

Western Waterfront

Trail Renewal



The Western Waterfront Trail offers nearly 3.5 miles of waterfront accessible to all. As you amble about this 10-foot wide level, graveled pathway, you will likely note some of the 270+ bird species or aquatic mammals along the banks of the St. Louis River estuary. Several marsh habitats along nine miles of shoreline make this a gem in the park system of Duluth. The trail today links the Riverside neighborhood to the Lake Superior Zoo, and nearby is the Willard Munger State Trail, a paved pathway that links this area to Jay Cooke State Park and other communities south of Duluth.

Project Timeline

Planning

Design

Permitting

Construction

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After 20 years of deferred maintenance, the Western Waterfront Trail will undergo a renewal project, bringing it back to the original width and grade when the trail was built in 1988. In addition to rehabilitation, this project will increase universal access to the Western Waterfront Trail, a premier site for viewing the wildlife habitats of the area.

Aging Infrastructure



Boardwalk Looking South

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<http://duluthmn.gov/st-louis-river-corridor/western-waterfront-restoration-renewal-and-access/>

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Western Waterfront Trail Renewal

- NOAA Coastal Grant funds will be used to restore the Western Waterfront Trail.
- The NOAA Coastal Grant was awarded in the amount of \$100,000.

Facts

- \$100,000 of 1/2 & 1/2 funds is being used for trail renewal.
- Grant funds are available between July 2015 and December 2016.
- Work will be completed by December 2016.

- Reestablish the original trail width to 8 ft with a 1 ft shoulder on each side for a total of 10 feet, where appropriate.
- Repair and improve stormwater infrastructure.

Scope

- Replace and regrade trail tread.
- Resurface boardwalks and bridges with rot-resistant timbers.
- Establish native vegetation to stabilize failing banks.
- Make Universal Access upgrades.

- During a standing room only City Council meeting on March 23rd, 2015, the Council unanimously voted to support the vision for the St. Louis River Corridor. This action made it possible for City staff to move forward with planning and obtaining funding.

History

- In the spring 2015, the City of Duluth was notified of the NOAA Coastal Grant award.
- In July 2015, a Community Advisory Committee, made up of 12 representatives, was formed to provide feedback on the design of all Western Waterfront projects moving forward.
- The Community Advisory Committee has met three times since July, 2015.