



# Board of Commissioners

## Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
651-266-9200

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May 28, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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### ROLL CALL

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of May 28, 2024 is Presented for Approval** [2023-665](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 28, 2024.

2. **Minutes from May 21, 2024 are Presented for Approval** [2023-686](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 21, 2024 Minutes.

### PRESENTATION OF AWARD

3. **National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Chapter - Social Worker of the Year Award** [2024-179](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

None. For information and discussion only.

### PROCLAMATION

4. **Proclamation: Darren Tobolt Day** [2024-211](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. **Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 67 Magnolia Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55117** [2024-181](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:

- Commissioner District 3
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2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Pang Fang Moua, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

**6. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 287 Cecelia Place, Saint Paul, MN 55105** [2024-182](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

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  - Commissioner District 4
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  - Property Address: 287 Cecelia Place, Saint Paul, MN 55105
  - Repurchase amount due to date: \$29,094
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by David Neel Fodor, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

**7. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 523 Western Avenue North, Saint Paul, MN 55103** [2024-183](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

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**8. Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 with the United States of America in the Rice Creek Regional Trail Corridor** [2024-180](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve Easement Amendment 1 Agreement with the United States of America for Parcel C within the Rice Creek Regional Trail corridor.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 agreement.

**9. Personnel Complement Increase in Financial Assistance Services** [2024-115](#)

Sponsors: Financial Assistance Services

Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Financial Assistance Service department up to 28.00 Full Time Equivalent.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### 10. Presentation: Legislative Update 2024

[2024-212](#)

Sponsors: Policy & Planning

None. For information and discussion only.

## COUNTY CONNECTIONS

## OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

## BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

## ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

10:30 a.m. (est.) Board workshop: Economic Growth and Community Investment Committee of the Whole: Leveraging Inclusive Strategies for Construction Projects, Courthouse Room 220 - Large Conference Room

Public access via Zoom:

Webinar ID: 945 2405 1145 | Passcode: 590044 | Phone: 651-372-8299

Advance Notice:

June 04, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 11, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 18, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 25, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers



# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2023-665

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Agenda of May 28, 2024 is Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the agenda of May 28, 2024.



# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2023-686

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Minutes from May 21, 2024 are Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the May 21, 2024 Minutes.

**Attachments**

1. May 21, 2024 Minutes

# Board of Commissioners Minutes

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**May 21, 2024 - 9 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson. Also present were Johanna Berg, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Xiong missed Roll Call and arrived at 9:01 a.m. and was present the rest of the board meeting.

Present: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Presented by Commissioner Reinhardt

1. Agenda of May 21, 2024 is Presented for Approval

[2023-664](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 21, 2024.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from May 14, 2024 are Presented for Approval

[2023-685](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 14, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

## **PROCLAMATION**

3. Proclamation: National Public Works Week

[2024-194](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Presented by Commissioner McGuire, discussion can be found on archived video.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

4. Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding for 2024 Housing Development Projects [2024-169](#)
- Sponsors: Community & Economic Development
1. Approve the obligation of American Rescue Plan Act funding for recommended projects and funding amounts for the preservation and construction of affordable housing in the amount of \$4,127,970.
  2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements in a manner consistent with the American Rescue Plan Act regulations and requirements, federal, state and local regulations and requirements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
- Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.  
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong  
Resolution: [B2024-087](#)
5. Amendment to Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plan Master Plan [2024-170](#)
- Sponsors: Community & Economic Development
- Approve the amended Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plan Master Plan
- Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.  
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong  
Resolution: [B2024-088](#)
6. Cooperative Expenditure Grant Agreement Proof of Concept for Food Security [2024-163](#)
- Sponsors: Health and Wellness
1. Authorize the County Manager to implement the cooperative expenditure grant agreement Purchasing and Contracting Transformation pilot for Food Security Cooperative Grant project for Health and Wellness.
  2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into multiple cooperative expenditure grant agreements and execute amendments to agreements in a form approved by Finance and the County Attorney's Office.
- Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.  
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong  
Resolution: [B2024-089](#)
7. Appointment of County Agricultural Inspector [2024-135](#)
- Sponsors: Parks & Recreation
- Appoint Justin Townsend as the County Agricultural Inspector.
- Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.  
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong  
Resolution: [B2024-090](#)
8. Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Access to Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park [2024-164](#)
- Sponsors: Parks & Recreation
1. Approve a Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for access to Snail section of Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park for the completion of a sanitary

- improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to extend the term of the access agreement in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are consistent with compensation requirements within the Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council.
5. Authorized the County Manager to make temporary cash loans, as needed, from the General Fund to the Parks and Recreation Department to completed work identified within the compensation section of the Right of Entry Agreement with Metropolitan Council with reimbursement to the county for project work completed.
6. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project to account for activities identified for reimbursement.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-091

9. Public Works Construction Quarterly Report for January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 [2024-167](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Accept the Public Works Construction Quarterly Report for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-092

10. Appointment to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County [2024-042](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

Appoint Sara Garbe to represent One-Stop Partners on the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County for a term beginning May 21, 2024, and ending July 31, 2025.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-093

11. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local and Regional Plan for 2024-2027 [2024-131](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Approve and authorize the submission of the Local and Regional Plans for Adult Employment Services in Program Years 2024-2027 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027) to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development as required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
2. Authorize the acceptance and expenditure of funds for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker, and Minnesota Dislocated Worker programs for the Program Years 2024-2027.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments to

- agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
4. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept additional grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-094

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Presented by Commissioner Moran. Discussion can be found on archived video.

## **COUNTY CONNECTIONS**

No County Connection updates.

## **OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Discussion can be found on archived video.

## **BOARD CHAIR UPDATE**

No Board Chair update.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2024-179

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

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**Sponsor:** Social Services

**Title**

National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Chapter - Social Worker of the Year Award

**Recommendation**

None. For information and discussion only.

**Background and Rationale**

The Social Worker of The Year Award honors a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) who exemplifies the best of the profession's values and achievements through specific accomplishments. In honoring the Social Worker of the Year, NASW highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of social work. Only NASW Chapters may submit nominations for this category of award.

