



# Duluth Parks & Recreation



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# Our Mission

To promote the health and wellbeing of our community, environment and economy by facilitating recreational opportunities and coordinating the enhancement of our parks, facilities and natural resources now and in the future.



# Our Vision

Continue to be the central driving force in strengthening the heritage of a healthy, active community for future generations by continuing the path of improving and enhancing our parks and facilities; protecting our natural resources; and developing partnerships to deliver recreation programs and services.

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Greetings!

This past year was underscored by the many connections that were built and strengthened across our parks system. From connecting people with each other through programs and public meetings, connecting you with our land and water resources, building trail connections to link neighborhoods and providing safe and enjoyable walking and biking routes, this past year strongly reinforced Parks and Recreation's role as a community and recreation connection serving all of you.

Connections.

With your input and guidance, we continue to build them. You help us strengthen them. And there are many more yet to come.

In the past year, with a renewed effort focused on recreational programming, Parks and Recreation supported social connections by bringing people together in our parks for music, celebrations, family gatherings, outdoors skills, senior parties, and much more. We celebrated ribbon cuttings at Quarry Park and Riverside Park—two projects within the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative.

Segment by segment, we've built new trails—both paved and natural surface—that connect our neighborhoods and provide safe leisure and transportation options across our City. The Duluth Traverse continues to put Duluth on the map as a destination mountain biking community. We continue to realize the build out of the Cross-City Trail, an important transportation connection for walkers and bikers.

The Campus Connector Mini-Master Plan, approved in 2019, will connect universities with associated student housing, neighborhoods, business nodes, and the Lakewalk.

We continue to build connections with our city's heritage, shedding light on the stories left untold, and honoring the historical and contemporary Anishinaabe cultural fabric of our community. Lake Place Park was officially renamed Gichi-ode' Akiing, an Ojibwe phrase meaning "Great Heart Place," and the Western Waterfront Trail was renamed Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail through the approval of the associated mini-master plan.

As you review the 2019 Annual Report, I hope you'll join me in celebrating the many successful connections that were built and strengthened thanks to the good work of our community members, partners, stakeholders, and staff.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in our parks and on our trails in the coming year.

All the best,

Jessica Peterson

Parks and Recreation Manager



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Greetings!

Yet another year has passed and the Parks and Recreation Commission was busy! We welcomed three new Commission members throughout this year and each Commissioner has provided a unique perspective and has enriched the Commission as a whole. We were also lucky enough to have our veteran commissioners provide insight on their experiences that helped provide stability among the group and bring our new Commission members "up to speed" on continuing projects.

Speaking of projects, there were several thrilling projects that came before the commission this year. Even though all the projects were unique the one thing that never ceases to amaze me is the bond communities have with their local parks, trails and programming. It is not only humbling but an excellent reminder on how important these resources are in our everyday lives. The Commission takes our role very seriously with a big job in determining how we can bridge the gap between each community and what is equitable for all citizens. Connecting with communities, stakeholders and the Parks and Recreation Division is essential in our recommendations.

A great example of this was the final vote on the Waabizheshikana (Western Waterfront Trail). This trail plan enhances the Western part of our City by providing a connective trail from Grassy Point to Riverside. To ensure our recommendation was the most equitable for all it was imperative that we heard from; invested stakeholders, community members, the Natural Resource Commission, the Indigenous Commission, the Commission on Disabilities and what was feasible to accomplish from our Parks and Recreation Division including long-term maintenance needs.

Even the naming of the trail was community-minded. The Fond du Lac Band shared their process of naming the park and expressed appreciation working with the City of Duluth to come up with the name Waabizheshikana, or the Martin Trail. This process included a ceremony of passing tobacco, food, gifts and songs. Hearing how the name was brought forth and the significance of the name was powerful.

The Commission not only had the opportunity to vote in support of the Waabizheshikana trail as a whole but also all of the individual projects along the trail. I want to point out without the connections and collaborations the final recommendation may have looked very different. That is why it is so important to be civically involved and understanding each voice matters when it comes to your community's outdoor spaces and programming.

Other projects the Commission was part of include:

- Campus Connector Trail
- Upper Chester Park Mini Master Plan
- Brighton Beach Park design
- Duluth Golf
- Use of Green space around golf courses
- The Poop Fairy Campaign
- Hartley Designated Natural Areas Management Plan
- St. Louis River Natural Area Management Plan
- The commission also established a Duluth Public Golf Committee consisting of Commissioners, invested community members and stakeholders. This diverse group will provide communication between the community and the City of Duluth on matters related to golf.

I believe I speak for the entire Commission that we look forward to seeing all of the hard work put forth by communities, stakeholders, and the Parks and Recreation Division come to fruition this next year and in years to come.

To close, I'll leave you with a quote by William Shakespeare "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." I couldn't agree more! The relationship and connection with our outdoor spaces and community breaks down barriers and makes us one. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Parks and Recreation Commission President, I am grateful for this opportunity and to work with all of you.

Sincerely,

Amanda Crosby  
President of the Parks and Recreation Commission



# ABOUT US

## Parks and Recreation Staff

Jessica Peterson—Manager  
Alicia Watts—Assistant Manager  
Lisa Luokkala—Assistant Manager  
Matt Andrews—Trails Coordinator  
Theresa Bajda—Project Technician  
Katie Behling—Wedding Coordinator  
Nick Budnik—Recreation Specialist  
Kraig Decker—Permits Coordinator  
Diane Desotelle—Natural Resources Coordinator  
Theresa Iverson—Senior Coordinator  
Megan Lidd—Recreation Specialist  
Pamela Page—Recreation Specialist  
Jessica Schoonover—Admin Clerical Specialist  
Chris Severson—Permits Coordinator  
Jim Shoberg—Senior Planner  
Sam Werle—Recreation Specialist

