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Hartley Park Mini-Master Plan implementation to start in spring

Two public open houses planned

[Duluth, MN] - From 2013 to 2014, the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation division, worked closely with many community groups and the general public to develop a master plan for Hartley Park. In July 2014, City Council approved the Hartley Park Master Plan, which can be viewed at http://www.duluthmn.gov/media/239907/Hartley-Master-Plan-07-21-2014.pdf

Subsequently, the City of Duluth applied for and received a State of Minnesota Parks Legacy Grant to implement some of the Plan's recommendations, including parking lot and trail improvements, invasive species removal, habitat restoration and selective thinning of pine plantations. In the spring, summer and fall of 2016, work on the above improvements will commence. The probable completion date of all projects is late fall 2016.

We have scheduled two Open Houses to discuss the various projects.

Buckthorn Removal Project

Tuesday, March 1 5:30-6:30 pm * Hartley Nature Center 3001 Woodland Avenue

Invasive Buckthorn removal will be conducted by Prairie Restorations. Removal will begin in early March along Old Hartley Road and then move to the pine plantations.

Parking Lot, Trails, and Old Hartley Road Improvements, Pine Stand Thinning,and Interpretive Sign Development Thursday, April 28 5:30-7:00 pm Hartley Nature Center 3001 Woodland Avenue

Anyone unable to attend these meetings, can email comments or questions to Judy Gibbs, Trail and Bikeway Coordinator at <u>jgibbs@duluthmn.gov</u> or call (218)730-4308. To keep up-to-date on this project, go to: <u>http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/hartley-park-mini-master-plan/</u>

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