



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** October 1, 2018

**MEMO TO:** Craig Taylor, Chair  
Operations Committee

**Agenda Item#** 8.3

**FROM:** John E. Nelson  
Director of Operations and Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend Approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for tree removal to Trees R Us, Wauconda, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$36,060.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Organizational Sustainability; Conservation; Public Access and Connections

**FINANCIAL DATA:** Funding for this project was approved in the FY 2018/2019 Budget as an operational expense in the amount of \$37,500.00. The actual cost of \$36,060.00 will be charged to account 20564400-704600.

**BACKGROUND:** The emerald ash borer (EAB) has wreaked havoc on thousands of ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.) in the District's preserves and throughout Lake County. Affected ash trees that are dying or dead near public use areas of the District can present a hazard to the public. Therefore, staff monitors public areas, such as trails and parking lots, for dead or dying ash trees within approximately fifty (50) feet of those areas and then addresses identified hazard trees. There are more identified hazard trees than staff is able to address, so funding for contractual tree removal has been allocated in the District's operating budget.

The contract that would be approved includes the removal of approximately 301 dead or dying ash trees along approximately 4.1 miles of the Des Plaines River Trail through Wilmot Woods, MacArthur Woods and Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserves.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Purchasing Manager and Corporate Counsel.

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE )

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2018**

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

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Ash Tree Removal Project to Trees R Us, Inc." and request its approval.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Date: 10/1/18  Roll Call Vote: Ayes: \_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: 0

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE  
ASH TREE REMOVAL PROJECT TO TREES R US, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the Ash Tree Removal Project (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, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.; and

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

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Trees R Us, Inc., Wauconda, IL	\$36,060.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, IL	\$41,890.00
Landscape Concepts Management, Grayslake, IL	\$53,385.00
McGinty Bros., Long Grove, IL	\$77,590.00
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, IL	\$80,600.00
Kinnucan Tree Experts, Lake Bluff, IL	\$131,850.00
Arborworks LLC, Downers Grove, IL	\$272,555.00;

and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Operations and Infrastructure, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Trees R Us, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Trees R Us, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Trees R Us, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work, as set forth in the previous clause;

**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 Trees R Us, Inc. in the amount of \$36,060.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Trees R Us, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A

BID TABULATION  
 19005 ASH TREE REMOVAL  
 PROJECT MANAGER: DAVE CASSIN

NO	ITEM	QTY	TREES R US WAUCONDA, IL		CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE, INC. GRAYSLAKE, IL		LANDSCAPE CONCEPT MNGT GRAYSLAKE, IL		MCGINTY BROS LONG GROVE, IL	
			UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE
1	FRAXINUS SPP. 4" -- 13" DBH	174	\$ 90.00	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 19,140.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 19,140.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 25,230.00
2	FRAXINUS SPP. 14" -- 20" DBH	100	\$ 150.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 34,000.00
3	FRAXINUS SPP. 21"+ DBH	27	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 11,745.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 18,360.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ 36,060.00		\$ 41,890.00		\$ 53,385.00		\$ 77,590.00

NO	ITEM	QTY	HOMER TREE SERVICE, INC. LOCKPORT, IL		KINNUCAN TREE EXPERTS LAKE BLUFF, IL		ARBORWORKS LLC DOWNERS GROVE, IL	
			UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION PRICE
1	FRAXINUS SPP. 4" -- 13" DBH	174	\$ 200.00	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 86,130.00
2	FRAXINUS SPP. 14" -- 20" DBH	100	\$ 350.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 138,500.00
3	FRAXINUS SPP. 21"+ DBH	27	\$ 400.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 47,925.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ 80,600.00		\$ 131,850.00		\$ 272,555.00