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Wayzata picks team to redesign Lake Minnetonka downtown lakefront

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Wayzata city officials picked a team led by Denver-based **Civitas Inc.** to redesign public space downtown next to Lake Minnetonka

In the course of a six- to eight-month study, Civitas will be tasked with creating a schematic design, a construction phasing plan and estimates for both capital costs and long-term maintenance and operation costs.

Wayzata doesn't have a budget for the project yet, but will create a supporting organization to spearhead and coordinate fundraising from public and private sources.

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Civitas beat **Coen+Partners** and a team led by **Perkins+Will** with Workshop Ken Smith.

The Civitas team proposed a fee of \$310,000 plus reimbursable expenses. Perkins+Will bid \$347,010 total, while Coen+Partners proposed \$350,000 plus reimbursables.

A selection committee determined that Civitas offered a breadth of relevant experience, according to a memo provided to the City Council.

"They elaborated on their understanding of and possibilities for the site and process in a 'masterful presentation' that highlighted their innovative design problem solving skills, funding and revenue generation expertise, forward thinking approach to ecology and ... community engagement," the memo said.

Civitas, led by principals [Mark Johnson](#) and [Scott Jordan](#), cited experience as prime consultant on the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park in downtown Tampa (a \$36 million development), Museum Park in Raleigh, N.C. (\$10 million), Stapleton Parks in Denver (\$19 million) and the San Diego North Embarcadero (\$32 million).

The other members of the Civitas team on the Wayzata civic improvement project are:

- Minneapolis-based Snow Kreilich Architects will be a collaborator for urban design and the architect of structures.
- Madison, Wis.-based Applied Ecological Services will be the project ecologists.
- St. Paul-based design and engineering firm Solution Blue Inc. will help with sustainable site design and stormwater management.
- New York-based HR&A Advisors will be the advising economists.

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City of Wayzata

Wayzata city officials want to redesign the Lake Minnetonka downtown lakefront, seen here in a June 2015 photo.