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SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation and CISMA are hosting three volunteer stewardship events in July

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[Duluth, MN] – The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation and its partner organization, the Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), are hosting three Wild Parsnip eradication events in July. Volunteers are welcome! 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 – Waabizheshikana Trail

Meet at the Waabizheshikana Trailhead sign at 8298 Bayhill Dr, Duluth, MN 55807

Thursday, July 7 / 4-6 PM / [Map it!](#)

Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Perch Lake Park

Meet at the parking lot at Hwy 23 & 121 Ave W, Duluth, MN 55808

Monday, July 11 / 8-10 AM / [Map it!](#)

Invasive Wild Parsnip Pull – Raleigh Street

Meet at 6800 Raleigh St, Duluth, MN 55807

Thursday, July 28 / 6-8 PM / [Map it!](#)

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 along Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail, Willard Munger State Trail, and the Lakewalk. Intervention is necessary to address the plant's continued spread. For more information about Wild Parsnip, please visit the MN Department of Natural Resources webpage:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/wildparsnip.html>.

For more information about the events, please contact Lori Seele, CISMA Coordinator, at 218-393-9581 and lori@stewardshipnetwork.org, or Kate Kubiak, City of Duluth Natural Resources Coordinator, at 218-580-9150 and kkubiak@duluthmn.gov.

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