



CITY OF DETROIT
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May 25, 2023

Detroit City Council
2 Woodward Avenue
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

RE: Request for authorization to acquire 4 vacant parcels from the Detroit Land Bank Authority for the expansion of parks and greenway.

Honorable City Council,

The City of Detroit (“City”), by and through the General Service Department/Parks and Recreation Division (“DPR”), is hereby requesting the authorization of your Honorable Body to acquire 4 vacant parcels (“Acquisition Parcel”) from the Detroit Land Bank Authority (“DLBA”) for park/greenway expansions:

- 16633 Turner /District 2 / Fitzgerald Greenway expansion parcel (1 parcel)
- 2921 Garland /District 5 / Ossian Sweet Historical Park Project (1 parcel)
- 9740 & 9744 Martindale / District 7 / Schultz Park (2 Parcels)

The total area of vacant land to be transferred from DLBA to DPR is 1.206 acres. Individual parcel sizes and residential zonings are indicated on Exhibit A.

In accordance with the requirements of Detroit City Code, Section 2-1-12, the City Council is required to approve any gift, grant, devise, or bequest of real or personal property to be used for any public purpose. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Land Bank Authority, approved by the Detroit City Council on May 2020, the Detroit Land Bank Authority may not transfer ten (10) or more parcels of property received from the City to the same transferee within any rolling 19-month period without the prior approval of the Mayor and City Council.



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We hereby request that your Honorable Body approve the attached resolution authorizing the Detroit Land Bank Authority to transfer 4 parcels to the Parks and Recreation Division for use in expansion of parks/greenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Perkins

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Director, General Services Department

Cc: Gail Fulton, Mayor's Office



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RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER; _____

RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City of Detroit (“City”) through the General Service Department (“GSD”) wishes to acquire (4) parcels within the City of Detroit, Michigan, more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A (“Acquisition Parcel”) from the Detroit Land Bank Authority (“DLBA”).

WHEREAS, Building, Safety, Engineering and Environmental Department has reviewed the environmental report on the environmental conditions of the Acquisition Parcels attached herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 2, Article I, Division 2 of the Detroit City Code: (1) the City Council finds that the Acquisition Parcels have received appropriate environmental inquiry in accordance with the review referred to in the preceding paragraph; (2) the environmental inquiry has shown that past use of the Acquisition Parcels for the period investigated has been solely for residential purposes and that the Acquisition Parcels do not pose an adverse environmental impact, therefore none of the Acquisition Parcels are considered a facility; and (3) the City Council finds and declares that the preservation of the promotion of the public health, safety, welfare or good outweighs the cost of the environmental inquiry and therefore waives the requirements that the seller bear the cost of the environmental inquiry; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Detroit City Council hereby approves this resolution and acquisition of the Parcel from the DLBA for no consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of GSD, or her/his/their authorized designee, is authorized to accept and record a deed to the Acquisition Parcels to the City of Detroit, as well as execute any such documents as may be necessary or convenient to affect the transfer of the Acquisition Parcels from the DLBA to the City of Detroit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of GSD, or her/his/their authorized designee is authorized to execute any required instruments to make and incorporate technical amendments or changes to the quit claim deed (including but not limited to correction of or confirmations of legal descriptions, or timing of tender of possession of particular parcels) in the event that changes are required to correct minor inaccuracies or are required due to unforeseen circumstances or technical matters that may arise prior to the conveyance of the Acquisition Parcels to the City, provided that the changes do not materially alter the substance or terms of the transfer; and be it finally



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EXHIBIT A

The Properties

Address	City	Zip code	Acreage & Zoning	Parcel ID	Legal Description
16633 Turner	Detroit	48221	.092 ac R1	16027959-60	W TURNER 120 N 10 FT 121 GARDEN ADDITION NO 2 L14 P59 PLATS, W C R 16/295 40 X 100
2921 Garland	Detroit	48214	.82 ac R2	21038296	W GARLAND 380 BEWICKS SUB L23 P14 PLATS, W C R 21/530 30 X 120
9740 Martindale	Detroit	48204	.147 ac R2	14007606	E MARTINDALE NO 41 NORTHWESTERN HEIGHTS SUB L32 P7 PLATS, W C R 14/177 35 X 183
9744 Martindale	Detroit	48204	.14 7ac R3	14007607	E MARTINDALE NO 42 NORTHWESTERN HEIGHTS SUB L32 P7 PLATS, W C R 14/177 35 X 183

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