



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 Invasive Species Treatment, Prescribed Burn and Plug Planting at Greenbelt Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, in the Contract Price of \$195,750.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The estimated cost for the project was \$250,000.00. \$100,000.00 will be funded by a federally-awarded Sustain Our Great Lakes award (69644100-803200-60806). The District’s matching funding will come from account (20104100-803200-60806) in the amount of \$95,750.00.

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 woody species 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. Since 2011, the District has received \$341,000.00 in federal dollars to restore 200 acres of unique plant and animal communities at Greenbelt, while at the same time improving visitor use enjoyment by the removal of dense invasive buckthorn thickets and increasing native floral displays.

The Work of this project shall be performed over a two-year period targeting growing and dormant season invasive plants, conducting a 40-acre prescribed burn, and wetland plug installation. The project area will be focused on previously restored areas requiring on-going management needs.

The project was advertised on August 23, 2022 and five bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 195,750.00
V3	\$ 196,776.00
Baxter & Woodman	\$ 212,426.20
Tallgrass Restoration	\$ 359,700.00
Native Restoration Services	\$ 364,200.00

Staff recommends that Integrated Lakes Management be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin December 2022 and be completed by November 2024.

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT, PRESCRIBED BURNING, AND PLUG PLANTING
AT GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the Contract for Invasive Species Treatment, Prescribed Burning and Plug Planting at Greenbelt Forest Preserve (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 September 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. local time; and

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

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 195,750.00
V3 Construction	\$ 196,776.00
Baxter & Woodman	\$ 212,426.20
Tallgrass Restoration	\$ 359,700.00
Native Restoration Services	\$ 364,200.00

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 finds Integrated Lakes Management to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work and awards a contract for the Work to Integrated Lakes Management (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Integrated Lakes Management is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work;

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 Integrated Lakes Management in the amount of \$195,750.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management.

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 _____, 2022

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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. _____