

INTRODUCED: September 28, 2015

A RESOLUTION No. 2015-R60-64

To designate certain parcels of City property as parcels that may be made available for annual use as community garden sites for periods not to exceed one year at a time.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 9 2015 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 26-493 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, the City Council, upon the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, may, by resolution, designate parcels of City property that may be used as community gardens in accordance with Chapter 26, Article IX, Division 5 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Officer has recommended that three additional parcels of City property be designated as parcels that may be made available for annual use as community garden sites for periods not to exceed one year at a time;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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ADOPTED:        NOV 9 2015        REJECTED:        \_\_\_\_\_        STRICKEN:        \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, pursuant to section 26-493 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, the City Council hereby designates the following parcels of City property as parcels that may be made available for annual use as community garden sites for periods not to exceed one year at a time:

<i>Tax Parcel No.</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Square Footage</i>	<i>Council District</i>
W000-0805/016	1800 Maplewood Avenue	21,996.45	5 <sup>th</sup>
N000-0803/007	2600 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	5,564	5 <sup>th</sup>
S000-0799/001	2813 A Bainbridge Street	102,366	6 <sup>th</sup>

This resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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O&R REQUEST

DATE: August 25, 2015

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, DCAO for Finance

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Debra Gardner, DCAO for Human Services

FROM: Norman C. Merrifield, Ed.D. - Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities

RE: City Properties proposed for Potential use as Community Gardens

ORD. OR RES. No. \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: To add, by Resolution, new properties identified and approved by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, to the existing list of active community gardens and currently non-permitted potential community garden properties.

REASON: Community Gardens build and strengthen neighborhoods, provide health and economic benefits, increase social equity and promote environmental stewardship. Community gardens can also provide environmental benefits including managing storm water runoff by capturing and filtering water in the urban environment.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration

BACKGROUND: Under the leadership of Mayor Dwight C. Jones, the City Administration developed and approved by Ordinance 2011-50-45 on March 28th of 2011 a Community Garden Program in the City of Richmond. This program was to promote urban agriculture throughout the city.

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**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** The Code of the City of Richmond Code Section 26-496 states the City will charge an initial \$50 application fee and a \$25 annual fee per parcel to off-set the costs to process the application and issue the permit.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** This ordinance is beneficial as it will enable vacant and underutilized city-owned parcels to be developed into productive gardens that will be maintained by the community providing excellent leisure experiences, in addition to lowering the City's operational and maintenance costs for the parcels.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** None

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** September 14, 2015 Council meeting

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** September 28, 2015 Council meeting

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing and Transportation

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** None

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Amendment to City Code, Chapter 22, Resolution No. 2011-R20-37

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** Assumed into daily operations

**ATTACHMENTS:** Recommended Community Gardens  
Community Gardens Maps

**STAFF:** Dr. Norman C Merrifield, Ed.D, Director  
Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities 646-3399

Barry Russell, Deputy Director  
Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities 646-5944

# Recommended Community Gardens

City Parcels Recommended for Community Garden Program			
PIN	Address	Square Footage	Council District
W0000-805-016	1800 Maplewood Avenue	21996.5 acres	5th
W00-0700-025	1907 Texas Avenue	Approx. 10,000 sq. ft.	5th
S000-0799-001	2813-A Bainbridge Street	102,366 sq. ft., 2.35 acres	5th
N000-0803-007	2600 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	5,564 sq. ft.	6th

## Council District 5 – Parker Agelasto

**PIN – W0000-805-016: 1800 Maplewood Avenue** – This site will require raised beds. There are old foundations and the possibility of lead paint from old houses so no lead testing. Beds will require 5 inches of mulch beneath any planting boxes. There have been inquiries from the Oregon Hill civic association looking for a place nearby to start a community garden. No water supply (tanks). – **DPR property**

**BS: "I would like to see lead testing here due to the old housing."**

**PIN – W00-0700-025: 1907 Texas Avenue** (Texas Beach next to proposed skate park) DPR has been working with the neighborhood association for about a year now. Site could be tested for lead and directly farmed, however for aesthetic reasons and to delineate beds for each family that is involved, recommendation is that this site require raised beds. No current water supply (tanks). **DPR property Shovel Ready - garden group is organized and ready to raise money to procure lumber and fencing**

**BS: "I support raised beds for this site."**

**PIN – S000-0799-001: 2813-A Bainbridge Street – (Part of Carter Jones Park)** Councilman Agelasto and Tricycle Gardens had inquired about this site as an urban farm location, there may be a possible water source – unused **DPR property**- previously an overgrown wooded lot the city purchased in 1974. Would require soil tests.

