



Whitewater Park Design and
Construction Services
Pre-Proposal Meeting
RFP #861
May 21, 2013

Argo Site Background

- 2009 - State issues Dam Safety Order regarding embankment area
- 2010 - City and State enter a Consent Agreement. City must select and execute one of two options:
 - Repair of toe-drains
 - Reconstruction of the embankment
- 2010 - City Council and Park Advisory Commission elect to construct the Cascades, deregulating majority of embankment
- 2010 - City Council and Park Advisory Commission choose to include two optional whitewater features as part of the Cascades project

Argo Dam Area 2009



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- 2011 – White water features portion of Cascades project delayed so that DTE can perform remediation work on adjacent property – in exchange DTE agrees to fund features
- 2012 – Permit application submitted for white water features.
- Comments of concern were received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DNR Fisheries Division, and Huron River Watershed Council.
- EPA issue letter of objection
- City withdraws permit application with intent to reapply

Argo Dam Area 2012



City Boat Liveries

- Largest in State with over 500 boats
- 2012 the first year of the Cascades – tremendously popular – large spike in boat rentals
- 50,000+ people boated with City in 2012
- Many people own their own boats and enjoy the river
- Community interest in river recreation
- Community interest in improving and activating the North Main entrance to Ann Arbor
- White water features would provide a unique feature to the area and further enhance river recreation

Scope & Considerations

- \$300,000 project budget
- Design white water features that provide unique recreational opportunities while addressing needs and concerns of regulatory agencies
- Experience coordinating needs of multiple agencies, public bodies, and community engagement
- Run-of-River conditions
- Construction services
- During construction impact on other area uses must be minimized

Considerations related to initial objections

- Impact on fish passage
- Sediment flow and riverbed stability
- Constraint on public use
- Water quality concerns
- White water features viewed as 'low-head' dams
- Impact on riparian vegetation

Proposed Timeline

- June 6, 10 am – Proposal due date
- June – City review
- July – Interviews (as needed) – week of July 8 (tentative)
- August – Contractor selection (point system)
- September – Park Advisory Commission
- September/October – City Council authorization of contractor
- January 2014 - Submit design and permit application for review
- Summer 2014 - Contingent on permit approvals, release Invitation To Bid for construction of whitewater features
- Fall 2014 - Construction

RFP Requirements

- Questions
 - Submit via e-mail to bsteglitz@a2gov.org until COB Tuesday, May 28, 2013
- 20 page limit includes double-sided, including resumes
- 6 hard copies
- 6 copies of proposal fee in separate sealed envelope
- Legal documents cannot be modified
- HR and Living Wage Forms included
- Exhibits A and B



Questions/Site Visit