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Kane County

Forest Preserve District, Planning and Utilization Committee

Agenda

Chair Cherryl Strathmann, President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem, Mavis Bates, Executive Director Benjamin Haberthur
Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mike Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Mike Linder, Vern Tepe

Thursday, June 27, 2024 **9:30 AM** **3rd Floor Board Room**

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of Minutes from May 30, 2024

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)

IV. Bids and Proposals

TMP-24-2510 Resolution Approving a Bid for Common Reed Control for Five (5) Forest Preserves

TMP-24-2511 Resolution Approving a Bid for Natural Areas Vegetation Management at Settler's Hill Golf Course

V. New or Unfinished Business

VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel

VII. Communications

VIII. Chairman's Comments

IX. Adjournment
Adjournment until: Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in person at the Forest Preserve District Administration Offices 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320 Geneva, Illinois and via zoom
https://zoom.us/j/6302325980? pwd=aURTSGJoRlVJNDRCcHJXd3dvaVVrUT09
Meeting ID: 630 232 5980 Password: 24680 The Request to Speak Form on the Districts' website must still be completed for guests to speak at the meeting.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF KANE)

FP RESOLUTION NO. TMP-24-2510

RESOLUTION APPROVING A BID FOR COMMON REED CONTROL FOR FIVE (5) FOREST PRESERVES

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and desirable for the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Kane County, Illinois to authorize a bid for control of common reed at portions of five preserves; and

WHEREAS, the District actively restores areas using modern fire suppression, clearing, and chemical treatments of both herbaceous and woody species; and

WHEREAS, the non-native, invasive plant Common Reed (Phragmites australis) is a tall (up to 15') perennial grass that infests many District wetlands. It produces some viable seed on the highly visible plumes it produces in late summer, but primarily propagates through lateral shoots called rhizomes. This vigorously growing plant quickly forms monotypic stands of itself, at the exclusion of native fauna. Its dense growth habit minimizes its utility to native wetland fauna; ducks cannot swim through mature stands, and its stalks fail to support the nests of native wetland songbirds; and

WHEREAS, Contractors were sought to bid on summer/fall 2024 control projects of multiple, separate infestations of Common Reed, across five different preserves. The qualified lowest bids for each project were as follows:

Project 1: Freeman Kame Forest Preserve (39.9 acres): Bid of $10,794 by RES Great Lakes
Project 2: Braeburn Forest Preserve (35.1 acres): Bid of $8,032 by Integrated Lakes Management
Project 3: Great Western Trail, Campton Hills (2.1 acres): Bid of $3,756 by Integrated Lakes Management
Project 4: Great Western Trail, Elburn (33.6 acres): Bid of $9,934 by Integrated Lakes Management
Project 5: Binnie Forest Preserve (51.7 acres): Bid of $14,908 by Integrated Lakes Management; and

WHEREAS, the total for the above five (5) projects is $47,424.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Kane County, Illinois that the bids received from Integrated Lakes Management of Waukegan, IL for $36,630 and by RES Great Lakes of Chicago, IL for $10,794 are hereby accepted and approved.

APPROVED AND PASSED on this 9th day of July 2024.

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Christopher Kious	Myrna Molina
President, Kane Forest Preserve	Secretary, Kane Forest Preserve
Kane County, Illinois	Kane County, Illinois

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 27, 2024

TO: Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee

FROM: Patrick Chess, Director of Natural Resources
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

VIA: David Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of Bids for Control of Common Reed at Various Preserves

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of bids for the control of Common Reed at portions of five Kane County forest preserves.

BACKGROUND:

The non-native, invasive plant Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) is a tall (up to 15') perennial grass that infests many District wetlands. It produces some viable seed on the highly visible plumes it produces in late summer, but primarily propagates through lateral shoots called rhizomes. This vigorously growing plant quickly forms monotypic stands of itself, at the exclusion of native fauna. Its dense growth habit minimizes its utility to native wetland fauna; ducks cannot swim through mature stands, and its stalks fail to support the nests of native wetland songbirds.

Contractors were sought to bid on summer/fall 2024 control projects of multiple, separate infestations of Common Reed, across five different preserves.

