



DATE: September 30, 2024
MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Woody Invasive Plant Clearing at MacArthur Woods Forest Preserve to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC in the Contract Price of \$57,915.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$100,000. This portion of the project was estimated at \$40,000.00. The actual cost of \$57,915.00 will be charged to the Habitat Restoration Fund (11104100-803200-60004).

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 (“Clearing Projects”).

The District advertised for bids for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing at MacArthur Woods Forest Preserve. 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. A portion of the work originally included mowing, however due to budgetary constraints, this portion of the project has been removed from the project work.

The project was advertised on July 31, 2024 and four bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC	\$57,915.00
Clean Cut Tree Service	\$72,900.00
HGS, LLC (RES)	\$83,219.40
Pizzo & Associates	\$118,908.00

Staff recommends that Tallgrass Restoration, LLC be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Work is anticipated to begin October 22, 2024 and be completed by August 1, 2025.

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Winter 2024 Project at MacArthur Woods Forest Preserve” 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 WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING
WINTER 2024 PROJECT AT MACARTHUR WOODS FOREST PRESERVE**

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 – Winter 2024 Project at MacArthur Woods 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 August 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.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 Tallgrass Restoration, LLC to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work and (ii) awards a contract for the Work (the “Contract”) to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Tallgrass Restoration, LLC 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 Tallgrass Restoration, LLC in the total amount of \$57,915.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC.

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 _____, 2024

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

BID 24032

WOODY INVASIVE PLANT CLEARING WINTER 2024 PROJECT AT
MACARTHUR WOODS FOREST PRESERVE

NO.	PRODUCT	UNIT	QTY	HGS, LLC (RES)		TALLGRASS RESTORATION, LLC		CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE INC		PIZZO & ASSOCIATES, LTD	
				UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXT. PRICE
1	Thinning area: Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment; includes treatment of all individually marked trees for girdle/removal	acre	16.2	\$2,944.00	\$47,692.80	\$2,525.00	\$40,905.00	\$3,600.00	\$58,320.00	\$5,667.00	\$91,805.40
2	Thinning area: Brush removal	acre	16.2	\$1,427.00	\$23,117.40	included w/above	included w/above	\$400.00	\$6,480.00	\$800.00	\$12,960.00
3	Mowing areas: Initial clearing & stump herbicide treatment (removed)	acre	0	\$2,098.00	\$---	\$2,759.00	\$---	\$1,800.00	\$---	\$2,550.00	\$---
4	Resprout treatment (revised amount)	acre	16.2	\$766.00	\$12,409.20	\$1,050.00	\$17,010.00	\$500.00	\$8,100.00	\$873.00	\$14,142.60
TOTAL					\$83,219.40		\$57,915.00		\$72,900.00		\$118,908.00