

November 2, 2022

Office of Financial Services – Real Estate Section
25 W. 4th St., Rm. 1000
St. Paul, MN 55102
Attn: Bruce Engelbrekt, Real Estate Manager

Re: 2022 Tax Forfeiture Classification List

Dear Bruce Engelbrekt:

Enclosed is a listing of properties which forfeited on August 2, 2022 for failure of the owner to pay the property taxes. The parcels on the list have been classified as either non-conservation or conservation lands.

Why are we contacting you?

Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1, requires the county to notify each city or township of the classification/reclassification and sale of the tax-forfeited properties located within their boundaries. The city or township may approve or disapprove of the classification/reclassification and sale of the properties. The city or township is considered to have approved the classification/reclassification and sale if the County is not notified of the disapproval within 60 days of the date the request for approval is sent to you.

Conservation vs Non-Conservation Determination

Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1, allows the county board the discretion to decide that some lands in public ownership be retained and managed for public benefits (conservation) while other lands should be returned to private ownership (non-conservation). Non-conservation is the default classification. Statutorily defined uses for conservation land include: 1) create or preserve wetlands; 2) provide for drainage or storage of storm water under a storm water management plan; or 3) preservation, or restoration and preservation, of the land in its natural state.

How to request a parcel be withheld from sale

You may request a purchase or other acquisition of a tax-forfeited property at any time following this classification in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01 Subd. 1a.. To preserve this right to request an acquisition or lease of a tax-forfeited parcel, you may file a written request to withhold a parcel from sale or lease to others for a maximum of six-months.

Withhold requests must be in writing and submitted to this office. You are responsible for paying all the maintenance costs incurred during the withholding period. A conveyance of the property to the requesting party terminates the withholding period. Once a hold has expired another hold cannot be requested for 18 months from the expiration of the first hold. If a request to withhold a property is not received, or a hold has expired, the property will become available for public sale.

Government subdivision purchase options

For a complete list of conveyance options please refer to the document titled "Options for Acquiring Tax Forfeited Land" in the attached forfeiture binder.

Correspondence regarding this notice may be addressed to:

**Ramsey County Property Tax, Records and Election Services
Attn: Productive Properties
PO Box 64097
St. Paul, MN 55164-0097**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (651) 266-2019.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Hanson, Supervisor
Productive Properties

Enclosures