

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:**           **Agenda Item #11**  
**DATE:**           December 9, 2025  
**SUBJECT:**       City of Duluth Property Land Exchange Request - M.L. 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> Sp. Session, Ch. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(q): Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase XIII  
**PRESENTER:**   CPL Staff & City of Duluth Staff

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Member XX to approve the ML2021 CPL (City of Duluth) land exchange as presented.

### **Background:**

Utilizing a Conservation Partner Legacy Grant, the City of Duluth acquired in fee a 54-acre parcel from the Park Hill Cemetery Association. It was later discovered that a portion of the property sold (1.98 acres) to the City of Duluth included a burial space for soldiers within the cemetery called "Soldier's Rest." This was an oversight during the transaction. The City of Duluth needs to convey Soldier's Rest back to Park Hill Cemetery to be properly owned and managed. The Outdoor Heritage Fund notice of funding restriction will also need to be removed from the Soldier's Rest parcel.

The City of Duluth has identified city owned property (2.549 acres) adjacent to the 54 acre acquisition they believe will be a suitable replacement for the Soldier's Rest. An Outdoor Heritage Fund notice of funding restriction will be recorded on the new parcel to complete the exchange.

### **Suggested Procedure:**

Council members discuss the requested land exchange and approve the request as presented.

### **Attachments:**

- Memo from City of Duluth
- Aerial Photos