



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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**DATE:** March 2, 2015

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

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
 Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** James L. Anderson, Director  
 Natural Resources Department

**SUBJECT:** Lake Michigan Invasive Plant Strike Team, Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Management and Removal Work Through the Lake Michigan Invasive Plant Strike Team Project to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$318,207.00.

**BACKGROUND:** The Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain (Lake Plain) includes areas adjacent to Lake Michigan between Kenosha Dunes in Wisconsin on the north to Waukegan Harbor Illinois on the South. The Lake Plain makes a significant contribution to the notable diversity of the Lake Michigan watershed and our Great lakes. Since 2011, owners of land within the Lake Plain, including the District, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Nature Conservancy, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and others, have worked together to implement coordinated invasive plant management through an Invasive Plant Strike Team to protect and restore the biodiversity of this important coastal ecosystem. In 2014, this partnership was expanded to include other public and non-profit owners of coastal natural areas in Lake County, including: Waukegan Park District, Park District of Highland Park, the City of Lake Forest, and Openlands. Together, with the District as the lead organization, the partners developed a proposal to the Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship grant program to implement invasive plant management across all coastal natural areas in the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake County, Illinois and southern Kenosha County in Wisconsin through a Lake Michigan Watershed Invasive Plant Strike Team. In addition to the partners identified above this proposal included partners such as the Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership and the Plants of Concern Monitoring Program to assist in the coordination and assessment of the two-year management project.

The grant was awarded to the District in September 2014 in the amount of \$397,265.00. A portion of the grant estimated at \$340,000.00 was intended to fund the Lake Michigan Invasive Plant Strike Team project to manage invasive plants across the Lake Plain, including lands of the District and the other owners. The project was advertised on January 13, 2015 and eight bids were received. Bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders (including bid alternates one, two, three, and four):

	<u><b>TOTAL BID</b></u>
Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois	\$318,207.50
Homer Tree Service, Inc., Lockport, Illinois	\$334,187.50
Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., Leland, Illinois	\$371,207.50
Davey Resource Group, Woodstock, Illinois	\$380,708.00
Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois	\$384,990.00
Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, Illinois	\$398,250.00
ENCAP, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois	\$424,325.00
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois	\$656,347.50

Staff recommends that Native Restoration Services, Inc., of Lake Bluff, Illinois be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2015 and be completed by December 2016.

**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 Budget. This portion of the project was estimated at \$340,000.00. The actual cost of \$318,207.50 will be 100% provided by the Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant, awarded September 8, 2014, and will be charged to Natural Resource Grant Fund (69644100-803200-56050).

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson

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 COUNTY OF LAKE )

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
 REGULAR MARCH MEETING  
 MARCH 10, 2015**

**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 Native Restoration Services, Inc., for Invasive Plant Management and Removal Work Through the Lake Michigan Watershed Invasive Plant Strike Team Project," and request its adoption.

<b>PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>
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**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO NATIVE RESTORATION SERVICES, INC.,  
FOR INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT AND REMOVAL WORK**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for invasive plant management and removal work within the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain (the “Lake Plain”) on property owned by the District and by other public and private owners (the “Other Owners”) through the Lake Michigan Watershed Invasive Plant Strike Team 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 January 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders (including bid alternates one, two, three, and four):

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**WHEREAS**, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, the Planning and Restoration Committee, and the Finance and Administrative 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Work will be performed on land owned by the District and the Other Owners and will be funded by a federal Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is authorized to receive and expend the grant funds on behalf of itself and the Other Owners pursuant to Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, which authorizes units of local government, such as the District, to contract or otherwise associate among themselves in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance, and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., which authorizes any power, privilege, function, or authority exercised by a public agency, including the District, to be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency to the extent not prohibited by law;

**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 Native Restoration Services, Inc., in the amount of \$318,207.50 (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 amounts of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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. \_\_\_\_\_