



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** October 3, 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 Wetland Mitigation and Restoration Project at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$75,550.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Conservation; Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** At the June 14, 2016 meeting of the Lake County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners an Agreement was approved with Continental Beeson Corner LLC (Continental) to provide \$500,000.00 to the District which will be used to fund the mitigation project at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve. No District funds will be expended.

**BACKGROUND:** Continental is constructing a Mariano's Fresh Market (Mariano's) on the northeast corner of the intersection of Waukegan Road (IL 43) and Half Day Road (IL 22) within the Village of Bannockburn, Illinois. It has been determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that this construction will have a direct impact on wetlands at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve. USACE has approved Continental's request to mitigate such impact by causing off-site mitigation work to be performed at Prairie Wolf. Pursuant to an agreement between Continental and the District, Continental has deposited \$500,000.00 with the District to fund wetland restoration work at Prairie Wolf.

This mitigation fund (\$500,000) will be used to restore 25 acres of degraded woodlands (\$75,550.00) along the Chicago River by removing invasive woody plants such as buckthorn and over-stocked native species. The remainder of the mitigation fund will be used to maintain the restored area or retained by the District. The goal of this restoration is to increase sunlight levels at ground level in order to improve the health of the herbaceous ground layer and allow for oak/hickory reproduction. Further restoration efforts, including invasive species control, native seeding and wetland plugs and tree/shrub planting will occur after the clearing work is completed. The plans for this restoration work have been approved by USACE.

The project was advertised on August 8, 2016 and 7 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JH Landworks, Wauconda, Illinois	\$61,075.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$75,550.00
Trees "R" Us, Inc., Wauconda, Illinois	\$81,900.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$84,356.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$97,750.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$99,480.00
Groundskeeper Landscape Care, LLC, Orland Park, Illinois	\$241,175.00

Staff recommends that JH Landworks be found not qualified as a responsible bidder for the following reasons: JH Landworks failed to demonstrate in their bid and supporting document that they have the skills, experience, and equipment necessary to remove large-diameter invasive trees without damaging adjacent desirable trees and ground layer. Additionally, support staff (herbicide applicators and brushpile fire tenders) is required for this project. Project references did not demonstrate that JH Landworks has the skills, experience, and personnel for this project.

The recommendation that JH Landworks is not responsible is limited only to the specific requirements applicable to this project and is not intended to apply to or reflect JH Landworks' general abilities or qualifications or its specific abilities or qualifications for other projects. Staff recommends that Homer Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin November 14, 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 WOODY INVASIVE PLANT  
CONTROL AT PRAIRIE WOLF SLOUGH FOREST PRESERVE (MITIGATION SITE) 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 Woody Invasive Plant Control at Prairie Wolf Slough 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, 2016 at 9:00 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 Board of Commissioners hereby finds that JH Landworks is not a responsible bidder for this project; and

**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 based upon the bids and related information, 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: Rejection of Low Bid. The bid submitted by JH Landworks is hereby rejected.

Section 3: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Homer Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$61,075.00 (the "Contract Price") is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Homer Tree Service, Inc.

Section 4: 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 5: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 6: 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 District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gagnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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