

November 20, 2024  
Rockford, Illinois

## RESOLUTION

No. 24-1106

### FORESTRY MOWING AT KISHWAUKEE GORGE FOREST PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County was awarded a \$50,000 Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, with funding originating from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County agreed to remove invasive species from 17 acres of woodland at Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserve as part of the above award; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of invasive species removal in the project budget was \$38,000;

WHEREAS, six firms submitted a bid in response to bid package FP #24-1101 "Forestry Mowing at Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserve"; and,

WHEREAS, the qualified lowest bid was submitted by Tallgrass Restoration of Milton, WI to complete both the base bid and option one as specified in bid package FP #24-1101 for a total cost of \$37,815; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners included funding for this project in the 2024-25 capital budget; and,


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County accept the bid from Tallgrass Restoration to remove invasive species from 22.3 acre of woodland at Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserve as specified in bid package FP #24-1101 for the price of \$37,815.

Voting YES 6

Voting NO 0

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 20th day of November, 2024.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

  
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Jeff Tilly, President  
Board of Commissioners

**BID TAB**  
**24-1101 FORESTRY MOWING AT KISHWAUKEE GORGE FOREST PRESERVE**  
**BID OPENING – NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT 10:00AM**

VENDOR	COST BASE BID (17 AC.)	COST OPTION 1 (5.3 AC.)	TOTAL	ADDITIONAL FORESTRY MOWING (COST PER ACRE)	ADDITIONAL HERBICIDE APPLICATION (COST PER ACRE)	COMPLETION DATE	ADDENDUMS
Central Tree & Landscape Mulch, LLC	\$31,275.00	\$11,700.00	\$42,975.00	\$1,178.00/acre	\$750.00/acre	Per Contract Specifications	2 of 2
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	\$40,531.69	\$13,912.20	\$54,443.89	\$1,423.72/acre	\$1,017.71/acre	9/20/2025	2 of 2
Tallgrass Restoration	\$25,670.00	\$12,145.00	\$37,815.00	\$1,118.00/acre	\$576.00/acre	9/20/2025	2 of 2
Homer Tree Service, Inc.	\$72,300.00	\$22,260.00	\$94,560.00	\$3,000.00/acre	\$1,200.00/acre	9/30/2025	2 of 2
Bid Rejected							
Bluestem Ecological Services							
HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC	\$35,990.00	\$11,260.00	\$47,250.00	\$1,300.00/acre	\$900.00/acre	9/31/2025	2 of 2

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