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DATE: 7/3/2023 SUBJECT: Duluth Parks and Recreation and CISMA are hosting five volunteer stewardship events in July BY: Kelli Latuska, Public Information Officer

# Duluth Parks and Recreation and CISMA are hosting five volunteer stewardship events in July

[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division and its partner organization, the Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), are hosting five Wild Parsnip eradication events in July and volunteers are needed for these events.

Attendees must wear long-sleeved clothing, pants, and closed-toed shoes. Additional protective equipment, tools, and instruction will be provided. No prior experience is needed. The events will take place rain or shine, though they will be cancelled if there is lightning.

## **Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Spirit Mountain**

Meet at Spirit Mountain Grand Avenue parking lot at 8551 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55808

Tuesday, July 11 / 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm / Map it!

## Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Indian Point

Meet at the Waabizheshikana access near Indian Point Campground at 7000 Pulaski St, Duluth, MN 55807

Wednesday, July 12 / 9:00 am - 11:00 am / Map it!

## Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail

Meet at the Waabizheshikana access at 8298 Bayhill Dr, Duluth, MN 55807

Thursday, July 13 / 9:00 am - 11:00 am / Map it!

# Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Raleigh Street

Meet at 6800 Raleigh St, Duluth, MN 55807 Wednesday, July 19 / 9:00 am – 11:00 am / <u>Map it!</u>

# Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Raleigh Street

Meet at 6800 Raleigh St, Duluth, MN 55807 Thursday, July 20 / 9:00 am – 11:00 am / <u>Map it!</u>

Wild Parsnip is an invasive plant that presents a public health concern. Touching the plant without protective gear can cause a painful rash and blistering. Wild Parsnip has been found at locations throughout Duluth. Intervention is necessary to address the plant's continued spread. For more information about Wild Parsnip, please visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources webpage: <a href="https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/wildparsnip.html">https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/wildparsnip.html</a>.

For more information about the events, please contact Lori Seele, CISMA Coordinator, at (218) 393-9581 or <u>lori@stewardshipnetwork.org</u>.

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