



North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio 44720  
330/499-3986

October 13, 2002

Mr. Tom Rice, Mayor  
City of North Canton  
145 North Main Street  
North Canton, OH 44720

Dear Mayor Rice:

I am writing to follow-up the comments I made in the council meeting last Monday regarding the administration's request for funding for a six-week curb-side leaf recycling program.

I commend the administration for their attempts to minimize the amount of waste going to landfills in the area, but I feel that the cost of this particular six-week program is quite expensive.

It is unfortunate that the City of North Canton has given Republic Services an exclusive franchise for the collection of garbage, rubbish, recyclables and yard waste as it would be better if the city were to solicit bids from various landscapers and other parties interested in collecting biodegradable waste for use as compost material.

Plain Township solicited and received a number of bids regarding their 2002 Leaf and Yard Waste program and awarded the contract last week I have attached a list of interested bidders and their bids along with a copy of Plain Township's Technical Specifications for all bidders. Plain Township also is using their Web site to disseminate information to the public regarding their Leaf & Yard Waste Program (<http://home.neo.rr.com/plaintownship/index.htm>).

Lake Township also solicited bids for their Fall Yard Waste Collection program and enclosed is their solicitation request for bids.

This last week I contacted landscapers in the area to see if there were any interested bidders and was able to get three bids for leaf collection in North Canton.

One bid came from Earth'n Wood who initiated contact with the city and in September faxed a bid to provide a container for a drop-off site for \$130 per pull. Although this is not as

convenient as a curbside pickup, this type of collection program is used by Earth'n Woods in a number of municipalities including Plain, Lake, and Lawrence Townships and the communities of Franklin and Springfield. Earth'n Woods is registered with the Ohio EPA as a Class IV Composting Facility.

In addition, I have received a bid from Warstler Bros. Landscaping, Inc., and Todd's Envirosapes, Inc., in the amount of \$39,000 and \$37,800 for labor and equipment to pickup biodegradable bags at curbside, Monday through Friday, for six consecutive weeks. This is a service identical to the professional service that is proposed by the administration and it is considerably below the single bid that was presented to council last week. Both Warstler Bros. Landscaping Inc., and Todd's Envirosapes, Inc., are registered with the Ohio EPA as a Class IV Composting Facility.

I would also like to suggest that along with curbside leaf recycling that the city educate residents on the benefits of mulching and composting of leaves. This would return nutrients to the soils thus benefiting lawns and also reducing the amount of yard waste throughout the city.

Sincerely,



Chuck Osborne  
Councilman at-Large

cc:

Chairman, Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee  
Council  
Director of Administration

Attachments:

Warstler Bros. Landscaping, Inc., bid and EPA Class IV Registration  
Earth'n Woods Products, Inc., bid and EPA Class IV Registration  
Todd's Envirosapes, Inc., bid  
Plain Township bidder list  
Plain Township Technical Specs for Leaf Collection Program  
Plain Township Flyer  
Lake Township Request for Bids

# ESTIMATED QUOTATION

From WARSTLER BROS. LANDSCAPING, INC.  
 4125 SALWAY AVENUE N.W.  
 CANTON, OHIO 44718  
 492-9500



To City of North Canton  
 Re: Leaf Collection

Date Oct. 11, 2002

Your No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Due Date \_\_\_\_\_

Terms \_\_\_\_\_

We are pleased to quote as follows:

Quantity	Description	Price	Unit	Amount
	Labor and equipment to pickup biodegradeable bags at curb side, Monday through Friday, for six consecutive weeks			\$39,000.00

By Shawn K. Warstler

Todd's Enviroscapes, Inc.  
7727 Paris Ave.  
Louisville, Oh 44641  
(330) 875-0768  
Fax: (330) 875-0782  
www.enviroscapesgroup.com

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Proposal

ESTIMATE SUBMITTED TO <b>City of North Canton</b>	PHONE <b>330-499-2052</b>	DATE <b>October 14, 2002</b>
STREET <b>145 North Main St.</b>	FAX <b>Leaf Collection for City Limits</b>	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE <b>North Canton, Ohio 44720</b>	JOB LOCATION / NAME	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates as follows:

**REMOVAL OF ALL BIODIGRADABLE LEAF BAGS AT CURB SIDE:**

- Weekly street monitoring and removal for 6 weeks
- Removal of leaves only in biodegradable bags
- All bulk leaves and plastic bags will not be collected
- All leaves to be properly disposed of and composted
- Leaves must be placed between curb and sidewalk in devil strip
- All Enviroscapes equipment will be set up with flashing strobes
- All Enviroscapes employees will be wearing reflective vests (safety first)

**\$37,800.00**

3 Equal Payments of \$12,600.00 due on Start Date and every 14 days thereafter

Reference:  
City of North Canton  
Kim Cooksey

We currently maintain; City Hall, Bitzer Park and Do right away mowings

applicable tax \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATE TOTAL \$ **37,800.00**

All work is guaranteed as specified. Any alterations or deviations from above specifications involving extra cost will be charged on a time and material basis, thus being added to the final price. **This clause includes any unforeseen underground incidents or acts of God; such as downspouts, washouts, wind damage, etc.**

• All amounts subject to sales tax •

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This estimate may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Payment to be made as follows: **3 Equal Payments of \$12,600.00 due on Start Date and every 14 days thereafter**

**\* If payment is not received within invoice terms all warranties and guarantees are null and void. \***

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above & understand all warranty information on the back.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**• PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WHITE COPY UPON ACCEPTANCE •**