The qualified, lowest bidder for each option is as follows:

Project	Preserve Name	Acres	Bid Amount	Bidder Name	Address
Project 1	Freeman Kame F.P.	39.9	$10,794	RES Great Lakes	Chicago, IL
Project 2	Braeburn Marsh F.P.	35.1	$8,032	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL
Project 3	Great Western Trail, Campton Hills	2.1	$3,756	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL
Project 4	Great Western Trail, Elburn	33.6	$9,934	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL
Project 5	Binnie F.P.	51.7	$14,908	Integrated Lakes Management	Waukegan, IL

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling $140,000 were budgeted in this fiscal year for weed management. Sufficient funds totaling $140,000 are available in Natural Resources Weed Management Account 01-31-31-7064 for all five projects totaling $47,424.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the Common Reed-control bids by Integrated Lakes Management of Waukegan, Illinois for projects 2, 3, 4, and 5 at a total cost of $36,630. Additionally, staff recommends the Committee approve the Common Reed-control bid by RES Great Lakes of Chicago, Illinois for project 1 at a cost of $10,794.

The total project cost for all projects is $47,424.

ATTACHMENTS: *Abstract of Bid*
Project Area Maps
Project Locator Map

ABSTRACT OF BIDS

COMMON REED CONTROL for (5) FIVE PROJECTS

SB-FP-16-2324

COMMON REED CONTROL

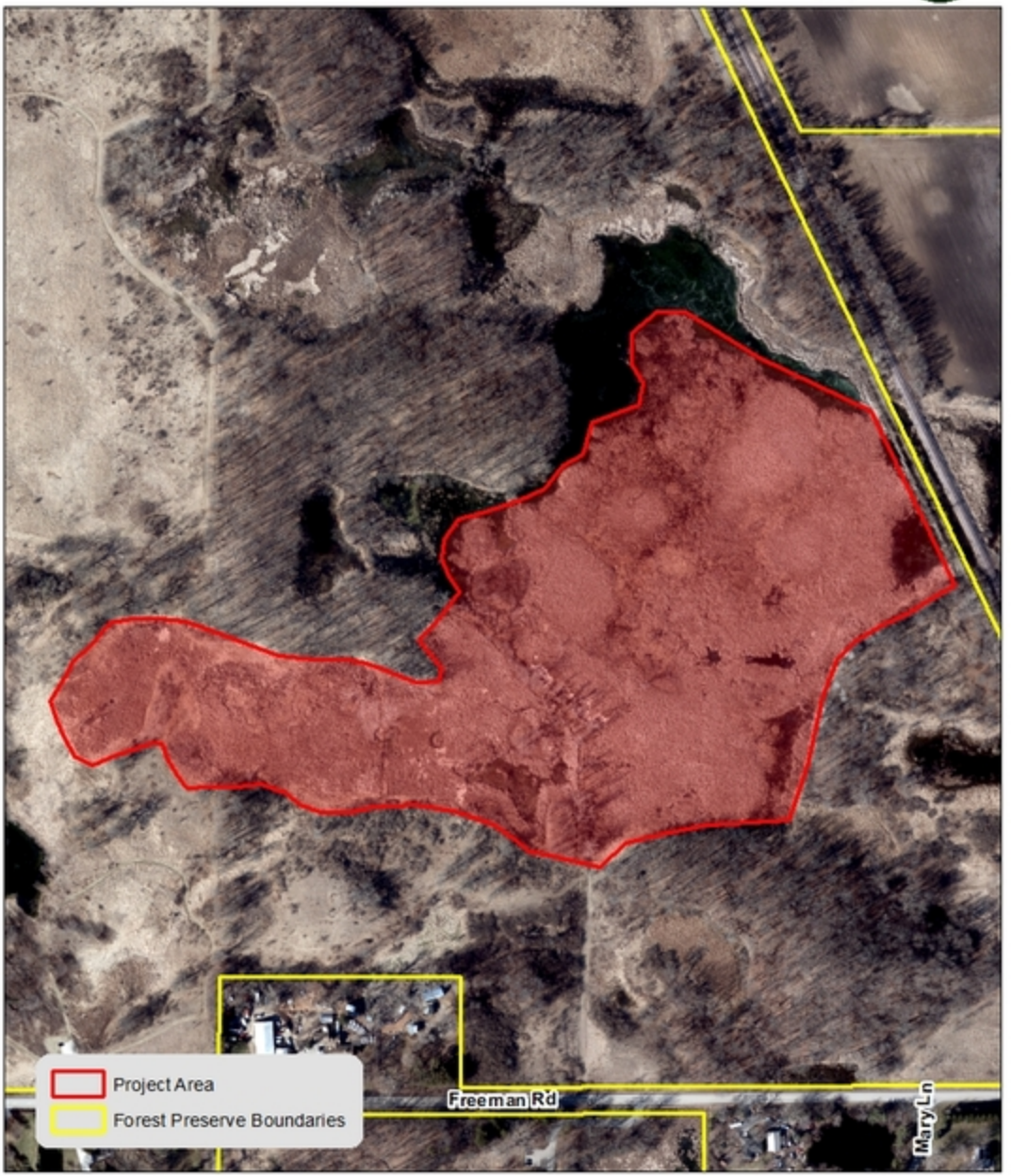
Bidders Name	Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, Inc.	Pizzo and Associates, LTD	Semper Fi Land Services , LLC	McGinty Bros., Inc.	Wildlife and Wetlands Solutions, LLC
City, State	Waukegan, IL	Chicago, IL	Leland, IL	Yorkville, IL	Long Grove, IL	South Boardman, MI
Project 1. 39.9 acres Freeman Kame Forest Preserve, Gilberts, IL	$13,582.00	$10,794.00	$13,623.33	$22,624.00	$30,600.00	Non- Responsive
Project 2. 35.1 acres Braeburn Marsh Forest Preserve, Geneva, IL	$8,032.00	$10,990.00	$13,623.33	$22,624.00	$36,720.00	Non- Responsive
Project 3. 2.1 acres of Great Western Trail, Campton Hills, IL	$3,756.00	NO BID	$6,935.00	$6,377.60	$6,120.00	Non- Responsive
Project 4. 33.6 acres of Great Western Trail, Elburn, IL	$9,934.00	$10,264.00	$13,623.33	$21,184.00	$32,640.00	Non- Responsive
Project 5. 51.7 acres of Binnie Forest Preserve, Carpentersville, IL	$14,908.00	$28,906.00	$29,530.00	$29,225.60	NO BID	Non- Responsive