## Council District 6 – Ellen Robertson

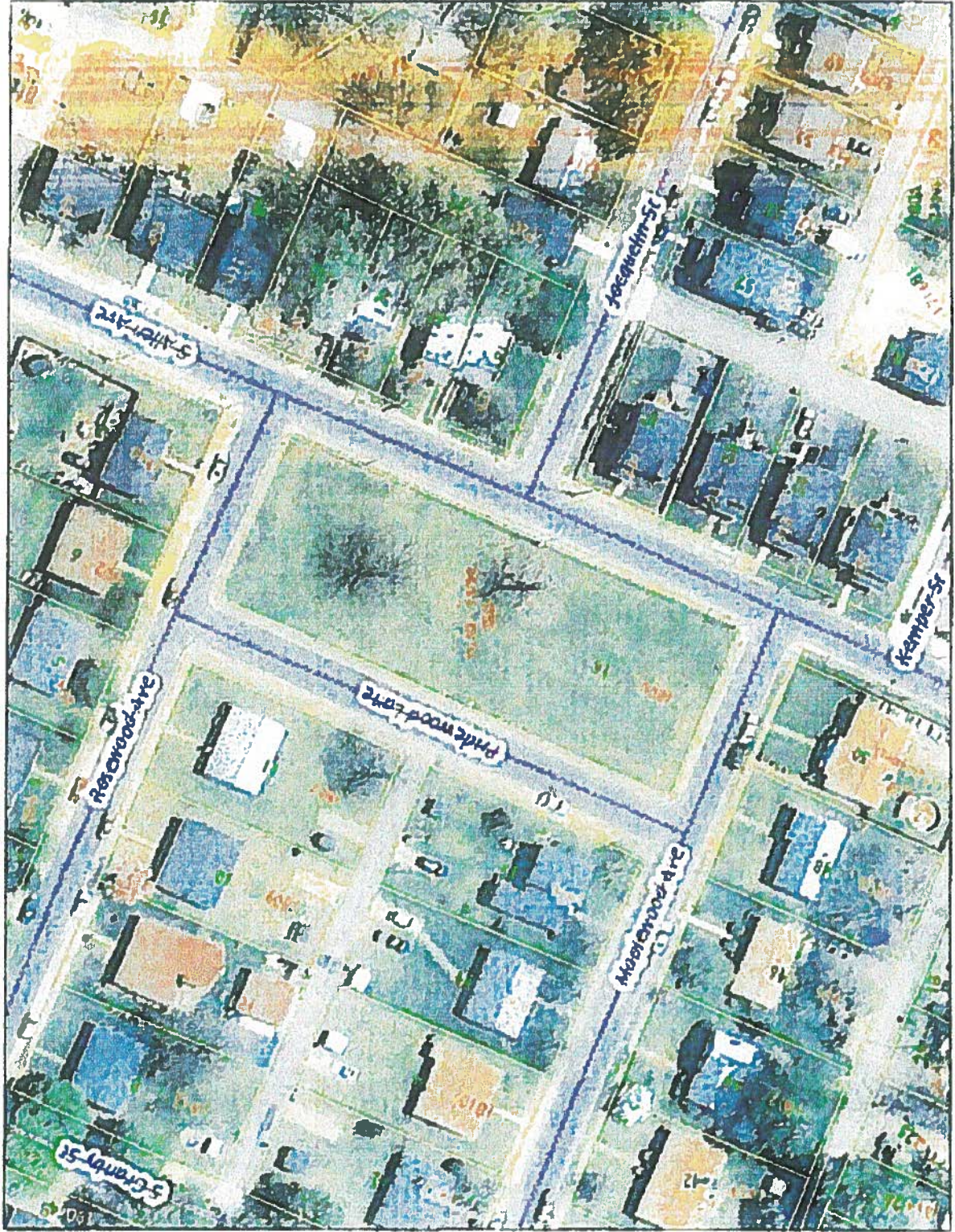
**PIN – N000-0803-007: 2600 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue** – This is a small triangular parcel in Highland Park and Badia Hiott, master gardener and the gardener that has been doing the flowers underneath the Welcome to Highland Park, sign wants to use that site for a large rose garden. This site would require raised beds for vegetable production, being surrounded by roads, we would anticipate higher lead levels. For ornamentals however raised bed planting would not be necessary. **DPR property. Shovel Ready.**

