

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BID

Farm Ground Rent (2019-2023)

The Seneca County Park District is soliciting bids for farm rent for five years (2019-2023).

Sealed bid proposals will be accepted until 12:00pm on Thursday, November 29. Bids should be sent to or dropped off at the Park Office located at 3362 S. Township Road 151, Tiffin, OH 44883, ATTN: Sarah Betts, FARM BID.

Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday, November 29 at 1pm in the Park Office conference room. Once opened, bids will be reviewed by the Park Board and a decision made at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 11 held at 8:30am at the Park Office.

Bid specifications can be obtained on the Park website at www.SenecaCountyParks.com, from the Park Office Monday through Wednesday 8:30am to 3:00pm, or via e-mail at sbetts@SenecaCountyParks.com. For questions please call the Park Office at 419-447-8091.

Overall term of farming rent agreement is for five years (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023). However, included are two additional properties in CRP which will only last partial term. Please read through the Bid sheet and associated information carefully. Each bid must contain the full name of every person or company interested in the same. No bid bond or performance bond is required for this bid.

Bids must be good for sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the bid opening and shall not be withdrawn after bid is publicly opened and read.

Rental amounts will be paid on an annual basis. Rent is due on or before November 15 of each year.



SENECA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

3362 S. Township Road 151 Tiffin, Ohio 44883
419.447.8091 Info@senecacountyparks.com

BID SHEET

The District will offer for rent the following:

- 1) FSA Farm 6535, Tract T6245 (115) Acres
- 2) FSA Farm 1704, Tract 1537 – Fields 2 & 3 in CRP (50.23) Acres with an annual payment of \$93 per acre totaling \$4,671.00 annually for 2019 through 2022 only
- 3) FSA Farm 6253, Tract 6016 – Fields 1 & 4 in CRP (7.41) Acres with payment of \$102.00 per acre totaling \$756 for 2019 only

Mailing address:

Seneca County Park District
Attn: Sarah Betts, FARM BID
3362 S. Township Road 151
Tiffin, OH 44883

I, (Print your name) _____ bid the following:

- 1) \$ _____ per acre for farm 6535 (Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve)
- 2) \$ _____ per acre for CRP Farm 1704 (Bowen Nature Preserve - for 2019 through 2022 only)
- 3) \$ _____ per acre for CRP Farm 6253 (Forrest Nature Preserve - for 2019 only)

The Park District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bid sheet due back Thursday, November 29, 2018 at above address by 12:00 pm.

Bids will be opened Thursday, November 29, 2018 at the above address at 1:00 pm.

The Board will announce a decision at the December Board meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 8:30am in the Park Office.

All bidders will be called or written by December 14, 2018 with the final decision of the Board.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. FARM DESCRIPTIONS

- a. Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve – Farm 6535. Located in Section 22, Bloom Township, Seneca County, Ohio, containing 115 acres, more or less, and subject to all easements now existing or which the SCPD may grant in the future. Property address is 6777 South State Route 19, Bloomville, Ohio.
- b. Bowen Nature Preserve – Farm 1704, Tract 1537 – Fields 2 & 3. Located in Section 6, Reed Township, Seneca County, Ohio, containing 50.2 acres of land that is subject to a CRP contract (expiring the end of 2022 and non-renewable) with the Seneca County FSA. Property address is 11891 East County Road 24, Republic, Ohio.
- c. Forrest Nature Preserve – Farm 6253, Tract 6016 – Fields 1 & 4. Located in Eden Township, Seneca County, Ohio, containing 7.41 acres of land that is subject to a CRP contract (expiring the end of 2019 and non-renewable) with the Seneca County FSA. Property address is 701 E. CR 6, Tiffin, Ohio.

2. LEASE TERM

The term of this lease shall be for the period of five (5) years beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2023. This lease agreement may be renewed for an additional three (3) year term at the current rate or with adjusted rate (increase only) based on Ohio Department of Agriculture data and agreed upon by both parties.