I have certified that I have opened, read and recorded all bids received in response to the invitation.

David Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

Common Reed Control
Freeman Kame Forest Preserve

39.9 acres



Map Created May, 2024; 2023 Air Photo

Common Reed Control
Braeburn Marsh Forest Preserve

35.1 acres

Map Created May, 2024; 2023 Air Photo

Common Reed Control
Great Western Trail - Brown Rd

2.1 acres

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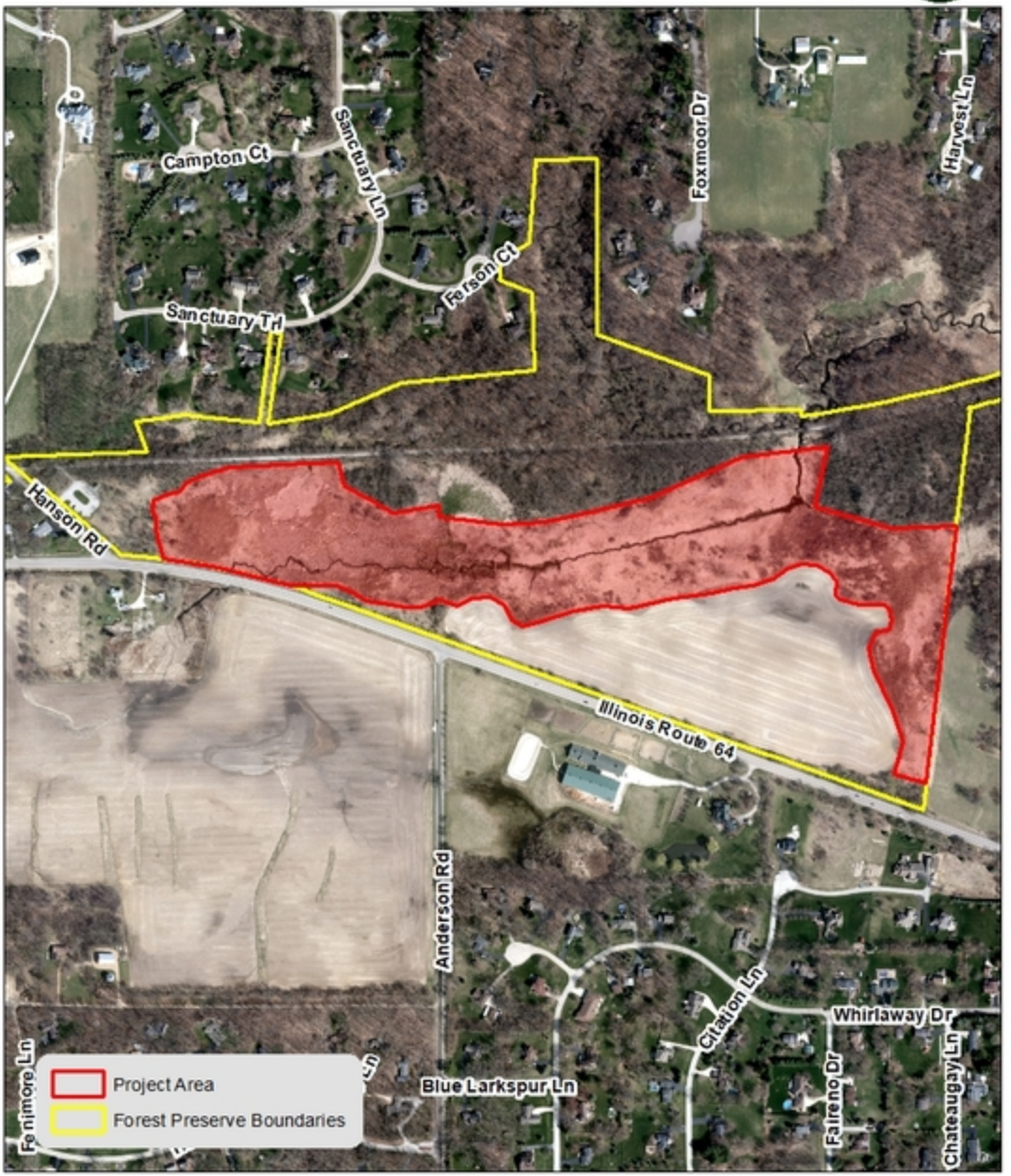
Common Reed Control
Great Western Trail - Hanson Rd

33.6 acres



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Common Reed Control
Binnie Forest Preserve