Sophia Thompson is the recipient of the National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Chapter - Social Worker of the Year Award.

Sophia Thompson is the Deputy Director of Social Services in Ramsey County and oversees the Mental Health division. Being tasked with mental health services for the county is a large undertaking that she does not shy away from and is always looking for the ways we can provide better services to our community members.

She has been a strong leader in building transformational work at the intersection of mental health and the justice system. This has included active involvement in the county's strategic priority of centering community and wellness in justice system transformation, working to address service gaps for the Rule 20 population, and leading her team in the development of Mental Health Urgent Cares.

Sophia is very accomplished in her work, but most impressive is the perspective she brings. She continues to remind people of the need for multidisciplinary work in solving complex problems. She supports her team in connecting with others by reminding them that we all have our different lens, and we need to all come together to see the full picture. Sophia is always looking to engage other's in solving complex challenges and finding ways to build and support partnerships with system partners and community. She is a phenomenal example of how to perform ethical social work that centers community and racial equity.

**Attachments**

None.



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**Item Number:** 2024-211

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**Sponsor:** Board of Commissioners

**Title**

Proclamation: Darren Tobolt Day

**Attachments**

1. Proclamation

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Darren Tobolt was born on April 21, 1972, and shortly thereafter began working for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Darren served as Principal Assistant and Policy Director for Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt for 27 years from 1997 - 2024; and

WHEREAS, Darren has been an indispensable organizer of the Northland Cup charity hockey game, which has raised tens of thousands of dollars to help individuals suffering from partner and family violence; and


WHEREAS, Untold thousands of residents from Ramsey County and around the world have explored and learned about the historic Ramsey County Courthouse through Darren's countless hours of unpaid volunteer work for the Ramsey County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, The residents of White Bear Lake, North Saint Paul, Maplewood, and other regions of Saint Paul have been able to depend on Darren for decades to help them navigate county services and to access the resources they need; and

WHEREAS, Darren has accepted a new position working for the residents of Dakota County; Now, Therefore, Be It


PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 30, 2024 as Darren Tobolt Day in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners wishes Darren success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

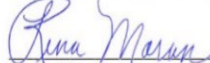
  
Trista Martinson, Board Chair, District 3

  
Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2

  
Rafael Ortega, Commissioner, District 5

  
Victoria Reinhardt, Commissioner, District 7

  
Nicole Frethem, Commissioner, District 1

  
Rena Moran, Commissioner, District 4

  
Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6

  
Johanna Berg, County Manager



# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Item Number:** 2024-181

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

**Sponsor:** Property Tax, Records & Election Services

**Title**

Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 67 Magnolia Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55117

**Recommendation**

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**Background and Rationale**

The subject property is located at 67 Magnolia Avenue West and is a residential two-family dwelling located in the North End neighborhood of the city of Saint Paul. Property taxes for 2020 and 2022 were unpaid and the property forfeited to the state on December 5, 2023. The repurchase applicant is Pang Fang Moua, fee owner at the time of forfeiture.

Repurchaser has submitted, along with repurchase application, down-payment in the amount necessary to enter into repurchase contract. Payments received will be deposited in the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund upon execution of repurchase contract.

The city of Saint Paul has reviewed the application for police, building, and property maintenance code violations within the past five years and has resolved that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve the repurchase application for the property.

The department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services (PTRES) has reviewed the repurchase application and supporting documentation and finds Repurchaser has experienced financial hardship which eventually led to the forfeiture of the property.

Based on these findings, PTRES recommends approval of the repurchase application, thereby correcting any undue hardships or injustices resulting from the forfeiture, subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval of the resolution.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☐ Prosperity

☐ Opportunity

☐ Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

While the racial equity impact of repurchasing one parcel is unclear, racial demographics provide marginal insight. More than 69% of households in the North End neighborhood are non-White, as compared to only 43% of non-White households throughout all of Saint Paul, which makes this an area more racially diverse than most of Saint Paul. Regardless of area demographics, investments made in this community can positively impact racial equity.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

PTRES informed the city of Saint Paul about the property. The Saint Paul City Council passed a resolution recommending the Ramsey County Board approve the repurchase.

☒ Inform      ☐ Consult      ☐ Involve      ☐ Collaborate      ☐ Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

Revenue from sales of tax-forfeited property is deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund. Net proceeds from this sale in the Fund, after paying administration costs and assessments, are distributed 40% to the county, 40% to the Saint Paul Public School District 625 and 20% to the city of Saint Paul on an annual basis.

**Last Previous Action**

None.

**Attachments**

1. Map of property located at 67 Magnolia Avenue West Street
2. City of Saint Paul Recommendation 67 Magnolia



Overview



Legend

- Tax Parcel
- Ramsey County
- Waterbody
- Parcel Info

Parcel ID<	302922220153	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner	STATE OF MN TRUST
Sec/Twp/Rng	30/29/22	Tax	5E TAX FORFEITURE NOT	Address	EXEMPT
Property	67 MAGNOLIA	Classification	REPORTED;		PO BOX 64097
Address	AVE W	Parcel Area	0.1129		SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097
	ST PAUL				
Tax Authority Group (TAG)	ST PAUL 625 C				
Brief Tax Description	STINSON'S RICE STREET, ADDITION LOT 19 BLK 8				
	(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)				

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April 26, 2024

Nicholas Hanson  
Property Tax, Records & Election Services  
PO Box 64097  
Saint Paul, MN 55164

VIA EMAIL: Nicholas.Hanson1@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US

Re: Repurchase application relating to tax-forfeited property at 67 Magnolia

Dear Mr. Hanson:

This is to confirm that on April 23, 2024 at the Legislative Hearing, Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond reviewed the below repurchase application relating to tax-forfeited property on behalf of the City Council and on **May 8, 2024** the City Council will recommend that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve or deny the repurchase application as it did or did not constitute municipal problems:

1. Application of Pang Fang Moua for 67 Magnolia: **allow repurchase**

If you have any further questions, you may contact me at 651-266-8515.