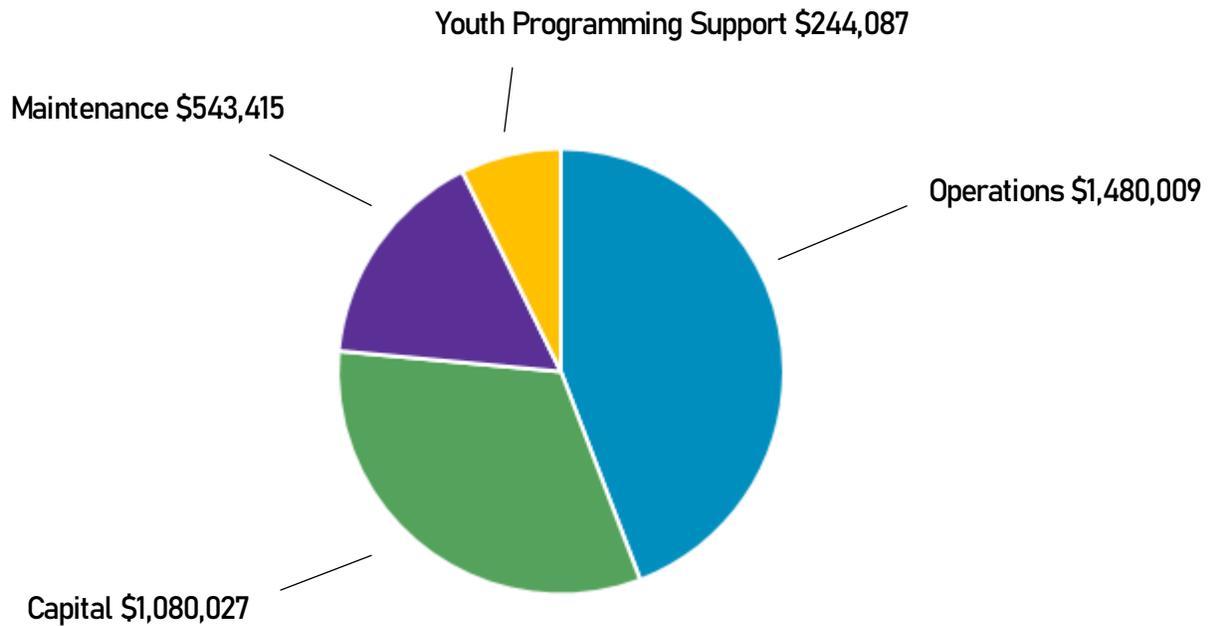
## Parks and Recreation Commission

Amanda Crosby—President  
Jill Joyce—Vice President , District 4  
Tjaard Breeuwer—Secretary , District 1  
Dudley Edmondson—At Large  
Jennifer Peterson—At Large  
Dennis Isernhagen—District 2  
Britt Rohrbaugh—District 3  
Erik Torch –Community Education  
David Demmer—Land Management  
Noah Kramer—Recreation Professional

## Park Maintenance Staff

Dale Sellner—Parks and Grounds Supervisor  
Cheryl Skafte—Operations Coordinator  
Robert Dunsmore—Lead Worker (Parks)  
Billy Davis—Lead Worker (Trails)  
Jack Schade—Lead Worker (Fields)  
Clark Christenson—City Forester  
John Capra—Maintenance Worker  
Trevor Christensen—Maintenance Worker  
Darin Franckowiak—Maintenance Worker  
Greg Hanson—Maintenance Worker  
Todd Halbakken—Maintenance Worker  
Abbie Hopper—Maintenance Worker  
Kevin Jentoft—Maintenance Worker  
Todd Kobus—Maintenance Worker  
Melissa Lenius—Maintenance Worker  
Jenny Monroe—Maintenance Worker  
Anna Neu—Maintenance Worker  
Steve Schoenbauer—Duluth Invaders Coordinator  
Ben Sosniecki –Maintenance Worker  
Cory Wagner—Maintenance Worker  
Wendy Wohlwend—Maintenance Worker

# Budget



## Operations

- Wages and benefits
- Equipment and supplies
- Marketing and printing
- Vehicles and mileage
- Membership and dues
- Special events and concerts
- Senior programming
- Training and education

## Capital

- Community Center upgrades
- Trail repair & improvements
- Park improvements

## Maintenance

- Maintenance staff
- Cleaning, repairs & maintenance at parks, fields, & community centers
- Invasive species removal team
- Training, certifications & licenses
- Forestry operations

## Youth Programming Support

- Boys and Girls Club of the Northland—Lincoln Park
- Chester Bowl Improvement Club
- Duluth Area Family YMCA—Gary New Duluth
- Duluth Area YMCA True North AmeriCorps—City-wide
- Duluth Community School Collaborative—East Hillside
- Neighborhood Youth Services—Central Hillside

# What's New

## WWI Memorial

On August 3, 2019, the City of Duluth Parks & Recreation Division unveiled a new WWI Memorial. The new memorial bears the names of the original 22 West Duluthians, as well as all of Duluth's 167 Gold Star men and women. Twenty-three brass markers at the base of 23 ash trees made up the original memorial. The 23rd marker was for the unknown war veteran who died. The plantings and markers were installed in 1928 and over time many of the trees were removed and plaques were damaged, destroyed or went missing. Master plans conducted on the park over the past several years have called for a new WWI memorial. Past citizen comments have been clear that a new WWI memorial should be a component of the park. In 2018, the City initiated a planning process and invited the public to provide ideas and weigh in on concepts and themes for the new memorial.

At the unveiling ceremony West Duluth residents, veterans and community leaders gathered to honor the fallen soldiers. Speakers at the ribbon-cutting included Mayor Emily Larson, Congressman Pete Stauber, R-Hermantown; Sen. Erik Simonson, DFL-Duluth; Rep. Liz Olson, DFL-Duluth; St. Louis County Commissioner Beth Olson, Duluth City Councilor Arik Forsman, Parks Recreation Manager Jessica Peterson, and Vietnam veteran Dwight Nelson. Members of the VFW and 148th Honor Guard presented the colors.

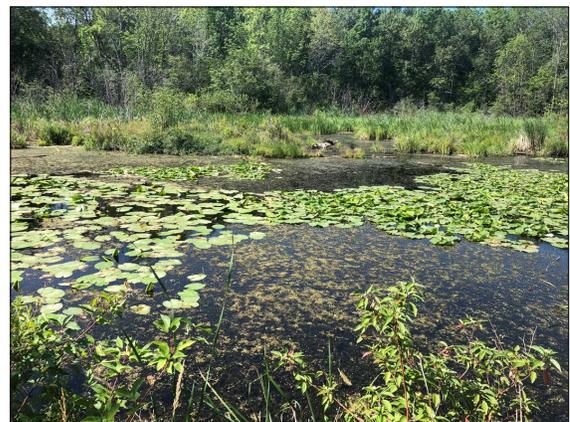


## Duluth Natural Areas Program

Hartley Natural Area Management Plan was completed in November 2019.

The St. Louis River Natural Area Management Plan was completed in December 2019.

Final DNAP designations for both Hartley and the St. Louis River Natural Areas was approved by City Council March 23, 2020.



# What's New

## Signage

The City of Duluth, Parks and Recreation Gate, Wayfinding, and Signage Design Plan, approved March 2017, provides fabrication specifications that can be utilized by signage contractors to construct and install these new identification, directory, and regulatory signs. Our newest park, Quarry Park, is the first to receive these attractive and beneficial additions. Park visitors are now greeted with prominent, distinguishing entrance signs, and can find their way throughout the park with helpful wayfinding maps.



## Trail Construction

The Duluth Traverse Mini-Master Plan, approved April 2017, details the vision for a fully connected bike-optimized, natural surface single-track trail system encompassing just over 100 miles. Trail development continues towards this vision, and 2019 saw exciting new additions including: a half-mile of sweeping dirt ribbon just northeast of Enger Park, affectionately referred to as the 'Antenna Farm' and a three-quarter mile neighborhood connector trail from Quarry Park up to Skyline Drive. This trail will continue northward and connect to the well-established Brewer Park trail-system.

