



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** June 27, 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 Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control 2017 to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin, in the Contract Price of \$381,824.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This item was approved as part of the adopted FY2016/2017 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$385,000.00. The actual cost of \$381,824.00 will be charged to the Ecological Land Management line item of the Development Levy Fund (27644000-704800).

**BACKGROUND:** This contract is for the ninth year of the Ecological Land Management Program that was designed to treat selected areas of new growth, invasive trees and shrubs in restoration sites by hiring a single contractor on a per-hour basis at multiple forest preserve sites. Target species for control include buckthorn, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, grey dogwood, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese barberry, black locust and raspberry/blackberry. The following forest preserves will receive treatment in 2017: Grainger Woods, Greenbelt, Independence Grove, Lakewood, Middlefork Savanna, Singing Hills, and Wadsworth Savanna.

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

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin	\$381,824.00
Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, Illinois	\$395,400.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$428,800.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$442,112.00
Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, Illinois	\$486,400.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$640,000.00
Conservation Land Stewardship, LLC, Elmhurst, Illinois	\$744,960.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$824,064.00

Staff recommends that Applied Ecological Services, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin November 1, 2016 and be completed by August 31, 2017.

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

**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 SMALL INVASIVE TREE AND SHRUB  
CONTROL TO APPLIED ECOLOGICAL SERVICES, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the work necessary to complete the 2017 Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control program at multiple forest preserves (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 May 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

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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 Applied Ecological Services, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds Applied Ecological Services, 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 Applied Ecological Services, Inc., in the amount of \$381,824.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve

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ATTEST:

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Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_