



# GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**  
COUNTY BOARD ROOM  
GOVERNMENT CENTER  
RED WING, MN

JANUARY 8, 2019  
8:15 A.M.

1. Selling County Property.

Documents:

[Selling County Property.pdf](#)  
[GCStantonParcels.pdf](#)

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TO: Honorable County Commissioners  
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 08 Jan 19 Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Selling County Property**

Date: 02 Jan 19

The subject of selling County property along the western edge of Lake Byllesby was included in a resolution concerning the purchase of a parcel in Red Wing at the last Board meeting.

Staff would like to discuss details concerning the process of selling this property on Lake Byllesby and other County owned property at a Committee of the Whole.

# Goodhue County Land Use Management

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To: Parks Committee  
From: Lisa M. Hanni, LS LUM Director/County Surveyor/County Recorder  
Date: June 7, 2018

RE: Goodhue County parcels 41-0160100, 41-0161900, 41-016-2200

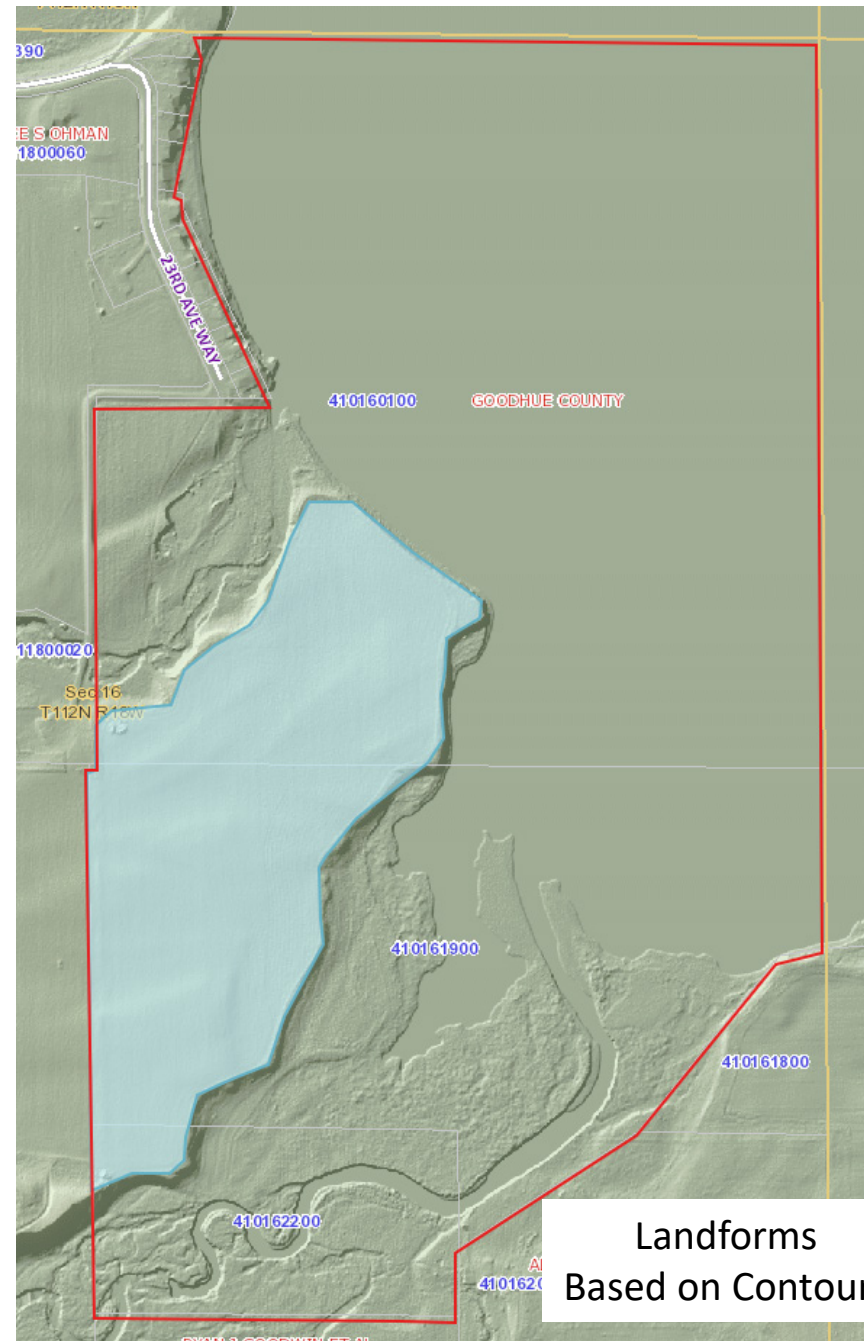
The Land Committee met June 6, 2018 to discuss the viability of selling the above mentioned parcels. The land is mostly water and wetlands with both Spring Creek and Prairie Creek flowing into Lake Byllesby across the properties, making it an environmentally sensitive area.

