

# Council Agenda Item 26-025-O



**MEETING DATE:** July 13, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING REAL PROPERTY AS PARK PROPERTY FOR INCLUSION INTO DOWNER PARK.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

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

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

21-0976 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM METRO GRANT FOR FY2022 FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000

22-0408 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY METRO PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 83 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE DULUTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR RECREATION AND PRESERVATION

23-0707 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAKE SUPERIOR COASTAL PROGRAM GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR FUNDS TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 68 ACRES FROM THE DULUTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR RECREATION AND PRESERVATION, AS AMENDED BY 23-0953R, 24-0949R, AND 25-0978R

23-0816 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM PARK HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN THE WOODLAND NEIGHBORHOOD FOR \$664,800

25-0850 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE MORLEY HEIGHTS/PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD IN EXCHANGE FOR REPLACEMENT LAND

26-0473 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDATION OF THREE DOCUMENTS AFFECTING REAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED FROM PARK HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN THE MORLEY HEIGHTS/PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD.

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the dedication of certain real property as park property for inclusion into Downer Park. The property is located on both sides of Vermilion Road near Downer

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Park in the Morley Heights/Parkview neighborhood. Downer Park was conveyed to the City in 1918 for park purposes.

The City purchased the property legally described on the attached Exhibit A from Park Hill Cemetery Association in 2023 and 2026. The acquisition was funded by three sources (collectively, the "Grants"). The Grants are listed above under "Previous Council Actions." A condition of the Grants is to dedicate the property as park property for inclusion into Downer Park.

A map depicting the property to be dedicated in this ordinance, as well as Downer Park, is attached as Exhibit B.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** None if approved other than recording fees; City will need to repay Grant funds if Grant conditions are not met

**OPTIONS:** Dedicate the Property as park property or the City will be violation of the Grants

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Authorize ordinance

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit A, Legal Description; Exhibit B, Map