



DATE: October 4, 2021

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Julie Simpson, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Invasive Tree and Shrub Control Projects at Wright Woods Forest Preserve to (i) RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services in the Contract Price of \$384,248.00; and (ii) V3 Companies in the Contract Price of \$ 172,500.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The Projects will begin in the current Fiscal Year and be completed in 2022. Funding for Projects 1 & 3 comes from the adopted FY2021 Capital Improvement Plan (Habitat Restoration 11104100-803200-60004) in the amount of \$384,248.00. Funding for Project 2 comes from the mitigation funding for wetland loss at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve Reservoir Expansion by Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (Capital Improvement - MWRD 24614100-803200-62404) in the amount of \$162,150.08. The remaining \$10,349.92 will be funded from the FY2021 Capital Improvement Plan (Habitat Restoration 11104100-803200-60004).

The following chart lists the estimated and the actual recommended lowest responsible bid for each Project Area within Wright Woods Forest Preserve:

	ESTIMATED	LOW BID	ACCOUNT
Project 1	\$ 190,252.00	\$ 177,496.00	11104100-803200-60004
Project 2	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 172,500.00	24614100-803200-62404 - \$162,150.08 11104100-803200-60004 - \$10,349.92
Project 3	\$ 192,500.00	\$ 206,752.00	11104100-803200-60004

BACKGROUND: Invasive plants are a significant challenge to habitat conservation. Management of invasive plants is necessary to improve and conserve habitat quality and species diversity on District properties throughout Lake County. The District conducts removal of invasive trees and plants as part of a Land Management Program to restore and enhance woodlands, savannas, prairies and wetlands to increase the health, diversity, and sustainability of flora and wildlife populations and to restore or enhance ecosystem services.

On August 4, 2021, staff solicited competitive bids for the Invasive Tree and Shrub Control Projects at separate “Project Areas” within Wright Woods Forest Preserve. Each Project Area requires different removal techniques for the removal of invasive woody species. The total of the low bids exceeds the budget estimates by approximately \$4,000.00; however, there are other budgeted funds available to cover the bids.

Target species for control include buckthorn, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, grey dogwood, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese barberry, black locust and raspberry/blackberry.

Work is anticipated to begin November 15, 2021 and be completed by August 31, 2022.

Staff recommends the following lowest bidders be awarded contracts for the following Project Areas and at the following contract prices:

Project Area/Lowest Responsible Bidder	Contract Price
Project 1 to RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services, in the contract price of	\$177,496.00
Project 2 to V3 Companies, in the contract price of	\$172,500.00
Project 3 to RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services, in the contract price of	\$206,752.00

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE COMMITTEE** present herewith “A Resolution Awarding Contracts for Invasive Tree and Shrub Control Projects at Wright Woods Forest Preserve” and request its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR
INVASIVE TREE AND SHRUB CONTROL PROJECTS
AT WRIGHT WOODS FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the work necessary to complete the Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Projects at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve (the “Work”) pursuant to the bidding documents for such Work (the “Bid Documents”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on August 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. local time and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations and Finance Committees, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) V3 Companies, Ltd, with its bid of \$172,500.00 (“V3 Companies, LTD Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as Project Area 2, (ii) RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services, Inc., with its bids of \$177,496.00 and \$206,752.00, respectively (“Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bids”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as Project Area 1 and Project Area 3, respectively, and award contracts for the Work to V3 Companies LTD and Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (the “Contracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that V3 Companies, LTD and Applied Ecological Services, Inc. are the lowest responsible bidders 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 Contracts. The V3 Companies, LTD Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Project Area 2 in an amount not to exceed \$172,500.00 (the “V3 Companies, LTD Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to V3 Companies, LTD. The Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bids are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Project Area 1 in an amount not to exceed \$177,496.00 and the Work at Project Area 3 in an amount not to exceed \$206,752.00, for a total contract price of \$ 384,248.00 (the “Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. The V3 Companies, LTD Contract Price and the Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price are, collectively, the “Contract Prices.”

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts for the Work in the amounts of the Contract Prices.

Section 4: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts' 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 _____, 2021

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

BID 21050
INVASIVE TREE AND SHRUB CONTROL AT WRIGHT WOODS
FOREST PRESERVE

VENDOR	WRIGHT WOODS FOREST PRESERVE		
	PROJECT 1	PROJECT 2	PROJECT 3
Cardno, Inc., Monee, IL	\$ 217,750.00	\$ 198,750.00	\$ 207,896.00
Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., Grayslake, IL	\$ 384,400.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 520,000.00
Encap, Inc., Dekalb, IL	\$ 259,750.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 223,600.00
RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services, Bellaire, TX	\$ 177,496.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 206,752.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, IL	\$ 366,764.00	\$ 310,000.00	\$ 322,400.00
V3 Companies, LTD, Woodridge, IL	no bid	\$ 172,500.00	no bid

Lowest responsible bid

