



Duluth's Natural Areas

Where are we at and Where are we Going



Duluth's Public Lands



Preserve and Enhance
the Environment

Invest in people,
neighborhoods &
community

Build a strong
economic base



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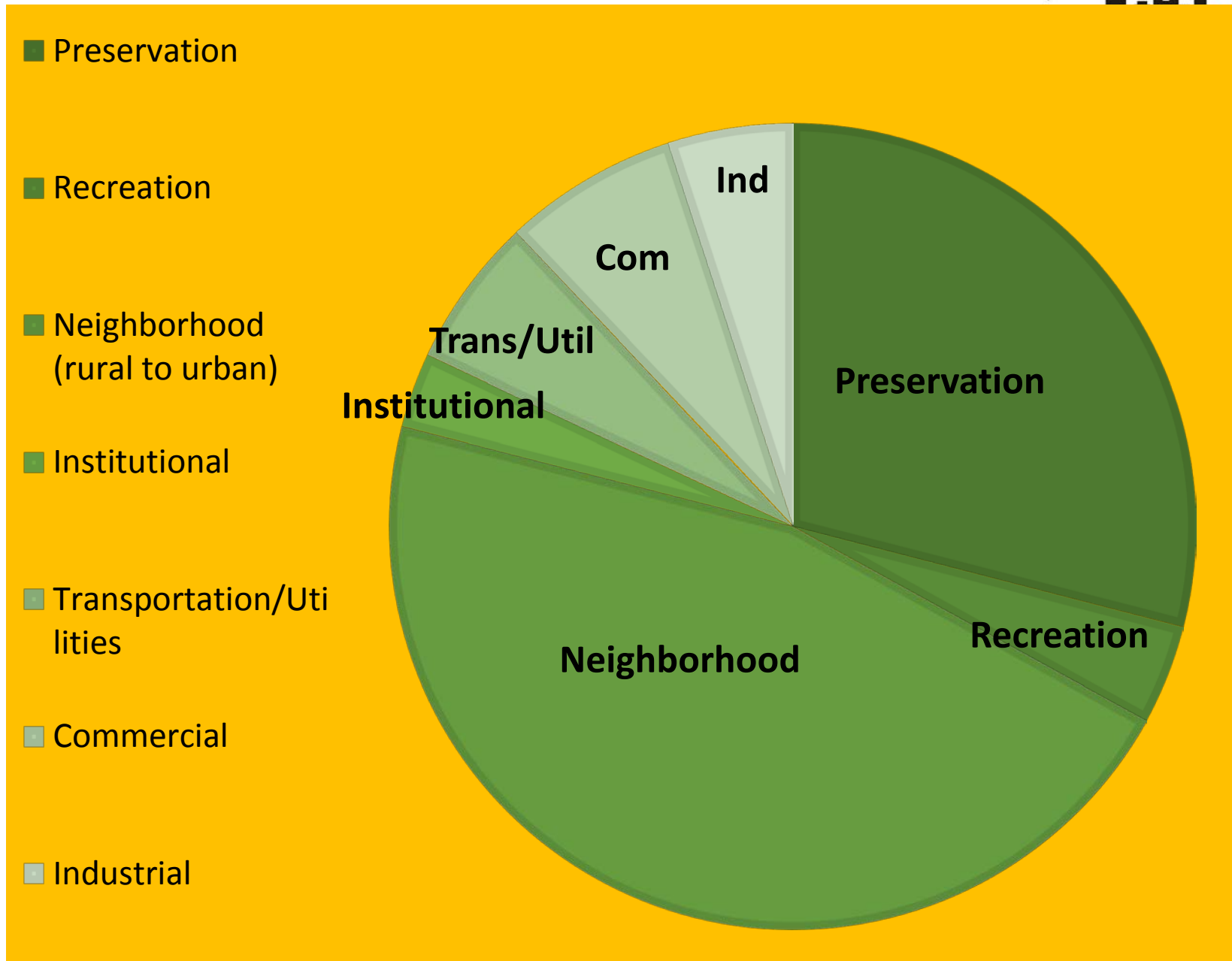


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Declare the necessity and secure the future of undeveloped places



Categorization of Duluth Lands (2006)



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- » [Planning Commission Meeting - Mar 6](#)
- » [City Council Action on Comp Plan - Mar 26 \(tentative\)](#)

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Imagine Duluth 2035: Open Space Plan & Strategy



Introduction

Mission Statement: Duluth will strive for a sustainable open space system that enriches the lives of all Duluthians. These open spaces will reflect the community's ecological, historic, cultural, and recreational values, and will contribute to the community's resilience to natural disasters.