**BS: "Being the introduction to the neighborhood, a rose garden might look very nice here."**



# 1800 Maplewood Avenue W0000-805-016

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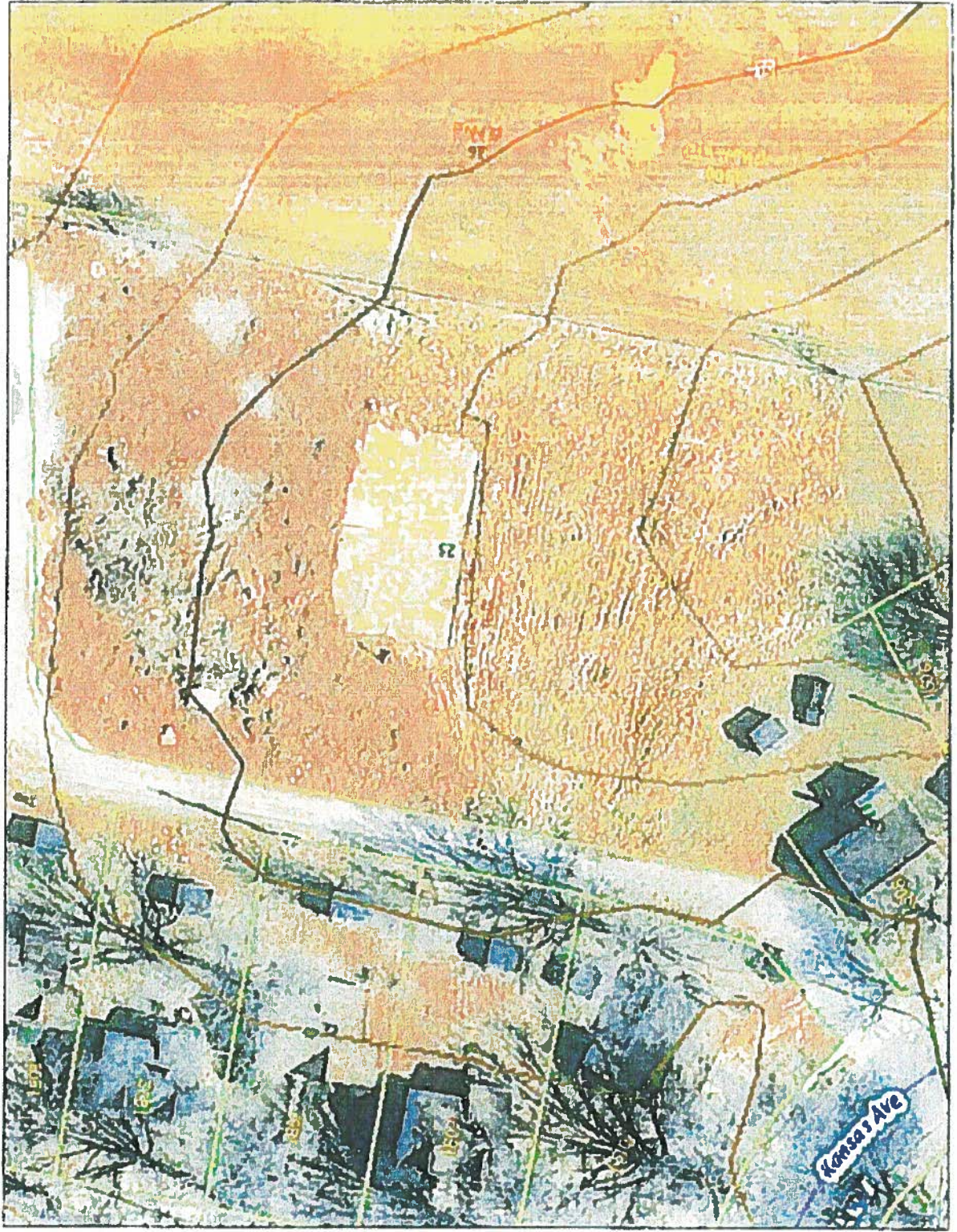
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# 1907 Texas Avenue W000-0700-025

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Scale = 40' = 1" (approx.)



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# 2813 A Bainbridge Street S000-0799-001

