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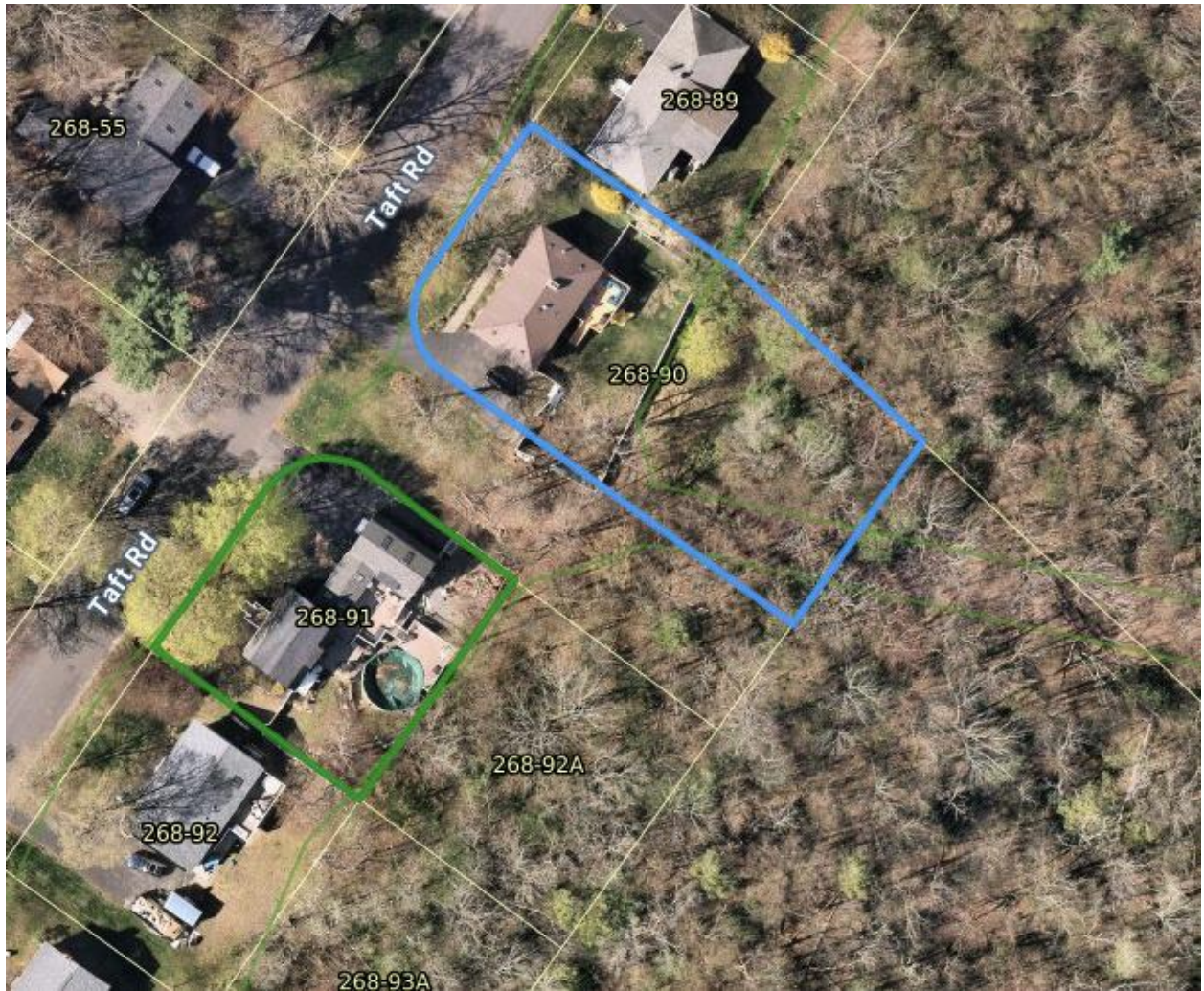
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Re: 20 Taft Road
Paper Street Release Request

On August 20, 2026, Shannon Harrington and her husband, James St. Pierre, jointly wrote to the City Clerk requesting the release of the paper street along the northerly boundary of the property at 20 Taft Road (Assessor's Map 268, Lot 91), which Mrs. Harrington owns. Mrs. Harrington and Mr. St. Pierre report that they have consulted with the owners of the neighboring property at 22 Taft Road (Assessor's Map 268, Lot 90), who agree that the paper street should be divided equally between the two properties.

The paper street was dedicated to public use through the recordation of a subdivision plan titled "Plan Number One of Lots, Elwyn Park," dated October 1972 and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. D-3407. The plan labels the street affecting the subject parcel as "proposed street." The City never formally accepted or opened the proposed street for public use. A City sewer lateral serving Dondero Elementary School passes through a portion of the proposed street.

The Legal, Planning and Sustainability, and Public Works Departments support releasing the City's interest in the paper street, provided that the property owners grant the City an easement protecting the existing sewer lateral serving Dondero Elementary School. As a condition of the release, the property owners should obtain, at their expense, a surveyed plan depicting both the limits of the paper street interest to be extinguished and the proposed sewer easement area. No surveyed plan has yet been prepared. The aerial photograph below shows the subject parcels and the paper street running between them.



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