



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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**DATE:** February 1, 2016

Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Districtwide Invasive Plant Management 2016 at Multiple Forest Preserves to Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$175,320.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This item was approved as part of the adopted FY 2015-16 Budget in the amount of \$180,000.00. The actual cost of \$175,320.00 will be charged to the Farmland Management Fund (28644000-705100-62806).

**BACKGROUND:** Invasive plant management is the most time-consuming task faced by District crews, and is a significant challenge to habitat conservation. Management of invasive plants is necessary to improve and conserve habitat quality and species diversity on District properties throughout Lake County. In order to accomplish this work, the District hires a contractor on an hourly basis to complete several projects to control herbaceous invasive plants.

This year's contract will include control of reed canary grass, common reed, teasel, crown vetch, exotic cattail, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, Oriental bittersweet, spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, and purple loosestrife. The following sites are anticipated to be treated: Wadsworth Savanna, Van Patten Woods, Gander Mountain, MacArthur Woods, Middlefork Savanna, Rollins Savanna, Lake Carina, Captain Daniel Wright Woods, Ryerson Woods, Half Day, Lakewood, Lyons Woods, Greenbelt, and Cuba Marsh Forest Preserves.

The project was advertised on December 12, 2015 and eight bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$175,320.00
V3 Construction Group, LTD., Woodridge, Illinois	\$175,500.00
ILM, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$179,730.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$197,730.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$202,050.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$216,000.00
Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois	\$225,000.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$384,500.00

Staff recommends that Red Buffalo Nursery be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin March 1, 2016 and be completed by February 28, 2017.

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

**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 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR  
DISTRICTWIDE INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT 2016 AT  
MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES TO RED BUFFALO NURSERY**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of 2016 District-Wide Invasive Plant Management (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 December 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders, which include bid alternates one, two, and three:

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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 Red Buffalo Nursery to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Red Buffalo Nursery (the "Contract"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Red Buffalo Nursery 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 Red Buffalo Nursery in the amount of \$175,320.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Red Buffalo Nursery.

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's 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.

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. \_\_\_\_\_