



Sprint Telecommunications Project

Updated 6/4/15

The City of Duluth is informing the public about an upcoming project involving the replacement of a Sprint telecommunications pole with a new permanent mono-pine tower in Chester Bowl Park on the upper hillside. The project is scheduled to start April 13 and is expected to be completed by June 1, 2015.

The project will require the placement of heavy equipment near the western trails in Chester Bowl Park, located on the upper hillside. The project area will be enclosed in orange fencing and heavy equipment will be in use. Park users are asked to keep a distance from the work area.

The City of Duluth is committed to ensuring the preservation and protection of our treasured parks and recreation lands. The City will ensure that any disturbance to the soil and plantings as a result of this project will be minimized to the extent possible and the impacted surroundings are restored to their original state, to the extent possible.

Access to most park trails will be maintained though some trails in the project area may become inaccessible. All trails in the project area are expected to be fully opened for users in mid-June following completion of the project. The City will make every effort to keep the public informed of trail impacts throughout the project.

Additional details of the project schedule* are:

Week of April 13th - Equipment will be in place for foundation work.

Week of May 11-18 - Fencing of project area and mono-pine tower installation.

Week of May 25th – Finish landscaping and restoration of the park grounds. (see update below)

June 1-5st - Estimated project completion.

(*This project schedule may change due to unforeseen conditions related to weather or equipment.)

UPDATE (6/4/2015): Restoration started earlier this week and the site is looking great. Landscapers will be on site the rest of the week and the goal is to finish restoration by the end of the week.

UPDATE (5/20/2015): Contractors have installed one antenna and are awaiting the delivery of the second antenna next week. Upon completion of the final installation, heavy equipment will be removed from the park. Trenching was completed yesterday; partial grading and erosion control materials were laid down today. Landscaping and final grading to begin Friday morning. Full site restoration should be completed by the end of the first week in June.

UPDATE (5/12/2015): Contractors are running behind schedule with tower delivery and start of construction. Planned on site work will commence May 16. The project completion period is not affected.

UPDATE (4/29/15): Structure foundation has been installed. Contractors will resume work May 11 for construction of the permanent tower. Site preservation and restoration will commence upon completion. Trails in the direct vicinity of the project area are still closed off with orange fencing.

UPDATE (4/17/15): Contractor ran into more rock than anticipated. Due to this additional work, this weeks scheduled portion of the project will not be completed. The contractor will clean up the site for the weekend and return on

Monday to continue the work. This in no way will affect the overall project time line.

Questions about the project can be directed to the City of Duluth Property & Facilities Management
(218) 730-5430.