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Chester Creek Restoration Commences

[Duluth, MN] - Flood restoration work along Chester Creek commences this week and will take place into the month of September. This restoration work is part of the ongoing 2012 flood repairs necessary to preserve critical trout habitats and stabilize the stream banks. A \$3.5 million grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is funding this work. Contractors will work to stabilize the stream banks at eight locations north and south of the Thom Storm Chalet to improve trout habitats.

This week, the contractor will start mobilizing equipment in the north end of the park by Kenwood Ave. The City and its contractor place safety as a top priority and will have notification signage and orange fencing installed leading up to work sites and signs to indicate where trails are temporarily closed to public access.

The City of Duluth values and strives to protect its natural habitats with utmost care. Bank stabilization work will require the transport and use of large equipment which may disturb or damage trails or bushes. The City is committed to ensuring erosion control measures are installed with restoration of park spaces and public assets to their original state or better following completion of these projects.

Additional questions about the stream project can be directed to Tom Pfeffer, tpfeffer@duluthmn.gov

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