

# Council Agenda Item 26-0754R



**MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2026

**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 IN THE DULUTH HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE USED FOR TRAIL PURPOSES.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

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

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** None

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the request of and accept four tax-forfeit parcels (the "Parcels") from St. Louis County, on behalf of the State of Minnesota, to be used for trail purposes. The Parcels comprise six full or partial lots and are located southwest of the former Central High School site near W. 13th St. and Third Ave. W. The Parcels are depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A.

St. Louis County is selling tax-forfeited property in the vicinity of the Parcels and noticed that a portion of the Duluth Traverse Trail goes through the Parcels. The City has been operating and maintain the Parcels without formal permission or ownership rights. The County is willing to convey the Parcels as a free conveyance for trail purposes to the City.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** : The acquisition of the Parcels will be a free conveyance under Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e)(3). 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.

**OPTIONS:** Approve resolution or the City will not have the necessary rights to operate and maintain this section of the Traverse Trail and risk the County selling the property

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve resolution

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit A, Map