



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 TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN PURPOSES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

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 following described tax-forfeited lands located in St. Louis County, Minnesota, to be used for community garden purposes:

Lots 19-25, Block 7, HUNTER AND MARKELL'S GRASSY POINT ADDITION TO DULUTH

Lot 10, Block 6, CHESTER PARK DIVISION OF DULUTH

Fractional Lot 11, EXCEPT the W'ly 5 feet, and ALSO EXCEPT the East 20 feet of W1/2 of Fractional Lot 11, Block 6, CHESTER PARK DIVISION OF DULUTH

Lots 15 and 16, Block 145, PORTLAND DIVISION OF DULUTH

Lots 12 and 13, Block 126, PORTLAND DIVISION OF DULUTH

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 above and pay all administrative fees, recording fees, and other costs associated with the conveyance(s); payable from Parks Fund-Community Resources-Parks Operating-Other Services & Charges 205-130-1219-5441.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the request and acceptance of certain tax forfeit land from St. Louis County, on behalf of the State of Minnesota, for community garden purposes.

The City and St. Louis County have provided undeveloped vacant land throughout the City that is used by the Duluth Community Garden Program (DCGP). DCGP provides plots for neighborhood residents to grow their own fresh foods; loans out garden tools, books, and food preservation equipment; and hosts educational classes.

To consolidate ownership, St. Louis County desires to convey the existing community garden sites on tax-forfeited land to the City. The City has an existing lease with DCGP for the use of several city-owned sites and will amend its agreement to add these new sites once owned by the City.

The acquisition of the tax-forfeited sites will be free conveyances under Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a. However, the City will be responsible to pay for the state's administrative costs, recording fees and deed tax associated with the transaction.

The sites to be acquired are depicted in the maps attached as Exhibit A.