

Scranton City Council hires firm for remediation work at pocket park site

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Scranton City Council voted 4-0 on Tuesday, with Councilwoman Jessica Rothchild absent, to hire Doylestown-based AMO Environmental Decisions to remediate a polluted quarter-acre lot at 248-256 Wyoming Ave. for development into a pocket park.

In its proposal to the city, AMO estimated the work, which will involve excavation and disposal of soil and several deteriorated concrete building slabs, well monitoring and a health and safety plan update, would cost \$334,300. The state awarded several grants to cover the remediation.

The project is a joint effort involving the city, Lackawanna County and Scranton

Tomorrow, a nonprofit focusing on downtown economic development. The county is administering the remediation while Scranton Tomorrow will lead the development of the park after that work is complete. The contract approved Tuesday strictly covers the remediation.

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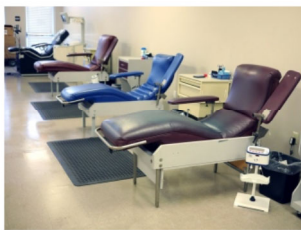
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