



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** October 5, 2015  
**MEMO TO:** Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
Planning and Restoration Committee  
S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee  
**FROM:** James L Anderson, Director  
Natural Resource Department  
**SUBJECT:** Lakewood Scenic Corridor Clearing Project at Lakewood Forest Preserve

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois, for the Scenic Corridor Clearing at Lakewood Forest Preserve in the Contract Price of \$83,554.90.

**BACKGROUND:** As part of the continuing habitat restoration of Lakewood Forest Preserve initiated in 2008, this contract is for the removal of invasive woody species and thinning of select native species from a 36-acre portion of the preserve mainly adjacent to Highway 176. The goal of the project is to improve prescribed controlled burn management and increase light levels to support oak regeneration, as well as the native shrub and ground-layer vegetation. Some native species, including oaks, are to be selectively thinned to reduce canopy coverage to support future oak regeneration and increased biodiversity of the understory. Work will include hand and mechanical cutting, brush disposal via brush pile burning or chipping, selective wick herbicide application to cut stumps, and follow-up herbicide application to resprouts and small stems.

The project was advertised on August 13, 2015 and eight bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$83,554.90
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$118,381.25
Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC, Elmhurst, Illinois	\$126,712.50
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$134,367.50
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$134,540.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$151,735.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$166,625.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$190,456.25

Staff recommends that Trees "R" Us, Inc., be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 1, 2015 and be completed by July 15, 2015.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

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

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$250,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$121,000.00. The actual cost of \$83,554.90 will be charged to account 20104100-803200-61010.

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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 COUNTY OF LAKE )

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
 REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING  
 OCTOBER 13, 2015**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Trees "R" Us, Inc. for the Lakewood Scenic Corridor Clearing Project at Lakewood Forest Preserve," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:**

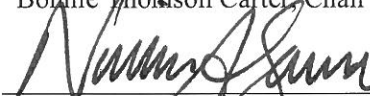
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**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

**YEA NAY**

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TREES "R" US, INC. FOR THE LAKEWOOD SCENIC  
CORRIDOR CLEARING PROJECT AT LAKEWOOD FOREST PRESERVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids to purchase work necessary to remove invasive woody species and thin select native species as part of the Scenic Corridor Clearing Project at Lakewood 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, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders, which include bid alternate one:

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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 Trees "R" Us, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder, and award a contract for the Work to Trees "R" Us, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Trees "R" Us, 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 part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Trees "R" Us, Inc., in the amount of \$83,554.90 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Trees "R" Us, 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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