

**Council Agenda Item 26-0416R**



**MEETING DATE:** May 11, 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 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 Ideal Street in the Duluth Heights neighborhood. The City desires to acquire the Parcel in connection with a 2027 project for the reconstruction of Ideal Street between Eklund Ave. and Swan Lake Road (the "Project").

As part of the Project, the City needs to construct and maintain a drainage basin close to Ideal Street. The City desires to acquire the Parcel to install and maintain this drainage basin. The Parcel is outlined in red on the map attached as Exhibit A.

**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 110-500-1930-2330-5441 (City Project No. 2340).

**OPTIONS:** Approve resolution so the City can acquire the Parcel and construct the drainage basin or the City may need to purchase other property to accommodate the infrastructure.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit A, Map

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