



Otsego County, NY Maintenance Contractor Estimate Spring 2024

The Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC) is seeking bids from land management contractors to perform establishment activities on 25.7 acres of planted riparian forest buffer spread across six project sites throughout Otsego County, New York. The contract period would begin in spring 2024 and conclude in fall 2024, *although there is great potential to extend the work for several years, with additional sites being added in the future.* A minimum of 2-3 visits per project site will be required.

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Please complete the attached Bid Sheet and submit by March 1st, 2024.

Services sought include:

- Mowing competing vegetation twice, once in spring 2024 (before June 1st) and once in fall 2024 (September 1st-October 1st)
- Replanting low performing sites as identified by USC staff, in fall 2024 (September 15th-November 15th, after fall mowing)
- Procuring planting stock & materials for replanting low performing sites, with approval of USC staff
- Invasive species management through both mechanical and chemical treatments
- Shelter (tree tube & stake) maintenance

Proposed size of project: 25.7 acres total, see below. *Please note, detailed maps with exact coordinates and mowing areas outlined will be provided to the contract awardee. All projects are located on private property and require landowner consent to access.*

1. 7.4 total acres of riparian restoration in West Winfield, NY. **1.4** acres of mowing 2x/year (once in spring 2024, once in fall 2024). Replanting for **fall 2024** (total 400 stems, see Materials below). Shelter maintenance.
2. 5 acres of riparian restoration in Milford, NY. 5 acres of mowing 2x/year (once in spring 2024, once in fall 2024). Replanting for **fall 2024** (total 700 stems, see Materials below). Shelter maintenance.

3. 4.8 acres of riparian restoration in Springfield, NY. 4.8 acres of mowing 2x/year (once in spring 2024, once in fall 2024). Replanting for **fall 2024** (total 700 stems with tube & stake, see Materials below). Shelter maintenance.
4. 2 acres of riparian restoration in Richfield Springs, NY. 2 acres of mowing 2x/year (once in spring 2024, once in fall 2024). Shelter maintenance.
5. 6 total acres of riparian restoration in Edmeston, NY. 5.3 acres of mowing 2x/year (once in spring 2024, once in fall 2024). Replanting for **fall 2024** (total 500 stems, see Materials below). Removal of invasive species- buckthorn. Shelter maintenance.
6. 0.5 acres of riparian restoration in Mt Vision, NY. 0.5 acres of mowing 2x/year (once in spring 2024, once in fall 2024). Shelter maintenance.

Materials

2,300 total 18"-2' bare root planting stock, see Table 1 below for species breakdown. *Please note, species lists for each individual site replanting will be given to the contract awardee.*

Animal Control Device- 5' double-walled, ventilated tree tubes with 5' treated white oak stakes – 1,500 each. *The USC will accept back any leftover unused materials.*

Table 1. Species list for replanting, all sites

Species	Quantity
Swamp white oak (<i>Quercus bicolor</i>)	100
Silver maple (<i>Acer saccharinum</i>)	100
Sycamore (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>)	800
Black cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>)	100
Red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	500
Northern red oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>)	100
Elderberry (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)	50
Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>)	150
Red-osier dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>)	400
Total	2,300

Items of work and conditions which apply to this project are:

This work shall consist of providing services & materials as applicable and performing the work necessary to establish permanent forested cover within the designated project areas.

1. The contractor will provide all labor, materials, and equipment to fulfill all aspects of the scope of work as outlined above. The contractor agrees to follow the planting and

maintenance specifications provided for each property unless otherwise directed and approved by USC personnel.

2. The contractor agrees to perform all establishment tasks within the specified timeframe, unless agreed upon otherwise by USC staff.
3. The contractor will obtain permission from USC staff to access privately owned land and will not directly contact the landowner, unless landowner consents to be contacted directly by the contractor.
4. The contractor will clearly communicate the schedule for implementation, and contact the USC once projects are complete for final inspection, once in spring and once in fall.
5. The contractor will repair, replace, or reimburse for damage to any property beyond ordinary wear and tear in the performance of the contract.
6. Planting techniques used in the establishment of planting stock should insure that all plants are properly spaced, planted at an acceptable depth, and firmly set.
7. Oak Stakes should be 5' in height when used with tree tubes.
8. Oak stakes are to be used to secure the tree tubes. Stakes should be at least 3' in height above the ground surface to attach to the tree tube securely.
9. All tree tubes should be set at least 1" below the surface of the disturbed ground in order to prevent rodents from entering the tube.
10. Detailed maps of each site including coordinates will be provided to the contract awardee.
11. The final acreage may change prior to the commencement of this contract. The USC will notify the contractor of all changes as they occur. Any additions or subtractions to the list of sites will be adjusted according to per unit prices in the bid provided.
12. Execution of this project is dependent on ability to secure adequate funding for these activities. Depending on availability of funds, starting date for this work may be postponed.

Bid Sheet – Upper Susquehanna Coalition Buffer Maintenance

Return Bid Sheet By 3/1/2024

Task	Price per unit/acre	Total Bid Price
<i>19 acres of mowing, done twice</i>		
<i>Planting 2,300 bare root plants (labor & materials)</i>		
<i>25.7 acres of tree shelter maintenance</i>		
<i>5 acres of invasive species management- buckthorn removal</i>		

Company Name:

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Signature:

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