



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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DATE: October 3, 2016

MEMO TO: Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Planning and Restoration Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Control Clearing Phase 4 at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$51,709.75.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2016/2017 Annual Budget in the amount of \$244,108.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$65,000.00. The actual cost of \$51,709.75 will be charged to the Natural Resources Habitat Restoration Fund (20104100-803200-60004).

BACKGROUND: The goal of this habitat restoration project is to expand the acreage of native plant and animal communities by removing dense thickets of non-native shrubs, primarily buckthorn, and thin invasive native trees and shrubs throughout the 25-acre project area. Cut woody material will be stump-treated, and resprouts herbicide-treated the following growing season. Greenbelt Forest Preserve provides habitat for 11 bird and reptile species identified as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Greenbelt provides rare habitat for the smooth green snake and rare shrubland bird species such as warblers, flycatchers, and brown thrashers.

Funding for this project is provided in part by a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Coastal Grant Program. The District is partnering with Alliance for the Great Lakes and Audubon Chicago Region to engage the local community to support and foster an environmental connection and awareness by recruiting and hosting volunteer habitat restoration workdays and field trips throughout the year.

The project was advertised on August 8, 2016 and 10 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed as follows:

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$51,709.75
Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC, Elmhurst, Illinois	\$51,844.78
JH Landworks, Wauconda, Illinois	\$59,500.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$64,000.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$65,750.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$67,500.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$79,500.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$105,125.00
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$119,500.00
Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC, Orland Park, Illinois	\$140,125.00

Staff recommends that Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, Illinois be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 14, 2016 and be completed by July 15, 2017.

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

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL
CLEARING PHASE 4 AT GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE TO
INTEGRATED LAKES MANAGEMENT, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of work necessary to complete Woody Invasive Plant Control Clearing Phase 4 at Greenbelt Forest Preserve (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 August 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
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WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, the Planning and Restoration Committee, and the Finance and Administrative Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work;

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 bid submitted by Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., in the amount of \$51,709.75 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.

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

Section 4: Payments. The 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 _____, 2016

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APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2016

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____