## Trail Maintenance

In addition to an extensive list of in-house projects including trails rehabilitation, added resiliency, improved access, and repairs to existing infrastructure, our community partners continue to support the goal of providing world-class outdoor recreational spaces. Duluth Area Horse Trail Alliance (DAHTA) supported new signage for the Ely's Peak equestrian loop, Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores (COGGS) contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours to trails improvements city-wide, Duluth Cross-Country Ski club (DXC) volunteers performed annual trail clearing, and the Superior Hiking Trail Association (SHTA) built a new, sustainable access route connecting to the Brewer Park hiking loop, improved the resiliency of several trail segments by completing trail hardening and water drainage projects.

# What's New

## Canoe and Kayak Rack Rental

In 2019 we opened the Canoe and Kayak Rack rental program with one rack each located at Brighton Beach, Park Point and Chambers Grove. Each rack offers six rentable spaces and there were a total of eight rack spaces rented in 2019. A ribbon cutting celebrated and promoted this exciting new amenity. Renters were happy with this new service and we hope to fill more spaces in 2020.



## Commercial Operator Permit

The Commercial Operator Permit for those entities utilizing the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation system for commercial activities. Commercial Operators are entities that utilize the parks and recreation system for commercial activities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, guided activities, outfitting, personal training or coaching, fitness instruction or the sale of goods and/or services.

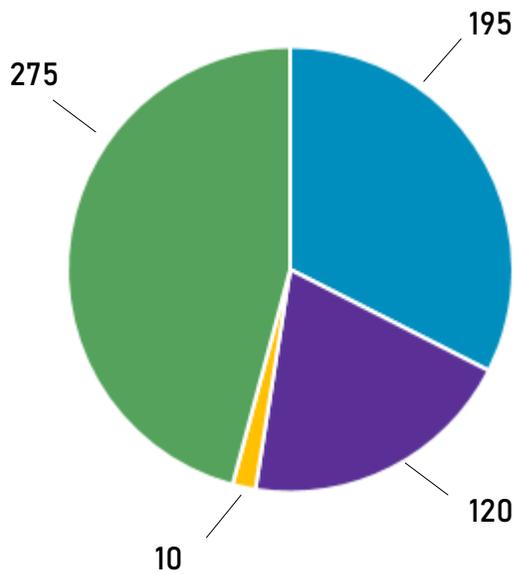
## True North AmeriCorps Partnership

Through our continued partnership with True North AmeriCorps, Parks and Recreation supported the placement of service members by providing the cash match for members to be placed with youth serving agencies throughout Duluth. In addition, Parks and Recreation hosted six members over the 2019 summer season to help kick off our expanded programming initiatives, including summer day camps. This fall Parks and Recreation hosted three members to help deliver our fall and winter programming.



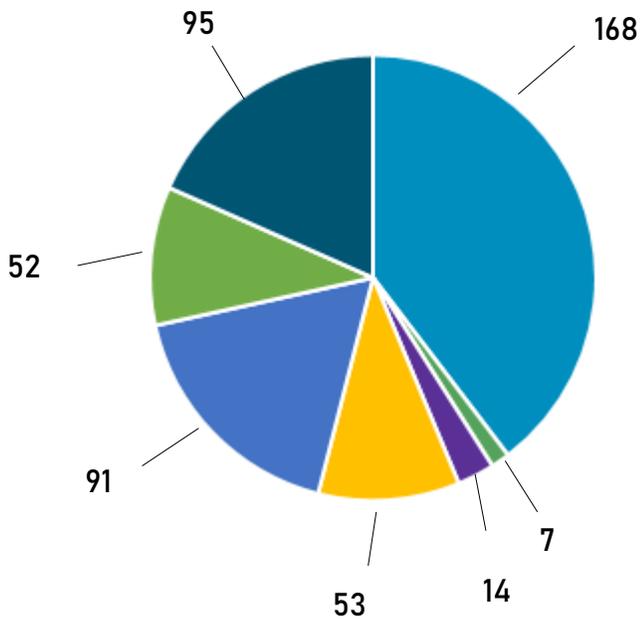
# Community

## Permits



- Private Events/Weddings
- Special Events
- Commercial Operator
- Building Rentals

## Seniors



- Senior Holiday Parties
- 100 Year Birthday Party Guests of Honor
- Hikes
- Movies
- All City Senior Picnic
- Taylors Falls Day Trip
- Senior Appreciation Day



# Ribbon Cuttings

Ribbon cutting events are a way for the City of Duluth to celebrate with community partners and residents for improved or new infrastructure within our parks and trails system. This year we held five ribbon cutting events at Riverside, Quarry, Lester Bridge, Canoe and Kayak Racks, and the reopening of the Lakewalk. (segment in front of Fitgers).

