



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Little Tykes Farm LLC, Woodstock, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Hay farming at Spring Creek, Paul Douglas, Ned Brown Meadow, and Horizon Farms

**Contract Value:** \$9,009.00 (Revenue Generating)

**Contract period:** 9/22/2020 - 9/21/2021, with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$9,009.00 over the three (3) year term

**Account(s):** Revenue Generating

**Contract Number(s):** Project #20RM 106-R issued under Solicitation #20-31-005734

**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 15

**Summary:** Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserves. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while simultaneously preventing invasive plant species from overtaking fallow land. It is the Forest Preserves' intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to retain manageable conditions until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with two (2) one-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent. This allows the Forest Preserves an option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition. Mowing activities are only permitted after August 1<sup>st</sup> each year to minimize disturbance of nesting birds.

Project #20RM 106 was originally issued under Solicitation #20-31-05331, but was rebid due to non-response. Little Tykes Farm LLC was the sole bidder and responsible bidder for the four (4) locations listed below for a total potential revenue generation over the next three (3) years of \$9,009.00. A restoration access permit was granted to Little Tykes Farm LLC for the initial mowing season in 2020. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Spring Creek	124 ac	\$1,860.00
Paul Douglas	181 ac	\$2,715.00
Ned Brown Meadow	123 ac	\$369.00
Horizon Farms	271 ac	\$4,065.00

**Total**                      699 ac                      \$9,009.00