Policy 2: Examine the value and need for all of Duluth's publicly-owned open space

Legislative Code, Chapter 2
Article XXIX, Sec. 2-152



Duluth Natural Areas Program Purpose

- The city council finds that the city of Duluth is the owner of substantial number of tracts of real estate, both inside and outside the city, some of which are of **special or unique ecological or environmental significance to the community**, which properties should be considered for conservation designation in order to protect those values.....
- The purpose ... is to create a program **to protect and preserve the natural heritage of the Duluth area** which will include mechanisms for identifying those properties.....and for establishing a means to protect such properties from development or exploitation...



Duluth Natural Areas Program Guidelines

1. Program Administrator – Planning Director
2. Environmental Advisory Council – Recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council (all duties of the EAC moved to the PC)
3. Planning Commission – Recommendations taking into account the relationship of the Program to the Comprehensive Plan, to the City Council
4. City Council – Final Determination



Duluth Natural Areas Program Guidelines

Promote the protection and preservation of the City of Duluth and the surrounding region's natural heritage of viable, natural communities and species habitats representative of the Duluth area. This includes areas supporting:

- o Significant native plant communities
- o Special Species
- o Important Bird Congregation Areas
- o Geologic Landforms

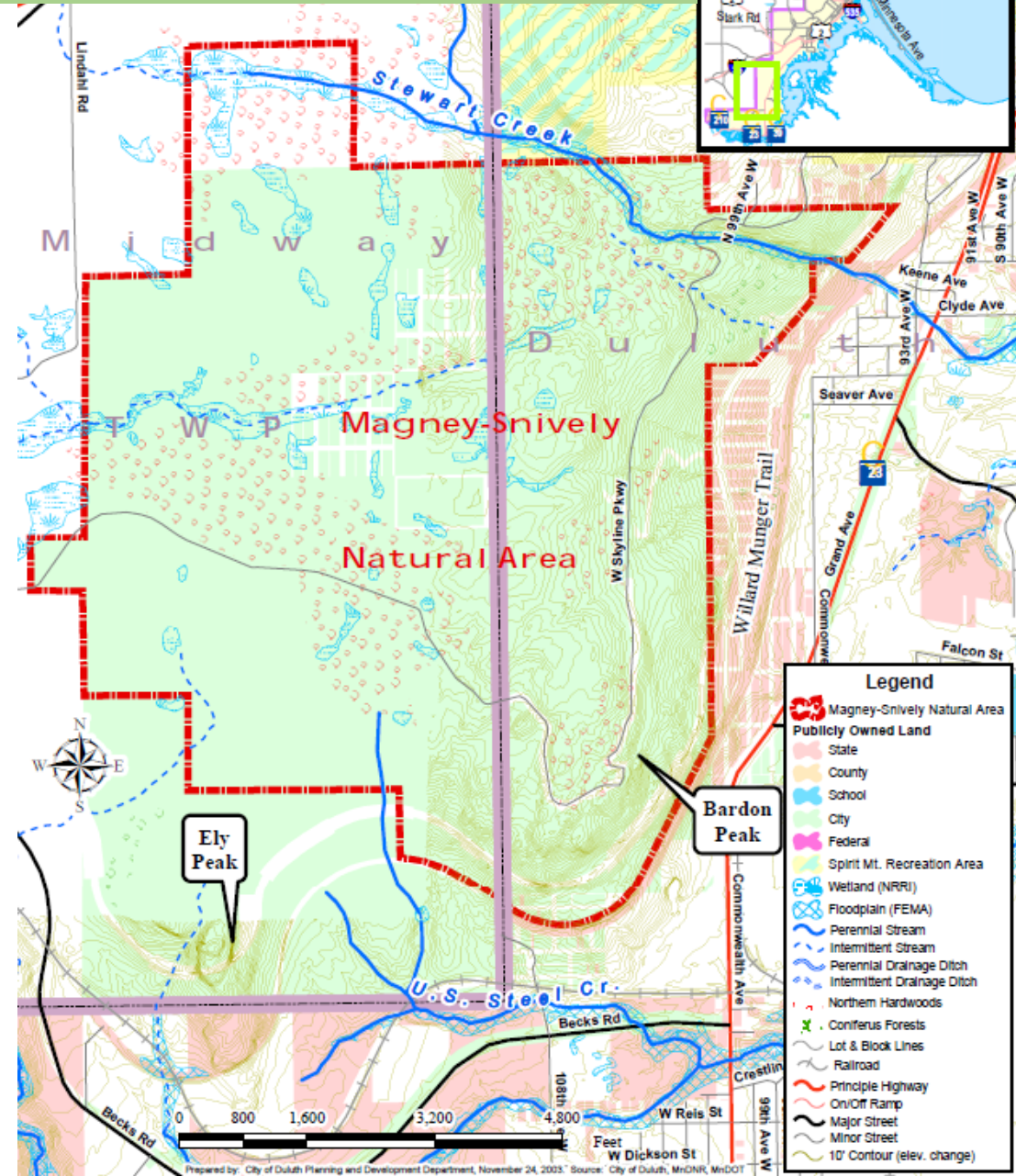


Duluth Natural Areas Program Guidelines

If the City Council approves the nomination

the Program designation is final when the **real estate transactions** are complete and the **management plan** approved.

Magney-Snively Natural Area since 2003



Duluth Natural Areas



would not:

- Place additional limits on private development
- Require any property owner to sell

would:

- Lead to development and implementation of management plans that provide for restoration, protection
- Increase access to federal and state funds