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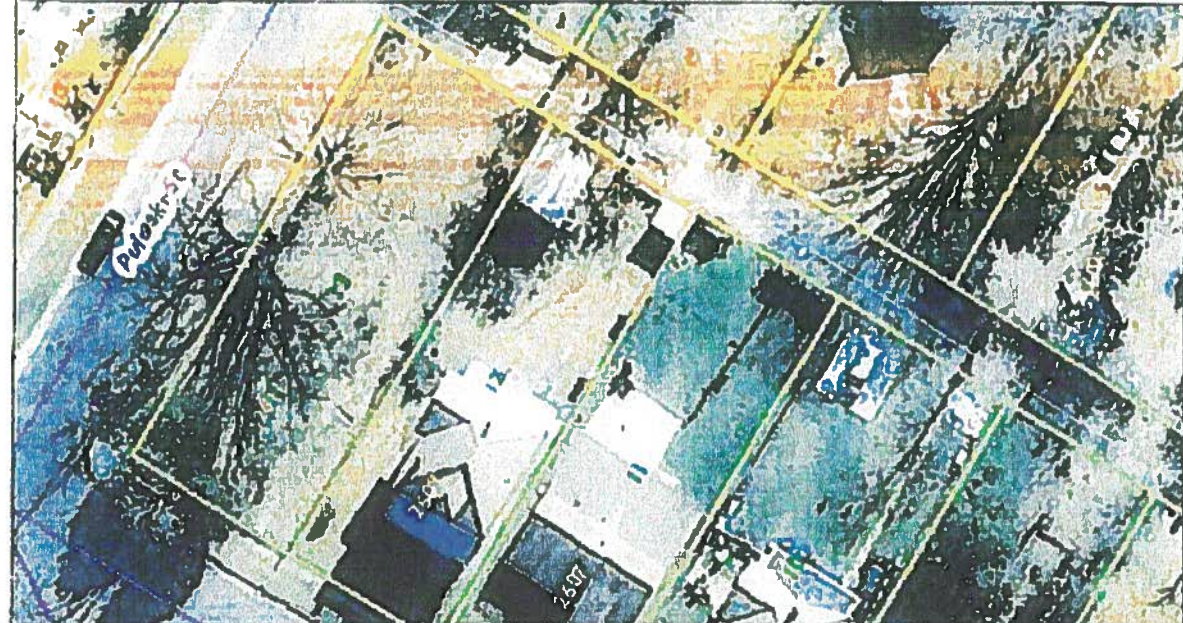
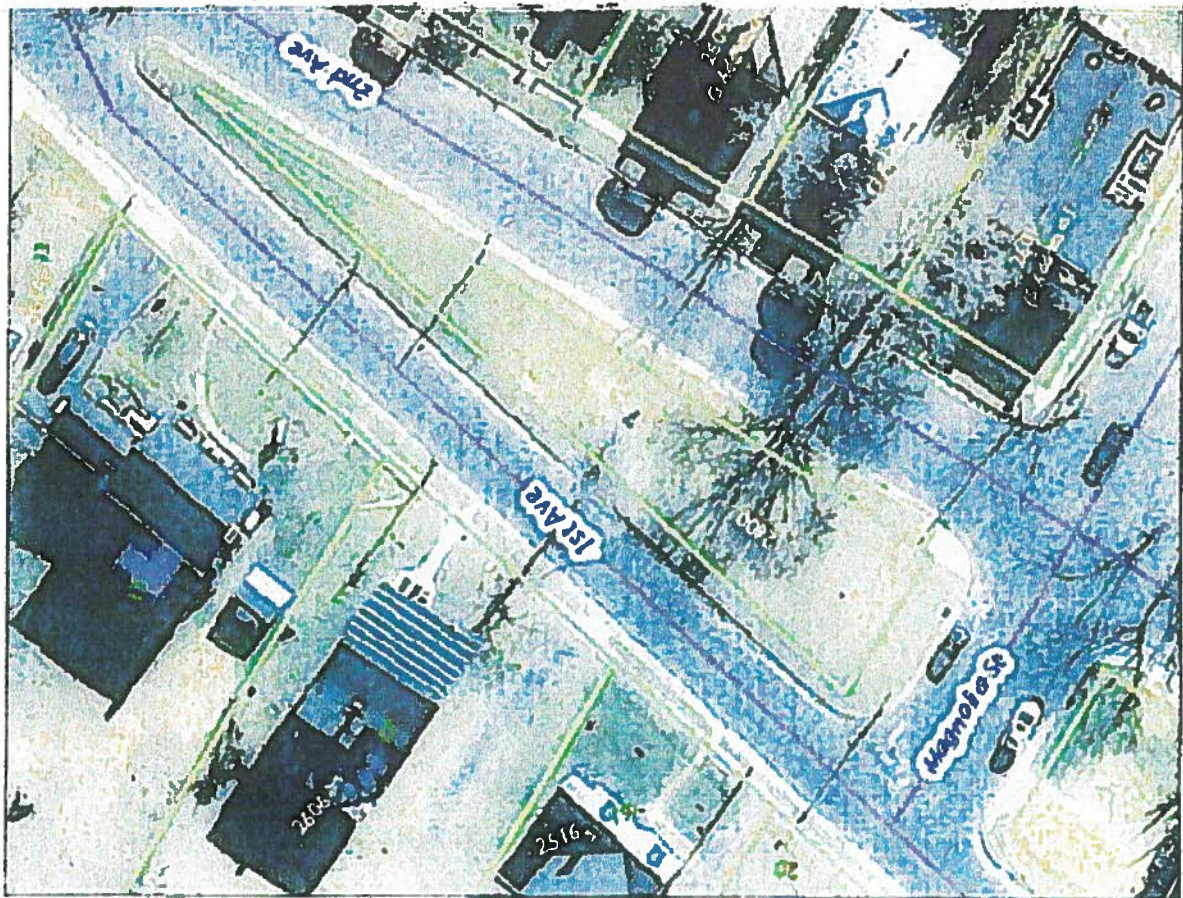


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# 2600 2nd Ave N000-0803-007

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