

March 4, 2026

**Town of Johnson**  
**REQUEST for BIDS**  
**Tree Cutting and Clearing**

**General Specifications and Instructions**

**Background** – The Town of Johnson owns a parcel of land fronting on the north side of Route 15 across from Wescom Road (Jolley’s gas station and convenience store). The Town is preparing to develop the parcel as an industrial park. For construction of the road, sewer lines, water lines, stormwater basin, etc. to begin this year, trees in the work area must be cut down (on the ground) before April 15, 2026. Authorization to perform the tree cutting and clearing is dependent upon receipt of state permits.

The Town is seeking bids for one or both of two options for this work. The Selectboard will meet on Thursday, March 26 to award a contract pending necessary permits being issued to the Town. If permits are received in time a Notice to Proceed will be issued to the selected bidder.

**How to Submit a Bid** – Bids must be submitted on the attached Bid Form. Bids must be delivered to the Town of Johnson Municipal Building, 293 Lower Main West (Rt. 15) before the bid opening scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026 at 11:30 am. Bids may be dropped off/hand delivered at the physical address shown above. Bids may be mailed to the Town of Johnson, P.O. Box 383, Johnson, VT, 05656. Also, bids may be emailed to [ceds@townofjohnson.com](mailto:ceds@townofjohnson.com). Use “Tree Bid” on the subject line. Bids that are dropped off or mailed must be in a sealed envelope marked “Tree Removal Bid”

Bidding will be on a lump sum basis.

**Site Visit, Property** – A non-mandatory site visit will be held, rain or shine, on Tuesday, March 17. Meet at the Johnson Municipal Building at 11:30 am. The area to be cleared of trees and brush, referred to as Town work area (TWA) is highlighted on the enclosed copy of the site plan (Attachment #1).

**Questions** – Questions about these Instructions, Technical Specifications, Bid Form or the project in general must be directed to Johnson’s interim community and economic development specialist (CEDS), Carl Rogers. Call the Johnson Office at (802) 635-2611.

**Decision, Selectboard Action** – The Town of Johnson Selectboard will award the contract, if it is decided to make an award. The Selectboard is planning to meet on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 pm to consider an award.

**Insurance** – The selected bidder must have insurance for workers compensation and business liability. In the interest of time, please indicate on the Bid Form if the bidder has insurance. After the bid opening, Town staff will contact the preferred bidder and request the bidder have its insurance agent/s submit certificate/s of insurance attesting to the required workers compensation and business liability insurance. Certificate/s must be received before the Selectboard’s meeting.

**Agreement** – These General Specifications, the Technical Specifications, the selected bidder’s bid and the Selectboard’s decision shall form the agreement between the selected bidder and the Town.

**Payment** – Bids will be supplied on a lump sum basis. One payment for the awarded amount will be made upon satisfactory completion of the work described in these Specifications, excluding removal of sawlogs and/or firewood logs that the contractor may temporarily store on site. Payment will be made within seventeen (17) days of receipt of the invoice.

## Technical Specifications

### Option 1

Before April 15, 2026, the contractor will cut down all trees in the Town's work area (TWA), as shown on Attachment 1. The TWA will be marked. The future roads, with utility area is about 60' wide. The two roads combined are about 1400' long. The stormwater basin lot also must be cleared. All trees must be cut down (on the ground) before April 15, 2026, because of an environmental regulation. The contractor may work on removing logs, clearing tops, tree limbs and brush after April 14, but all work must be completed no later than May 15, 2026.

The contractor may retain trees for sawlogs and/or firewood logs. Logs may be stored on site in an area agreed to by the Town before stockpiling begins. Logs stockpiled on site must be removed before November 1, 2026.

Trees will be cut down as low (close to the ground) as is safe. Stumps do not need to be removed.

Tree tops, limbs, small trees, and brush may be chipped or burned, if outdoor burning is permitted at that time. If tree tops, limbs, etc. are chipped, the contractor may keep the chips, except for 35 cubic yards of chips to be set aside on site for the Town's use.

The contractor may use a skid steer brush cutter, forestry mulcher, or equivalent device to cut down and chip small trees and brush. All trees down to 3' in height must be removed.

### Option 2

(Bids must be submitted for all three parts of Option 2, if the bidder wants to be considered for this work. Same as Option 1, all trees must be on the ground before April 15, 2026.)

