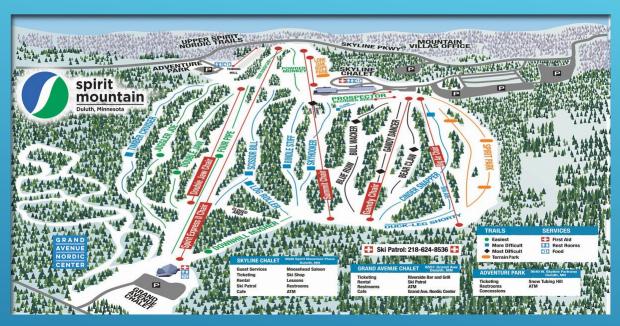


SPIRIT MOUNTAIN LIFT REPLACEMENT

Part of the Spirit Mountain Restoration Project



- Background context
- Operational & capital investments
- Lift proposal

OVERVIEW

- 2020 Task Force formed, staffed by City and SE Group
- 2021 Task Force report calls for operational changes, leadership improvements & \$24M in infrastructure investment
- 2022 City seeks state \$12M in state bonding; no bonding bill is passed
- 2023 Legislature appropriates \$13M and requires \$13M local match
 - Spirit and City each will repay \$6.5M in debt over 20 years

TIMELINE OF SPIRIT
MOUNTAIN TASK FORCE +
SE GROUP

- Reduce debt
 - Repaid \$1.2 million LOC due City since 2014
 - Paid for \$365,000 groomer from 2019
- Strengthen leadership (owner, board & upper management)
- Engage with community
- Increase revenue generation
- Improve guest experience
 - ➤ Enhanced customer service
 - Improved and added new food offerings
- > Enhance and expand programming
 - Added skating, snowshoeing
 - Increased programming/lessons
 - Lowering financial barriers to participation

PROGRESS ON TASK FORCE/ SE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Financial and operational

Replace old hill lights with LEDs

Better manage snowmaking discharge

Improve phone, IT and POS systems

Replace aging rental gear

Acquire groomer, a mini-excavator and more snow guns & snowmobiles

Upgrade signage

Upgrade zip ride (Timber Flyer)

Nordic, mountain bike and snowmobile enhancements (GMPT/Legacy/FRTP)

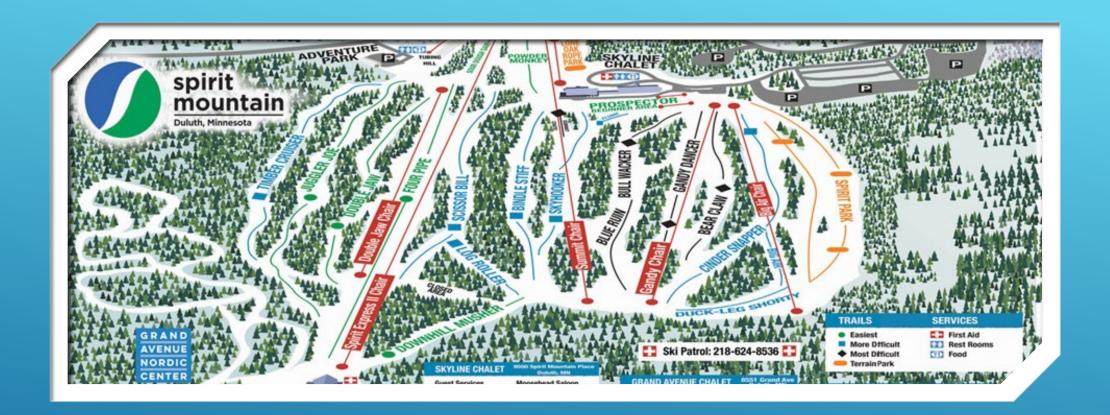
PROGRESS ON
TASK FORCE/
SE GROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS

Comprise more than \$5M of the original \$24M in improvements recommended by \$E Group Replace two aging lifts with one new lift

Renovate the Skyline Chalet

\$26M RESTORATION

Focus of restoration funds



SPIRIT MOUNTAIN LIFTS

- Spirit currently has four active chairlifts more capacity than we need
- Except on busy days, rarely run all four lifts
- Operating fewer lifts will save staff and utility expenses
- Old lifts require more maintenance & parts can be more difficult to find
 - Summit Lift is 50+ years old
 - Gandy Lift is 49+ years old
 - ▶ Big Air Chairlift is 36 years old
 - Summit Express Chairlift is 14 years old

A WORD ABOUT SPIRIT'S LIFTS



SE GROUP RECOMMENDATION

Replace Summit and Gandy chairlifts, which each carry 3 skiers/chair, with one lift that can carry 4 skiers/chair

- City and Spirit drafted RFP
- City received three responses
- City and Spirit staff scored proposals
- Highest score went to Leitner-Poma of America

RFP PROCESS

A joint effort that took advantage of the expertise of both City and Spirit staff

- ➤ City and LPOA sign contract
- ▶ LPOA begins ordering parts
- Spirit and City work together to remove old lifts and prepare for new lift alignment
- ➤ Construction begins in summer
- ▶ Lift ready for November 2025 open

NEXT STEPS

Assuming City Council approves the proposal