



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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**DATE:** September 1, 2016

**MEMO TO:** S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** James L. Anderson, Director  
Natural Resources

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Three-Year Cooperative Service Agreement for Deer Management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services (USDA) in a Contract Price not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Conservation; Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This program was approved as part of the adopted FY2016/2017 Land Development Levy Fund Budget for Consultants, in an annual amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. The actual annual cost, up to \$75,000.00, will be charged to account 27644000-701500.

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution is required for the District to enter into an agreement to conduct deer population management at District preserves using USDA wildlife biologists. The purpose of this cooperative service agreement is to reimburse costs, not to exceed \$75,000.00 per year, expended by USDA while assisting the District to implement its deer management program during FY2017, FY2018, and FY2019. The Board first approved using USDA wildlife biologists to conduct deer removals on District property in 2002. The District staff has been very satisfied with the USDA, which has consistently provided professional service using trained, degreed, wildlife biologists, resulting in a highly efficient, effective and safe program.

The District's deer management program, which began in 1989, is an essential part of achieving the District's Mission. As a result of the program, and other natural resource management programs, the overall quality of plant communities at many preserves has improved. The District recognizes that native wildlife resources, including white-tailed deer, contribute significantly to the value of the environment and that deer are an important component on the landscape. However, overabundant white-tailed deer are a significant threat to local biodiversity and ecosystem health in Lake County. Without any natural limiting factors on the deer population in Lake County, continuation of a deer management program is vital in maintaining ecosystem balance.

Provided that funds are approved for this program each fiscal year, the deer removal portion of the deer management program will be conducted annually December through March for the duration of the Cooperative Service Agreement.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson



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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THREE-YEAR COOPERATIVE  
SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DEER MANAGEMENT  
WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) desires to purchase deer management and removal services (the “Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Natural Resources and the Purchasing Manager have determined that the Services require personal confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Services will increase the efficiency of the District’s Deer Management Program (the “Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has entered into agreements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services (the “USDA”) for deer management and removal services in past years; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDA provides professional services with trained wildlife biologists and will work with District staff for the safe and efficient implementation of the Services for the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution, the District may contract with U.S. government agencies to obtain or share services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager has solicited a proposal from the USDA for the Services (the “Proposal”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager; the Director of Natural Resources, and the Finance and Administrative Committee have reviewed the Proposal and recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) find that the Proposal submitted by the USDA be determined to be the proposal that is most advantageous to the District; and (ii) award a contract for the Services to the USDA in a contract price not to exceed \$75,000.00 annually (the “Contract Price”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the Proposal for the Services submitted by the USDA (the “Agreement”) is the proposal that is most advantageous to the District.

**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. Approval of the Contract. A contract in the Contract Price, which contract shall be substantially in the form attached hereto (the “Contract”), is hereby awarded to the USDA.

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

Section 4. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

ATTEST:

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_