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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Taylor Sapudar, *Municipal Arborist, LTE #621*  
**Subject:** Bid Award Recommendation for the Princeton Spring 2026 Planting Project  
**Date:** March 5, 2026

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On February 25, 2026, the Department of Infrastructure and Operations received six (6) bids for the Princeton Spring 2026 Planting Project. The responsible and responsive low bidder is Sunset Creations, Inc. of Belle Mead, New Jersey with a total bid of \$65,555. Sunset Creations has successfully completed numerous tree planting contracts with Princeton.

The Spring Planting Project mainly provides new trees for vacant planting pits, primarily where trees being removed for poor condition, disease, and / or insect outbreaks. Block planting will occur on Mount Lucas Road and Van Dyke Road. In addition to block planting and street tree plantings, trees will be planted in various parks throughout the municipality to replace trees removed throughout 2025. In Smoyer Park, multiple ash trees were removed due to poor condition. Native hardwood trees will be planted along the walking trail as a part of the Spring 2026 Planting Project. A total of 150 trees will be planted under this contract.

I recommend the award of the contract for the Princeton Spring 2026 Planting Project to Sunset Creations, Inc., with a total bid of \$65,555.