51.7 acres

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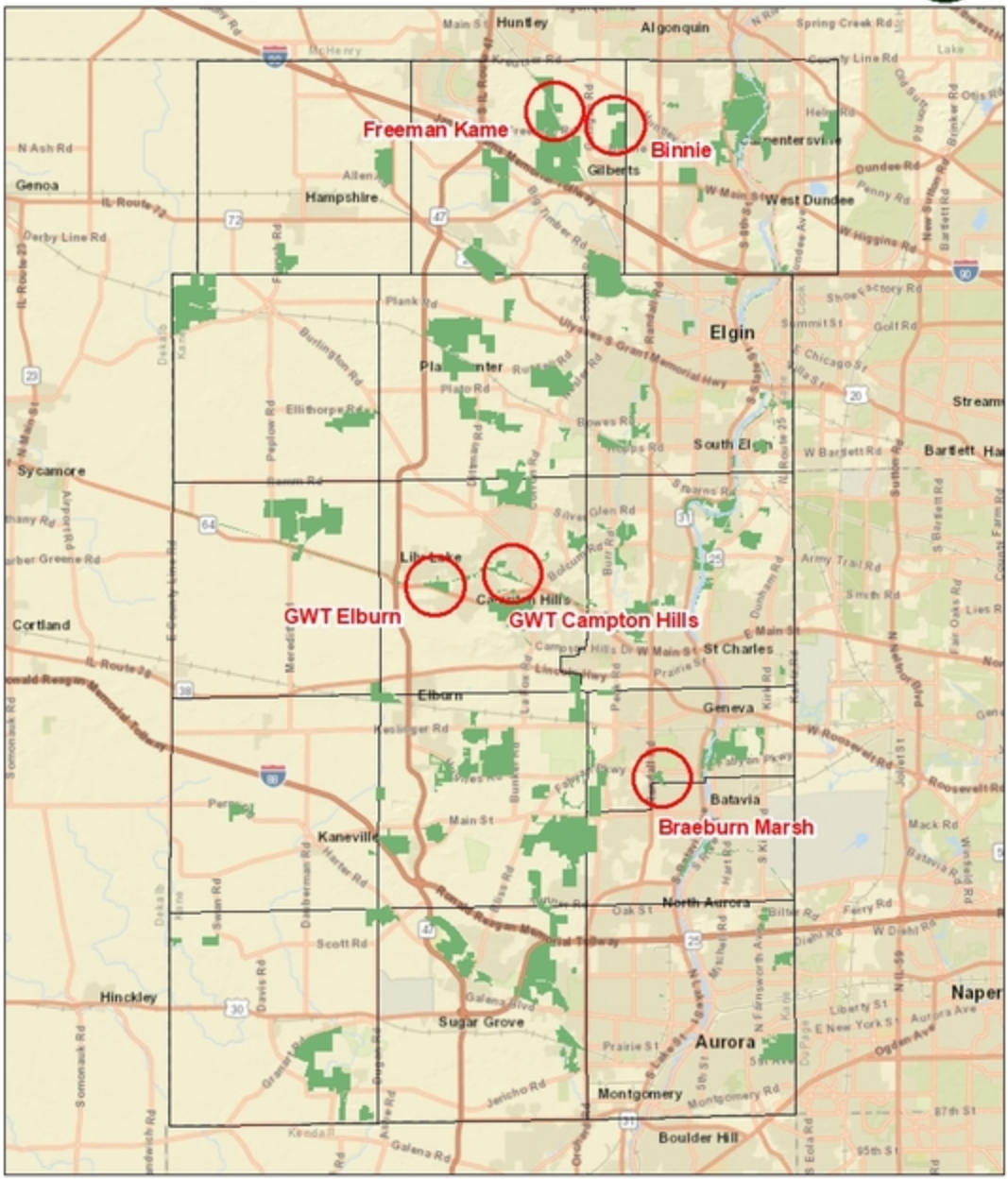
Common Reed Control
Kane County Locator Map



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FP RESOLUTION NO. TMP-24-2511

RESOLUTION APPROVING A BID FOR NATURAL AREAS VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AT SETTLER'S HILL GOLF COURSE

WHEREAS, bids have been solicited and received for vegetation management within the natural areas at the Settler's Hill Golf Course for one fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Settler's Hill Golf Course (224 acres) is one of two golf courses owned by the District. In 2021, work began to update playing surfaces and cart paths and in addition to the course work, the quality of the natural areas that make up the out-of-play area are also being addressed; and

WHEREAS, the qualified, lowest bidder for one year of management and naturalization of terrestrial vegetation within the non-playing grounds of Settler's Hill Golf Course (approximately 100 acres) is Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois, in the amount of $89,300.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Kane County, Illinois that the lowest qualified bid from Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois for management of natural areas vegetation at the Settler's Hill Golf Course, for a total contract cost of $89,300 be, and hereby is, accepted and approved.

APPROVED AND PASSED on this 9th day of July 2024.

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Christopher Kious	Myrna Molina
President, Kane Forest Preserve	Secretary, Kane Forest Preserve
Kane County, Illinois	Kane County, Illinois

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 27, 2024

TO: Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee

FROM: Patrick Chess, Director of Natural Resources
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

VIA: Dave Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Year (3) Three of Terrestrial Management at the Settler's Hill Golf Course

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid for the third year of terrestrial management at the Settler's Hill Golf Course in Batavia Township.

