



Kane County

1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320
Geneva, IL 60134

Forest Preserve District, Planning and Utilization Committee

Agenda

President Bill Lenert, Chair Cherryl Strathmann, Vice-Chair Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo,
Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis

Thursday, February 27, 2025

9:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

I. **Call To Order**

Remote Attendance Approval

II. **Approval of Minutes from January 30, 2025**

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

IV. **Bids and Proposals**

[TMP-25-242](#) Resolution Approving a Bid for Construction of the Centennial Project at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve

[TMP-25-271](#) Resolution Approving a Bid to Purchase and Install Wetland Plugs at Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve

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, March 27, 2025 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=aURTSGJoRIVJNDRCcHJXd3dvaVVrUT09>

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.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee

FROM: Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Director of Planning and Land Protection

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Bid for construction of the Centennial Project at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid for the construction of improvements central to the Centennial celebration at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve in Elburn.

BACKGROUND:

The rare plant and natural beauty endemic to the kame known as Johnson's Mound not only ensured that it was our very first Forest Preserve, but inspired the creation of our whole District. On June 8th, 2025, we will be gathering with all of our friends and supporters to celebrate 100 years of conservation in Kane County. Dozens of new acres of prairie have already been sewn, a unique public art piece known as 'Guardians' has been commissioned and no less than 800 oaks and native trees will be planted to create a centennial grove. All of this to both memorialize the efforts of those who protected the land before us and as a commitment to care for the land for future generations.

Additional rejuvenation and development is needed at the site to bring preserve users to both the centennial memorial area as well as take them to a new council ring which will be located in the vicinity of the historic Shabbona Elm tree that once towered over these woods. The construction project consists of the following:

- 1) Seal-coating and striping of lower parking lots
- 2) ADA accessible limestone trail extension from lot to centennial memorial
- 3) "Carriage Walk" path creation to new council ring
- 4) Limestone-boulder council ring construction
- 5) Installation of limestone memorial stones

The District publicly advertised the bid to 50 vendors and received two responses. The lowest, qualified bid was received from Obsidian Asphalt, Inc.(West Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$129,023.75. District staff recommend an additional contingency amount of \$15,000.00 in the event of any unanticipated expenses occur with this project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling \$575,000.00 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024/25 for the Centennial Anniversary Improvements project at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve (project #31016). Sufficient funds totaling \$223,608.03 are available in Planning Account, #03-35-35-7050 for this expense totaling \$144,023.75.

The District received a Grand Victoria Riverboat grant of up to \$50,500.00 (59:41 split of actual costs) for the construction of the council ring and historic signage. Note that signage is not part of this contract.

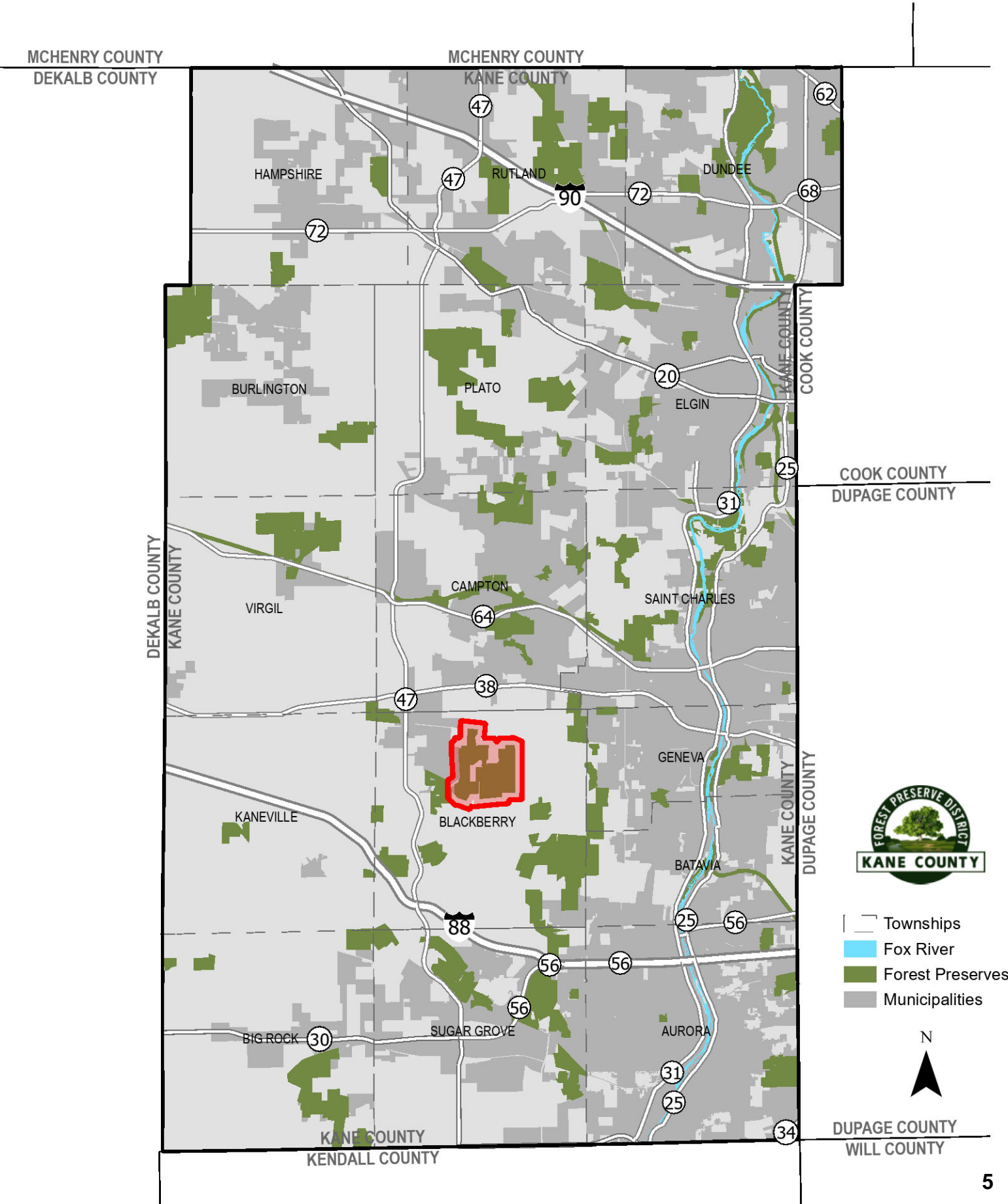
RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the bid for construction of the centennial project at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve with Obsidian Asphalt, Inc, for a contract cost of \$129,023.75 plus a contingency of \$15,000.00 for a total contract cost not to exceed \$144,023.75.

