

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

09-0480R

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO WITHHOLD FROM SALE CERTAIN TAX FORFEITED PARCELS (ANNUAL LIST).

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the board of commissioners of St. Louis County is hereby requested to withhold from sale for the public interest and to classify as conservation the following parcels from the county auditor's list of properties which have been declared tax forfeited and title thereto vested in the state:

Parcel ID and Legal Description	Location	Reason
010-2880-00310 Lincoln Park Gardens, Block 2, Lot 20 Tract 14	west side of Spring- vale Road near Pied- mont Avenue (Piedmont)	stream runs through property, stormwater drainage protection
010-3590-00400 Ohara's Division, Block 10, Lots 1, 2, and 3, except part taken for street Tract 20	intersection of Carl- ton and West Superior Street (Lincoln Park)	54 inch storm sewer pipe crosses the parcel

Approved as to form:

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution exercises authority granted to municipalities by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 282, to disapprove of the classification of tax forfeited lands upon notification from the board of county commissioners. The city's response, via resolution, must be sent to the county within 60 days of receiving notice.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, Subdivision 1; all parcels of land becoming the property of the state of Minnesota in trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified as conservation or nonconservation. Lands classified conservation are those properties for which there is potential for some public purpose.

This resolution requests the Saint Louis County Board of Commissioners classify as conservation certain parcels of tax forfeited land and to withhold those parcels from sale. In total, 40 parcels of land forfeited in Duluth in 2008 and this resolution requests that only two parcels be classified conservation. The balance will be made available for sale in the future.

The Duluth city planning commission, at its July 14, 2009, regular meeting, reviewed a list of recommendations for the classification of tax forfeited lands prepared by planning division staff with input from other city divisions. The commission voted to recommend this list to the city council and Saint Louis County Board of Commissioners and in doing so, they considered the goals of a successful classification process:

- (a) To encourage the most economical and efficient use of the property for transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education and recreation;
- (b) To reduce the city's local government expenses;
- (c) To conserve and develop Duluth's natural resources;
- (d) To encourage economic development in suitable areas.

Summary of Recommendation	
Parcels forfeited in 2008	40
Parcels recommended for conservation class	2
Parcels recommended for nonconservation class and release for sale	38