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SUBJECT: City asks for public participation in Lake Superior Shoreline Resilience Survey

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth is asking for the public's help in providing feedback through a community online survey as a part of the Advanced Assistance Coastal Resilience and Mitigation Study. In the survey, the City and its partners ask various questions, including what coastal resilience concerns residents and visitors have on Lake Superior in Duluth and St. Louis County. Information collected from the survey will be used in the study and shared at the next public meeting that will take place this summer. To take the survey, please click on the following link <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/02a5dbfe4c494cf599ea2f49cb3eda35>.

The Advanced Assistance (AA) Coastal Resilience and Mitigation Study is currently taking place. The study is a part of a \$258,000 grant that the City received from FEMA to find solutions to shoreline collapses on the North Shore from Brighton Beach to Knife River. The bayside of the Park Point Recreation Area will also be evaluated as a part of the study to determine mitigation options for storm surge-related flooding and resulting erosion. The City hopes that with further analysis of these areas and by working with industry experts, recommendations on best practices can be made for avoiding shoreline collapse in the future.

A portion of this project will evaluate the area of the North Shore from Brighton Beach to Knife River is a partnership with St. Louis County. The grant will also pay for the pre-design phase of suggested mitigation options. This second phase allows the City and its partners to apply for additional funding to implement the study's recommendations. The City of Duluth became eligible for these funds due to severe storms that created millions of dollars in damage and resulted in three disaster declarations.

City staff and consultants held a public meeting in February to share information on the project's progress and introduce community engagement tools on the project website. For more information on this project or to find the recording from the initial meeting, please visit the project web page: <https://duluthcoastalinfrasturureresilience.com/>.

City staff would like to thank the public for their feedback and participation in the survey.

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