



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 oversight 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