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SUBJECT: Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond Feasibility Study public informational meetings to be held in October and November

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**Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond Feasibility Study public informational meetings to be held in October and November**

[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth and the MN Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) invite the public to attend public informational meetings for the Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond Feasibility Study. The meetings will be held on **Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, November 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Hartley Nature Center, 3001 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55803**. The October meeting will provide an update on the progress of the Feasibility Study, and the November meeting will review the results.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed options to improve the aesthetics, aquatic habitat, and recreational values of Hartley Pond, while also mitigating the temperature and sediment impairments that are negatively impacting Tischer Creek, one of Duluth's designated trout streams. The hydrologic storage capacity of the pond is also a consideration in this study. The findings of the Feasibility Study will be used by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Natural Resources Commission, Duluth City Council, and the public to consider any potential future actions regarding Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond. The City of Duluth and the MNDNR are collaborating on the Study, which is funded through the MNDNR with \$200,000 from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Conducting a Feasibility Study for Hartley Pond is identified in the 2014 Hartley Park Master Plan, the 2019 Hartley Natural Area Management Plan under the Duluth Natural Areas Program, 2022 Duluth's Natural Resources Management Program Plan, and the 2022 Essential Spaces: Duluth Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan.

For more information about the project, please visit the project webpage at <https://duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/progress-in-the-parks/hartley-pond-tischer-creek-feasibility-study/>.

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