



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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DATE: February 6, 2017
MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee
FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Invasive Plant Control Phase 3 at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$26,280.30.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2016/2017 Development Levy Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$51,000.00. The actual cost of \$26,280.30 will be charged to Grassy Lake Improvement (35634100-803200-60701).

BACKGROUND: Beginning in 2014, extensive thickets of buckthorn (40-ac.) were removed at Grassy Lake Forest Preserve. These thickets formerly blocked views of the Fox River and its valley as well as the site’s beautiful oak grove. This contract calls for herbaceous invasive plant control of thistle, reed canary, and other invasive species that are attempting to colonize the former thicket areas. The contractor will conduct restoration mowing and herbicide application on targeted species to control these invasive species. This work is in preparation for future restoration seeding (winter 2018) and will benefit prior restoration seeding.

The project was advertised on November 30, 2016 and 8 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$26,280.00
V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois	\$26,625.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$31,087.00
Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, Illinois	\$31,500.00
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$32,300.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$33,350.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$43,135.00
Cardno, Inc., Monee, Illinois	\$128,250.00

Staff recommends that Integrated Lakes Management be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin in March 2017 and be completed by December 2017.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
PHASE 3 INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AT GRASSY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE
TO INTEGRATED LAKES MANAGEMENT, 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 Invasive Plant Control at Grassy Lake 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 December 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.; and

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

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WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Planning Committee, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Integrated Lakes Management, 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 Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., in the amount of \$26,280.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management, 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 _____, 2017

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____