The Committee reviewed the relevant maps and concluded that it would not recommend selling the property for the following reasons:

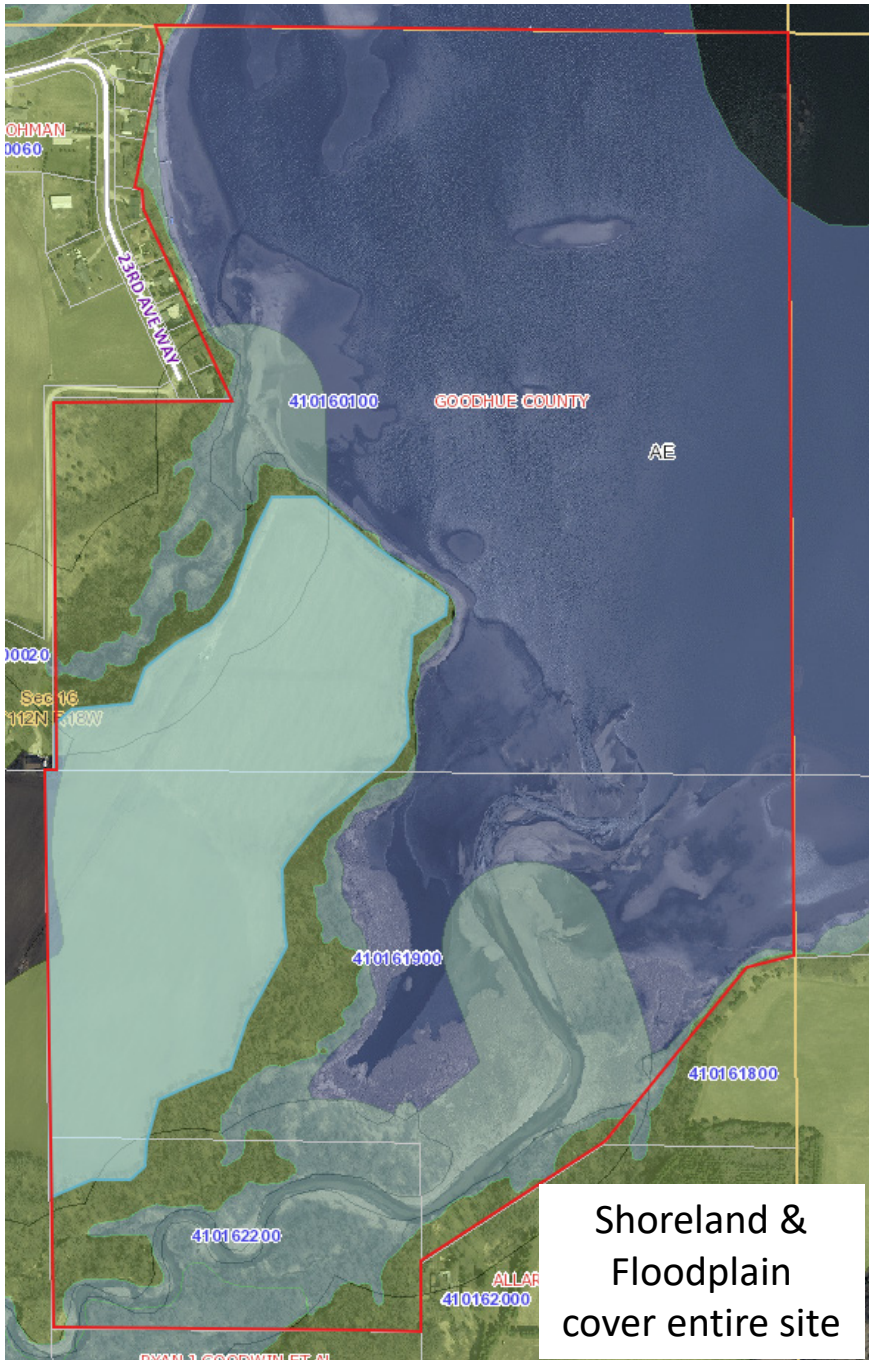
1. Although the three parcels encompass nearly 242 acres, only 42 acres are potentially useable land; the area outlined in the maps is what is currently being farmed;
2. All of the property is restricted by provisions in the Shoreland regulations, and the majority of the property is under water or in the Floodplain (see Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance, Articles 31-33): <https://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2428/Zoning-Ordinances>
3. There is no public road access to the useable portion, making the area virtually landlocked;
4. The County is collecting lease payments and taxes on the farmed land in the amount of \$4043 (2018 lease) and \$1066 (2018 personal property tax).
5. According to our current zoning, there could potentially be two building sites. The challenges would be: a) splitting the County parcels – land from water-- prior to the sale; b) there is no access to the parcels so additional land would need to be acquired, if there was an interested seller.

The Land Committee believes the highest and best use of the property is for the County to retain the property and continue to lease out the higher land for agricultural purposes.

Approximately 42 acres  
of useable land







Shoreland &  
Floodplain  
cover entire site