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SUBJECT: Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Concepts for Lake Superior Zoo and Fairmount Park is Today at 5 PM (A St. Louis River Corridor Project)

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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth invites the community to attend a public meeting to learn about, view and discuss three proposed concept plans for the Lake Superior Zoo and Fairmount Park developed based on a recently released consensus concept. In November, the City of Duluth and the Lake Superior Zoological Society announced a consensus concept for the future of the Lake Superior Zoo and Fairmount Park that includes a renewed zoo in a roughly 10-acre footprint and converts a portion of the existing zoo to become a top-quality free public park in the St. Louis River Corridor. The three draft concept plans presented during the public meeting will build upon this consensus concept.

The public meeting will take place today, **Tuesday, January 19, 2016, from 5-7 PM in Duluth City Hall, 411 West First St., room 303**

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting and provide feedback. Anyone unable to attend this meeting, may email comments to Tari Rayala, the City Architect, at trayala@duluthmn.gov

Following the meeting, the public will be able to view the three proposed plans and submit comments online at the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative webpage, <http://www.duluthmn.gov/st-louis-river-corridor/fairmount-park-and-zoo-planning/>

This project is a component of the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative.

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About

St. Louis River Corridor Initiative – Connecting People to the River

The St. Louis River Corridor Initiative invests in public park and trail improvements from Lincoln Park to the Fond du Lac neighborhood.

The overall goals of the Initiative are to support the natural environment, enrich neighborhood quality of life, attract new home buyers, establish new visitor destinations and stimulate appropriate development.

Initiative projects are funded in part by \$18 million in bonds, collected through the ½ and ½ tourism tax approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2014. These funds will leverage additional dollars through community partnerships and grants.