## Riverside Park



## Lakewalk

### segment in front of Fitgers



## Quarry Park

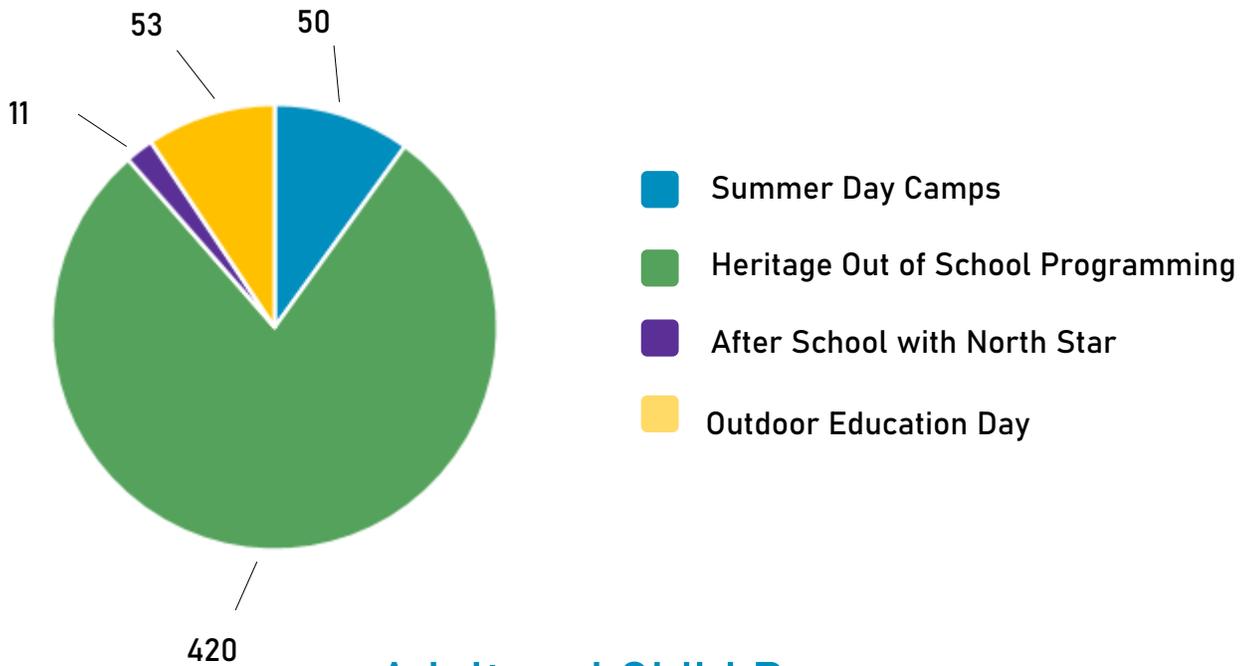


## Lester Bridge

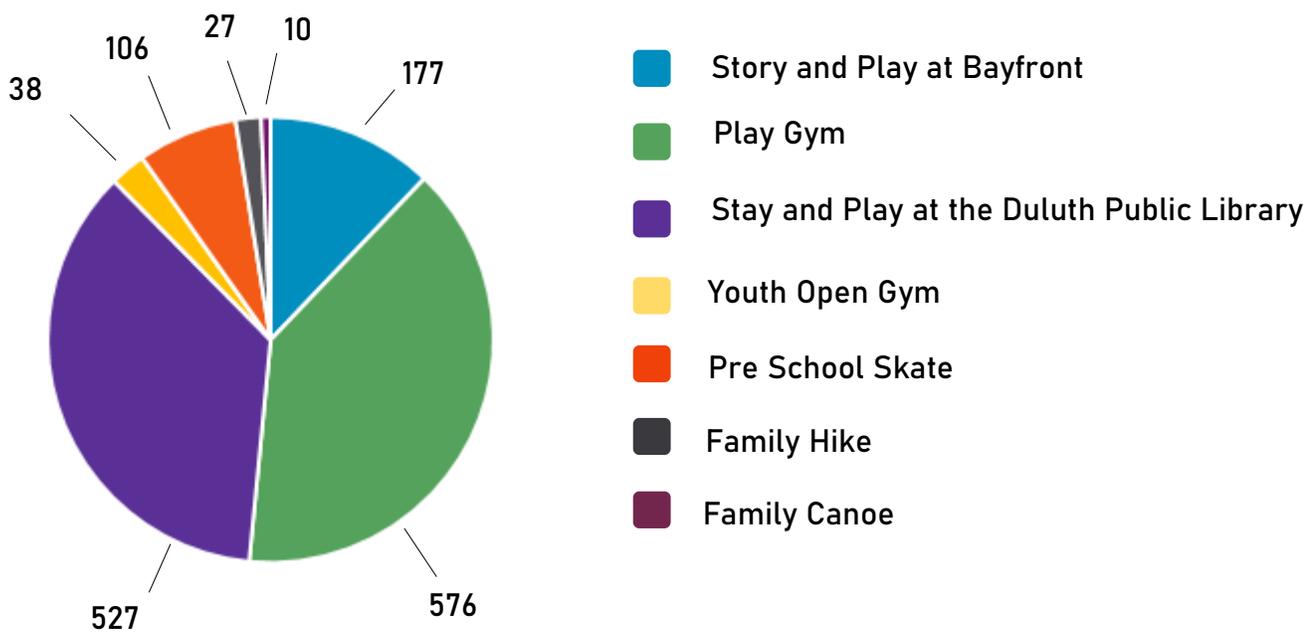


# Community

## Youth Programs

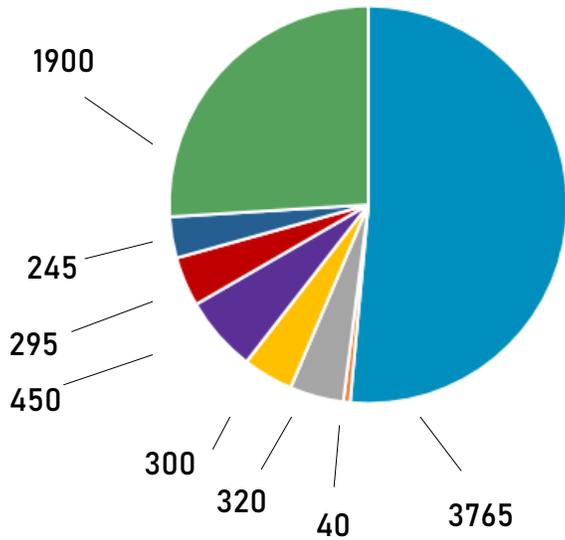


## Adult and Child Programs



# Community

## Community Events

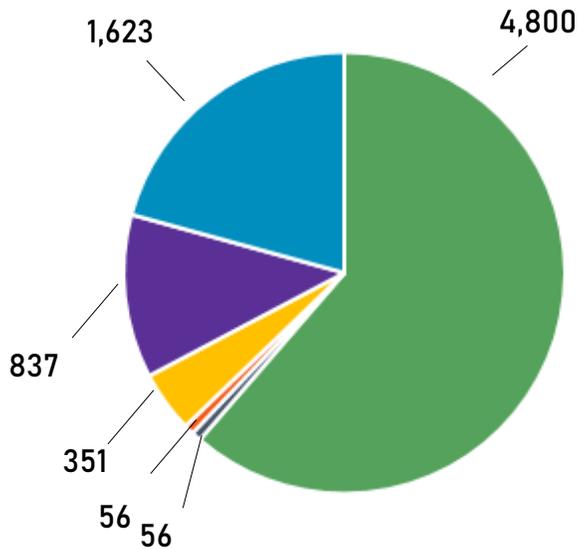


-  Chester Creek Concert Series
-  Parks Day
-  Boo Bash
-  Skate with Santa
-  Sandmodeling Contest and Water Safety Expo
-  Turkey Bowl
-  Skate for the Heart
-  Cold Front

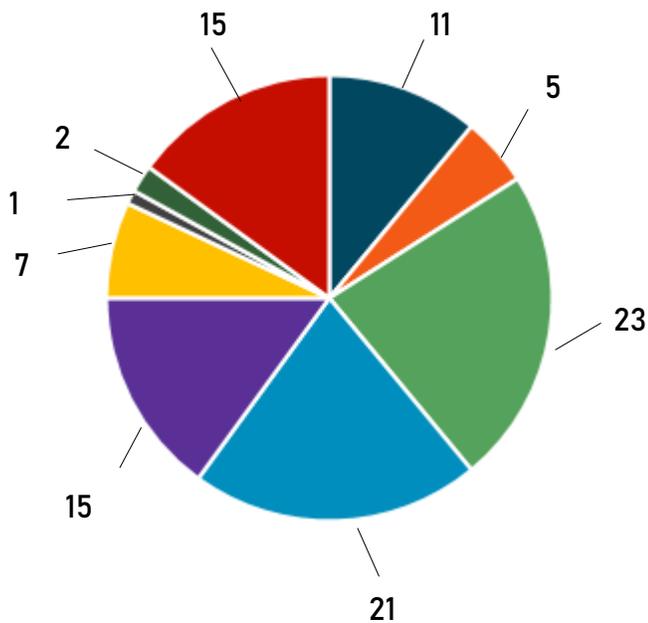


# Community

## All Ages Programming



- Open Skate
- Superior Hiking Trail Guided Hikes
- Park to Park Guided Hikes SHT
- Women Hike Duluth
- Pop-Up Play
- Bayfront Family Center

