

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Resolution No. 82-25 of Support for the Acquisition of 1.58 Acres at 6801 County Road No. 15 Adjacent to Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature

Prepared By: David Abel, Community Development Director

Meeting Date: October 6, 2025

Background: In 1999-2000, Three Rivers Park District (the “District”) received 410 acres of land as a gift from Alfred P. and Leona Gale for the purposes of establishing, operating, and maintaining a public facility while preserving the farm character for visitors. A master plan and program statement were established in 2000 and the park officially opened to the public in 2003.

PID# 15-117-24-43-0001 (the “Property”) is available to the District on a willing seller basis. The Property is roughly 1.58 acres adjacent to Gale Woods Special Recreation Feature. The District views the acquisition of the Property as beneficial because it protects existing parkland.

Discussion: The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their September 22, 2025 meeting. The Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution of support.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 82-25 Supporting the acquisition of 1.58 acres, identified by PID # 15-117-24-43-0001 adjacent to Gale Wood Farm Special Recreation Feature

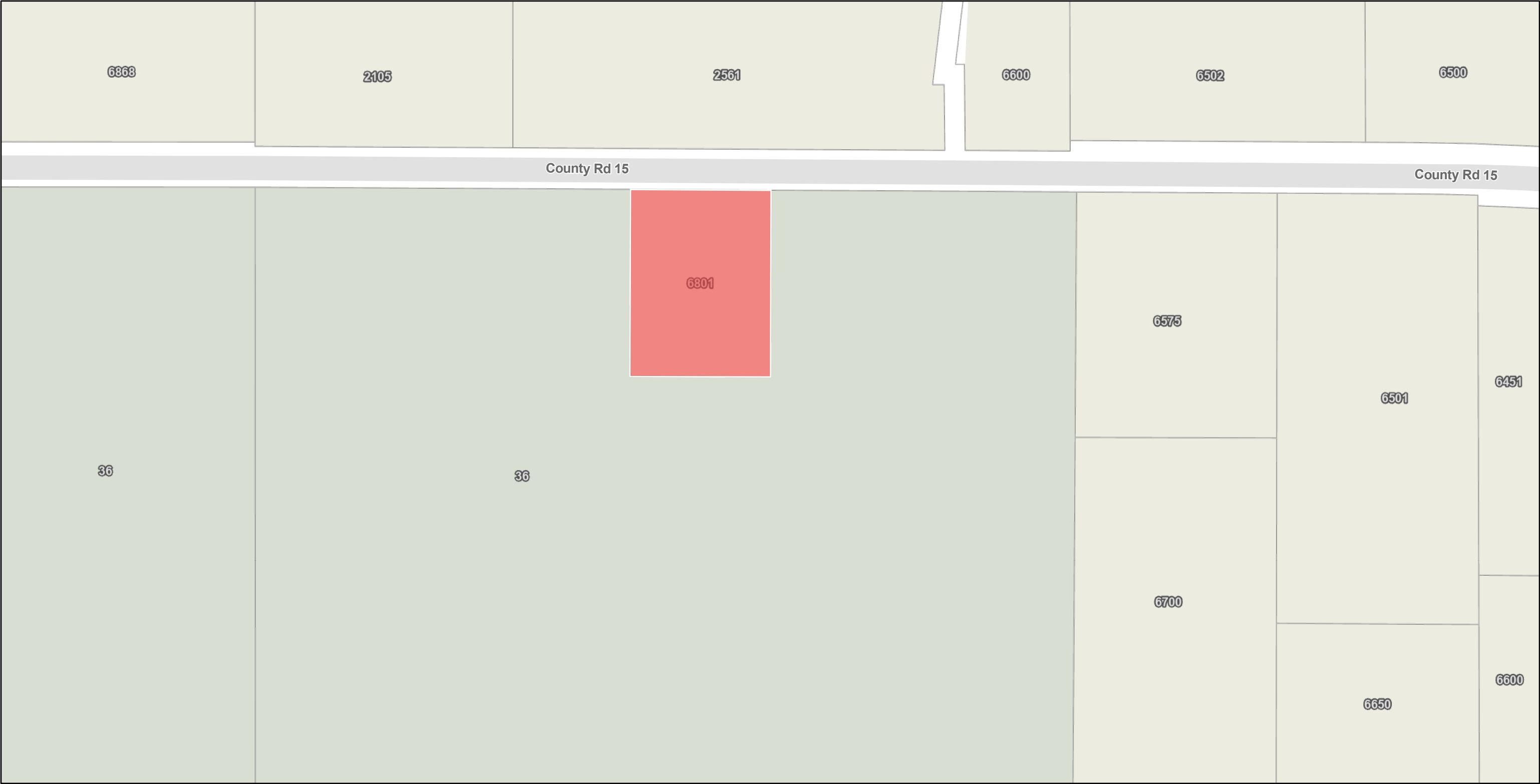
Attachments:




1. Location Map
2. Resolution of Support

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.

6801 County Road No. 15



-  City Boundary
-  Address Labels
-  Parcels



1 in = 220 Ft



September 30, 2025
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RESOLUTION NO. 82-25
CITY OF MINNETRISTA
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 1.58 ACRES, IDENTIFIED BY PID 1511724430001,
ADJACENT TO GALE WOODS FARM SPECIAL RECREATION FEATURE

WHEREAS, the City of Minnetrista (City) recognizes Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature (Gale Woods), located within the City, as an important component of the regional parks system that serves residents of the City and the region; and

WHEREAS, 6801 County Road No. 15/PID 1511724430001 (Property) was offered for sale to Three Rivers Park District (Park District); and

WHEREAS, The Property owner has signed a purchase agreement to sell to the Park District on a willing-seller basis and intends to close in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Park District is required to obtain municipal consent via resolution when acquiring property; and

WHEREAS, Park District is required to submit a minor park boundary amendment to Metropolitan Council for review and approval to include the Property as part of Gale Woods; and

WHEREAS, City has reviewed the acquisition of the Property by the Park District and finds that it is in conformance with the Gale Woods long-range park vision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City approves the direct purchase of the property rights of the aforementioned property by the Park District for expansion of the Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the city council of the city of Minnetrista on the ____ day of October, 2025 by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

Lisa Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Meyerhoff, City Clerk