



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST STAFF REPORT

Item 4
January 16, 2025
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Engstrom property transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Accept the Engstrom Properties into the Open Space Conservancy Trust	

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COUNCIL LIAISON:	Jake Jacobson
EXHIBITS:	1. Map of Engstrom Open Space

SUMMARY

The title transfer paperwork was finalized by the City Attorney’s office in 2024 and is ready for the Trust to accept the transfer in January of 2025. Staff will then submit transfer documentation to the county.

BACKGROUND

In 2002 and 2006 the Quarles family (descendants of Oscar Engstrom) transferred two parcels adjacent to Pioneer Park to the City. The parcels are now known as Engstrom Open Space. This undeveloped land provided a significant expansion of forest habitat and recreation access to Pioneer Park.

In July of 2010 City Council transferred the management and governance of the Engstrom Open Space to the Open Space Conservancy Trust. This was confirmed in November of 2010 with resolution No. 1429.

On September 20th, 2022, the City Council passed a resolution to direct the City to transfer the title of Engstrom Open Space to the Open Space Conservancy Trust. The title transfer paperwork was finalized by the City Attorney’s office in 2024 and is ready for the Trust to accept the transfer in January of 2025. Staff will then submit transfer documentation to the county.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Formally accept the Engstrom Open Space and accept the title transfer into the Open Space Conservancy Trust