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

Johnson's Mound F.P.

County Location Map
Elburn, IL



ABSTRACT OF BIDS
JOHNSON'S MOUND CENTENNIAL PROJECT

SB-FP-03-2425

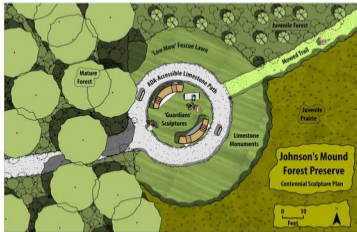
Sent to 50 Vendor Received 2

Bidders Name	Obsidian Asphalt Paving, Inc.	Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc.
City, State	West Chicago, IL	Huntley, IL
TOTAL BASE BID	\$109,780.25	\$172,783.70
ALTERNATE #1	\$12,640.00	\$20,159.50
ALTERNATE #2	\$6,603.50	\$8,477.20
TOTAL BASE BID + ALTERNATES	\$129,023.75	\$201,420.40

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



David Petschke, Director of Finance



**Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Centennial Planning Project
Johnson's Mound F.P.**





AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee

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

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Wetland Plug Planting at Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid for wetland plug planting at Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve.

BACKGROUND:

Native plants are the basis of all native ecosystems, and therefore are the basis of our work in the Natural Resource Management department. Our native insects coevolved with these plants, and cannot survive on imported plants. In turn, all of our fauna that prey upon our native insects cannot do so if those insects are not present due, to non-native or low-diversity plants occupying the space of our native plants.

The District typically conducts large scale restoration efforts through the heavy use of native seed planting. Seed can be broadcast during the dormant season and cover most types of terrain. One notable exception to this is with wetland communities. Areas that experience constant or seasonal flooding present a difficult challenge to the use of seed in restoration, as the seed is often washed away before reaching the soil or germinating. To combat this issue, wetlands are frequently restored through the planting of native plugs.

In 2022, the District restored 77 acres of tallgrass prairie at Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve. Within that area is a 1.6 acre prairie pothole. As a seasonally wet pocket, this pothole is inundated in the spring but dries throughout the summer. Now that the prairie is well established surrounding this wetland, the District is seeking to complete the vegetative restoration of this pothole by planting wetland plugs appropriate for the changing hydrologic conditions present on site.

Bids were sought for a base project of 7,500 plugs, spread across 53 species, to be planted, watered and guaranteed for a full year of survival of 80% of the plugs planted within the 1.6 acre pothole at Hoscheit Woods. An option was also presented to plant an additional 2,500 plugs within that same area.

The bid was publicly advertised with eight (8) vendors responding. The lowest qualified bid for the base bid was received from McGinty Brothers, Inc. of Long Grove, Illinois in the amount of \$28,907.50. The bid for the option from McGinty Brothers, Inc. was \$10,235.00 for a combined total cost of \$39,142.50.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

