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**DATE:** November 2, 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 Resources  
**SUBJECT:** Shrubland Bird Habitat Restoration at Greenbelt Forest Preserve

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Shrubland Bird Habitat Restoration at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$39,875.00.

**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 Dept. of natural Resources and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Greenbelt provides rare habitat for rare shrubland bird species such as warblers, flycatchers, and brown thrashers and the reptile green snake.

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 10, 2015 and seven bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$39,875.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$60,000.00
Cardno, Inc., Monee, Illinois	\$80,650.00
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$92,425.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$96,250.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$104,000.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$110,000.00

Staff recommends that Trees "R" Us be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2015 and be completed by July 31, 2016.

**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 item was approved as part of the adopted FY2015/2016 Natural Resource Grant Fund (69644100-803200-56053) in the amount of \$205,000.00. The District is required to supply \$125,000.00 in matching funds of which \$62,500.00 was estimated for this project. The actual cost of the project, \$39,875.00 will be charged to the Habitat Restoration Fund (20104100-803200-60004).

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson

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 COUNTY OF LAKE )

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
 REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 10, 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 for the Shrubland Bird Habitat Restoration at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to Trees "R" Us, Inc.," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION  
 COMMITTEE:**

**YEA    NAY**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
 COMMITTEE:**

**YEA    NAY**

  
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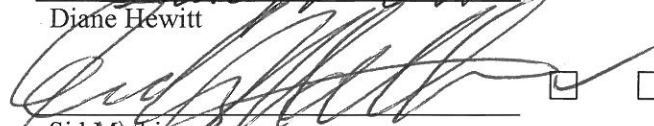
  

  
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**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE SHRUBLAND BIRD HABITAT  
RESTORATION AT GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE TO TREES "R" US, INC.**

**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 Shrubland Bird Habitat Restoration Project 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 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></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 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 \$39,875.00 (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. Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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