



The City of Duluth is seeing applicants to a vacant seat on the Natural Resources Commission. Applications can be submitted [online](#) now through June 20, 2021.

The City Council established the Natural Resources Commission to advise the mayor and city council by providing science-based guidance on the protection and enhancement of the ecological health of city-owned and city-managed land, and the regional ecosystems of which they are an integral part.

Specific additional responsibilities may include:

- Develop and recommend policies and practices on the protection, restoration, and management of natural resources on city land;
- Solicit public input on the protection, restoration, and management of natural resources on city land;
- Advise on issues, policies, ordinances, and programs pertaining to the protection, restoration and management of trees on city land and, where required by ordinance, on private land.
- Advise on the composition of the city's portfolio of green space and adding to or disposing of such properties.
- Advise on the Duluth Natural Areas Program established in Article XXIX to designate, protect, and manage lands of special environmental value.

Requirements:

- Resident of the City of Duluth
- Broad experience and technical expertise in areas such as natural resources management, ecology, forestry, botany, water quality, invasive species and wildlife.
- Special consideration will be given to individuals that identify as belonging to a historically marginalized community - those that identify as a person of color, LGBTQ+, and/or as having a disability.

Time Commitments:

This group will meet at least monthly on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM for a two-hour meeting.

Timeline:

Applications will be accepted online now through June 20th, 2021. Applicant screening and interviews if needed will be conducted by administration and City staff the week of June 21-25th. Potential commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council on July 12th. We hope to have the Commission fully appointed in time for the Natural Resource Commission meeting scheduled for July 21st.

For questions related to these vacancies please contact Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator at (218) 730-4329 or by email at ddesotelle@duluthmn.gov