

KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN AND YELLOW RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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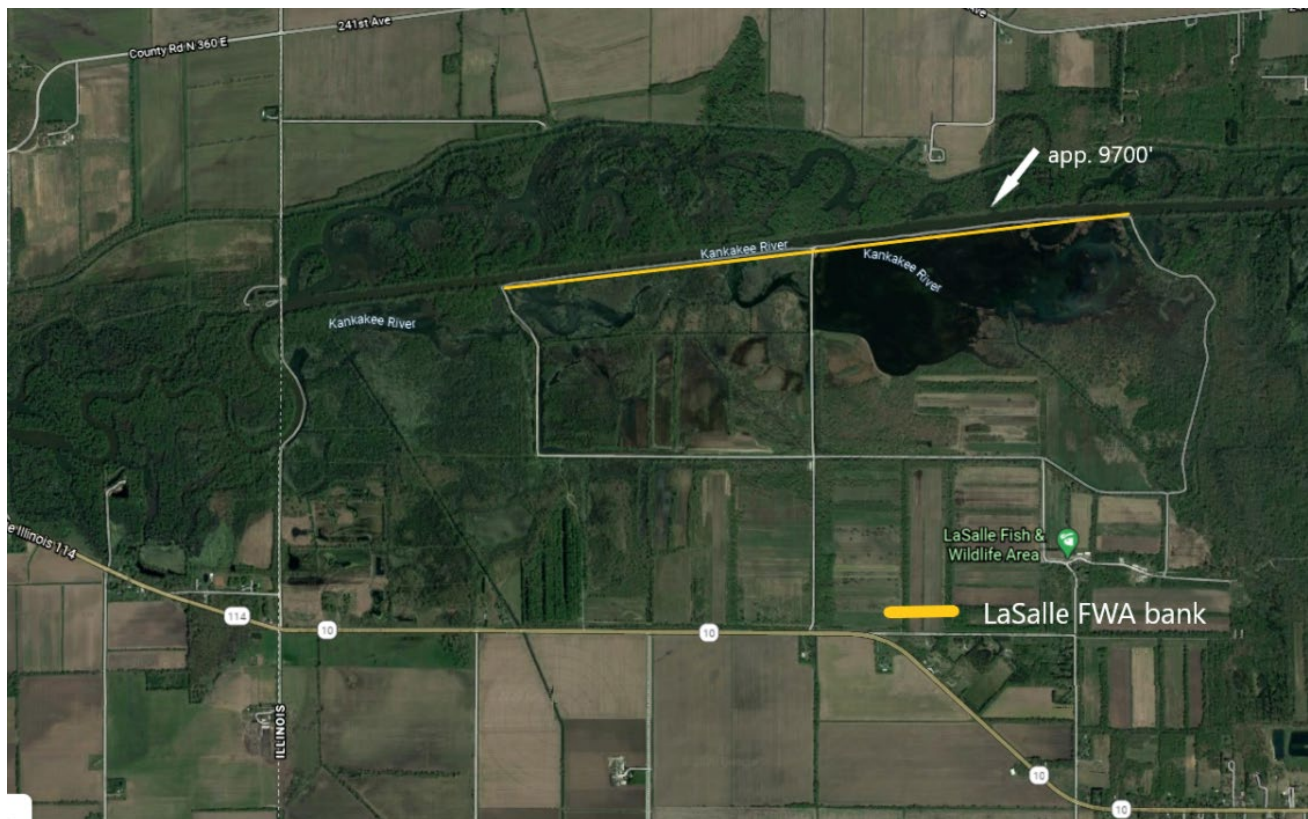
TO: Contractors

FROM: Scott D. Pelath, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Problem tree removal on Kankakee banks at LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area

DATE: November 9, 2020

The Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission (“the Commission”) is now accepting bids for the removal of dead, severely leaning, or fallen trees on the Kankakee River bank shown below:



As many as 500 trees of significantly varying dimensions may be reasonably described as dead, severely leaning (more than 45°), or fallen. However, this figure is an estimate.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

The work shall be performed according to the following conditions:

IC 14-28-1-22 (b) (6)

(C) Except as otherwise provided in Indiana law, free logs or affixed logs that are crossways in the channel must be cut, relocated, and removed from the floodplain to an area approved by Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property management.

(D) Isolated or single logs that are embedded, lodged, or rooted in the channel, and that do not span the channel or cause flow problems, must not be removed unless the logs are either of the following: (i) Associated with or in close proximity to larger obstructions. (ii) Posing a hazard to navigation.

(E) A leaning or severely damaged tree that is in immediate danger of falling into the waterway may be cut and removed if the tree is associated with or in close proximity to an obstruction. The root system and stump of the tree must be left in place.

(F) To the extent practicable, the construction of access roads must be minimized, and should not result in the elevation of the floodplain.

(G) To the extent practicable, work should be performed exclusively from one (1) side of a waterway. Crossing the bed of a waterway is prohibited.

(H) To prevent the flow of sediment laden water back into the waterway, appropriate sediment control measures must be installed.

(I) Within fifteen (15) days, all bare and disturbed areas must be revegetated with a mixture of grasses and legumes. Tall fescue must not be used under this subdivision, except that low endophyte tall fescue may be used in the bottom of the waterway and on side slopes.

OTHER CONDITIONS:

Upland locations of the contractor's choosing may be indicated in your bid but must be approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Bend Office as the designated upland disposal site. Contractor must include a map of the upland location in the bid.

Work shall be performed within the 75' easement measured from the top of the bank on both sides. Any and all damage not limited to erosion shall be repaired by contractor with banks restored to pre-construction condition. Contractor will be responsible for any damage caused to lanes or roads while performing work and shall return lanes or roads to pre-construction condition if damage occurs.

The contractor shall communicate with the LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area property manager to ensure work does not conflict with hunting seasons on the property. In consideration of current hunting season activities, no work may commence prior to January 11, 2021 and be completed no later than March 31, 2021. Roosting season for endangered bats begins on April 1.

This project shall begin after approval by the Commission and is subject to funding availability. Project is also subject to any and all permits from, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DNR.

It will be the contractor's responsibility to contact all utility companies for utility location prior to excavating. You must include a certificate of insurance for a minimum of a \$1 million liability insurance policy or your bid will not be eligible.

IN ORDER FOR A BID TO BE CONSIDERED, the bidder or the bidder's authorized representative must attend a mandatory, pre-bid meeting on Friday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m. CST. The meeting will convene in the LaSalle FWA office parking lot located at 4752 W. 1050 N, Lake Village, IN 46349.

Following the meeting, bidders wishing to inspect the work area will be led to the site. Subsequent inspections are permitted with the consent of the LaSalle FWA management.

Bids must include 1) a proposed price, 2) an adequate description of how the project will be completed, and 3) an estimate of the number of trees to be removed.

Please email your bids to kankakeeriverbasin@gmail.com BETWEEN 1:00 AND 1:30 P.M. CST ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020. At 1:30 p.m. CST, I will electronically open the bids in the presence of one or more witnesses at the LaSalle FWA office at the address listed above.

Should any bidder lack email capability, a sealed bid may be delivered to the bid opening location during the bid receipt time period.

The Commission intends to award the work to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder at a meeting following the bid opening. It reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Should you have any questions, please email me at sdpelath@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Pelath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott D. Pelath
Executive Director