



## 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

**SUBJECT:** Coordination and Vegetation Assessment and Monitoring Services for Lake Michigan Invasive Plant Strike Team at Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for coordination and vegetation assessment and monitoring services related to the Lake Michigan Strike Team Project at the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain to Chicago Botanic Garden in the Contract Price of \$57,233.00.

**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 Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain (Lake Plain), including the Lake County Forest Preserve District (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 (NIIPP) and the Plants of Concern Monitoring Program (POC) to assist in the coordination and assessment of the two-year management project. NIIPP and POC, both hosted by the Chicago Botanic Garden, are the only programs that work across the Chicago region and with multiple landowners within the Lake Michigan watershed to implement invasive plant control work and conduct vegetation assessment of rare plants.

The grant was awarded to the District in September 2014 in the amount of \$397,265.00. A portion of the grant estimated at \$57,301.00 was intended to fund project coordination and vegetation assessment and monitoring services related to the invasive plant management work performed through the Lake Michigan Invasive Plant Strike Team Project. NIIPP and POC will provide field data to assess the success of the Lake Michigan Invasive Plant Strike Team work and assist with the coordination of work on partner lands. The District has successfully worked with the Chicago Botanic Garden for similar services in the past and staff recommends entering into an Agreement with Chicago Botanic Garden for the performance of the project coordination and vegetation assessment and monitoring services.

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

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, 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 \$57,301.00. The actual cost of \$57,233.00 will be reimbursed 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 2, 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 the Chicago Botanic Garden for Coordination and Vegetation Assessment and Monitoring Services related to the Lake Michigan Strike Team Project at the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:**

**YEA NAY**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

**YEA NAY**

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN FOR COORDINATION  
AND VEGETATION ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING SERVICES RELATED TO THE LAKE MICHIGAN  
INVASIVE PLANT STRIKE TEAM AT THE CHIWAUKEE ILLINOIS BEACH LAKE PLAIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") owns property known as Spring Bluff Forest Preserve that is part of the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain (the "Lake Plain") that makes a significant contribution to the notable biodiversity of the Lake Michigan watershed and the Great Lakes ecosystem: and

**WHEREAS**, the District has awarded a contract to Native Restoration Services, Inc., to perform invasive plant management and removal work at the Lake Plain through the Lake Michigan Watershed Invasive Plant Strike Team Project (the "Work"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to purchase coordination and vegetation assessment and monitoring services related to the Work (the "Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Services will be funded through a portion of a Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship grant, which was awarded to the District in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Natural Resources and the Purchasing Manager have determined that the Services require personal confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Manager has solicited a proposal for the Services; and

**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 proposal and recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) find that the proposal submitted by Chicago Botanic Garden be determined to be the proposal that is most advantageous to the District; and (ii) award a contract for the Services to Chicago Botanic Garden (the "Contract") in the amount of \$57,233.00 (the "Contract Price"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the proposal for the Services submitted by Chicago Botanic Garden is the proposal that is most advantageous to the District;

**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 Contract for the Services in the amount of the Contract Price is hereby awarded to Chicago Botanic Garden, in substantially the form attached hereto.

Section 3. Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Services 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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. Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_