- a) In the TWA about 90 trees are marked with pink paint. These trees will be pulled from the ground (harvested) with root wad attached. The root wad will be 4' radius from the trunk. These pulled trees will be cut about 25' in length and all limbs will be cut off the 25' stem. The pulled trees with root wad will be stockpiled at the designated area in the industrial park for later use by another party. All limbs will be cleaned up (burned or chipped) as described in Option 1.
- b) In addition to pulling marked trees as described above (a), the contractor will cut remove, clear all unmarked trees and brush in the TWA, as specified in Option 1.
- c) About 25 trees (marked with orange paint) outside the TWA are marked for pulling. These trees will be pulled before April 15, 2026, as described above in a). Trees will be cut off at about 25' in length and the root wad will be about 4' radius. These trees also will be stockpiled on site for later use by others.

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**BID FORM**

~Bids are due no later than 11:30 am on Monday, March 23, 2026~

~Bidders may submit bid/s for either one or both Options. If bidding on Option 2, bids must be offered for all three parts~

The bidder named below agrees to provide all labor, equipment and supplies needed to perform the awarded, specified tree removal and clearing work for the lump sum amount/s listed below.

Option 1

Bid to clear Town's work area.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2

a) Bid to pull/harvest marked trees in the TWA.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

b) Bid to cut, clean up all unmarked trees in the TWA.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

c) Bid to pull/harvest marked trees outside the TWA.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Bid for Option 2..\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bidder \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers- Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

If sub-contractors might be used, list name and work each sub would do: \_\_\_\_\_

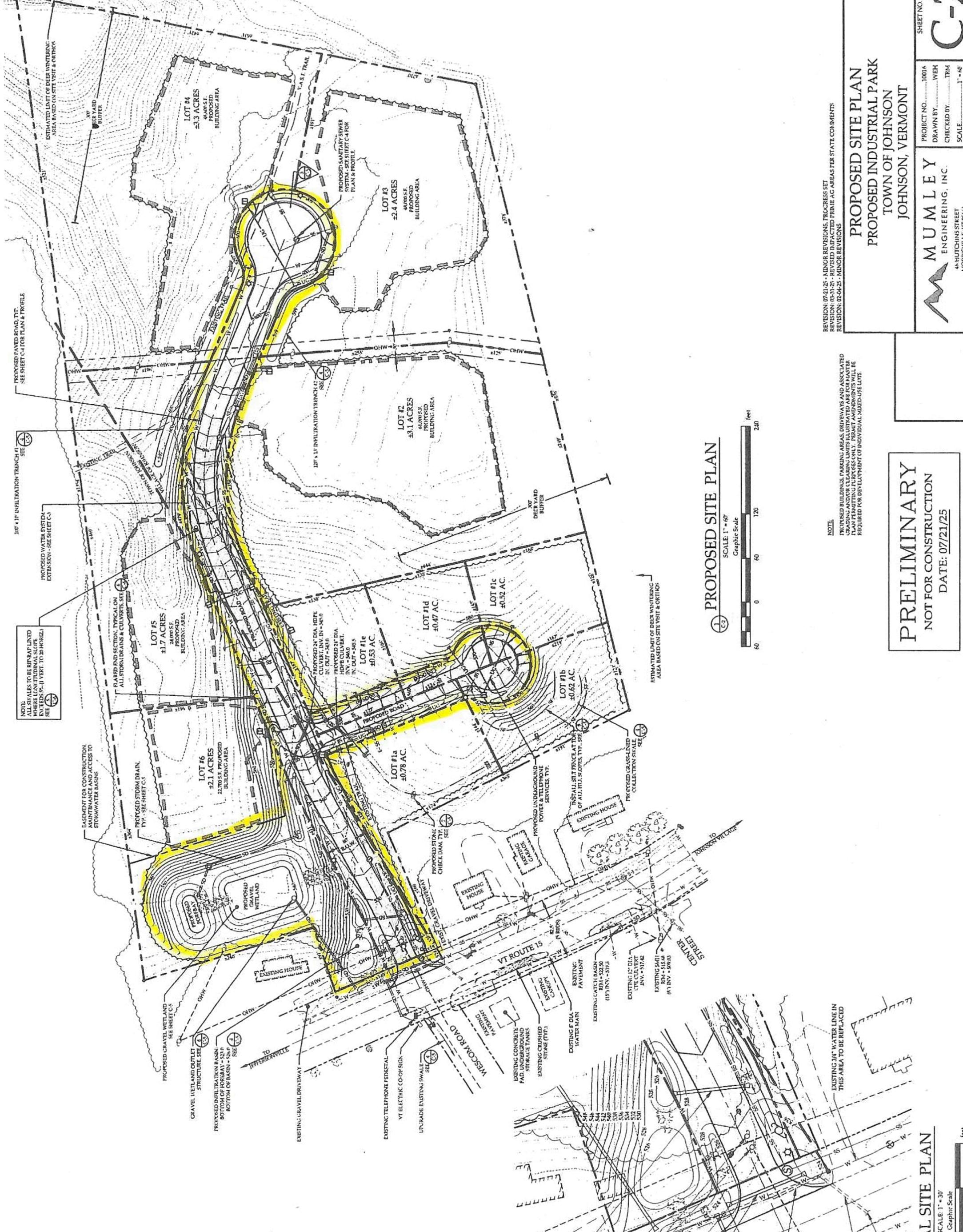
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Does the bidder have workers comp and business liability insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What is the bidder's estimate for number of days needed to complete described work in:

