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SUBJECT: City invites public to community update on Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 PM

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City invites public to community update on Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm

[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth's Parks and Recreation Division invites the public to participate in a community presentation on the planned extension of Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail. The presentation is hosted in collaboration with the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program, who is providing a portion of the funding and technical assistance for the project.

The presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 pm at the Morgan Park Community Center, located at 1242 88th Ave W.

The presentation will include:

- Overview of Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail
- Review of upcoming improvements, including presentation of the scope of work, concept designs, and tentative project timelines for: Improvements on the existing segment of trail; extensions from Spring Street to Blackmer Park; trailhead improvements at Munger Landing and Blackmer Park
- Area of Concern project updates by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the Munger Landing and Spirit Lake projects
- New Parks and Recreation programming initiatives
- St. Louis River Estuary National Water Trail initiatives
- Time for questions

Plans to create the St. Louis River Estuary National Water Trail and expand Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail and were adopted in 2017 and 2019, respectively. Both plans incorporated concepts and recommendations for

Blackmer Park and Munger Landing from the St. Louis River Corridor Neighborhood Parks Plan, adopted in 2016. The interpretive plan for Waabizheshikana: The Marten trail was adopted in 2021. All together, these plans are guiding the design process and future implementation of these trail improvements. In 2020, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior designated the St. Louis River Estuary national Water Trail, and it is now included in the National Park Trail System.

For more information on the project, please visit <https://duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/progress-in-the-park/waabizheshikana-the-marten-trail-segments-0-3/>

Improvements to and extension of Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail are supported by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, National Parks Service, Minnesota Historical Society through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, US Steel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Indigenous Women's Water Sisterhood, and City of Duluth Parks Capital Fund.

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