

DATE: November 4, 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 the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control (SITS) Program at Multiple Preserves to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$414,400.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The SITS Program will begin in the current Fiscal Year and be completed in 2025. Funding comes from the adopted FY2024 and FY2025 Land Development Fund (Ecological Land Management 27644000-704800) in the amount of \$214,400.00, and from a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the amount of \$200,000.00 for restoration management at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve.

The following chart lists the recommended lowest responsible bid for each Project Area and the budgeted amount to be charged:

PROJECT AREA/PRESERVE	ACTUAL LOW BID	BUDGET AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED	ACCOUNT
Northern Forest Preserves	\$ 214,400.00	\$ 14,400.00 \$ 200,000.00	27644000-704800 69644000-709000-63004
Southern Forest Preserves	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	27644000-704800
Foliar Spray across Multiple Sites	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	27644000-704800

BACKGROUND: Staff solicited competitive bids for the SITS Program (the “Program”) to treat selected areas of new growth and invasive trees and shrubs in restoration sites. The bids are for a contract by which the District would hire contractors on a per-hour basis to treat multiple forest preserve sites within three specific “Project Areas”: (1) northern forest preserves (Lyons Woods, Gander Mountain and Independence Grove Forest Preserves) (with a bid alternate for 600 additional hours, added to ensure the grant funded project at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve is completed by the end of 2025 – the end of the grant period), (2) southern forest preserves (MacArthur Woods, Grainger Woods, Ryerson Conservation Area, and Wright Woods Forest Preserves) and (3) application of foliar spray across multiple sites. Foliar spraying will support in-house woody invasive removal using the new large-deck forestry mower by providing cost-effective and efficient follow-up treatment in high priority areas. 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.

Work undertaken at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve will provide a partial in-kind match for a newly awarded grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative program in the amount of \$200,000.00. Work

undertaken at Lyons Woods Forest Preserve in the winter of 2024 and a smaller amount in 2025 will provide the required District match to these grant funds.

A notice seeking bids for the Program was advertised on September 13, 2024, and bids were received from five bidders. Work is anticipated to begin November 21, 2024 and be completed by August 31, 2025.

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

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

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 to treat selected areas of new growth and invasive trees and shrubs at multiple forest preserves (the “Work”) pursuant to the bidding documents for such 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 27, 2024 at 1:00 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 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;

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 \$414,400.00 (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 _____, 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: 24038

Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control 2025 – Multiple Forest Preserves

Opened: 9/27/24

Project Manager: Pati Vitt

	V3 Construction Group, Ltd.	Native Restoration Services, Inc.	Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	Tallgrass Restoration, LLC	Pizzo & Associates, LTD.
Northern Forest Preserves	NO BID	NO BID	\$192,500.00	NO BID	\$494,945.00
Northern FP – Bid Alternate	NO BID	NO BID	\$21,900.00	NO BID	\$53,994.00
Southern Forest Preserves	\$318,000.00	\$199,760.00	\$140,000.00	\$414,000.00	\$359,960.00
Foliar Spray Application - Districtwide	NO BID	\$70,800.00	\$60,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$93,750.00
	\$318,000.00	\$270,560.00	\$414,400.00	\$495,000.00	\$1,002,649.00

Lowest Responsible Bids