3. PURPOSES OF THE LEASE

The Bloom Township property will be used for the production of grain crops. There are 115 contract acres available for the production of crops according to county FSA records.

4. CASH RENT

The Bid winner agrees to pay the SCPD cash rent in the amount what was written and accepted by the Board on the Bid Sheet. Payment will be made on an annual basis, on or before November 15. In the event the cash rent is not paid by the due date(s), interest shall be charged at the rate of 6 percent Annual Percentage Rate, beginning 5 days after the due date until paid. All cash rent will be paid to: "Seneca County Park District" and either sent or dropped off at the Park Office, 3362 S. Township Road 151, Tiffin, Ohio.

5. DUTIES of Bid Winner (Operator)

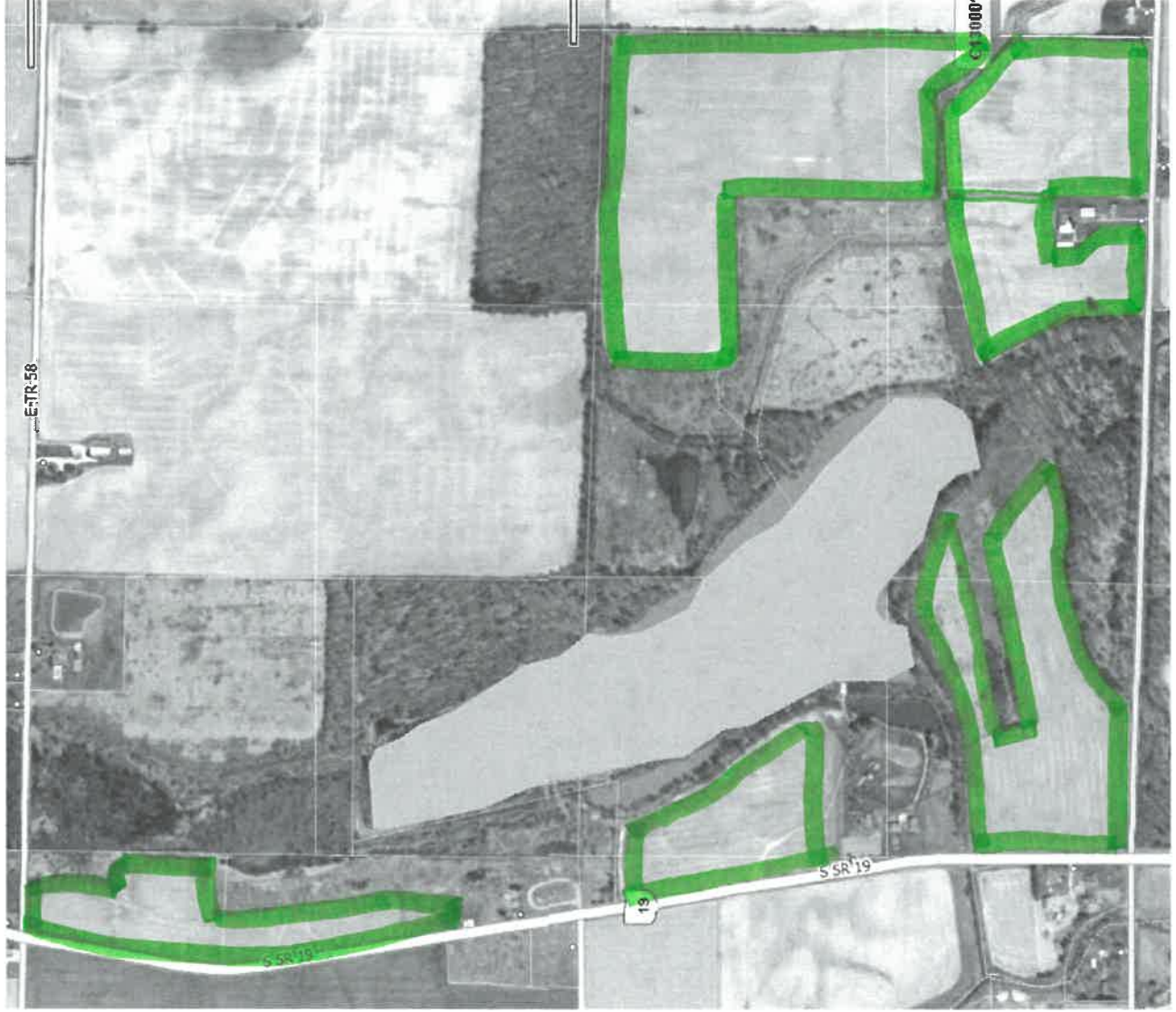
- a. Prepare the land and plant such crops as agreed on in a timely fashion, as weather conditions permit.
- b. Manage carefully all growing crops and to harvest all crops in a timely fashion as weather permits. In the event Operator fails to do so, SCPD reserves the right, personally or through designated agents, to enter upon the Real Estate and properly care for and harvest all growing crops, charging the cost of the care and harvest to the Operator. In the case of termination of this agreement, the Operator shall not perform any fall tillage or incur any other expense for the SCPD for the following year's crop without prior written consent of the SCPD.
- c. Farm the land in an efficient and husband-like manner.
- d. Do what is reasonably necessary to control soil erosion including, but not limited to, providing labor and normal farm equipment for the maintenance of existing watercourses, waterways, ditches, drainage areas, terraces and tile drains, and abstaining from any practice which will cause damage to the Real Estate. The Operator's

