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SUBJECT: Collection of sand and black top helps to maintain water quality

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Collection of sand and black top helps to maintain water quality

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is requesting that residents pick up sand, grit, and loose black top chunks as they sweep up from the winter. The City can reuse the chunks and sand for various projects. Removing this debris will help protect streams and prevent damage to sensitive trout habitat. Last year residents dropped off 26 cubic yards of material, a significant increase compared to the previous years of 20-22 cubic yards.

“Our community cares and takes great pride in keeping our water resources clean and sustainable. Citizen participation is critical to ensure we maintain the high quality of water we all enjoy,” says Chris Kleist, the City’s Project Coordinator.

Residents can drop off loose black top chunks at the same location as they drop off sand and grit from this past winter. The collections sites are marked with black silt fencing and are open to all Duluth residents to dump loose black top chunks and road sand from their sidewalks, curbs and gutters. It is not necessary to bag the sand or grit. Drop off sites are at the following locations:

34th Ave East and Valley Drive

Chester Bowl

Duluth Heights Community Club

Lester Park

Piedmont Community Center

Stowe School

Wheeler Field

Woodland Community Center

For additional information regarding this program contact Chris Kleist, Project Coordinator at (218) 730-4063.

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