



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** November 3, 2014

**MEMO TO:** Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
Planning and Restoration Committee

Pat Carey, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Randall L. Seebach, Director  
Planning, Conservation and Development

**SUBJECT:** Phase I Invasive Plant Control at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve to Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$258,475.00.

**BACKGROUND:** Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve is a 781-acre preserve consisting of large habitat blocks of prairie, wetland, fields, shrubland, and woodland communities. A wide diversity of plants and animals are found here, including several that are listed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as Species in Greatest Need of Conservation. Past habitat restoration efforts including the control of invasive species and controlled burning have improved the ecological health in many areas of the preserve. This contract is for the removal of invasive woody plants – primarily buckthorn and non-native crabapple – found within a 90-acre remnant oak woodland and adjacent prairie/shrubland. The project area is west of the CN railroad tracks and east of Lake Zurich Road on the western edge of the preserve.

The project was advertised on September 10, 2014 and three (3) bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<b><u>TOTAL BID</u></b>
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$ 258,475.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$ 350,831.00
Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois	\$ 382,787.19

Staff recommends that Homer Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2014 and be completed by July 15, 2015.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Director of Operations and Public Safety, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

**FINANCIAL DATA:** This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Plan for Cuba Marsh Habitat Restoration in the amount of \$350,000.00. This portion of the project was estimated at \$275,000.00. The actual cost of \$258,475.00 will be charged to account 35634100-803200-64104.

**PRESENTER:** Randall L. Seebach

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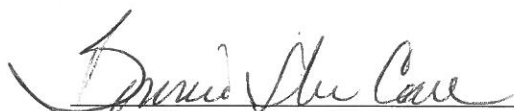

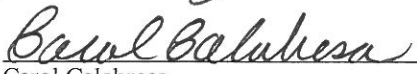
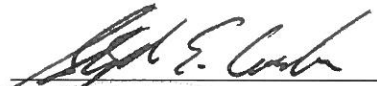


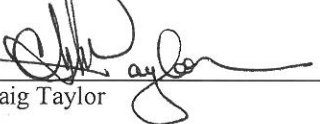
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

**MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Homer Tree Service, Inc. for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION  
COMMITTEE:**

**FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

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 Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Nick Sauer, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Carol Calabresa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Sandra Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Craig Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HOMER TREE SERVICE, INC.  
FOR THE PHASE I INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROJECT AT CUBA MARSH FOREST PRESERVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the Phase I Invasive Plant Control Project at Cuba Marsh 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 September 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$258,475.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois	\$350,831.00
Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois	\$382,787.19

**WHEREAS**, the District's staff; the Purchasing Manager; the Director of Planning Conservation, and Development, 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

**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 part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Conservation Land Stewardship, Inc. in the amount of \$258,475.00 (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 District 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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