

2015 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Meeting

Partnerships and Plans for the St. Louis River Corridor





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River

Corridor

Coalition

Partners



Special Announcement

Western Waterfront Trail Restoration Fully Funded!

- \$100,000 State Coastal Program grant
- \$400,000 State Legacy grant
- \$50,000 Canadian Northern grant

- \$375,000 City match

Western Waterfront Trail Restoration



Restoration of Existing 3.3 Mile Trail

- Restore to original 10-foot width
- Resurface with crushed stone
- Regrade to meet ADA accessibility standards
- Remove exotic buckthorn; restore native vegetation

Special Announcement

Gary New Duluth Reaches Milestones!

GND Development Alliance has received:

- \$91,000 State Coastal Program Grant
- Total contributions of \$511,510 (cash and in-kind)
- \$500,000 city match to be released





2015 Construction Projects

1. Western Waterfront Trail Renewal
2. Cross City Trail Extension
3. Duluth Traverse Trail
4. Gary New Duluth Community Recreation Area
5. Wade Stadium Brickwork, Netting, and Gates
6. Spirit Mountain Water System
7. Snowmobile Trail Restoration



2015 Public Planning Processes Mini-Master Plans

1. Cross City Trail
2. Climbing Park
3. Nordic Center
4. Lincoln Park
5. Memorial Park Plan Update
6. Wheeler Athletic Complex
7. Tallas Island Paddle Center
8. Neighborhood parks TBD



2015 Public Planning Processes Trail Studies

1. Equestrian
2. Off-Highway Vehicles
3. National Water Trail
4. Trail System Infrastructure (Signs and Gates)



2015 Project Leadership

Projects with match requirements need lead organization or task force to:

- Support City-led public planning process
- Organize and lead campaign to solicit gifts of labor, materials, and money
- Establish formal partnership with City
- Coordinate with City staff on project prioritization, grant writing, public relations, etc.



Established Project Leaders

- Gary New Duluth Development Alliance – Gary New Duluth Community Recreation Area
- COGGS – Duluth Traverse
- Duluth Cross Country Ski Club - Nordic Center
- Duluth Area Horse Trail Alliance – Equestrian trails
- North Shore ATV Club – OHV trails
- Over-the-Hill Nightriders – Snowmobile trails
- Duluth Climbing Coalition – Climbing Park



Projects in Need of Project Leader

- Tallas Island Paddle Center/National Water Trail
- Lincoln Park
- Wheeler Athletic Complex
- Memorial Park
- Neighborhood parks TBD

Neighborhood Parks Grant Fund

- *Project* -- 1:1 matching grants up to \$50,000 for neighborhood-level investments.
- *Cost* -- \$1,000,000
- *½ and ½ Funding* -- \$500,000
- *Requirements* -- Projects must align with City plans. Match may be cash or in-kind.
- *Qualifying parks include* -- Piedmont, Midtowne, Harrison, Merritt, Irving, Grassy Point, Keene Creek, Norton, Riverside, Smithville, Morgan, Blackmer, Birchwood, Fond du Lac, and Jacob Astor.
- *Construction* -- 2015 until funds are depleted

A photograph of a snowy path in a forest. The path is covered in snow and has tracks from a vehicle or sled. The trees are mostly birches with white bark, and there are some evergreen trees in the background. The sky is clear and blue. The text "Question and Answer" is overlaid on the bottom part of the image.

Question and Answer