

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #6  
**DATE:** January 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Land Exchange –  
[ML 2018, Ch. 208, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd 2\(d\) Norther Tallgrass Prairie, Phase IX,](#)  
[ML 2019, 1st Sp. Session, Ch. 2, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd, 2\(d\) – Northern Tallgrass Prairie,](#)  
[Phase X](#)  
**PRESENTER:** Christopher (Chris) McGrath, Associate Director of Protection, TNC

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Member XX to approve the ML 2018 & ML 2019 Northern Tallgrass Prairie request for land exchange of 0.15-acres.

### **Background:**

Per the information supplied by TNC in the attached memo, this request for a 0.15-acre land exchange is to clean up a minor boundary encroachment issue that would normally have been taken care of prior to closing. The minor encroachment of a small portion of a low-profile concrete foundation of the adjacent landowner's storage bunker that overlaps the property boundary line.

Exchange of the outlined 0.15-acres will result in the following benefits:

1. The exchange will avoid the need to remove the bunker and restore the habitat, including additional hillside erosion and potential degradation to native prairie on the hilltop that will be a consequence of the bunker removal.
2. The exchange will provide OHF with a net gain of an additional 0.12-acres of native prairie.
3. The exchange will provide relief of a very tight property line next to the neighboring concrete business' building. Currently, the property line is approximately 5' from the building. With the exchange the distance will be approximately 16', allowing both parties the opportunity for future maintenance without disturbing either of the adjacent properties.

### **Suggested Procedure:**

Councilmembers discuss the requested land exchange and approve the request as presented.

### **Attachments:**

- TNC memo by Chris McGrath outlining need for the requested 0.15-acre land exchange
- [ML 2018](#) & [ML 2019](#) Northern Tallgrass Prairie, (Phase IX & X) accomplishment plans