responsibility does not include major reconstruction of such improvements made necessary by normal wear and tear or other natural causes.

- e. Use reasonable efforts to control weeds in fields, fence rows, road ditches, building lots, and all other areas of the farm.
 - f. Protect all desirable vegetation, such as grass field borders, grassed waterways, wildlife cover, shrubs, and trees. Refrain from practices as they relate to the disturbance of permanent vegetation.
 - g. Follow a mutually acceptable tillage program for each of the crops planted. Such plan shall meet soil conservation and surface residue requirements as prescribed by the FSA conservation plan.
 - h. Conduct soil tests on a regular basis as required by the SCPD and provide copies of all soil test results to SCPD.
 - i. Investigate broken and inoperative tile lines and report them to the SCPD Office. Minor repairs to broken tile, tile inlets, and tile outlets shall be the responsibility of the Operator and the expenses for their repair shall be paid by the Operator.
 - k. Comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing all activities related to the application of pesticides and commercial fertilizers, the cultivation of crops and the compliance thereof. Follow label directions in the handling and application of all chemicals used on the Real Estate, and follow all applicator's licensing requirements. Comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations pertaining to groundwater contamination, manure disposal, and hazardous waste storage or disposal. Not allow any public use of the land without written consent of the SCPD.
 1. Waste (animal, human, or chemical) disposal will not be permitted without permission of the SCPD. Such disposal must be incorporated into the ground and not spread on the surface.
 - m. Operator must furnish all chemical application records to the SCPD upon request.
6. SCPD will pay all taxes, assessments, or other public charges levied or assessed by lawful authority against the Real Estate.
 7. Both the Operator and SCPD will keep their respective property interests reasonably insured against hazards and casualties.
 8. SCPD reserves all rights to any minerals on or underlying the farm.
 9. No hunting is permitted on the property.