Sincerely,  
/s/

Joanna Zimny  
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

cc: Steve Magner  
Vicki Sheffer  
Joe Yannareilly

# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Item Number:** 2024-182

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

**Sponsor:** Property Tax, Records & Election Services

**Title**

Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 287 Cecelia Place, Saint Paul, MN 55105

**Recommendation**

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**Background and Rationale**

The subject property is located at 287 Cecelia Place and is a residential single-family home located in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood of the city of Saint Paul. Property taxes for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 were unpaid and the property forfeited to the state on August 1, 2023. The repurchase applicant is David Neel Fodor, fee owner at the time of forfeiture.

Repurchaser has submitted, along with repurchase application, down-payment in the amount necessary to enter into repurchase contract. Payments received will be deposited in the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund upon execution of repurchase contract.

The city of Saint Paul has reviewed the application for police, building, and property maintenance code violations within the past five years and has resolved that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve the repurchase application for the property.

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**Last Previous Action**

None.

**Attachments**

1. Map of property located at 287 Cecelia Place
2. City of Saint Paul Resolution RLH OA TBD287









Overview



Legend

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-  Ramsey County
-  Waterbody
-  Parcel Info

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If you have any further questions, you may contact me at 651-266-8515.

Sincerely,

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# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Item Number:** 2024-183

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

**Sponsor:** Property Tax, Records & Election Services

**Title**

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**Recommendation**

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The city of Saint Paul has reviewed the application for police, building, and property maintenance code violations within the past five years and has resolved that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve the repurchase application for the property.

The department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services (PTRES) has reviewed the repurchase application and supporting documentation and finds Repurchaser has experienced financial hardship which eventually led to the forfeiture of the property.

Based on these findings, PTRES recommends approval of the repurchase application, thereby correcting any undue hardships or injustices resulting from the forfeiture, subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval of the resolution.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☐ Prosperity

☐ Opportunity

☐ Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

While the racial equity impact of repurchasing one parcel is unclear, racial demographics provide marginal insight. More than 73% of households in the Thomas Dale neighborhood are non-White, as compared to only 43% of non-White households throughout all of Saint Paul, which makes this an area more racially diverse than most of Saint Paul. Regardless of area demographics, investments made in this community can positively impact racial equity.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

PTRES informed the city of Saint Paul about the property. The Saint Paul City Council passed a resolution recommending the Ramsey County Board approve the repurchase.

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**Fiscal Impact**

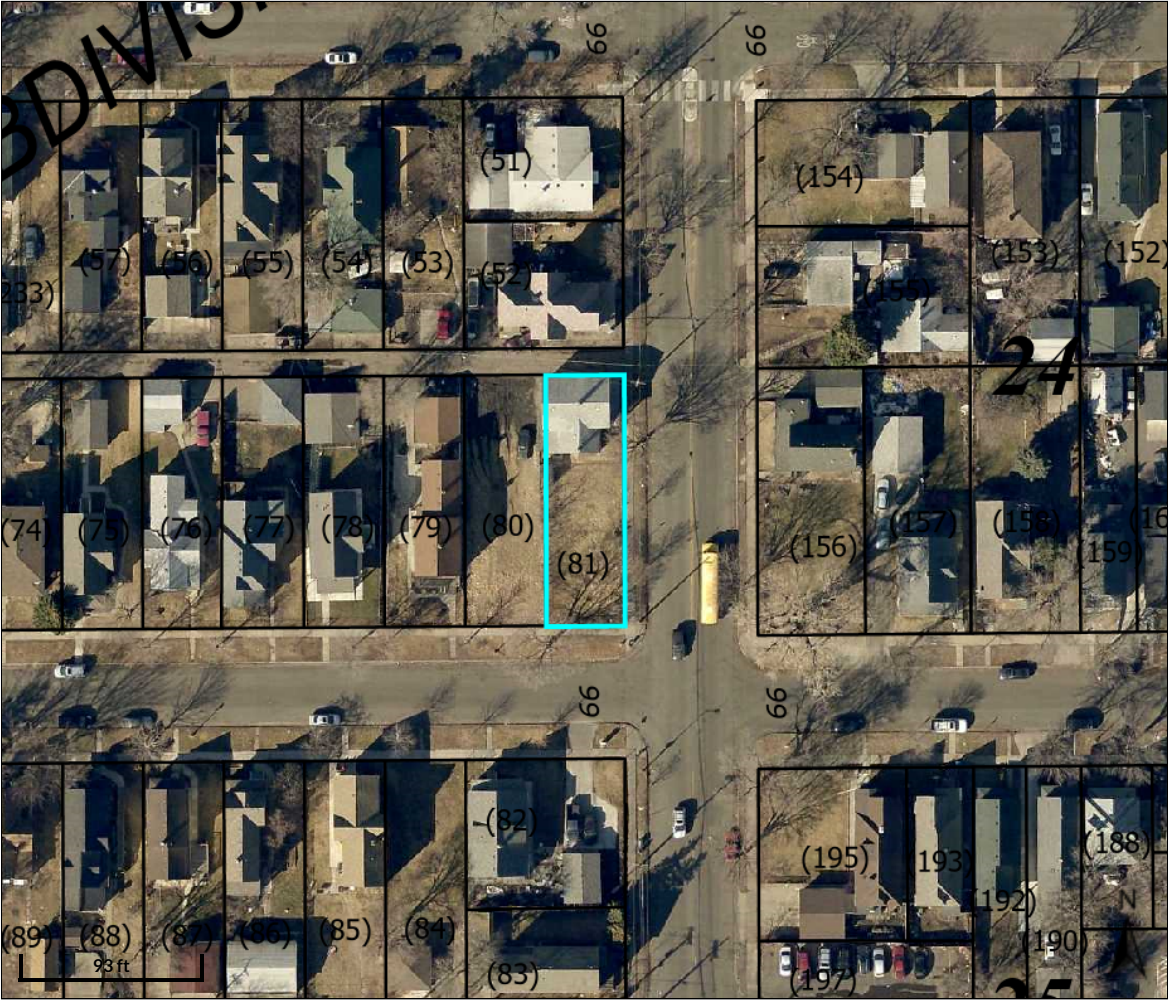
Revenue from sales of tax-forfeited property is deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund. Net proceeds from this sale in the Fund, after paying administration costs and assessments, are distributed 40% to the county, 40% to the Saint Paul Public School District 625 and 20% to the city of Saint Paul on an annual basis.

