



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: June 4, 2018

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

Agenda Item# 8.4

FROM: Randall L. Seebach
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the 2018 Planting and Landscape Work at Multiple Preserves to Nettle Creek Nursery, Inc., Morris, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$140,365.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED Public Access and Connections and Conservation.

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plan (Waukegan Savanna Dog Exercise Area, Fort Sheridan Access Improvements) and FY 2015/2016 (Middlefork Savanna Bridge and Trail). Both projects are active and were carried over to the FY2018 budget. The actual costs shall be charged to the following accounts:

Waukegan Savanna Dog Exercise Area, 35304100-803200-64610:	\$82,655.00
Fort Sheridan Access Improvements, 35304100-803200-60420:	\$50,130.00
Middlefork Savanna Bridge and Trail, 35634100-803200-61101:	\$7,580.00

BACKGROUND: Recent site improvement projects at the Waukegan Savanna Dog Exercise Area, Fort Sheridan and Middlefork Savanna are in the final stages of completion and will benefit from the addition of new plantings and landscape work. At Waukegan Savanna, the planting of 158 trees and 345 prairie grasses with tree protection, mulching and supplemental watering and weed control will provide shade for patrons and their dogs. At Fort Sheridan, the planting of 70 trees, 140 shrubs and 96 prairie grasses with tree protection, mulching and supplemental watering and weed control will enhance the area adjacent the parking lot and overlooks. At Middlefork Savanna, a retaining wall and planting of 32 shrubs with mulch and supplemental watering will enhance the area around the scenic overlook.

The project was advertised on April 2, 2018 and four (4) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	TOTAL BID
Nettle Creek Nursery, Inc., Morris, Illinois	\$140,365.00
Landscapes by Gary Weiss, Woodstock, Illinois	\$145,761.00
Clauss Brothers, Inc., Elgin, Illinois	\$181,943.00
McGinty Bros, Inc., Long Grove, Illinois	\$182,537.00

Staff recommends that Nettle Creek Nursery, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin June 28, 2018 and be completed by July 27, 2018.

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR 2018 PLANTING AND
LANDSCAPE WORK AT MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES TO
NETTLE CREEK NURSERY, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of 2018 Planting and Landscape Work 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 April 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
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and;

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Nettle Creek Nursery, 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 Nettle Creek Nursery, Inc., in the amount of \$140,365.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Nettle Creek Nursery, 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 Contracts 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 _____, 2018

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____