BACKGROUND:

Settler's Hill Golf Course (224 acres) is located within Batavia Township, and is one of two golf courses owned by the District.

Bids were sought from qualified firms for one year of management and naturalization of terrestrial vegetation across the out of play areas of Settler's Hill Golf Course (approximately 100 acres). This third consecutive year of work will be conducted from September 2024 until June 30, 2025. The primary goal of this work will be to control invasive and non-native herbaceous species as well as invasive woody brush in the woodland areas and along the trail edges. Species to be controlled will include but not be limited to teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), and bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.).*

The qualified, lowest bid was received from Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois, in the amount of $89,300. Contractor oversite will be conducted by our Natural Resource Management department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling $280,000 were budgeted in the 24/25 fiscal year for terrestrial management at Settler's Hill Golf Course. Sufficient funds totaling $100,100 are available in the Account #03-31-31-7060 (Project #21005) for this expense totaling $89,300.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the bid from Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois, for one year of terrestrial management at the Settler's Hill Golf Course, for a total contract cost of $89,300.

ATTACHMENTS: *Bid Abstract*
County Locator Map
Project Area Map

ABSTRACT OF BIDS

ONE YEAR TERRESTRIAL MANAGEMENT AT SETTLER'S HILL GOLF COURSE

SB-FP-15-2324

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Bidders Name	WOODS TO WETLANDS, LLC	CARDINAL STATE, LLC	PIZZO and Associates, LTD.	SEMPER FI LAND SERVICES, INC.
CITY, STATE	Streamwood, IL	BARRINGTON HILLS, IL	LELAND, IL	YORKVILLE, IL
TOTAL COST	$89,300.00	$197,820.00	$287,615.56	$316,992.00

I have certified that I have opened, read and recorded all bids received in response to the invitation.

David Petschke, Chief Financial Officer

Terrestrial Management
Settler's Hill Golf Course

100 acres

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Tree and Brush Removal
Settler's Hill Golf Course

17.9 acres

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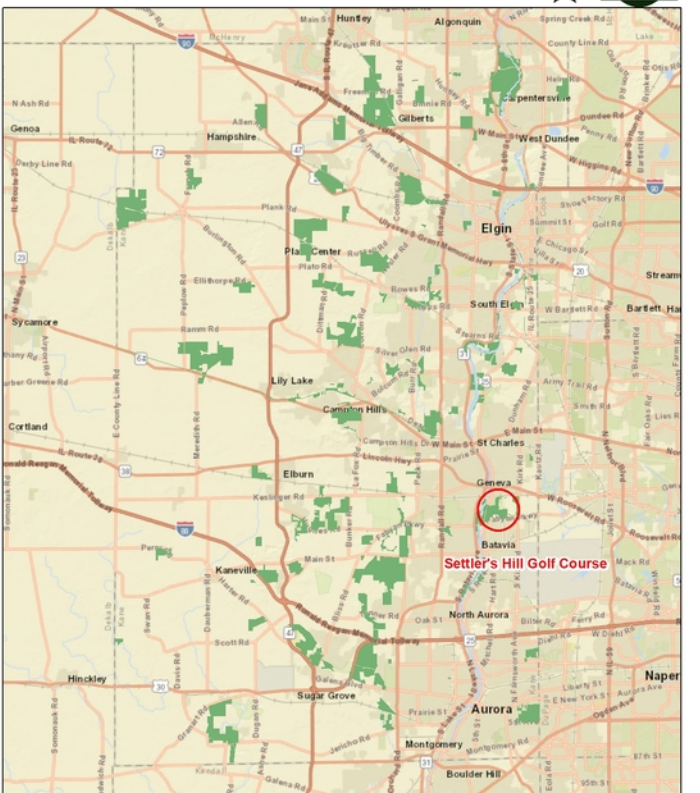
Terrestrial Management
Settler's Hill Golf Course