- Assure park and trail plans are consistent with natural resource conservation goals

Next Steps: Hartley Nomination

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| PR - article to local press, DNAP w Hartley, SLRNA candidate info, FAQ on website, other social media, emails to specific groups | 06/12/18 | 06/18/18 |
| Hartley Centered - Hold stakeholder (SHTA, DXC, COGGS, DNR, Ikes, tree commission) / community open house meeting to introduce concepts and plan of action across the city - June 28 | 06/18/18 | 06/29/18 |
| Park & Rec Commission July 11 mtg DNAP concepts and touch on SLRNA with Hartley nomination - 1st meeting | 07/05/18 | 07/11/18 |
| Park & Rec Commission Aug 8 mtg DNAP concepts with Hartley nomination | 08/01/18 | 08/08/18 |
| PC - Materials out Aug 17, Sept 11 mtg DNAP concepts and touch on SLRNA with Hartley nomination | 08/07/18 | 09/11/18 |
| CC - Hartley nomination report out for mailing | 09/13/18 | 09/13/18 |
| CC - Sept 24 mtg, Sept 20 agenda session DNAP concepts and touch on SLRNA with Hartley nomination | 09/20/18 | 09/24/18 |



Next Steps: St. Louis River Corridor Nomination

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| - Phase 2 - SLRNA Info on Property and Data | 10/01/18 | 01/09/19 |
| Prepare data findings for presentation | 10/01/18 | 11/15/18 |
| SLRNA Centered - Hold 1 stakeholder (SHTA, DXC, COGGS, DNR, Ikes, tree commission) meeting to introduce concepts and plan of action across the city | 12/03/18 | 01/07/19 |
| Park & Rec Present findings and stakeholder input | 01/09/19 | 01/09/19 |
| - Phase 3 - SLRNA Nomination & Mgmt Plan through Commissions and CC process | 02/11/19 | 06/10/19 |
| Prepare final draft report including nomination and mgmt plan | 02/11/19 | 03/22/19 |
| SLRNA Centered - Hold 1 stakeholder (SHTA, DXC, COGGS, DNR, Ikes, tree commission) and 1 community meeting to introduce concepts and plan of action across the city | 03/26/19 | 04/08/19 |
| Park & Rec - SLRNA nomination and mgmt plan | 04/10/19 | 04/10/19 |
| PC - SLRNA nomination and mgmt plan | 05/14/19 | 05/14/19 |
| CC - SLRNA nomination and mgmt plan | 06/10/19 | 06/10/19 |



Questions:

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