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[DULUTH, MN] The Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) is encouraging public input and suggestions on how to protect area lakes and streams from pollutants in stormwater runoff via an annual contest. Members of the public can be entered for a chance to win prizes from the RSPT when they suggest ideas for how to better protect Lake Superior, the Saint Louis River, and area streams from stormwater pollution. Participants who provide a new idea or suggestion will be entered into a drawing for one of four prizes.

Prizes include a gift certificate to buy native plants, an icy sidewalk control kit and other great items. Details on how to submit ideas, enter in the contest, and for prize information, please visit <https://www.poopfairy.university/game> . The deadline to enter is December 31, 2025.

“Duluth and the RSPT have received some great comments and suggestions in the past, and they’ve made our stormwater pollution prevention efforts more effective.” said Ryan Granlund, City of Duluth’s Utility Programs Coordinator.

In previous contests the RSPT has received feedback regarding chloride pollution prevention, Adopt-a-Drain, pet waste, and other community outreach opportunities.

RSPT works to increase awareness that stormwater runoff from yards and roads that flows via ditches or along the curb into storm drains in Minnesota is not treated in any way. Instead, the runoff flows directly into nearby lakes and streams, which is why it is important to ensure stormwater runoff is clean.

Find more information about Duluth's stormwater utility here: <https://duluthmn.gov/public-works-utilities/utilities/stormwater>.

To learn more about the Adopt-a-Drain program or to take the pledge to keep stormwater clean in your neighborhood, visit <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/>.

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