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SUBJECT: Public Invited to Meeting on Western Waterfront Trail Habitat Restoration (St. Louis River Corridor Initiative Project)

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[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation division invites the public to attend an informational meeting on January 7, 2016 from 5-6:30 PM on proposed maintenance and improvements of the Western Waterfront Trail and a plan for habitat restoration of the trail corridor. The focus of this meeting will be on the Habitat Restoration component of the project. The Duluth Parks division secured a \$400,000 Conservation Partners Legacy grant to protect and restore the native plant diversity and habitat structure of 76 acres along the Western Waterfront Trail Corridor. The project will be implemented in two phases with estimated completion in summer 2018.

The public meeting will take place on:

Thursday, January 7th from 5:00-6:30 pm
Morgan Park Community Recreation Center
1242 88th Ave West

The City will also provide a brief update on the trail restoration component of the project including an outline of the combined project schedules moving forward.

The City encourages the public to attend this meeting. Anyone unable to attend but would like to learn more or leave a comment can visit the webpage at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/st-louis-river-corridor/western-waterfront-restoration,-renewal-and-access/> or contact, Jim Shoberg, Project Coordinator, at jshoberg@duluthmn.gov

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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.