

**TO: Mayor and City Council**  
**FROM: City Administrator Ron Johnson**  
**SUBJECT: Tax-forfeited Non-conservation Land**  
**DATE: August 26, 2014**

**BACKGROUND**

Attached is a letter of request from Goodhue County related to forfeiture of two parcels. Council is being requested to approve the parcels for public auction or request a conveyance to the city for public use. Statute 282.01 states as follows:

Non-conservation tax-forfeited land held in trust in favor of the taxing districts may be conveyed by the commissioner of revenue in the name of the state to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use, if an application is submitted to the commissioner which includes a statement of facts as to the use to be made of the tract and the favorable recommendation of the county board. For the purposes of this paragraph, "authorized public use" means a use that allows an indefinite segment of the public to physically use and enjoy the property in numbers appropriate to its size and use, or is for a public service facility. Authorized public uses as defined in this paragraph are limited to:

- (1) a road, or right-of-way for a road;
- (2) a park that is both available to, and accessible by, the public that contains improvements such as campgrounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, or shelters;
- (3) trails for walking, bicycling, snowmobiling, or other recreational purposes, along with a reasonable amount of surrounding land maintained in its natural state;
- (4) transit facilities for buses, light rail transit, commuter rail or passenger rail, including transit ways, park-and-ride lots, transit stations, maintenance and garage facilities, and other facilities related to a public transit system;
- (5) public beaches or boat launches;
- (6) public parking;
- (7) civic recreation or conference facilities; and
- (8) public service facilities such as fire halls, police stations, lift stations, water towers, sanitation facilities, water treatment facilities, and administrative offices.

No monetary compensation or consideration is required for the conveyance, except as provided in subdivision 1g, but the conveyance is subject to the conditions provided in law, including, but not limited to, the reversion provisions of subdivisions 1c and 1d.

Staff sees no public use for either of these 2 parcels as defined by this Statute.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Adopt a resolution approving a public auction or auction to adjacent owners of parcels 52.719.2400 and 52.720.0100 by Goodhue County.

Attachment(s): Letter of request from Goodhue County  
Resolution



**Goodhue County Finance & Taxpayer Services**

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Red Wing, MN 55066  
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July 10, 2014

TO: Cannon Falls City

FROM: Goodhue County Finance & Taxpayer Services Office

RE: Forfeited Property

Below is a listing of non-conservation land located in your city. The parcels described in the listing forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of property taxes.

As required under M.S. 282.01, we request that you approve the parcels for public auction or auction to adjacent owners or request a conveyance to your city for public use.

We require a certified copy of the City Councils resolution authorizing any action taken. If you request that a parcel be conveyed to your city, you must also complete a State Deed Application Form, Application by a Governmental Subdivision for Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land and mail it to this office.

Special assessments that were levied before the forfeiture do not need to be certified to this office. They were canceled at forfeiture and will be paid from the sale price. Special assessments that are levied after the forfeiture should not be certified to this office.

Please be advised that, if the City Council fails to respond within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, the classification and sale will be deemed to be approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Micki O'Keefe at the number listed above.

