

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Duluth as Responsible entity under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for the Lincoln Park Improvements Project, City project 17-PF-05.

The City of Duluth's restoration of Lincoln Park will focus funds on restoration of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) pavilion, restoration of the Upper Terrace, including a new parking lot, basketball court, nature playscape and picnic pavilion, ADA trail connections, resurfacing of multi-use play field, relocation and construction of new structured playground, repaired picnic pavilion, new parking lot and site furnishings on Lower Terrace, new park entrance gates and signage/wayfinding, repave and stabilize Lincoln Park Drive. The total anticipated project costs are \$1,817,350, including \$750,000 National Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program funds from the National Parks Service Land and Water Conservation Program administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and \$45,000.47 Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development funds administered by the City of Duluth. The amount of floodplain in the project area is approximately 1.5 Acres. The proposed project is located at 411 Lincoln Park Dr in the City of Duluth, St Louis County, Minnesota.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

A project narrative and floodplain maps are available online here: <https://duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/st-louis-river-corridor/lincoln-park/> or by emailing duluthcommdev@duluthmn.gov for an electronic copy. Community members may also arrange for a paper copy of the ERR to be mailed to them by calling (218) 730-5580 or by mailing a request to City of Duluth Planning and Development Division, City Hall Rm 160, 411 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802.

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with wishing to comment on the project may submit comments to the City of Duluth Planning and Development Division Office by email: duluthcommdev@duluthmn.gov or by mail: City Hall Rm 160, 411 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802. All comments received by April 14, 2022 will be considered by the City of Duluth.

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