**Last Previous Action**

None.

**Attachments**





1. Map of property located at 523 Western Avenue North
2. City of Saint Paul Recommendation 523 Western Ave



Overview



Legend

-  Tax Parcel
-  Ramsey County
-  Waterbody
-  Parcel Info

Parcel ID<	362923240081	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner	STATE OF MN TRUST
Sec/Twp/Rng	36/29/23	Tax	5E TAX FORFEITURE NOT	Address	EXEMPT
Property	523 WESTERN	Classification	REPORTED;		PO BOX 64097
Address	AVE N	Parcel Area	0.109		SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097
	ST PAUL				
Tax Authority Group (TAG)	ST PAUL 625 C				
Brief Tax Description	SMITHS SUB OF STINSNS DIV B9 10 15 16 LOT 45 BLK 16				
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April 26, 2024

Nicholas Hanson  
Property Tax, Records & Election Services  
PO Box 64097  
Saint Paul, MN 55164

VIA EMAIL: Nicholas.Hanson1@CO.RAMSEY.MN.US

Re: Repurchase application relating to tax-forfeited property at 523 Western Avenue

Dear Mr. Hanson:

This is to confirm that on April 23, 2024 at the Legislative Hearing, Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond reviewed the below repurchase application relating to tax-forfeited property on behalf of the City Council and on **May 8, 2024** the City Council will recommend that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve or deny the repurchase application as it did or did not constitute municipal problems:

1. Application of Danny Tran for 523 Western Avenue: **allow repurchase**

If you have any further questions, you may contact me at 651-266-8515.

Sincerely,  
/s/

Joanna Zimny  
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

cc: Steve Magner  
Vicki Sheffer  
Joe Yannarely

# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Item Number:** 2024-180

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

**Sponsor:** Parks & Recreation

**Title**

Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 with the United States of America in the Rice Creek Regional Trail Corridor

**Recommendation**

1. Approve Easement Amendment 1 Agreement with the United States of America for Parcel C within the Rice Creek Regional Trail corridor.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 agreement.

**Background and Rationale**

On August 6, 2019, the United States of America through the Secretary of the Army and assistance from the General Service Administration (GSA) conveyed an easement (Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017) to Ramsey County for Parcel C on former Twin City Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) property within the city of Arden Hills. This easement was for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, removal, upgrade, and replacement of a public access road, trails, and utilities, such as but not to be limited to natural gas, water, electric power, and communications to support the development of the Rice Creek North Trail Long-range Plan and the development of the Primer Tracer Area (PTA), and related facilities. In addition, the Parcel C easement agreement identified development components such as a roadway extension and utilities to service the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS), PTA area, and park improvements identified with the Rice Creek Regional Park Long-range plan.

During August 2019 through October 2020, the Park & Recreation department constructed approximately 350-feet of roadway corridor including a 10-ton road, and stormwater facilities to provide access from County Road I to the AHATS facility. Other improvements within the Parcel C corridor were completed as a component of the easement such as fence relocation to secure the western most boundary line of AHATS and a gravel service road within the AHATS facility. The remaining section of roadway corridor through Parcel C to the PTA was not constructed since there was no development interest at that time.

During 2023, the GSA listed the PTA for sale through a public auction process for development interest. Late 2023, the Ramsey County received a notice from the GSA indicating SPQR Arden Hills, LLC (Developer) was selected as the purchaser for the PTA. The existing Parcel C easement contemplated that the easement agreement would be amended to add the purchaser of the PTA as the sub-grantee. Accordingly, in early 2024, the GSA, Developer, and Ramsey County began working through a process to amend the existing Parcel C easement to add the Developer as the sub-grantee (aka PTA-Grantee) and set conditions for access and utility needs within Parcel C for the PTA. A 66-foot roadway corridor was established along the eastern boundary of Parcel C and will include necessary utilities such as water, sanitary sewer, and electric to service the PTA. Additionally, a 30' utility corridor was identified on the northern edge of Parcel C along County Road I to extend utilities to the roadway corridor. A closing for the Developer's purchase of the PTA has been scheduled between the GSA and Developer for May 31, 2024. The GSA and Developer have requested approval of the Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 Agreement prior to closing. Ramsey County and Developer will continue to work together on post-closing documents such as an Operation & Maintenance agreement and other potential easement needs for successful development of the PTA. The Operation & Maintenance Agreement will define



interim access routes through Parcel C to the PTA until the road corridor is developed, timing for the development of the roadway corridor, cost shares between Ramsey County and Developer for roadway extension, stormwater management, and roadway corridor maintenance such as bituminous maintenance and repair, utility maintenance, vegetation maintenance, snow removal, and signage.

The GSA and Secretary of Army have consulted Ramsey County and Developer during preparation for the Parcel C Amendment 1 Agreement. Parks & Recreation have coordinated with the County Attorney's Office, Public Works department, and Community & Economic Development department for preparation of Parcel C Amendment 1 Agreement to make sure all county interests are met. A separate process for approval of post-closing PTA documents between Ramsey County and Developer will follow for successful development of the PTA.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)☐ Well-being☐ Prosperity☒ Opportunity☒ Accountability**Racial Equity Impact**

This is a GSA led project for the PTA sale and access needs; however, this project will have a regional impact in addition to supporting an area that has a racial and ethnic makeup of approximately 33.6 % within the city of Arden Hills and surrounding areas. Development of the PTA will expand business opportunities within the city of Arden Hills, supports investments in the infrastructure of regional park systems, and supports county development interest for such as Rice Creek Commons. This investment in a quickly diversifying area will support the long-term wellbeing of communities of color and contribute to greater racial equity goals.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

There was no county related community participation related to the Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 Agreement. This is a project led by the United States of America through the GSA and Secretary of Army for the sale of the PTA. However, a robust public engagement process for the development of a design concept and long-range plan document was conducted summer 2018 - 2019, which included the central section of the Rice Creek Regional Trail corridor adjacent to the PTA. The Parks department worked with the public to develop the graphic plan and draft master plan throughout this process. These documents were also available for a period of 30 days to gather additional input and feedback. Public engagement for the development of the Rice Creek North Regional Trail Long-range Plan including five public meetings, two online surveys, engagement with other local agencies and user groups, and other comments received.

