



Lake County Forest Preserves

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DATE: April 6, 2026
MEMO TO: Sara Knizhnik, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

Agenda Item # 10.2

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Reforestation Watering at Multiple Forest Preserves to TGF Enterprises, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$33,035.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The District-wide Reforestation project was approved as part of the adopted FY26 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$100,000.00. This portion of the project (reforestation watering) was estimated at \$45,000.00. The contract price of the proposed contract is \$33,035.00. When combined with the low bid not requiring Committee and Board approval in the amount of \$9,500.00, this equates to a total cost for the reforestation watering work of \$42,535.00 and will be charged to the District-wide Reforestation account (1104100-803200-60008).

BACKGROUND: The District sought bids to provide supplemental watering treatments for newly planted trees and shrubs installed in the fall of 2025 at eight sites within six different preserves: Lakewood (three sites), Ray Lake, Fourth Lake, Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area, Cuba Marsh, and Greenbelt.

The project was advertised on February 10, 2026, and bids were received from two bidders, each of which submitted bids on multiple project sites. The low bidders and their total low bids are listed below:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL LOW BIDS</u>
TGF Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 33,035.00
 <u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITH LOW BID UNDER \$30,000.00</u>	
Alvarez, Inc.	\$ 9,500.00

Staff recommends that TGF Enterprises, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder for the seven project sites for which it submitted the low bid. Work is anticipated to begin May 2026 and be completed by October 2026.

Staff will award a contract to Alvarez, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the one site (Greenbelt) for which it submitted the low bid, which is less than the Purchasing Policy threshold that requires Committee recommendation and Board approval (over \$30,000.00).

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Purchasing Manager, Manager of Board Operations, and Corporate Counsel.

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR REFORESTATION WATERING
AT MULTIPLE PRESERVES TO TGF ENTERPRISES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for the performance of reforestation watering services at multiple preserves (the “Work”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, on February 25, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee, have reviewed the bids identified in Exhibit 1 and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find TGF Enterprises, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work at Lakewood, Ray Lake, Fourth Lake, , and Cuba Marsh Forest Preserves and Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area (the “Work Locations”) and award a contract for the Work at the Work Locations to TGF Enterprises, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that TGF Enterprises, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work at the Work Locations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, THAT:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bids submitted by TGF Enterprises, Inc. for the Work at the Work Locations in the total amount of \$33,035.00 (the “Contract Price”) are hereby accepted, and a Contract for the Work at the Work Locations is hereby awarded to TGF Enterprises, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026

Jessica Vealitzek, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT 1

BID NO: 26003

REFORESTATION WATERING - MULTIPLE PRESERVES

		TGF ENTERPRISES INC	
Work Location	Quantity	Unit Price	Sub Total
LAKEWOOD FOREST PRESERVE – FT. HILL Approximately 23 Trees (1.0-Inch+) & 119 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~6 acres	5	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,750.00
RAY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE Approximately 133 Trees (1.0-Inch+) & 495 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~30 acres	5	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 6,075.00
FOURTH LAKE FOREST PRESERVE Approximately 48 Trees (1.0-Inch) & 185 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~12 acres	5	\$ 960.00	\$ 4,800.00
EDWARD L. RYERSON CONSERVATION AREA Approximately 4 Trees (1.0-Inch) & 297 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~15 acres	5	\$ 960.00	\$ 4,800.00
CUBA MARSH FOREST PRESERVE Approximately 9 Trees (1.0-Inch) & 116 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~8 acres	5	\$ 720.00	\$ 3,600.00
LAKEWOOD FOREST PRESERVE - CENTER Approximately 166 Trees (1.0-Inch) & 161 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~15 acres	5	\$ 960.00	\$ 4,800.00
LAKEWOOD FOREST PRESERVE – CENTER (ADDITIONAL PLANTING AREAS) Approximately 245 Trees (1.0-Inch) & 0 Trees/Shrubs (1-5-Gallon) across ~15 acres	5	\$ 1,042.00	\$ 5,210.00
AWARD AMOUNT			\$ 33,035.00