

**Council Agenda Item 25-0783R**



**MEETING DATE:** October 14, 2025

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO REQUEST AND ACCEPT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, CERTAIN TAX FORFEITED LAND TO BE USED FOR ROAD PURPOSES.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the request of and accept a tax-forfeited parcel (the "Parcel") from St. Louis County, on behalf of the State of Minnesota to be used for road purposes.

The Parcel abuts Wellington St. in the Lincoln Park neighborhood near Lincoln Park Middle School. The City desires to acquire the Parcel to install a water quality structure in the road and partly on the Parcel to improve drainage on Wellington St. and adjoining tracts of land (the "Project"). Currently, there are drainage structures in the area where ice builds up and nearly plugs an existing pipe causing water to break out the banks during a spring thaw, which results in water spilling onto the sidewalks and grass. These drainage structures are beyond repair and need replacement. The new water quality structure would capture sediment and floatables from stormwater received from the street and absorb more surface water, resulting in less drainage to this Parcel and other properties along Wellington St.

Easements on the upper side of Wellington St. will need to be acquired in order to complete the Project. However, it is expected that the acquisition of this Parcel will take longer, so approval is needed to acquire the Parcel prior to finalizing the easements.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** The acquisition of the Parcel will be a free conveyance under Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e)(1). The City will be responsible for paying the state's administrative costs, recording fees and deed tax associated with the transaction, which are estimated to be between \$750-1,000; payable from Fund 535-500-1905-5535.

**OPTIONS:** Approve resolution so the City can acquire the Parcel or the City will not be able to complete the Project.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Authorize acquisition of the property

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit A, Map