

DATE: October 31, 2022

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control (SITS) Program at Multiple Preserves, to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$282,020.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The SITS Program will begin in the current Fiscal Year and be completed in 2023. Funding comes from the adopted FY 2022 and FY 2023 Land Development Fund (Ecological Land Management 27644000-704800) in the amount of \$282,020.00.

The following chart lists the FY 2023 Budget estimate and the actual recommended lowest responsible bid for each Project Area:

PROJECT AREA/PRESERVE	ESTIMATED	LOW BID	ACCOUNT
North Eastern Forest Preserves	\$ 203,500.00	\$ 147,500.00	27644000-704800
South Eastern Forest Preserves	\$ 185,592.00	\$ 134,520.00	27644000-704800

BACKGROUND: Staff solicited competitive bids for the fifteenth year of the SITS Program (the “Program”) to treat selected areas of new growth, invasive trees and shrubs in restoration sites by hiring contractors on a per-hour basis to treat multiple forest preserve sites within specific “Project Areas”. The bid package for the Program was broken down into two Project Areas: (1) North Eastern Forest Preserves (MacArthur Woods, Independence Grove and Lyons Woods), and (2) South Eastern Forest Preserves (Grainger Woods, Fort Sheridan and Ryerson Conservation Area). Target species for control include but are not limited to: buckthorn, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, grey dogwood, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese barberry, black locust and other aggressive species.

A notice seeking bids for the Program was advertised on September 9, 2022 and bids were received from four bidders. Work is anticipated to begin November 21, 2022 and to be completed by August 31, 2023.

Staff recommends that Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. be awarded a contract as the lowest responsible bidder for both Project Areas of the Program.

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
RESCHEDULED REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control Program at Multiple Forest Preserves” and requests its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE
SMALL INVASIVE TREE AND SHRUB CONTROL PROGRAM AT
MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Program at Multiple Forest Preserves (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 September 29, 2022 at 11:30 a.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 Committee, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) finds Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work and (ii) awards a contract for the Work to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Integrated Lakes Management, 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 bids submitted by Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. in the total amount of \$282,020.00 (the “Contract Price”) are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management, 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’s 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 _____, 2022

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Bid: 22038

Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Projects

VENDOR	NORTH EASTERN FOREST PRESERVES (MacArthur, Independence Grove & Lyons Woods)	SOUTH EASTERN FOREST PRESERVES (Grainger, Fort Sheridan and Ryerson)
Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	\$147,500.00	\$134,520.00
Tallgrass Restoration LLC	\$375,000.00	\$342,000.00
RES Great Lakes LLC	\$204,100.00	\$185,151.60
Native Restoration Services, Inc.	No Bid	\$173,006.40

Lowest Responsible Bids 