



## AITKIN COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT

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To all Township, City, and School Officers,

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners is requesting comments and recommendations for the classification of tax forfeited lands. The list and proposed classification is enclosed.

### Public Meeting – Classification of Tax Forfeited Lands

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:00am**  
**Government Center Board Meeting Room**  
**307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Aitkin, MN 56431**

The Aitkin County Land Department (ACLD) manages County tax forfeited lands under MN Statutes 282. MN 282.01 explicitly requires that all parcels be given one of two designations (Conservation or Non-Conservation):

*“...the County Board to have the discretion to decide that some lands in public ownership should be retained and managed for public benefits (Conservation)...”*

MN 282 guided the NRAC in classifying the lands as Conservation or Non-Conservation by:

*“... considering present use of adjacent lands, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses, and the suitability of the forest resources of the land for multiple use and sustained yield management. The classification, furthermore, must: (1) encourage and foster a mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provision of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, and recreation; (2) facilitate deduction of governmental expenditures; (3) conserve and develop the natural resource; and (4) foster and develop agriculture and other industries in the districts and places best suited for them.*”

Comments will be accepted at the public meeting, may be mailed to the Aitkin County Land Dept., 502 Minnesota Ave N., Aitkin, MN 56431, or emailed to: [acl@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:acl@co.aitkin.mn.us). If you have any questions on the classifications, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rich Courtemanche  
Land Commissioner