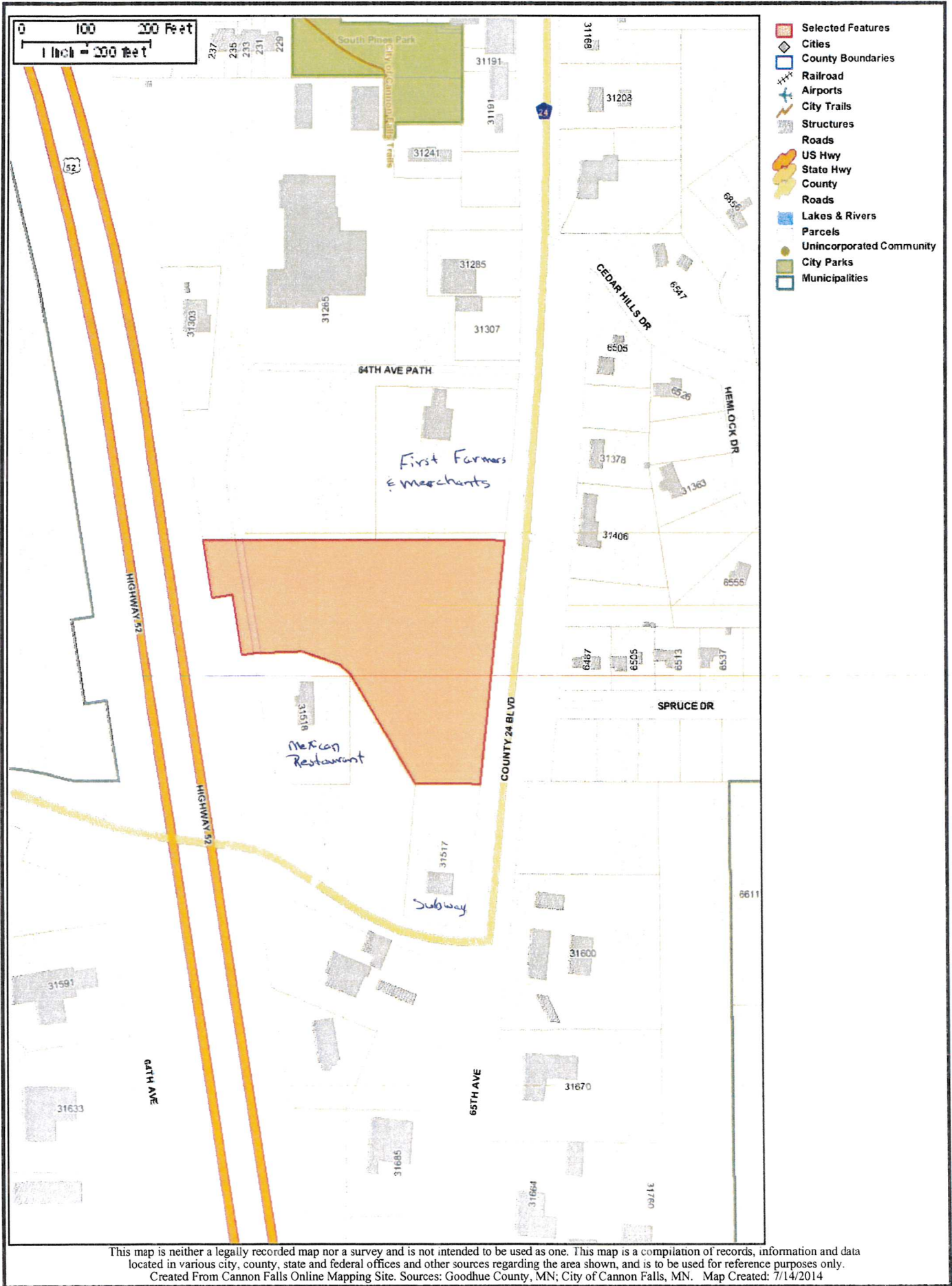
**2014 FORFEITED LAND LIST**

Parcel 52.719.2400

Parcel 52.720.0100



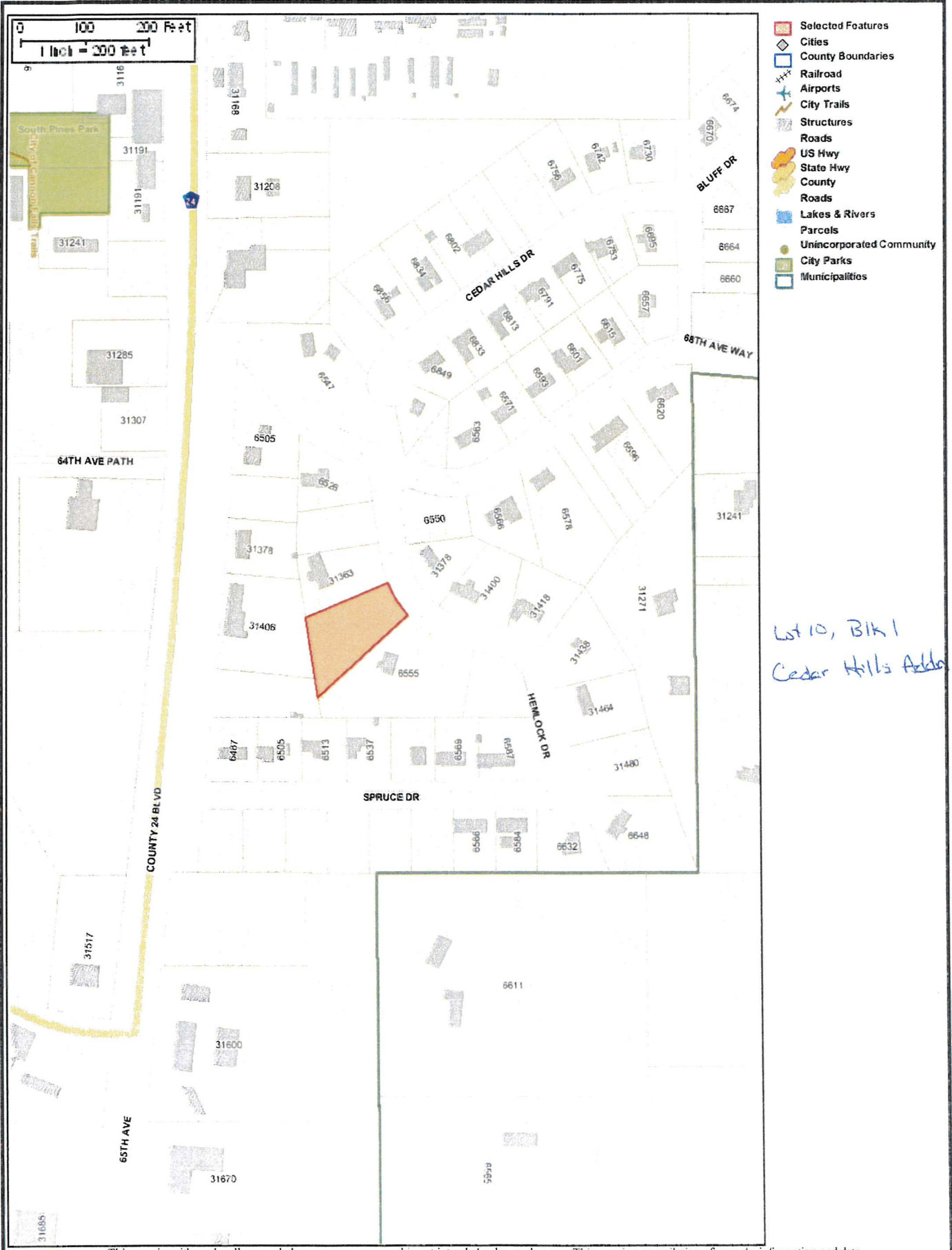
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52-720-0100



Lot 10, Bk 1  
Cedar Hills Addn

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**CITY OF CANNON FALLS  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2094**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC AUCTION OR AUCTION TO ADJACENT  
OWNERS OF PARCELS 52.719.2400 AND 52.720.0100 BY GOODHUE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cannon Falls City Council has received a request from Goodhue County related to forfeiture of two parcels, and

**WHEREAS**, Council is being requested to approve the parcels for public auction or request a conveyance to the city for public use, and

**WHEREAS**, as per MN Statute 282.01, in order for Council to accept a conveyance of said parcels, there needs to be a defined public use for the parcels, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds no public use for either of the two parcels,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANNON FALLS, MINNESOTA** that Council declines conveyance of non-conservative land defined as parcels 52.719.2400 and 52.720.0100, and approves a public auction or auction to adjacent owners of parcels 52.719.2400 and 52.720.0100 by Goodhue County.

**ADOPTED** this 2nd day of September, 2014, by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator