% owned by a person with a disability)
- None of the above

[Submit copies of any W/W/DBE certifications]

3. What is the size of the firm's current stable work force?

_____ Number of full-time employees

_____ Number of part-time employees

4. Similar information will be requested of all subConsultants working on this agreement. Forms will be furnished to the lowest responsible Consultant with the notice of agreement award, and these forms must be completed and submitted to the Village before the execution of the agreement by the Village.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

EEO REPORT

Please fill out this form completely. Failure to respond truthfully to any questions on this form, or failure to cooperate fully with further inquiry by the Village of Oak Park will result in disqualification of this proposal. An incomplete form will disqualify your proposal. For assistance in completing this form, contact the Purchasing Department at 708-358-5473.

An EEO-1 Report may be submitted in lieu of this report.

Consultant Name THE LAKOTA GROUP

Total Employees

Job Categories	Total Employees	Total Males	Total Females	Males				Females				Total Minorities	
				Black	Hispanic	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	American Indian & Alaskan Native	Asian & Pacific Islander		
Officials & Managers													
Professionals													
Technicians	17	10	7										8
Sales Workers													
Office & Clerical													
Semi-Skilled													
Laborers													
Service Workers													
TOTAL	17	10	7										0
Management Trainees													
Apprentices													

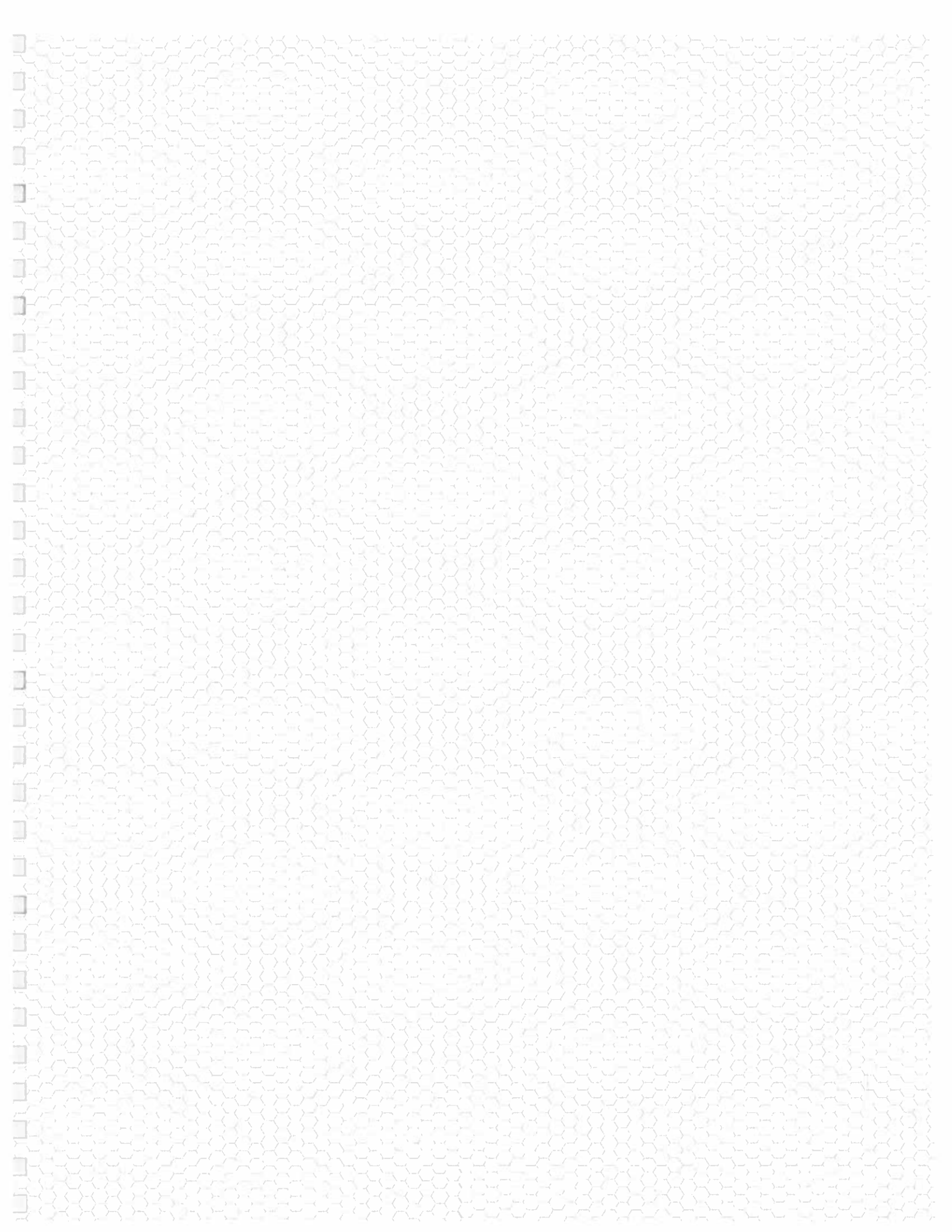
This completed and notarized report must accompany your Proposal. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your Proposal will be disqualify you from consideration.

SCOTT FRORES being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the PRESIDENT
(Name of Person Making Affidavit) (Title or Officer)
of THE LAKOTA GROUP and that the above EEO Report information is true and accurate and is submitted with the intent that it

be relied upon. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of MAY, 2017.


(Signature)

5/23/2017
(Date)





THANK YOU

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COST PROPOSAL

HOURLY RATES

KEY PERSONNEL	HOURLY RATES
Principal	\$260
Director of Design	\$220
Vice President	\$205
Senior Associate	\$170
Planner/Design/LA	\$125
Research/Operations Staff	\$95

Notes:

- 1. Lakota Principal Scott Freres will remain committed and intimately involved in the project, but his time will be comped.**
- 2. We have provided allowances for irrigation and structural sub-consultants to cover tasks we think will be needed. Depending on what is needed, these numbers are subject to change.**
- 3. For the water feature consultant, we have been in contact with Fountain Technologies, with whom we have worked on a number of occasions.**
- 4. This proposal does not include: real estate market, financial feasibility, fiscal impact, civil engineering, traffic studies, utilities, soils, environmental studies/engineering, building design, or property surveys.**

