



CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	September 7, 2023
SUBCATEGORY:	Bid Award/Purchases
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Water
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Land Application Farm Tree Clearing
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	<p>For over 40 years, the Water Department has land-applied biosolids as a beneficial reuse of residual solids produced at the Water Pollution Control Plant. We currently have 1,280 permitted acres of private and City-owned land to apply these solids. Recently, two landowners representing 509 acres of permitted land informed the City that they no longer wish to have biosolids applied to their property. At a minimum, 500 acres are needed for this process.</p> <p>The city-owned farm on Wade Road in Taylorsville has only 285 of its total 499 acres permitted for biosolids application. We solicited bids from local contractors to remove trees and thus convert an additional 200 acres to pasture. After the land has been cleared and converted to pasture, we will submit the additional acreage to the State for permitting, which will likely take up to a year to obtain.</p> <p>Three contractors submitted bids, and I recommend awarding this work to Hickory Ridge Land Management LLC for a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. This is not a budgeted cost, but funds are available from Water Department Revenues.</p>
LEGAL:	N/A