



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO REQUEST AND ACCEPT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, CERTAIN TAX FORFEIT LAND FOR PARK, TRAIL, AND/OR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

### CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a allows for the conveyance of tax-forfeited lands to public entities for an authorized public use at no cost, except for payment of administrative and filing fees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Duluth desires to acquire numerous tax-forfeited parcels for parks, trail, and/or recreational purposes for planned improvements or expansions to existing parks and trail systems, including a reasonable amount of surrounding land maintained in its natural state to serve as buffer for parks and trail systems.

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to request and accept from St. Louis County, on behalf of the State of Minnesota, the tax forfeited lands described on Exhibit A for park, trail, and/or other recreational purposes under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 282.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council hereby determines that 125 feet on each side of a park and/or trail system is a reasonable amount of surrounding land maintained in its natural state to serve as buffer from the surrounding areas and give users a scenic experience.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute all required documents in connection with the request and acceptance of the property described on Exhibit A and pay all administrative, recording, and all other fees and costs associated with the conveyance(s); payable from Fund 205-130-1220-5441-CM205-MISC (Parks Fund, Community Resources, Parks Capital, Other Services & Charges).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the request and acceptance of certain tax forfeit lands from St. Louis County, on behalf of the State of Minnesota park, trail, and/or other recreational purposes. The specific parcels to-be-requested and their intended uses are described on the attached Exhibit A.