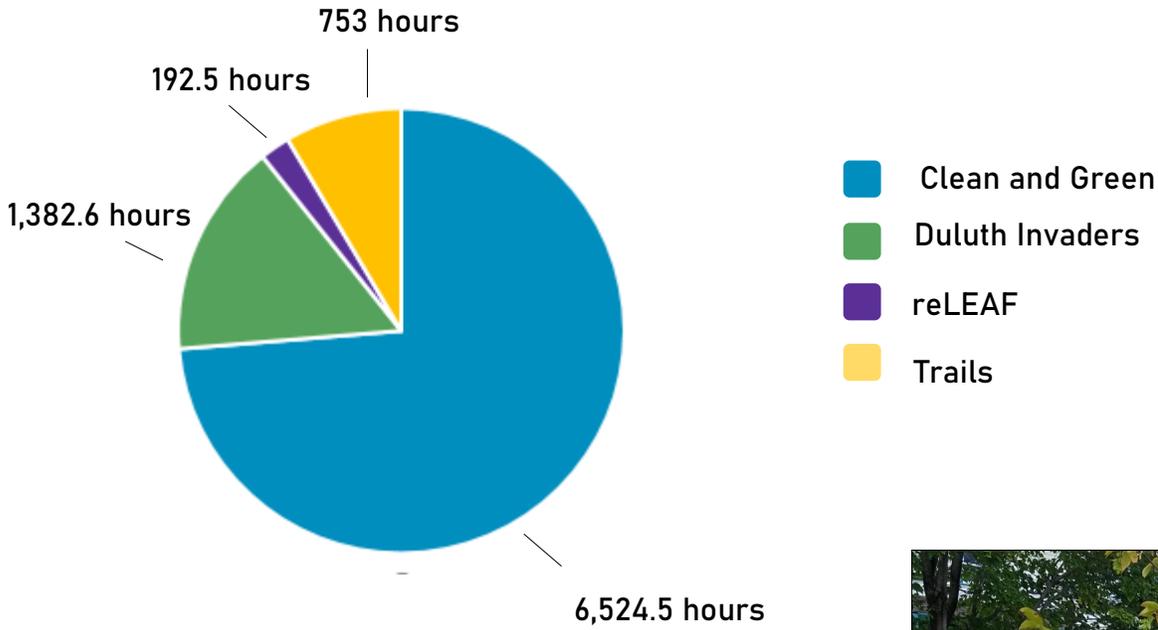


- Intro to Compass Navigation and Orienteering
- Intro to GPS Navigation and Geocaching
- Community Fishing Nights
- Parks Trivia
- Outdoor Game Night
- Parks After Dark
- Mountain Biking
- Fat Tire Biking
- Archery



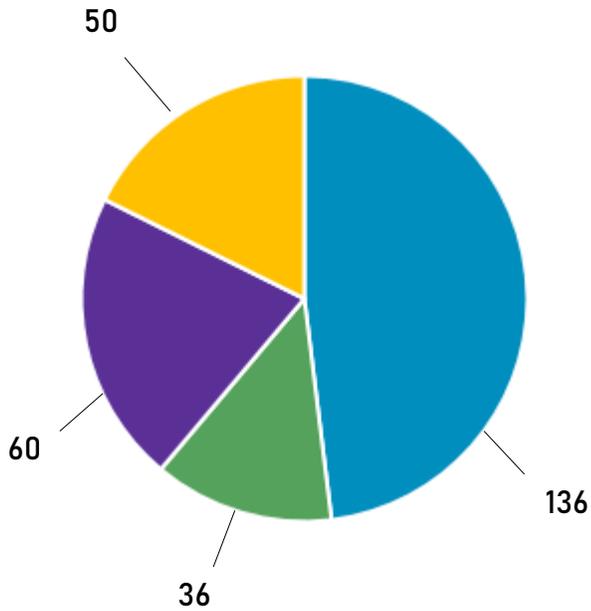
# Community

## Volunteer Program



# Community

## Sports and Leagues



- Flag Football
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Sports Sampler
- Turf Time

