

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Community Development & Regulatory Services  
**Date:** 9/15/2014  
**From:** Community Planning & Economic Development  
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**Subcategory:** Designation

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**Subject:**

Adopt a resolution for the classification of certain tax-forfeited land.

**Description:**

Minnesota Statute 282.01 affords government entities with an opportunity to provide comment about plans, projects, or ideas that apply to tax-forfeited properties at a publicly held classification meeting. The classification meeting is on September 22, 2015, for the property included in this report.

**Previous Actions:**

None.

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**Ward/Neighborhood/Address:**

All Wards

**Background/Analysis:**

The Clerk's office of the City of Minneapolis received notification from Hennepin County that certain properties located within the jurisdiction of the municipality had forfeited to the State of Minnesota for unpaid taxes. These properties will be classified or reclassified by Hennepin County as conservation or non-conservation lands following a public meeting, which is currently scheduled for September 22, 2015. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.135, it is the obligation of the City of Minneapolis to review the list and make a recommendation on the classification as conservation or non-conservation at the public meeting.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.01 (1), the City has 60 days from receipt of the notice to approve or reject the proposed classification of properties. On July 24, 2015, notification was sent to all neighborhood groups, applicable City departments, the City Council, the Twin Cities Community Land Bank, and City Council-approved developers for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Home Ownership Works programs for review and comment on the 1781 Conservation/Non-Conservation List.

Based on input received and in accordance with Minnesota Statute 282.135, City staff recommends that:

- 24 properties are classified as non-conservation
- One property is classified as conservation and held under supervision of Hennepin County

Properties classified as non-conservation are available for sale to government entities or through a public auction. Properties that are classified as conservation must meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) Encourage and foster a mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provision of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, and recreation,
- 2) Facilitate reduction of governmental expenditures,
- 3) Conserve and develop the natural resources, and
- 4) Foster and develop agriculture and other industries in the districts and places best suited to them.

The property located at 4 Island Ave. W. is located adjacent to the Mississippi River and is the location of the Grain Belt sign, an iconic landmark in the City of Minneapolis. The State Department of Natural Resources and the Minneapolis Parks Board have each expressed interest in acquiring and conserving this parcel for recreational purposes, in compliance with the first criteria for conservation. If a property is classified as conservation, the Hennepin County board cannot auction the property.

It is the obligation of the City to approve parcels for public auction, private auction to adjacent owners only, request public use conveyance, or a non-public sale to the City. City staff will perform necessary due diligence to determine the appropriate disposition strategy to employ with each property.

If the City decides to acquire any of these properties, the City receives tax title and title clearance actions are necessary prior to re-sale. Consequently, any acquisition will necessitate the appropriate City official to sign applications for title registration on all City-acquired properties where appropriate pursuant to Minnesota Statute 508.03(6).

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. 1781 Tax Forfeit Classification List Resolution
2. 1781 Tax Forfeit Classification List
3. 1781 Tax Forfeit Classification List Map