

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 Tree Removals at Multiple Preserves to Evergreen Solution USA, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$106,500.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY2024 Budget in the amount of \$150,000.00. The actual cost of \$106,500.00 will be charged to the Natural Resources operating expense for Insect Management Control, account 20564400-704600.

BACKGROUND: Dead or dying trees near public use areas on District property can present a hazard to the public. Staff monitors public areas, such as trails and parking lots, for dead or dying trees and then identifies hazardous trees for removal. There are more identified hazardous trees than staff is able to address, so funding for contractual tree removal has been allocated in the District’s operating budget. This tree removal project will be performed within multiple preserves along the Des Plaines River Corridor, which includes a mixture of flatwoods, prairie, and savanna communities, and at Grant Woods and along the Millennium Trail corridor at Kestrel Ridge.

Work shall include mechanical cutting and hand cutting (chain saws, hand saws) and brush disposal via chip and haul. Most of the work sites are located in upland areas but will also include a few areas near or within wetlands. The goal of this project is to mitigate hazardous trees.

The project was advertised on September 16, 2024, and five bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

NO	WORK LOCATION	CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE INC.	ROBERT W HENDRICKSEN COMPANY	HOMER TREE SERVICE, INC.	TREES “R” US, INC.	EVERGREEN SOLUTION USA, INC.
1	GRANT WOODS	\$ 30,504.00	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 36,735.00	\$ 30,225.00	\$ 23,250.00
2	KESTREL RIDGE MILLENNIUM TRAIL	\$ 7,544.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 9,085.00	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 5,750.00
3	KILBOURNE to WADSWORTH	\$ 7,544.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 9,085.00	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 5,750.00
4	MACARTHUR WOODS	\$ 17,056.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 20,540.00	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 13,000.00
5	OLD SCHOOL	\$ 41,984.00	\$ 76,800.00	\$ 50,560.00	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 32,000.00
6	RYERSON	\$ 22,304.00	\$ 40,800.00	\$ 26,860.00	\$ 22,100.00	\$ 17,000.00
7	WRIGHT WOODS	\$ 12,792.00	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 15,405.00	\$ 12,675.00	\$ 9,750.00
TOTAL		\$139,728.00	\$255,600.00	\$168,270.00	\$138,450.00	\$106,500.00

Staff recommends that Evergreen Solution USA, Inc. be awarded the contract for the work as the lowest responsible bidder for all locations. Work is anticipated to begin December 15, 2024 and to be completed by June 1, 2025.

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO
EVERGREEN SOLUTION USA, INC. FOR
TREE REMOVALS AT MULTIPLE PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the removal of hazardous trees on District property at multiple preserves within the Des Plaines River Corridor and at Grant Woods and along the Millennium Trail corridor at Kestrel Ridge (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 30, 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 Evergreen Solution USA, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work, and (ii) awards a contract for the Work to Evergreen Solution USA, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Evergreen Solution USA, 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 Evergreen Solution USA, Inc. in the total amount of \$106,500.00 (the “Contract Price”) are hereby accepted, and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Evergreen Solution USA, 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 24040

Tree Removals Along The Des Plaines River Corridor

Opened: 9/30/24

Project Manager: Dave Cassin

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