Farm 6535

Tract T6245 (117 acres)





Seneca County, Ohio

Farm 1704

Tract 1537

2018 Program Year

Map Created February 22, 2018

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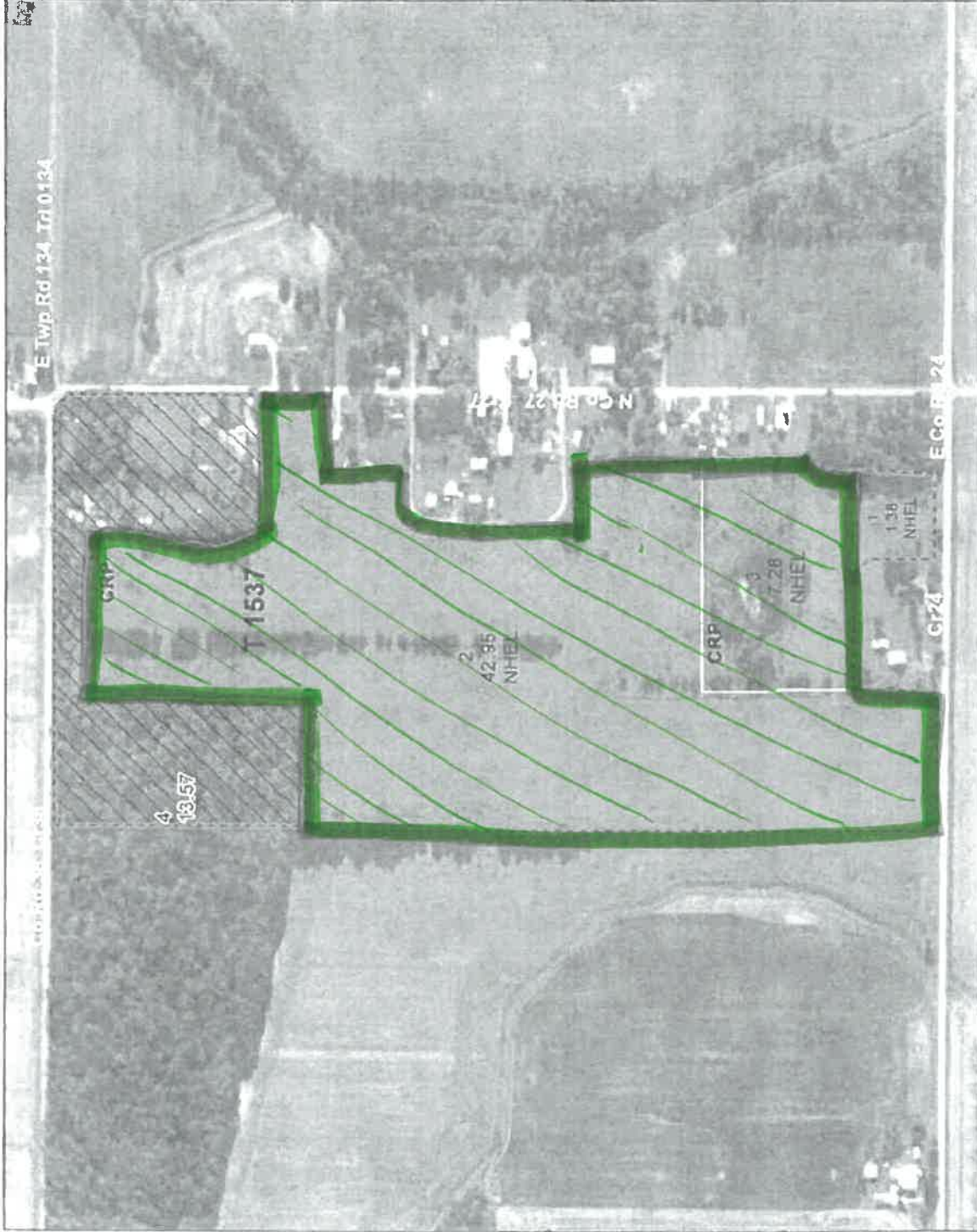
Common Land Unit

- Non-Cropland
- Cropland
- CRP
- Tract Boundary

- ### Wetland Determination Identifiers
- Restricted Use
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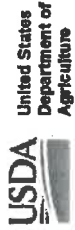
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- All Crops=NI
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Tract Cropland Total: 51.61 acres

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Seneca County, Ohio

Farm 6253 Tract 6016

2018 Program Year
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Tract Cropland Total: 7.41 acres

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