☒ Inform☐ Consult☐ Involve☐ Collaborate☐ Empower**Fiscal Impact**

There are no county costs for approval of the Parcel C Amendment 1 Agreement. Ramsey County and Developer will continue to work together on post-closing documents such as an Operation & Maintenance agreement and other potential easement needs for successful development of the PTA. The Operation & Maintenance Agreement will define interim access routes through Parcel C to the PTA until the road corridor is developed, timing for the development of the roadway corridor, cost shares between Ramsey County and Developer for roadway extension, stormwater management, and roadway corridor maintenance such as bituminous maintenance and repair, utility maintenance, vegetation maintenance, snow removal, and signage. A separate process for approval of post-closing PTA documents between Ramsey County and Developer will take place at a later time. Parks & Recreation will coordinate with Finance for costs relating to a future Operation & Maintenance agreement between Ramsey County and Developer during the post-closing process.

**Last Previous Action**

On June 23, 2015, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a recreational access easement for park access use on Parcel C (Resolution B2015-214).

**Attachments**

1. Parcel C Easement Amendment 1 Agreement with Exhibits

**Recording requested by and  
when recorded mail to:**

Ramsey County Parks and Rec. Dept.  
Attn. Dir Planning and Development,  
2015 Van Dyke St.  
Maplewood, MN 109

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO  
EASEMENT NO. DACA45-2-19-6017  
LOCATED ON  
ARDEN HILLS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING SITE  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**THIS AMENDMENT**, entered into by and between the **SECRETARY OF THE ARMY**, hereinafter referred to as the “Grantor”, as represented by the officer executing this agreement, and the **COUNTY OF RAMSEY**, a political subdivision, referred to as the “Grantee” and the future owner of the area identified as the former Primer Tracer Area (PTA) hereinafter referred to as “PTA-Grantee”.

**WHEREAS**, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019, the Grantor entered into Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017, granted in perpetuity to the Grantee, beginning 1 March 2019 for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, removal, upgrade, and replacement of **a public access road, trails, and utilities, such as but not limited to natural gas, water - in various forms, electric power (transmission and distribution) and communications as needed to support the development of the Rice Creek North Trail Corridor Master Plan and the development of the PTA**, and related Facilities, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Facilities", over, across, under, in and upon approximately 15.42 acres of lands of the United States as identified as Parcel “C” in **Exhibits “A” and “B”** attached to the original easement, and;

**WHEREAS**, all references to “Sub-Grantee” will be changed to “PTA-Grantee”, and;

**WHEREAS**, SPQR Arden Hills, LLC is to be added, as the PTA-Grantee to the Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017, and;

**WHEREAS**, the PTA-Grantee has requested the first sentence in Condition “1. TERM” to be amended to remove the language shown after the date; and



**Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017**  
**Supplemental Amendment No. 1**

**WHEREAS**, the PTA-Grantee has requested that Condition “18. TERMINATION” to be deleted; and

**WHEREAS**, the area defined in Exhibits “A” and “B” has changed and will need to be corrected; and it is in the best interest of the Government to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantor agrees with the requested changes to Easement DACA45-2-19-6017;

**NOW THEREFORE:** in consideration of the premises, effective upon the recording of the deed from the Federal Government to SPQR Arden Hills, LLC, for the former Primer Tracer Area as shown in Exhibit “B-2”, Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017 is amended as follows:

1. All references to “Sub-Grantee” will be changed to “PTA-Grantee”.
2. Lines 9 through 12 of the granting clause are deleted and replaced with the following:

“hereinafter referred to as the “Grantee”, and the SPQR Arden Hills, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, with its principal offices located at 1128 Harmon Place, Suite 320, Minneapolis, MN 55403, hereinafter referred to as the “PTA-Grantee.” The term or reference to the Grantee will refer to both the Grantee and the PTA Grantee in Conditions 3 through 29 below.”

3. Line 7 of the second paragraph under NOW THEREFORE: at the top of page 2, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“and upon approximately 15.80 acres of lands of the United States as identified as Parcel “C” in”

4. The first sentence of Condition 1 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“This Easement is hereby granted in perpetuity, beginning **1 March 2019.**”

5. Condition 3 a. under “NOTICES” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“3. NOTICES

a. All correspondences and notices to be given pursuant to this easement shall be in writing and addressed, if the to the Grantee, to Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department, Attention Director of Planning and Development, 2015 Van Dyke Street, Maplewood, Minnesota 55109; if to the PTA-Grantee, to SPQR Arden Hills, LLC, Attn: Mario J. Cocchiarella, Manager, 1128 Harmon Place, Suite 320, Minneapolis, MN 55403 with a copy provided to Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, Attn: Patrick J. Lindmark, 2200 IDS Center, 80<sup>th</sup> South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402; and if to the Grantor, to: the Commander, Omaha District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, real Estate Division, ATTN: CENWO-RE-M, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 9000, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4901; with reference to the Easement number; **DACA45-2-19-6017**, or as may from time

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**Supplemental Amendment No. 1**

to time otherwise be directed by the parties. The Grantor, Grantee and PTA-Grantee have an obligation to ensure that the other parties have their accurate address.”