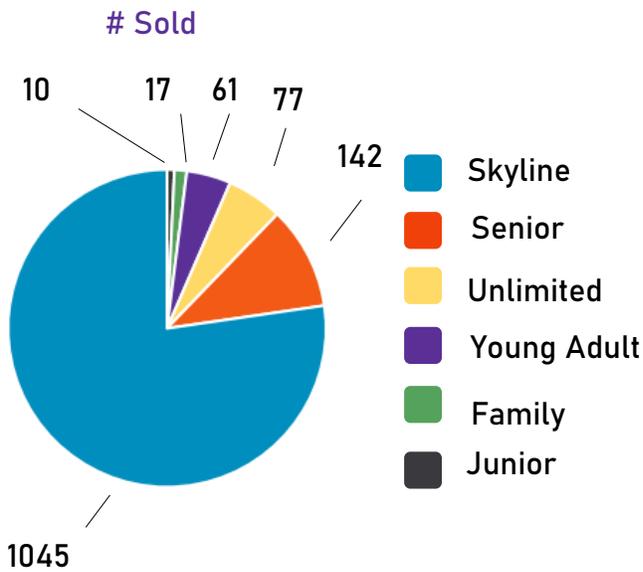
\*Adult Softball—43 Teams



# Community

## Duluth Golf

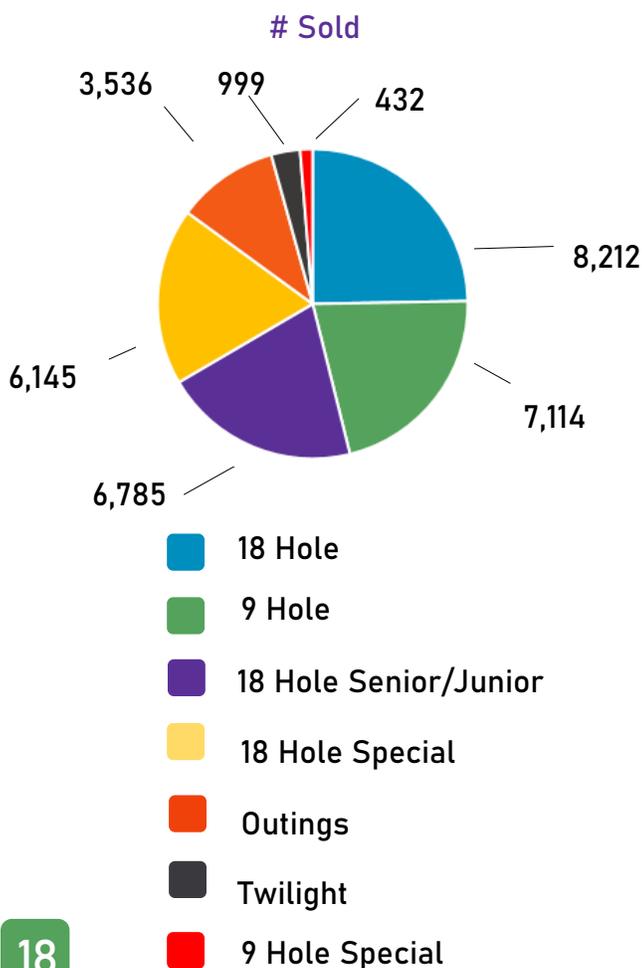
### Season Passes



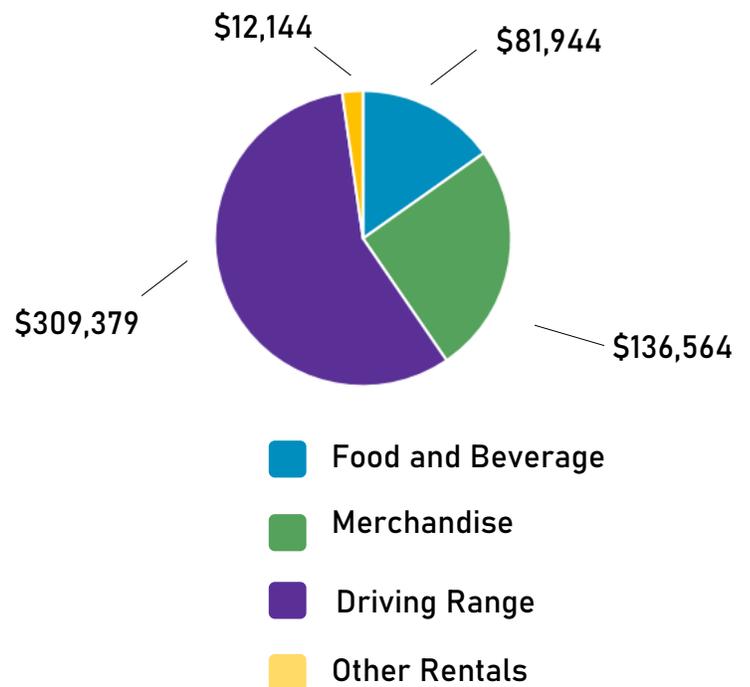
### Cart Rentals



### Daily Fees



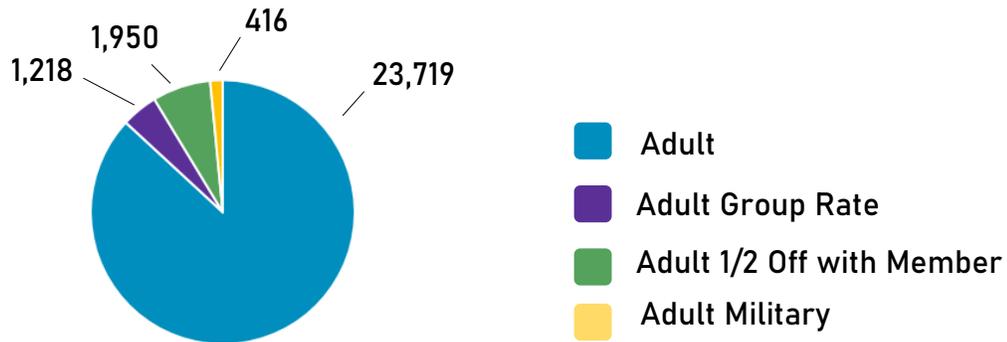
### Miscellaneous Revenues



# Community

## Lake Superior Zoo Admissions Report

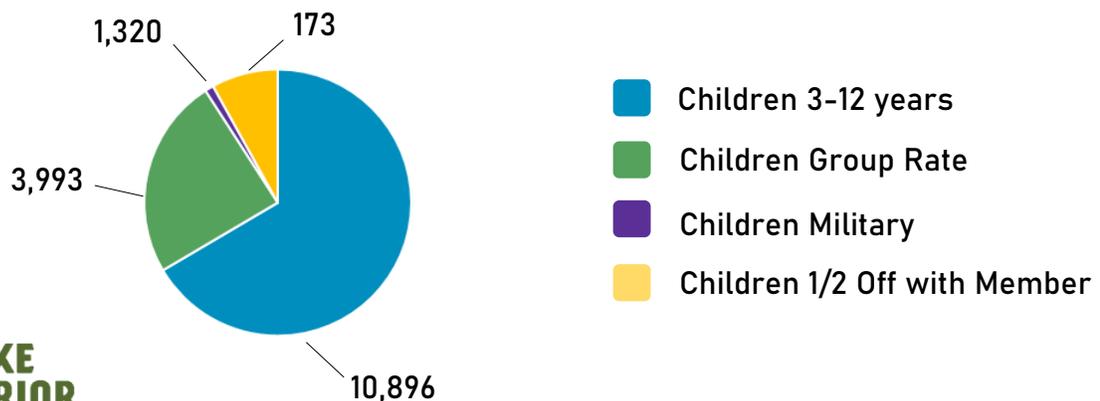
### Adult Passes



### Senior Passes



### Children Passes



\*Boo at the Zoo Tickets purchased: 6,415

# Community

## Natural Resources and Forestry

### Invasive Species—Knotweed

The City had a successful year both in education, outreach and tackling over 25 public sites where knotweed, a very aggressive invasive species, has taken hold. We will be monitoring and managing these sites in 2020 and beyond to help control its spread. Park Maintenance will be managing these sites in 2020 and beyond to help control the spread of this invasive.



### Mow/No Mow Initiative

Parks stewardship and Park Maintenance continues to work on increasing no-mow areas in three parks. We have set up criteria and protocols to monitor and manage no-mow areas for restoration and invasive species control where needed. We have also had the opportunity to work with UMD students who have helped evaluate mow/no mow options based on land use. This gives them the opportunity to do a real life hands on project.



### Tree Management

Forestry crews have been busy in 2019 working on a variety of projects. One of the more important (and ongoing) projects is a complete inventory of all street and park trees. About 90% of Duluth's street trees were inventoried last summer showing 12,000 trees and 8,000 plantable spaces on Duluth's streets. The remaining street trees and park trees will be inventoried this summer.

Work on emerald ash borer (EAB) continues. 300 trees were removed from the Central and East Hillside neighborhoods and 500 trees were planted in Lakeside to replace removed trees. 52 larger infected ash trees remain and were treated with injections to help increase their lifespan.

