



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 Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Project - Buckthorn Eradication Initiative at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Phase 2B) to Clean Cut Tree Service in the Contract Price of \$120,970.75.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership

FINANCIAL DATA: The projects discussed below were approved as part of the adopted FY 2022 Budget. The total cost of implementing all projects was estimated in the Budget at \$205,000.00.

The actual cost of the project to be completed under the contract that would be approved by the attached resolution is \$120,970.75. The bids under \$30,000.00 that do not require Committee recommendation and Board approval will be accepted by staff and total \$28,924.90. The actual cost of all projects totals \$149,895.65.

Funding for a portion of the project is being supplied by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chi-Cal Grant Fund. This portion of the project, \$36,516.33, will be charged to the Middlefork Savanna Pilot Buckthorn Eradication Grant Fund, (69644100-803200-61104) and \$113,379.32 will be charged to account 20104100-803200-61104.

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.

In 2019, the District applied for and received funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal Rivers Fund Grant for projects to remove invasive wood species. This grant opportunity provides funding for work in the Chicago and Calumet River Watersheds in the Chicago Region. With the awarded funds, the District will provide a cost-share program to interested landowners, which provides 50% of the project cost to remove buckthorn from their property. The landowners are responsible for the remaining 50%.

The District advertised for bids for multiple clearing projects within and near Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve, each indicated as a separate Project under one consolidated bid process. Each project has its own Scope of Work and Specifications. Some projects include land adjacent to Middlefork Savanna that is owned by others, who have signed consents to allow removal work on their property and to participate in the cost-sharing program. Work includes all labor, equipment

and materials to selectively remove invasive woody trees and shrubs and thin select native species, and includes disposal services and follow-up selective herbicide applications.

The projects were advertised on August 11, 2022 and four bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received and recommended for approval is listed below:

LOWEST BIDDERS – BIDS GREATER THAN \$30,000.00

TOTAL BID

Clean Cut Tree Service, Grayslake, Illinois
(Areas A,B,H,I,K,M1,M7)

\$ 120,970.75

LOWEST BIDDERS – BIDS EQUAL TO OR UNDER \$30,000.00

Native Restoration Services, Lake Bluff, Illinois
(Project Areas C,E,F,J,L,M4,M5,M6,N,O)

\$ 28,924.90

Staff recommends that Clean Cut Tree Service be awarded a contract as the lowest responsible bidder for the project areas for which it was the low bidder (Project Areas A, B, H, I, K, M1 and M7).

Staff will award a contract to Native Restoration Services, for the project areas for which it was the lowest bidder (Project Areas C, E, F, J, L, M4, M5, M6, N and O).

Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2022 and to be completed June 30, 2023.

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 THE
WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING PROJECT - BUCKTHORN ERADICATION
INITIATIVE AT MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA FOREST PRESERVE (PHASE 2B)**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Project – Buckthorn Eradication Initiative at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Phase 2B) (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 2, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. local time; 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 that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work in Project Areas A, B, H, I, K, M1, and M7 (collectively, the “Clean Cut Work”) and (ii) awards a contract for the Clean Cut Work to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., in the contract price of \$120,970.75 (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Clean Cut 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: Acceptance of Bids. The bids for the Clean Cut Work submitted by Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc., in the total amount of \$120,970.75 (the “Contract Price”) are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Clean Cut Work is hereby awarded to Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. 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

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

**Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Winter 2022
Buckthorn Eradication Initiative at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve
Bid 22032**

Site List	CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE	INTEGRATED LAKES MANAGEMENT	MCGINTY BROS	NATIVE RESTORATION SERVICES
A1. PROJECT AREA "A" (Lake County Forest Preserves)				
	\$87,360.00	\$113,926.49	no bid	no bid
PROJECT AREA "B" (Lake Forest Academy)				
	\$16,497.00	no bid	\$23,110.00	no bid
PROJECT AREA "C" (Nature's Haven – 12540 Safford Ave)				
	\$15,675.00	no bid	\$29,317.00	\$7,980.00
PROJECT AREA "C" (12568 Foster Ave) - BID ADDITION				
	\$2,329.00	no bid	\$5,776.60	\$1,428.00
PROJECT AREA "D" (122 N. Skokie Highway)				
	\$22,080.00	no bid	\$19,157.00	\$15,870.00
PROJECT AREA "E" (316 & 318 Forest Knoll)				
	\$12,500.00	no bid	no bid	\$1,400.00
PROJECT AREA "F" (415 Adelphia)				
	\$3,000.00	no bid	no bid	\$1,225.00
PROJECT AREA "F" (415 Adelphia – Conifer Removal) - BID ADDITION				
	\$200.00	no bid	no bid	no bid
PROJECT AREA "G" (714 Smith)				
	\$1,500.00	no bid	no bid	no bid
PROJECT AREA "H" (1002 Quassey)				
	\$2,210.00	no bid	no bid	\$3,450.00
PROJECT AREA "I" (1125 Foster)				
	\$3,201.25	no bid	no bid	\$5,779.99
PROJECT AREA "J" (1322 Deerpath)				
	\$1,800.00	no bid	no bid	\$1,045.00
PROJECT AREA "K" (1005 Burriss)				
	\$1,800.00	no bid	no bid	no bid
PROJECT AREA "L" (745 Sunrise)				
	\$30,302.00	no bid	no bid	\$4,577.40
PROJECT AREA "L" (745 Sunrise – Dead Oak Removal) - BID ADDITION				
	\$2,175.00	no bid	no bid	no bid

PROJECT AREA M: WILLOW LAKE HOA, LAKE FOREST						
PROJECT AREA "M1" (1681 Elderberry)						
		\$3,601.50		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M2" (1685 Elderberry)						
		\$2,900.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M3" (1691 Elderberry)						
		\$2,900.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M3" (1691 Elderberry) - BID ADDITION						
		\$700.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M4" (1746 Westbridge)						
		\$4,500.00		no bid		\$1,490.00
PROJECT AREA "M4" (1746 Westbridge) - BID ADDITION						
		\$9,501.56		no bid		\$2,900.00
PROJECT AREA "M5" (1750 Westbridge)						
		\$5,520.00		no bid		\$1,200.00
PROJECT AREA "M5" (1750 Westbridge) - BID ADDITION						
		\$10,000.08		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M6" (1756 Westbridge)						
		\$2,500.00		no bid		\$720.00
PROJECT AREA "M6" (1756 Westbridge) - BID ADDITION 1						
		\$4,500.00		no bid		\$1,349.00
PROJECT AREA "M6" (1756 Westbridge) - BID ADDITION 2						
		\$7,501.00		no bid		\$2,500.00
PROJECT AREA "M7" (1760 Westbridge)						
		\$3,501.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M7" (1760 Westbridge) - BID ADDITION						
		\$2,800.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M9" (1796 Westbridge)						
		\$5,900.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "M10" (HOA Common Area)						
		\$7,280.00		no bid		\$1,340.00
PROJECT AREA "M10" (HOA Common Area) - BID ADDITION						
		\$12,180.00		no bid		no bid
PROJECT AREA "N" (735 Sunrise)						
		\$18,000.00		no bid		\$2,880.00
PROJECT AREA "O" (815 Burriss)						
		\$7,500.00		no bid		\$1,405.00
	TOTAL	\$120,970.75			TOTAL	\$28,924.90

ONLY HALF