6. Condition 18 “TERMINATION” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

7. Condition 29 “SPECIFIC USE AND DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS”, j. is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“j. Grantee agrees to work with the Grantor and the PTA-Grantee, as needed, in the location of utilities for the former PTA and the public access road. The public access road will run in a generally north-south direction. Such north-south public access road and north-south utilities will be located in the approximate area as shown on Exhibit “B-2” and will be restricted to approximately 66’ in width. East-west utilities connecting to such north-south utilities will be located within and confined to the northernmost 30’ of the Premises, running parallel and immediately adjacent to County Road I. All utilities shall be located underground. The Grantee is not responsible for any drive or utility connection from the access road to the former PTA.

8. Exhibits “A” and “B” are deleted in their entirety and replaced with Exhibits “A-1” and “B-2”.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand by authority of the Secretary of the Army this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**RICK L. NOEL**  
**Deputy Chief, Real Estate Division**  
**Real Estate Contracting Officer**

**A C K N O W L E D G M E N T**

STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

**PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, within my jurisdiction, the within named RICK L. NOEL, who acknowledged that he is the Real Estate Contracting Officer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Omaha, and that in said capacity he executed the above and foregoing Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to **Easement for Roads and Utilities Rights-Of-Way** by authority of the Secretary of the Army for the purposes therein expressed and as the act and deed of the United States of America.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017  
Supplemental Amendment No. 1**

The above Amendment No. 1 to Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017, including all conditions and provisions thereof, is hereby accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen Ritter  
Assistant County Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Trista Martinson**  
Chair, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

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By:  
Chief Clerk, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

**PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority in and for the county and state, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, within my jurisdiction, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged that she is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the County of Ramsey, a political subdivision, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and that for and on behalf of the said political subdivision, and as its act and deed executed the above and foregoing instrument after having been duly authorized by said political subdivision so to do.

(SEAL)

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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**Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017  
Supplemental Amendment No. 1**

The above Amendment No. 1 to Easement No. DACA45-2-19-6017, including all conditions and provisions thereof, is hereby accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**SPQR Arden Hills, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability  
company**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mario J. Cocchiarella**  
**Its: Manager**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority in and for the county and state, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, within my jurisdiction, the within named Mario J. Cocchiarella, who acknowledged that he is its Manager for SPQR Arden Hills, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, and that for and on behalf of the said company, and as its act and deed he executed the above and foregoing instrument after having been duly authorized by said company so to do.

(SEAL)

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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**EASEMENT**

**Parcel C**

A tract of land situated in the N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 9, Township 30 North, Range 23 West, Ramsey County, Minnesota, said tract being more particularly described as follows:

**Beginning** at the NE corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 9, Township 30, Range 23 West, Ramsey County, Minnesota;

Thence South 89°55'31" East, a distance of 450.04 feet along the North line of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 9;

Thence South 00°43'50" East, a distance of 1,375.83 feet along a line parallel with the East line of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 9;

Thence South 89°49'50" West, a distance of 500.02 feet;

Thence North 00°43'50" West, a distance of 1,378.00 feet along a line parallel with the East line of the said NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 9 to a point on the North line of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 9;

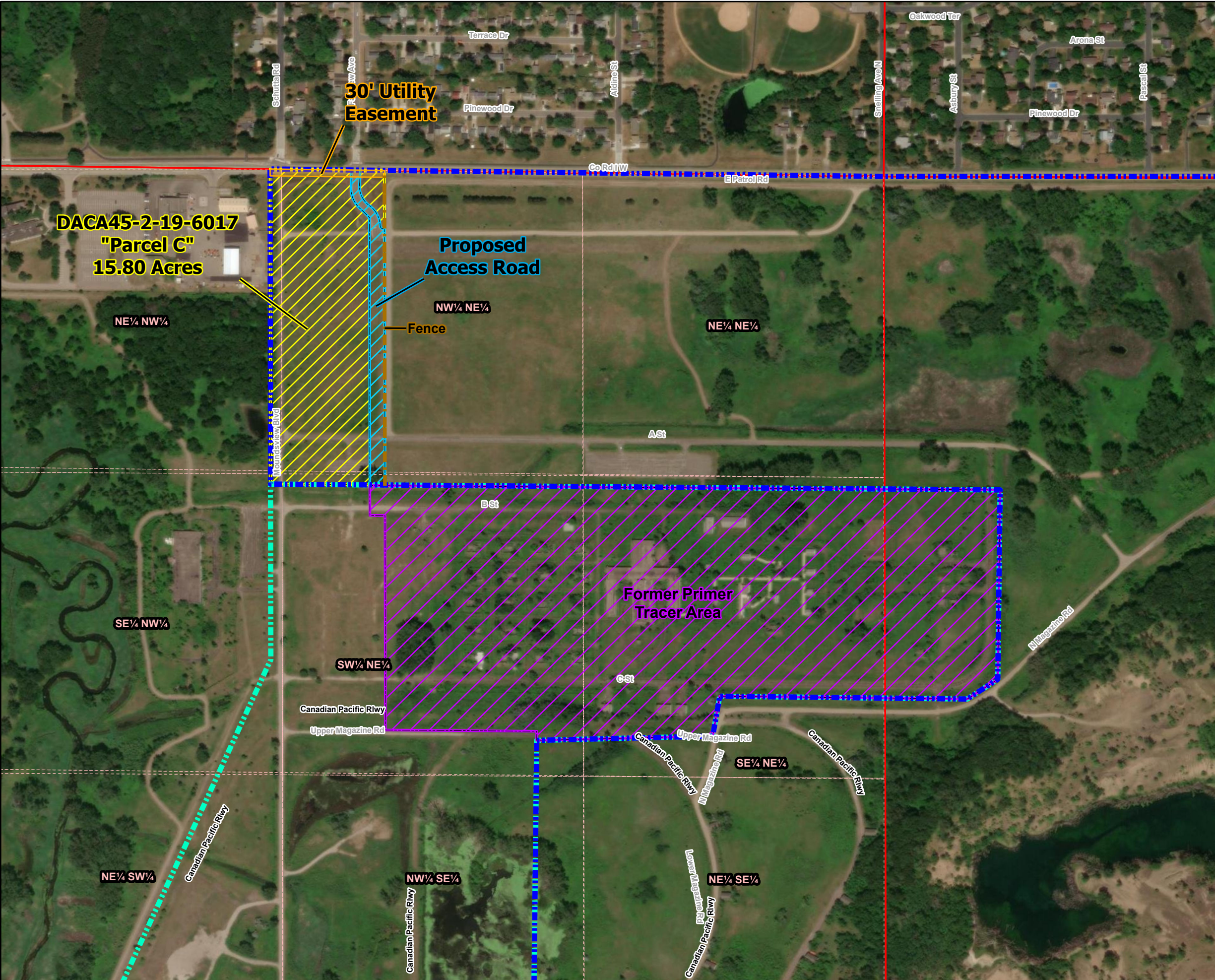
Thence South 89°52'52" East, a distance of 50.00 feet along the North line of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Said Section 9 to the **Point of Beginning**.