# Parks Planning

## Completed Mini-Master Plans

### Waabizheshikana – The Marten Trail

In 2016, the City of Duluth and community partners embarked on a master planning process to define the future recreational use of ten miles of public riverfront encompassing 1,200 acres of green space. Realizing the limited public access to the St. Louis River, the City's intent was to develop a plan that would enhance public access to the river via a ten-mile riverfront bike/pedestrian trail, improve existing water access sites, and provide new water access sites tailored specifically for paddlers. The current riverfront access consists of the Western Waterfront Trail (the Trail), a 3.3-mile multi-use recreational trail that traces the shore of the St. Louis River Estuary. Constructed in the 1980's, the trail was based on the 1979 City of Duluth plan that envisioned a ten-mile riverfront trail extending to Jay Cooke State Park, but remaining seven miles of trail are yet to be constructed. With the nearly \$400 million federal/state clean-up of the St. Louis River is approaching completion, the time is ripe to finish the trail and connect Duluth residents and visitors to the restored river.

By the end of 2019, Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail Mini-Master Plan was complete; a river heritage trail that welcomes residents and visitors back to a restored river.

The natural, cultural, and human landscape of the corridor proved to add layers of complexity to the planning process. Yet in the end, the plan led to the following outcomes:

1. Rebrand the Western Waterfront Trail as a heritage trail, including renaming the trail to reflect and honor the cultural and historical significance of the area.
2. Initiate a separate heritage interpretive planning process to identify and articulate the stories of the river and the area.
3. Extend the existing trail to connect seven river corridor neighborhoods by way of a trail alignment that traverses the shoreline and nearby ridgeline.
4. Retain the entire existing LSMR rail line for excursion train use.
5. Improve three existing water access sites and develop three additional water access sites to increase public riverfront use.
6. Design all these facilities to ensure accessibility, regardless of income, age or physical ability.

The Parks and Recreation Division is appreciative of the stakeholders who gave countless hours of their time to participate in the process. Their efforts have led to a final Plan that outlines feasible implementation strategies that the City and community partners are able pursue in the very near future.

# Parks Planning

## Completed/In Progress Mini-Master Plans

### Brighton Beach

In 2019, the City completed the revision of the Brighton Beach Mini-Master Plan. The original Plan was completed in 2012, but since 2017 significant shoreline erosion at Brighton Beach has necessitated the study of the road and trail location and its placement further from the shoreline. A driving factor in the timeline to revise the plan was based on the need to determine the final trail alignment, which is slated for construction in 2020 through a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant. The planning process included site assessments, online survey, on-site public open house, presentations to Parks Commission, and a public comment period.



Public feedback supported the concept to realign the roadway, trail and other park infrastructure inland. Final recommendations included: newly aligned park entry and exist, conversion to one-way vehicular traffic, restoration of shoreline in key locations, resiliency measures, newly designed public picnicking green space. The revised Plan represents a balance of retaining public access to shoreline, while better protecting City infrastructure from future storm damage. Good news, the 2020 trail construction project is scheduled to move forward!

### St. Louis River Corridor Update

2019 marks the fifth year of the St. Louis River Corridor Initiative, a coordinated investment 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. To-date these funds have leveraged over \$10 million in additional state and federal grants.

Some of the major accomplishments to-date include:

- Completion of 13 mini-master plans and an updated City-wide Trails and Bikeway Plan to guide the vision of future improvements at on parks and trails throughout the Corridor.
- Completion of the nomination and management plan for the St. Louis River Corridor Natural Area Plan, part of the larger Duluth Natural Areas Program (DNAP).

# Parks Planning

## Grant Summary

### **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

\$99,966 – Duluth Streams E. Coli Assessment Project – Joint Powers Agreement to complete e. coli assessments at Keene and Tischer Creek.

### **MN DNR – Grant-In-Aid Snowmobile Agreement**

\$18,860.72 – Pass-through grant for snowmobile trail maintenance assistance.

### **MN DNR – Cross-Country Ski Trail Grant-In-Aid Program**

\$11,000 – Grant in aid for maintenance of cross-country ski trails.

### **Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation**

\$4,234 – Water Safety (Park Maintenance) – Grant to purchase new, flip down signage on Park Point and to rent a billboard on I-35 for rip current awareness.

\$5,000 – Rose Garden (Park Maintenance) – Grant to purchase plant material to replace current plantings in the Rose Garden with disease resistant, heartier roses.

\$5,000 – Recreation Programming – Grant used to expand Parks and Recreation program offerings across the City. One program example is Mobile Recreation, which brings equipment and staff to a different park each week for community members to participate in activities in their neighborhood at no cost.

### **MN DNR – No Child Left Inside**

\$5,000 – Grant to encourage outdoor activity participation through purchase of snow shoes and outdoor education kits.

### **Minnesota Trail Riders Association**

\$5,000 – Ely Peak trail hardening grant

### **MN Recreation & Park Foundation – New Initiative Grant**

\$2,000 – Mobile Rec: Connecting Duluth to the Outdoors – Grant to expand programming such as Mobile Recreation, which will bring equipment and staff to a different City park each week for community members to participate in activities in their neighborhood at no cost.

### **MN DNR – National Archery in the Schools Program**

\$1,800 – Cooperative agreement to be provided with archery equipment and training to provide “On Target for Life” archery curriculum.

# Parks Planning

## Grant Summary

### **MN Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

\$600,000 – Grant to complete Phase 3 of the Cross City Trail in 2023.

### **Conservation Partners Legacy Program**

\$30,385 – Restoring Riparian Uplands on Impaired Streams – Grant to restore forest along Amity Creek and control invasive species along Kingsbury Creek.

\$400,000 – Merritt Creek Watershed Protection – Grant to acquire a 43-acre forested property located at the headwaters of Merritt Creek to protect trout habitat, prevent fragmentation of forest habitat, and preserve views from Skyline Parkway.

### **MN DNR – Outdoor Recreation Grant Program**

\$250,000 – West Duluth Sports Corridor – Grant to improve basketball, tennis and pickleball courts; ballfields, restrooms, bocce ball, water fountain and bury power lines.

### **MN DNR – Regional Trail Grant Program**

\$250,000 – Shared Use Bridge Replacement – Grant to restore the multi-use trail bridges that cross Kingsbury and Knowlton Creek.

### **MN DNR – Federal Recreational Trail Program**

\$74,225 – Grand Avenue Nordic Center Snowmaking Equipment – Grant to purchase additional snowmaking equipment for the Grand Avenue Nordic Center.

\$140,625 – Duluth Cross Town Trail – West Section – Grant to rehabilitate the existing 1.4-mile west Cross Town snowmobile trail from Highway 35 to Kingsbury Creek that had been damaged by the 2012 flood.

### **MN DNR – Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program**

\$99,725 – Stormwater Management for Piedmont Recreation Area – Grant to implement stormwater improvements at Piedmont Park.

\$50,000 – Planning for the St. Louis River Heritage Trail – Grant to develop a St. Louis River Corridor Natural and Cultural Interpretive Plan.

