



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: March 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 Wetland Invasive Plant Control 2017 at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Native Restoration Services, Lake Bluff, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$ \$52,274.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$160,000.00 with a portion funded by a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This portion of the project was estimated at \$56,570.00. The actual cost of \$52,274.00 will be charged to the Natural Resource Grant Fund, (69644100-803200-56052) in the amount of \$1,370.00 and the Habitat Restoration Fund (20104100-803200-60004) in the amount of \$50,904.00.

BACKGROUND: This project is part of the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain Habitat Restoration Project funded through the Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL) Stewardship Grant Program. The Wetland Invasive Plant Control Project area is a 90-acre mosaic of wet prairie, emergent marsh and sedge meadow habitat within the Spring Bluff Forest Preserve. Spring Bluff is a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve that provides habitat for several threatened and endangered plants and animals. The project is in its fifth year of invasive wetland plant control in the eastern portion of the preserve, and the eighth year of control in the western portion. This ongoing work is part of a larger restoration effort within the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain to restore critical Lake Michigan natural communities.

The project was advertised on December 28, 2016 and 7 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$52,274.00
V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois	\$55,290.00
McGinty Bros., Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$60,253.75
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$61,065.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois	\$68,027.00
ENCAP, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois	\$71,906.25
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$78,027.50

Staff recommends that Native Restoration Services be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2017 and be completed by November 30, 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
WETLAND INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AT
SPRING BLUFF FOREST PRESERVE**

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 Wetland Invasive Plant Control 2017 at Spring Bluff 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 January 19, 2017 at 10:00 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 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 Native Restoration Services, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Native Restoration 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 Native Restoration Services, Inc., in the amount of \$52,274.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Native Restoration 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 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 Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____