The tract of land herein described contains 15.80 acres, more or less.

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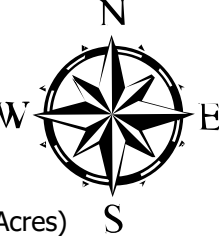
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MADE A PART OF DACA45-2-19-6017



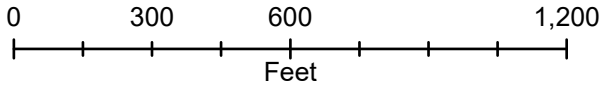
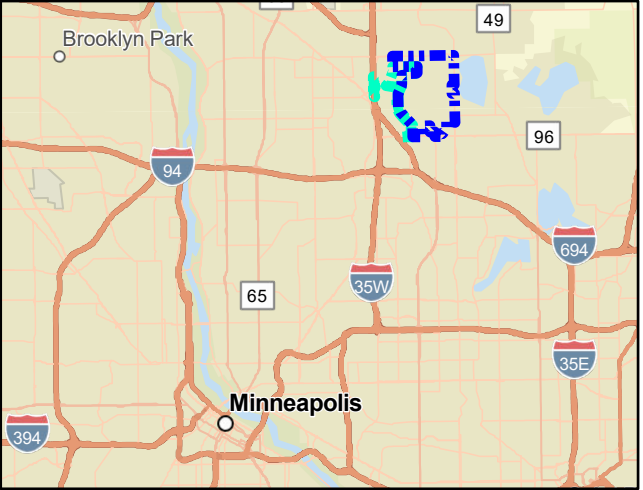


**Arden Hills  
Army Training Site  
Ramsey County, MN**

T30N,R23W  
4th P.M.



- Fence
- AHATS Licensed Area
- TCAAP Fee Boundary
- DACA45-2-19-6017 (±15.80 Acres)
- Proposed 66' Access Road
- 30' Utility Easement
- Former Primer Tracer Area
- Sections
- 1/4 1/4 Sections



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MADE A PART OF DACA45-2-19-6017**



# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2024-115

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

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**Sponsor:** Financial Assistance Services

**Title**

Personnel Complement Increase in Financial Assistance Services

**Recommendation**

Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Financial Assistance Service department up to 28.00 Full Time Equivalent.

**Background and Rationale**

The Basic Sliding Fee Program provides childcare assistance to low-income families for infants, toddlers, preschool, and school-age children. The program helps families pay childcare while they look for work, go to work, or attend training or school to prepare for work. Ramsey County Financial Assistance (FAS) has historically entered into contract agreement with Think Small to manage the Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) Child Care Assistance Program while FAS administers the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Child Care Assistance and MFIP Transition Child Care Programs. Since at least 2019, FAS has considered bringing Basic Sliding Fee Child Care in-house rather than contracting with Think Small. Initial planning began that year but was put on hold during the pandemic.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) requires that between 90 - 100% of funds allocated for the Basic Sliding Fee Program childcare are spent each year. All other metropolitan area counties spend more than 90% of their allocated funds - many over-spending. Ramsey County underspent in 2019, 2022, and 2023. For 2024, Ramsey County is projected to spend 61% of its allocated funds. In part because the Minnesota State Legislature increased the allocation for childcare which went into effect in 2024. Ramsey County's allocation increased from \$20.7 million to \$51.6 million.

The decision to bring BSF in-house grew out of several meetings and conversations with Think Small to address both the underspending and the waitlist. Think Small does not have data or systems in place to properly evaluate why spending has declined drastically since June 2023. Since FAS is already providing administrative support and working with Think Small to meet program requirements, these processes will be more streamlined and be done more efficiently, such as onboarding with other staff, working directly with Health and Wellness Service Team Fiscal Services team to manage program spending. Embedding the work within FAS ensures that Ramsey County is meeting its as well as managing the waitlist per DHS' requirement.

The doubling of the funding allocation will allow counties statewide to serve all eligible families. To do so, FAS will need to properly staff this team. Bringing the management of the Basic Sliding Fee program in-house can provide more stability, quality improvement, and a deeper connection with the department's goals in service delivery. FAS requests an increase in personnel complement for up to 28 FTEs to form the new Basic Sliding Fee team.

In conversations with other metropolitan counties about their BSF programs, they report that BSF teams tend to be stable and aid in overall employee retention because they are focused on a single program and allow for increased lateral mobility for all staff. FAS allows cross-training with other teams that will provide resiliency and support. The BSF team will be in the same section as MFIP and MFIP Childcare which will increase communication between teams that serve the same families in very similar programs. Families will have a

single place to go to apply for programs and receive a warm hand-off to BSF.

In addition to hiring the new BSF team, FAS plans to hire an additional 30 employees in June to fill authorized vacancies across the department. There is still work to do to reduce caseloads for case management staff and reduce the new application backlog to the goal of zero.

Ramsey County plans to address the current Basic Sliding Fee waitlist backlog through fast-track training for current seasoned MFIP Childcare workers. In addition, FAS has four fully trained staff dedicated to support the BSF program. FAS will be hiring and training multiple new Financial Workers over the next two months to reach the appropriate level of staffing need. As part of this plan, FAS will do a waitlist removal, mailing applications to all families currently on the waitlist. The goal is to open the waitlist beginning in September and continue to monitor the spending.

