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SUBJECT: Duluth is Awarded National Parks Service Grant of \$750,000 for Lincoln Park Restoration

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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is one of 13 communities in the country to be selected by the National Park Service for a \$750,000 to help restore the City's first established park, Lincoln Park. This grant along with additional contributions will enable significant facility upgrades, a new playground, and accessible trails. The Mayor provided the following statement after learning of this news.

"Hearing the National Parks Service has awarded the City of Duluth's Lincoln Park restoration project \$750,000 is absolutely fantastic news. This is a tremendously competitive grant and these dollars will help us restore one of the City's most important and historic parks in one of the City's most important and historic neighborhoods. I would like to thank our staff, who are working tirelessly on this project, the National Parks Service, and Congressman Rick Nolan – who helped support us in the application process. This is really exciting news for Duluth, for Lincoln Park, and for the folks who will enjoy a newly revitalized park."

"Every kid deserves the opportunity to get outside and play. Whether it's downtown Detroit or rural Wyoming, investing in public lands is an investment in communities. The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program is an innovative public-private-partnership which revitalizes communities through improving infrastructure, creating jobs, and enhancing neighborhoods," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. "It connects people to the great outdoors by encouraging and enabling a variety of recreational opportunities in underserved communities."

The initial work the public will see is the Miller Creek rehabilitation and stabilization to endure potential future flooding. That work is set to begin in the next couple of weeks and will require the closure of the lower section of the park from about West 8th Street down to West 3rd Street, until next year. A public meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, July 20th at 6 PM in the park to discuss the creek restoration project. Additional details of the City's Mini-master Plan for Lincoln Park is provided at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/st-louis-river-corridor/lincoln-park/>

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