## Asset Inventory Management

The task inventories all of the built assets in our parks and trails system, from sports fields to gardens and paved trails to natural surface footpaths. It involves evaluating their condition, determining where they are at in their lifecycle, and assigning a cost to that facility for the deferred maintenance. This tool will help us understand how much of a deferred maintenance backlog exists, it will help prioritize work from an objective standpoint, then it will streamline the workflow of our Parks Maintenance Division.

# Glimpse Ahead

## UMD—Bagley Trail

Constructing the Duluth Traverse spine through Bagley Natural Area and UMD. 1,000 feet was completed in the fall of 2019. Construction will resume in the spring of 2020 with the hope of completing the entire segment in the early summer. This will fill the gap in the DT spine between Chester Park and Hartley Park.

## Park Signage

Looking ahead to 2020 several neighborhood parks will receive new signage, including: Gary New Duluth, Riverside, Irving, and Harrison parks. In addition, some of our landmark parks will be reviewed to receive these distinctive and attractive new signs, such as Enger Park and Chambers Grove. Trails benefiting from new identification and wayfinding signage will include Waabizheshikana (formerly known as Western Waterfront Trail), the Cross-City Trail, and the Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific (DWP) Trail.

## Outdoor Rec Club

Starting in 2020, we will offer an Adult Outdoor Recreation Club, in which adults will get the chance to try a wide range of recreation activities while building social connections along the way. Activities will take place in various parks across Duluth and include snowshoeing, disc golf, geocaching, archery, and more!



# Glimpse Ahead

## Group Programming and Partnership Programs

Starting in 2020, Duluth Parks & Recreation will begin offering our five parks funded-supported, youth serving agencies up to four free recreation programs annually. These groups include the YMCA—Gary New Duluth, The Boys and Girls Club of the Northland, Neighborhood Youth Services, and the Duluth Community School Collaborative. Our group programming offerings include outdoor recreation, traditional recreation and teambuilding. We are able to tailor a program to fit the needs of each group and look forward to working with these agencies as we continue to serve our community through recreation.

## Campus Connector

Approved in October 2019, the Campus Connector Plan focused on a roughly 4.25 mile corridor running from Lowell Elementary and Boulder Ridge student housing on Rice Lake Road, to the Lakewalk crossing of 32nd Avenue East. It is a paved, non-motorized multi-use commuter/recreational trail accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians. The trail will provide vertical connectivity for residents, nodes of business, and education institutions along its path. Once complete this will be the first paved, vertical commuter corridor in Duluth.

## Snowshoe Grant

Through a MN DNR *No Child Left Inside* grant, we were able to purchase 28 pairs of snowshoes and offer free snowshoe programs to groups of youth across the city this winter. This programming opportunity will reach more than 300 kids and introduce them to this fun activity, see a new park or trail, and spend time outdoors together.



# Thank You for Your Partnership!

1854 Treaty Authority  
Age Well Arrowhead  
Alliance for the Great Lakes  
Arrowhead Bowhunters Alliance  
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency  
Arrowhead Fast Pitch League  
Arrowhead Regional Development Commissions  
Arrowhead Transit  
Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association (AYSA)  
Bentlyville Tour of Lights  
Billy Casper Golf  
Boys and Girls Club of the Northland  
Central Hillside Community Club  
Chester Bowl Improvement Club  
Cities of Service  
Clean Yer Creek (Loll Designs and Involta)  
College of St. Scholastica  
Community Action Duluth  
Corporation for National and Community Service  
Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute  
Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores (COGGS)  
Destination Duluth  
Drift Toppers Snowmobile Club  
Duluth Amateur Hockey Association  
Duluth Amateur Youth Basketball Association (DAYBA)  
Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce  
Duluth Area Horse Trail Alliances (DAHTA)  
Duluth Area Pickleball Association  
Duluth Audubon Society  
Duluth Bikes  
Duluth Children's Museum  
Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (Duluth CISMA)  
Duluth Climbers Coalition (DCC)  
Duluth Community Garden Program  
Duluth Community School Collaborative  
Duluth Cross-Country Ski Club (DXC)  
Duluth Dog Parks  
Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA)  
Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC)  
Duluth Experience  
Duluth Garden Flower Society  
Duluth Huskies  
Duluth Invaders  
Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Duluth Monarch Buddies  
Duluth Preservation Alliance  
Duluth Softball Players Association  
Duluth Superiors Area Community Foundation  
Duluth Ultimate Community  
Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Committee  
Duluth Youth Agency Coalition  
Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC)  
East Hillside Community Club  
Ecolibrium 3  
Essentia Duluth Heritage Sports Center  
Essentia Health  
Fond du Lac Community Club  
Friends of Duluth Public Golf  
Friends of Tennis  
Friends of the Lakewalk  
Friends of West Duluth Parks and Trails  
Gary New Duluth Community Club  
GND Development Alliance  
Goodwill Industries  
Grandma's Marathon  
Great Lakes Alliance  
Greater Downtown Council  
Harbor City International School  
Harrison Community Club  
Hartley Nature Center  
Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory  
Head of the Lakes United Way  
Healthy Duluth Area Coalition  
Hike Duluth  
Indian Point Campground  
Irving Community Club  
ISD 709 Duluth Public Schools  
Izaak Walton League  
Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad (LSMR)  
Lake Superior College  
Lake Superior Disc Golf Community  
Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)  
Lake Superior Rose Society  
Lake Superior Zoo  
Lakeside-Lester Community Club  
Lincoln Park Business Group  
Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative  
Longview Tennis Club  
Men as Peacemakers  
Merritt Community Club  
Merritt Creek Academy  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Minnesota Geocachers Association  
Minnesota GreenCorps  
Minnesota Land Trust  
Minnesota Point Preservation Society  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Minnesota Power  
Minnesota Sea Grant  
Morgan Park-Smithville Community Club  
Monarch Healthcare Management  
North Shore Display  
Nah-Gah-Chi-Wa-Nong Reservation  
National Bank of Commerce  
National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
Neighborhood Youth Services  
North Shore ATV Club  
North Shore Display  
North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District  
Northern Expressions Arts Collective  
Northern Minnesota Track Club  
Northland Paddlers Alliance  
Norton Park Community Club  
Over the Hill Night Riders Snowmobile Club  
Park Point Community Club  
Piedmont Heights Community Club  
Portman Recreation Association  
Rainbow Community/Senior Center  
Riverside Community Club  
Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT)  
RSVP Senior Corps  
St. Louis County  
Senior Center Clubs  
Sierra Club  
South St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District  
Spirit Mountain Recreation Authority  
St. Croix Hospice  
St. Louis River Alliance  
Superior Hiking Trail Association (SHTA)  
The Duluth Area Family YMCA  
The Stewardship Network  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
University of Minnesota Duluth  
University of Minnesota Extension  
U.S. Steel  
Valley Youth Centers of Duluth  
Visit Duluth  
West Duluth Business Club  
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District  
Wheels on Trails  
Youth Outdoors—Duluth  
Youthworks  
Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community