



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: August 29, 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 Phase 3 Clearing at Grainger Woods Conservation Preserve to Homer Tree Service Inc., Lockport, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$129,802.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This item was approved as part of the adopted FY2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plan, Southern Des Plaines Preserves Woodland Habitat Restoration Project in the amount of \$280,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated in the amount of \$156,000.00. The actual cost of \$129,802.00 will be charged to the Capital Improvement Fund; Southern Des Plaines Preserves Woodland Habitat Restoration Project, (35304100-803200-65004).

BACKGROUND: Grainger Woods, in southern Lake County, contains some of our highest quality natural areas and oak ecosystems. Oaks are considered a keystone species in the Chicago region and play a critical role in maintaining the structure of the woodland community, providing food and shelter for many other species. Unfortunately, oak seedlings and saplings in our woodlands are not receiving enough sunlight to thrive. Without action now, the oak woodlands in Lake County and the Chicago region will not survive in the long term. This woodland habitat restoration project will encourage the growth of oak and other native saplings by selectively removing trees and shrubs to open up the canopy to increase light reaching the ground level. These thinning efforts will allow future generations of oaks to mature, allow for reintroduction of native shrubs and other native ground layer species, rebuilding a sustainable woodland habitat for the future.

The goal of this project is to promote oak regeneration over 53 acres of the wooded communities within Grainger Woods Conservation Preserve. Work consists of mechanical and hand-cutting with sheers and chainsaws, stacking of brush with skid steers, brush pile burning, hauling of logs, and herbicide application to cut stumps and growing season re-sprouts.

The project was advertised on July 7, 2016 and 7 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$129,802.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$155,340.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$170,648.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$194,990.87
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$214,422.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$340,653.00
Central Tree, LLC, Hoffman Estates, Illinois	\$384,690.00

Staff recommends that Homer Tree Service Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 1, 2016 and be completed by July 30, 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 PHASE 3 CLEARING AT
GRAINGER WOODS CONSERVATION PRESERVE TO
HOMER TREE SERVICE, 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 Phase 3 Clearing at Grainger Woods Conservation 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 July 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts, which include all four bid alternates, from the following bidders:

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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 Homer Tree Service, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Homer Tree Service, Inc. (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Homer Tree Service, 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 Homer Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$129,802.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Homer Tree Service, 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. _____