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SUBJECT: Volunteers Needed for Hartley Trail Re-Route

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Over the next two months, some trails in Hartley will be moving in new direction ... literally. In an effort to restore and improve the bike trails in the popular Hartley Nature Center Park, the City of Duluth and COGGS (Cyclists of Gitchi Gummi Shores) are working with volunteers to re-route a number of trails.

Many more volunteers are being sought to help with important this project.

"Many of the current trails are old and unsustainable; even a little rainfall was enough to beat them up," said Matt Evingson, Trail Coordinator for COGGS, "These re-routes are designed to make the trails more resilient and resistant to wet weather, ensuring that trail users have the best experience possible."

While no trail building experience is required, Evingson and others are hoping for volunteers who are committed to learning what it takes to make super fun sustainable trails.

"Duluth has the potential to have some of the best trails but we need to improve the design to reach this potential" says Evingson. "We need to employ the knowledge of how to upkeep and maintain these gems so they can be enjoyed during any season for years to come"

Volunteer shifts are available weekdays through Friday, August 17th. Work starts [at 8am and goes through 1pm](#), rain or shine. Volunteers should be 16 years or older. Youth under 18 need parent permission.

Community Trail Re-Route Work Days are regularly scheduled for Hartley on Wednesdays [at 6pm](#). Volunteers of all ages are welcome; no experience necessary. Youth under 18 need adult permission. Additional weekend events will be planned. Watch for those events on the community calendar.

Dress to get dirty, wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. You also may want to bring sunscreen and bug spray. Don't forget to bring your own water bottle. No tools necessary, but feel free to bring along cutting loppers or clippers, a garden rake and fork, a leaf tarp or a shovel.

If you'd like to get involved in the Hartley Re-Routes, please contact Cheryl Skafte, City of Duluth Volunteer Coordinator at [218-393-9879](tel:218-393-9879) or cskafte@duluthmn.gov. Please indicate the dates and times you are available.

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