Option 1 \_\_\_\_\_ days and Option 2 (if bid) \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



NOTE:  
 ALL SWALES TO BE RIP-RAP LINED  
 WHERE LONGITUDINAL SLOPE  
 EXCEEDS 5% (VERT. TO 20 HORIZ.)  
 SEE SHEET C-1

PROPOSED PAVED ROAD, TYP.  
 SEE SHEET C-1 FOR PLAN & PROFILE

PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM  
 EXTENSION - SEE SHEET C-1

BASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION  
 OF STORMWATER BASINS  
 ACCESS TO  
 STORMWATER BASINS

FLARED END SECTION, TYPICAL ON  
 ALL STORM DRAINS & CULVERTS. SEE  
 SHEET C-1

PROPOSED GRAVEL WETLAND  
 SEE SHEET C-1

GRAVEL WETLAND AND OUTLET  
 STRUCTURE SEE SHEET C-1

PROPOSED INFILTRATION BASIN:  
 BOTTOM OF BASIN = 521.0  
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EXISTING GRAVEL DRIVEWAY

EXISTING TELEPHONE PEDestal

VT ELECTRIC COOP SIGN

UNGRADE EXISTING SWALE

EXISTING CONCRETE  
 PAD UNDERGROUND  
 STORAGE TANKS

EXISTING CRUSHED  
 STONE (TYP.)

EXISTING DIA.  
 WATER MAIN

EXISTING CATCH BASIN  
 RIM = 522.50  
 INV. = 519.5

EXISTING 12" DIA.  
 CULVERT  
 INV. = 517.42

EXISTING SKRT  
 RIM = 515.68  
 INV. = 509.43

EXISTING HOUSE

EXISTING 3/4" WATER LINE IN  
 THIS AREA TO BE REPLACED

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 60'  
 Graphic Scale



NOTE:

PROPOSED BUILDINGS, PARKING AREAS, DRIVEWAYS AND ASSOCIATED  
 GRADING AND/OR CLEARING LIMITS ILLUSTRATED ARE FOR MASTER  
 PLAN PERMITTING PURPOSES ONLY. PERMIT AMENDMENTS WILL BE  
 REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL, SPECIFIC-USE LOTS.

REVISION: 07-21-25 - MINOR REVISIONS, PROGRESS SET  
 REVISION: 05-31-25 - REVISED IMPACTED PRIME AG AREAS PER STATE COMMENTS  
 REVISION: 02-04-25 - MINOR REVISIONS

PROPOSED SITE PLAN  
 PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL PARK  
 TOWN OF JOHNSON  
 JOHNSON, VERMONT

MUMLEY  
 ENGINEERING, INC.  
 44 HUTCHINS STREET  
 MORRISVILLE, VT 05661

PROJECT NO. 10016  
 DRAWN BY WEH  
 CHECKED BY TRM  
 SCALE: 1" = 60'

PRELIMINARY  
 NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION  
 DATE: 07/21/25

AL SITE PLAN  
 SCALE: 1" = 30'  
 Graphic Scale



SHEET NO. C-2