

**VILLAGE OF WINDSOR
VILLAGE BOARD RESOLUTION 2024-51**

APPROVAL OF QUERCUS PROPOSAL FOR PRAIRIE CREEK CONSERVANCY MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Windsor desires to maintain the Prairie Creek Conservancy;
and

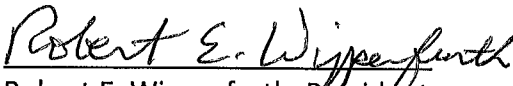
WHEREAS, additional outside services will be required to aid in the management of that conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director has recommended contracting the additional services with Quercus Land Stewardship Services as shown in Exhibit A for a total annual cost not to exceed \$7,700.

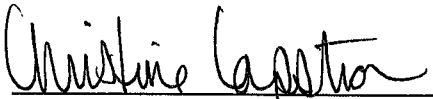
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Windsor that it hereby approves entering into an agreement in a form acceptable to the Village Attorney with Quercus Land Stewardship Services for the maintenance of the Prairie Creek Conservancy in an amount not to exceed \$7,700 as set forth in the proposal attached as exhibit A. The Village President, Village Attorney, and Staff are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Windsor on May 16, 2024 by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

VILLAGE OF WINDSOR


Robert E. Wipperfurth, President

Attested by:


Christine Capstran, Clerk

Incorporated by Reference:

Exhibit A, Quercus Land Stewardship Services proposal

Dear Village of Windsor Representatives,

April 3, 2024

Thank you for working with Quercus Land Stewardship Services. We look forward to continuing our work in the Village's beautiful green spaces.

Below are recommendations and estimates to manage the Prairie Creek Conservancy in 2024. We would be happy to complete any combination of these services to best meet Village's goals and budget. Please let me know if you would like to see changes or additions to this proposal.

Overview

Prairie Creek Conservancy contains approximately 70 acres of wetland with some adjacent stormwater ponds and swales. The area is primarily open, with some areas of dense brush, and some wooded areas. Priorities for 2024 are to begin to control an emerging phragmites population and conduct growing season weed maintenance in high-traffic areas.

In future years, introducing prescribed fire to the wetland will provide many benefits including reducing brush encroachment, discouraging invasive species, and invigorating native species.

Invasive species management

\$3,600

We will mow, pull, and spray invasive species along trailsides high traffic areas. We will continue the treatment further into the wetland as the budget allows. The intent of this treatment is to reduce invasive plant populations in areas where they are commonly introduced and spread. Depending on observations of plant populations made in 2024, future recommendations may include treatments to larger areas, or specific targeted treatments to a particular species, similar to the phragmites treatment listed below.

Phragmites Management

\$3,900

There are three populations of phragmites emerging in the wetland that should be addressed before they grow further. We will mow these areas in early summer and return to treat the resprouting stems with herbicide in mid-to-late summer. This task may need to be repeated for several years to effectively control the populations.

Total Cost not-to-exceed

\$7,500

Quercus is fully insured, equipped, and certified for chainsawing, herbicide application, and conducting prescribed burns. Certificates and references are available upon request. The prices include all labor, equipment, and materials required to complete the tasks as described.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss your land management options. Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope to be working with you soon!

Sincerely,

Kevin Mason



Project Manager



Proposal Acceptance

To accept this proposal, and be placed on our confirmed work list, please choose **one** of the options below. Then sign, date, and return by mail or email to your project manager or the address below.

Quercus Land Stewardship Services
4681 County Road JJ
Black Earth WI 53515
office@quercus-ls.com

I accept this proposal/quote **as written** on page one (1) of this document.

X Robert E. Wipperfurth Date: 5-16-24
Client Signature

OR

I accept this proposal/quote **with the following changes/notes.**
-Quercus will contact you if these changes alter the price or scope.

Changes/Notes (Attach another sheet or give us a call if needed!)

X _____ Date: _____
Client Signature

By signing above I agree to the following terms:

- This work is highly weather dependent and could be completed anytime M-F 7:30-5:00 or weekends if necessary (including prescribed burns). Actual hours worked are at the discretion of Quercus.
- Changes to scope or additional work may be done with approval from both Quercus and the Client.
Major changes may require a separate or revised proposal.
- Estimates are valid for 6 months from estimate date.
- If the Client desires the work to be postponed Quercus cannot guarantee timely completion.
- Either party may cancel this agreement at any time by giving 10 days written notice of termination. Quercus shall be entitled to full payment for services performed prior to the effective date of cancellation (e.g. labor, materials, burn plan/permit fees).
- All estimates/quotes are subject to 5.5% sales tax.
- If you are tax exempt, please fill out the WI Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate link and return
- All invoices are due within 30 days of the invoice date.
- A reminder to the client will be made at 30 days. If no arrangements to pay are made, a 10% late fee will be added to invoices past 45 days.