To maintain fiscal responsibility, FAS will continue to monitor and adjust staffing need based on the program demand and stay within the allocated administrative reimbursement.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☒ Prosperity

☒ Opportunity

☒ Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

In alignment with Ramsey County's policy of advancing racial equity, FAS is committed to ensuring that all residents will have access to opportunities and services provided by the county. Child Care Assistance Program reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it. Historically, residents from communities of color and low-income communities are disproportionately serviced in the financial assistance services systems. The safety-net services allow FAS to remain dedicated in supporting community-wide goals that aim to strengthen individuals and families through community health, safety, and well-being. FAS continues to center equity with a client-centric approach, making it easier to access and obtain services through innovative programming. FAS, the Racial and Health Equity Liaisons, and the voices of community members will ensure that racial equity is achieved.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

FAS continues to engage and collaborate with the community on promoting the basic sliding fee childcare and early childhood development through various resident groups.

☒ Inform

☒ Consult

☐ Involve

☐ Collaborate

☐ Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

Basic Sliding Fee allows for an administrative reimbursement for the county managing the program. The personnel costs will be offset by administrative revenue. The Basic Sliding Fee allocation for Calendar Year 2024 is \$51.6 million, the administrative reimbursement may be up to \$2.6 million. The FTE increase is estimated to be \$2.5 million. All expenses will be monitored and will not exceed revenue. There will be no levy impact for the additional personnel and equipment. For future years, there is a guaranteed provision of 90% of the previous year's allocation. This means that our Calendar Year 2025 allocation will be at least 90% of the Calendar Year 2024 allocation, the administrative reimbursement is also part of the guaranteed provision.

**Last Previous Action**

On December 19, 2023, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a Single Source Agreement with Think Small for administration of the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Program for \$1,009,462 through December 31, 2024 (Resolution B2023-266).

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**Item Number:** 2024-115

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

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**Attachments**

None.

# Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2024-212

**Meeting Date:** 5/28/2024

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**Sponsor:** Policy & Planning

**Title**

Presentation: Legislative Update 2024

**Recommendation**

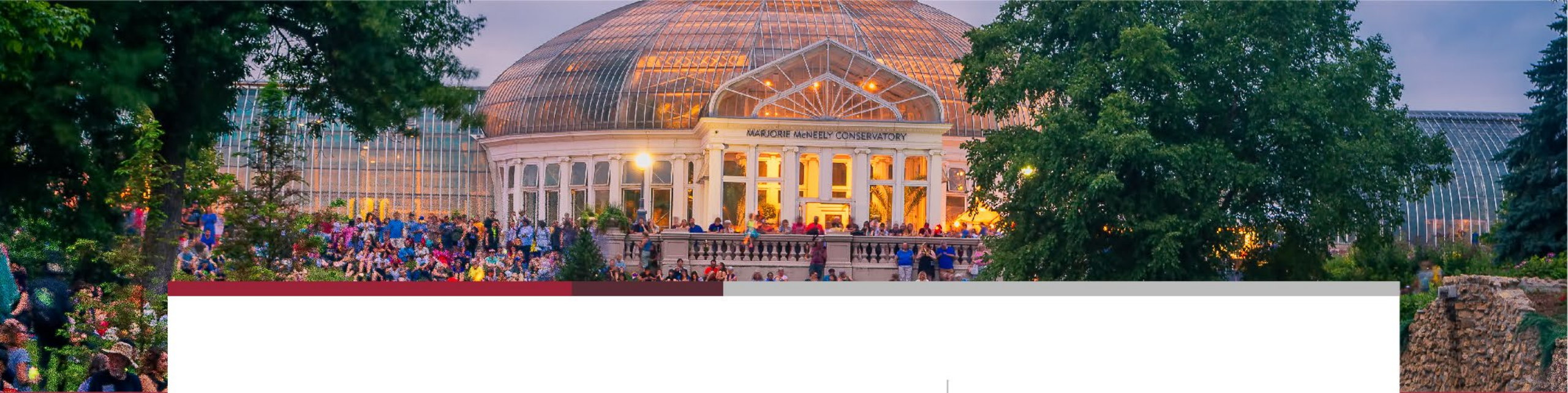
None. For information and discussion only.

**Background and Rationale**

The Government Relations team will present updates from the 2024 legislative session.

**Attachments**

1. Presentation



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## Setting the Stage – 2024

- 2023 Unprecedented spending, policy & pace
- 2024 Year for a Bonding Bill
- Limited Legislative Days
- New Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy
- Speaker's Priorities of School Resource Officers Fix, Tax Bill Technical Fix, and Bonding Bill
- Retiring Legislators

## Capital Investment & Infrastructure

- Focus of Legislators on Asset Preservation of State Agencies
- Smaller target of \$380 million for Local Projects
- Rice Creek Commons –\$25 million ask, bill would have given \$11.4 million
- Gibb's Farm – \$9.9 million ask, bill would have given \$2 million
- Anaerobic Digester - \$30 million initial ask, appropriated \$5 million out of the Renewable Development Account
  - Large coalition of supporters will bolster other state requests like LCCMR



## Ramsey County Priorities That Passed

- \$1 million for Union Depot passenger rail insurance increases
- Statewide \$3.4 million for DHS unsheltered providers
- Tax forfeiture settlement & policy bills
- Utility relocation mapping
- Workforce omnibus bill \$300,000 for Ramsey County initiatives
- Anerobic Digester \$5 million
- African American Family Preservation Act
- MNChoices Timeline Extension
- Deadline extension to spend 2023 \$ for Youth Treatment Homes

## Ramsey County Provisions Not Pass

- Bonding Requests, (Rice Creek Commons, Park at RiversEdge, Aldrich Arena, Public Health Facility, Youth Justice Center)
- Changes to Ramsey County's HRA authority
- County program aid changes for Ramsey County
- SNAP for Hot Meals
- Youth Mental Health Urgent Care Funding
- Law Library Funding Task Force
- Lead Investigation Funding



# Questions?