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Department: Planning and Sustainability Department
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RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7394*

1 **Award of 2-Year Forestry Services Contract For County-Owned**
2 **Forest Lands in the Town of Newfield**

3 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Department of Finance duly advertised a Request for
4 Qualifications for forestry services in the Town of Newfield, and
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6 WHEREAS, three responses with qualifications were received and Forecon Forestry and Natural
7 Resources Consultants (Forecon) was selected as the preferred firm to assist the County in assessing County
8 forest land and managing a timber harvest, and
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10 WHEREAS, Forecon recommends timber harvests be bid over two seasons so as to allow for highest
11 potential rate of return and compliance with the harvest recommendations in the County Forest Management
12 Plan, and
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14 WHEREAS, a two year contract with Forecon would be required to allow for a timber harvest that
15 could span two seasons, now therefore be it
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17 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality
18 Committee, That a contract be authorized for two years with Forecon Forestry and Natural Resources
19 Consulting of Cortland, New York for a total of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), and
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21 RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any
22 contracts or agreements related to this project.
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24 **SEQR ACTION:** Type II-21
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27 cc: Administration - via Network
28 Planning Department



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2 To: Members of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee
3 of the Tompkins County Legislature
4 From: Scott D. Doyle, AICP, Associate Planner
5 Re: **Authorization of 2-Year Tompkins County Forestry Services Contract**
6 Date: October 26, 2017
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Requested Action

9 Authorize the County to enter into a 2-year contract with forestry consultant.
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Background

12 The 2007 Tompkins County Forest Management Plan was developed in response to a need to sustainably manage
13 forest lands managed by Tompkins County. It was also thought that a high-quality sustainable forest management plan
14 could serve as a model for other forest owners in Tompkins County looking to obtain income generation over the long-
15 term through sustainable harvesting practices.

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17 In order to implement the harvest recommendations outlined in the Forest Management Plan the plan requires the
18 hiring a forestry consultant to visit timber stands, document the current state of each stand in relation to plan
19 recommendations and advise the County as to all aspects related to timber harvests, including the bid process.

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21 The County Planning and Sustainability Department issued a RFQ for forestry consultants in late summer 2017 and
22 identified Forecon Forestry and Natural Resource Consultants of Cortland, NY as the preferred firm to assist the
23 County with this process. In drafting a contract Forecon recommended the County consider allowing potential timber
24 harvest bidders the option of conducting harvests over two seasons for the potential for better financial return and
25 compliance with the harvest recommendations in the County Forest Management Plan. Allowing a harvest over two
26 seasons would require a potential timber harvest oversight from Forecon for over the County's standard yearlong
27 contract time period.
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Budget Implications

30 \$15,000 in funding is currently available in the budget to contract with a forestry consultant to assist with the timber
31 harvest process. The intention in establishing a 2-year contract is that it will allow the County to maximize potential
32 financial returns associated with a timber harvest.
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