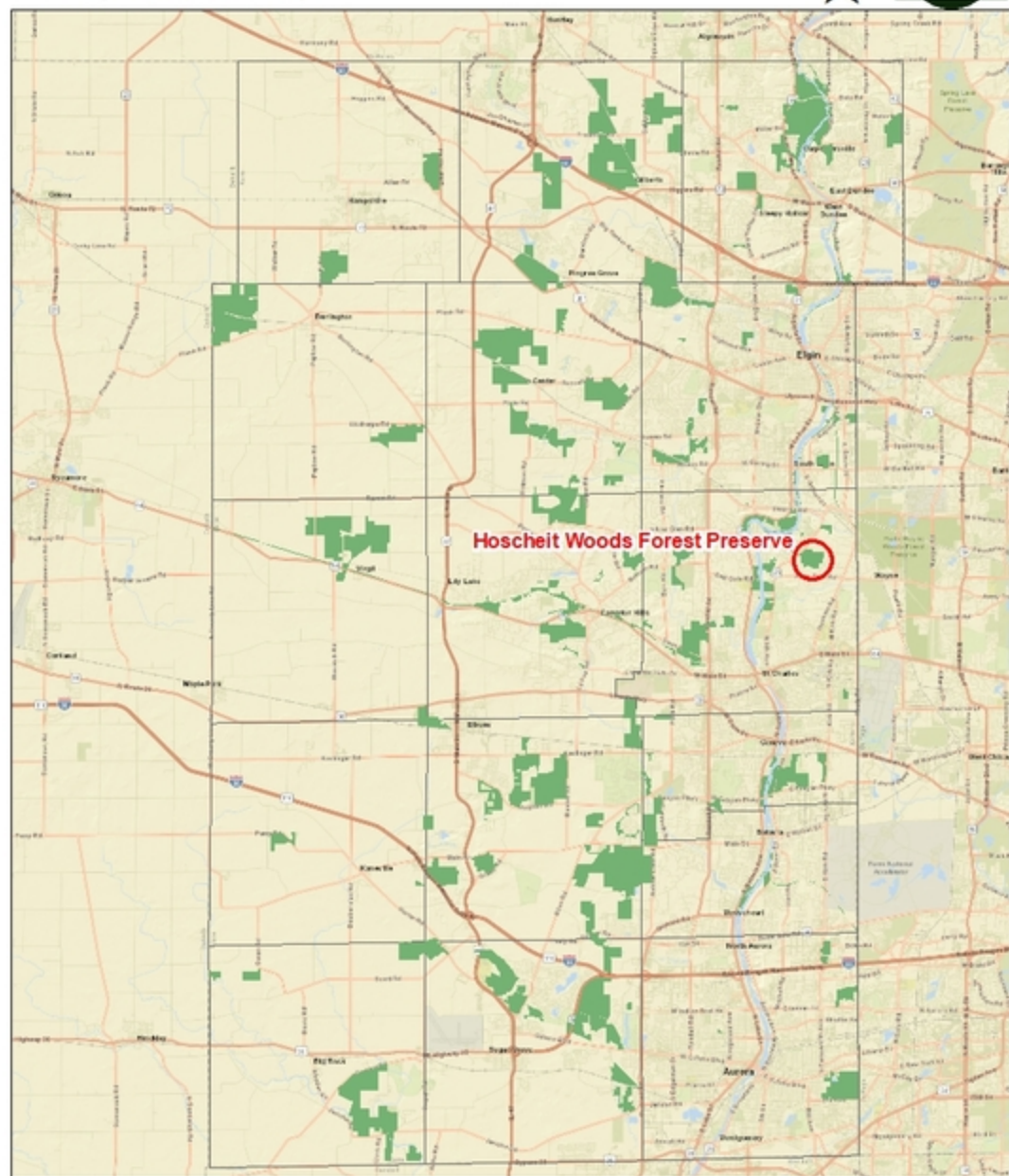
Funds totaling \$140,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 24/25 in the General Fund Native Seed and Plants Account (#01-31-31-6035). Sufficient funds totaling \$55,369.42 are available in this account for the total expense of this project at \$39,142.50.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the bid from McGinty Brothers, Inc. of Long Grove, Illinois for the base project plus the option at a total expense of \$39,142.50.

ATTACHMENTS: *County Locator Map*
 Hoscheit Woods F.P. Project Area Map
 Bid Abstract

Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve County Locator Map




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
Map Created January 2025; ESRI Base map

Wetland Plug Planting Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserve



 Forest Preserve Boundaries

Planting Areas

-  1
-  2
-  3

0 55 110 220 Feet

Map Created January 2025; 2024 Air Photo

**ABSTRACT OF BIDS
HOSCHEIT PLUG PLANTING PROJECT**

SB-FP-04-2425

Sent to 75 vendors 8 Received

Bidders Name	McGinty Brothers, Inc.	Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources LLC	Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.	Pizzo & Associates, Ltd.	Davey Resources Group, Inc.	Encap, Inc.	Bluestem Ecological Services	Cardinal State LLC
City, State	Long Grove, IL	Marengo, IL	Waukegan, IL	Leland, IL	Elmhurst, IL	DeKalb, IL	Marengo, IL	Barrington Hills, IL
TOTAL BASE BID	\$28,907.50	\$30,258.50	\$30,443.50	\$33,069.00	\$33,785.00	\$37,942.86	\$40,054.22	\$40,770.00
Option #1	\$10,235.00	\$9,291.00	\$9,485.50	\$9,775.50	\$10,960.00	\$12,138.63	\$13,544.22	\$13,230.00
BASE BID + OPTION	\$39,142.50	\$39,549.50	\$39,929.00	\$42,844.50	\$44,745.00	\$50,081.49	\$53,598.44	\$54,000.00

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