

TOWN OF SIMSBURY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DPW 2023-04

LARGE WHITE OAK TREE TRUNK REUSE/PRESERVATION

The Town of Simsbury (“Town”) recently determined that a very large white oak tree that abutted Stratton Brook Road was dying. Due to its proximity to the road, it was deemed a hazard and was removed. The Town was able to save a large section of the trunk, approximately six feet in diameter and eight feet in height. Due to the size, quality, and importance of this tree, the Town determined that the trunk would provide some value to the Town, if it could be reused or preserved in some way.

The Town is looking for a group with a unique and original idea on how to reuse/preserve this piece of wooden history. The Town intends to prioritize proposals for educational use or for uses that will benefit the Town or a Town group first; however, proposals for commercial use will be considered, as well. If the Town determines that multiple proposals can be chosen, that will also be considered.

The tree is being held at the Town of Simsbury Department of Public Works facility currently and can be viewed with an appointment. If you would like to make an appointment please contact Ray Harris, by phone at 860-658-3222, or by email at rharris@simsbury-ct.gov

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available online at:

<http://www.simsbury-ct.gov/finance/pages/public-bids-and-rfp>

The Town of Simsbury reserves the right to accept or reject, without prejudice, any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities therein, or to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of Town of Simsbury.

Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Thomas J. Roy, PE, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, via email at pubworks@simsbury-ct.gov. To receive consideration, all questions must be submitted by the close of business on March 24, 2023. A response to all salient questions will be provided via addendum that will be posted on the Town’s website under the Finance Department’s page for RFQs and RFPs prior to the close of business on March 28, 2023.

Sealed proposals will be accepted by Amy Meriwether, Director of Finance, 933 Hopmeadow Street (Rt. 10/202), Simsbury, CT until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday March 30, 2023.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
933 HOPMEADOW STREET
SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070**

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Request for Proposal Issued:

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Walk Through Date:

By appointment only at 66 Town Forest Road West Simsbury CT, 06092

Submission Deadline:

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Submission Contact and Address:

Thomas J. Roy, P.E
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer
66 Town Forest Road
West Simsbury, CT 06092
Fax: 860-408-5416
Email: pubworks@simsbury-ct.gov

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1. BACKGROUND

The Town has determined that the large white oak trunk has significant historic and cultural value to the Town. We are seeking a local group or commercial business that is interested in acquiring the large trunk section. Interested parties should prepare a proposal telling us what you would do with this tree trunk, demonstrating how this will provide cultural, environmental or financial benefit to the Town. The Town will evaluate all proposals to find the one that we determine best aligns with the Town's goals for this project and is in the overall best interest of the Town.

2. SUBMITAL REQUIREMENTS

- The Town is looking for interested parties to provide written proposals as to their planned use for the wood. Proposals should include the following information, as well as any additional items the proposer wishes to provide to the Town for our consideration: Name of the organization submitting the proposal, along with contact information for any key persons involved in the proposal
- Detailed proposal of how you plan to reuse/preserve the wood, as well as an explanation of how this is of benefit to the Town of Simsbury
- If applicable, provide reference photos and/or details for similar projects you have done that are related to this proposal
- Proposals for commercial use will be considered if no higher quality proposals are received, and should provide cash value proposed for the tree trunk

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3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The Town would require the successful proposer to arrange for pickup of the trunk within 30 days of notification of being chosen. The Town would then request periodic updates that could be shared on the DPW social media sites, as well as on the Town's website.

4. ATTACHMENTS

- a. Appendix A contains photos of the tree, removal, and the trunk

END OF GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Appendix A













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