

RESOLUTION  
of the  
Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District

Resolution No.: 2016-24

Date: 5/9/2016

*Entering into a Contract with RACINE-JOHSNON AQUATIC ECOLOGISTS (located in Ithaca, NY) for 2016 Hydrilla/Plant Community and Hydrilla Tuber Monitoring and Sampling, and Hydrilla Physical Removal/Benthic Barrier Installation in the Cayuga Lake Watershed (Tompkins County, NY).*

**WHEREAS**, Hydrilla has infested portions of the Cayuga Inlet, connecting tributaries, Fall Creek, and the southeast corner of Cayuga Lake, and the Hydrilla Task Force has elected to use Herbicides and physical management strategies to control the spread of this invasive plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the District received one (1) Bid for 2016 hydrilla/plant community and tuber monitoring AND hydrilla physical removal/benthic barrier installation; and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists' bid is the lowest based on the Highest Cost Estimates (*See accompanying bid form*); and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists is insured and abides by all Federal and New York State laws pertaining to its business; and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson will monitor and sample for hydrilla and the overall plant community in approximately 100 acres of the Cayuga Inlet (and associated tributaries/embayments); and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson will monitor and sample for hydrilla and the overall plant community in approximately 25 acres of Fall Creek (and associated tributaries/embayments); and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson will monitor and sample for hydrilla and the overall plant community in approximately 700 acres of the Southern end of Cayuga Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson will monitor and sample for hydrilla tubers in Cayuga Inlet and Fall Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson will conduct physical removal of hydrilla and benthic barrier installation over hydrilla patches in southern Cayuga Lake (and as needed in Cayuga Inlet/Fall Creek); and

**WHEREAS**, Racine-Johnson will provide technical assistance and guidance for 2016 herbicide treatment timing, and an annual Plant Community Monitoring Report for 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the standard form of contract attached will be used to form an agreement between Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists and Tompkins County SWCD. Any major deviations from this contract will need separate approval from the Board.

**WHEREAS**, the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District will submit for payment of Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists' invoices to the Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLOWPA) via the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District who administers Federal and State grants to reimburse the Hydrilla Eradication efforts in Tompkins County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide payment for Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists' invoices through locally allocated funding from Tompkins County and the City of Ithaca and then, having covered up-front costs of Racine-Johnson's invoices, request reimbursement from NYSDEC hydrilla grant funding (via FLLOWPA) to reimburse the Hydrilla Eradication efforts in Tompkins County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors that,

1. The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District shall enter into a contract with Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists for an amount not to exceed **\$168,606.00** to conduct hydrilla/plant community monitoring

and sampling, hydrilla tuber monitoring, and hydrilla removal/benthic barrier installation in the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

2. Additional management/monitoring contingencies by Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists may be added above and beyond the quoted \$168,606 (if/when hydrilla presence or discovery warrants additional response).
3. Additional contingencies will be approved by Tompkins County Soil & Water District Board as a contract amendment.
4. The District Manager is able to sign for this contract on behalf of the Tompkins County SWCD.
5. This resolution will take effect immediately.

Board Chairman Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Approvals:

Dan Carey: Present- Y( ) N ( ) , Vote- Y( ) N( )

Alan Teeter: Present- Y( ) N ( ) , Vote- Y( ) N( )

David McKenna: Present- Y( ) N ( ) , Vote- Y( ) N( )

Jim Dennis: Present- Y( ) N ( ) , Vote- Y( ) N( )

Aaron Ristow: Present- Y( ) N ( ) , Vote- Y( ) N( )