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SUBJECT: Tischer Creek & Hartley Pond Feasibility Study public informational meeting to be held November 21

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[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) invite the public to attend a public informational meeting to review the results of the Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond Feasibility Study. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Hartley Nature Center, 3001 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55803.

The purpose of the Study is to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed options to improve the aesthetics, aquatic habitat, and recreational values of Hartley Pond while also mitigating the temperature and sediment impairments that are negatively impacting Tischer Creek, one of Duluth's designated trout streams. The hydrologic storage capacity of the pond is also a consideration in this study. The findings of the Feasibility Study will be used by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Natural Resources Commission, Duluth City Council, and the public to consider any potential future actions regarding Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond. The City of Duluth and the MNDNR are collaborating on the study, which is funded through the MNDNR with \$200,000 from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Conducting a feasibility study for Hartley Pond is identified in the 2014 Hartley Park Master Plan, the 2019 Hartley Natural Area Management Plan under the Duluth Natural Areas Program, 2022 Duluth's Natural Resources Management Program Plan, and the 2022 Essential Spaces: Duluth Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan.

For more information about the project, please visit the project webpage at https://duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/progress-in-the-parks/hartley-pond-tischer-creek-feasibility-study/.