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SUBJECT: City of Duluth to Temporarily Close All Natural Surface Trails, and a Section of West Skyline Parkway

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation division has closed all-natural surface trails due to the annual spring thaw, which presented wet soil conditions, until further notice. Continued use by any method (foot or bike) will result in damage to these important assets. The City anticipates reopening the trails once surface conditions improve.

Other opportunities for walking or cycling include:

- A half-mile section of Lincoln Park Drive (closed to vehicles)
- A one-mile section of Seven Bridges Road in Lakeside/Lester Park. (closed to vehicles)
- A one-mile section of the Munger State Recreation Trail from Pulaski Street to Beaudry Street
- The Campus Connector Trail between the College of St. Scholastica and UMD and along Tischer Creek
- The Cross City Trail from Bayfront Park through Lincoln Park and above the Fairmount neighborhood
- Duluth Lakewalk
- Beaches along Minnesota Point
- Old Hartley Road
- Amity Creek Equestrian Trail
- Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific Railway (DWP) Trail
- West Skyline Parkway and Hank Jensen Drive from Twin Ponds to Enger Park Golf Course

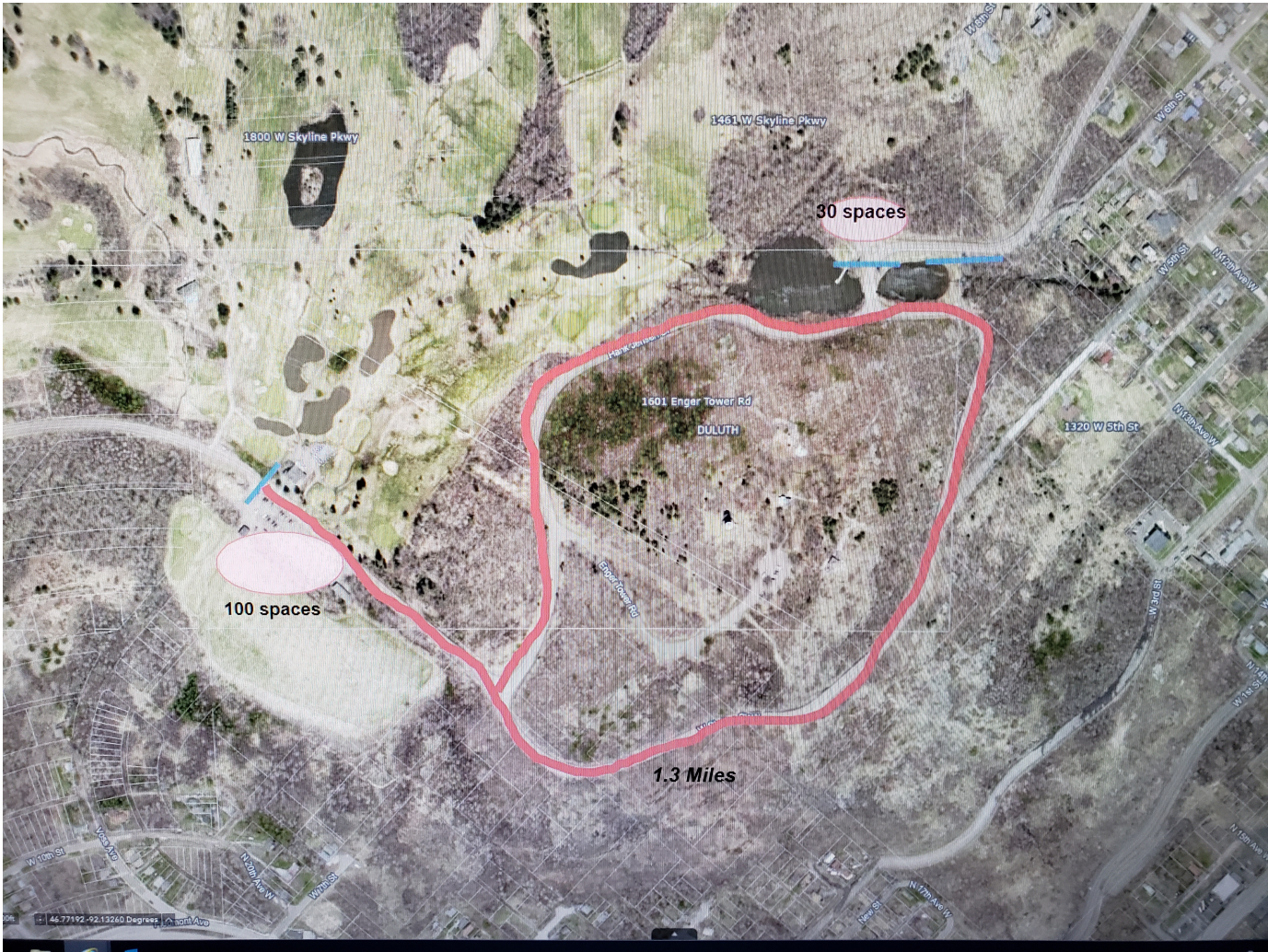
In a continued effort to offer dedicated walking and biking opportunities to area residents, the City of Duluth will also be closing West Skyline Parkway from Twin Ponds to the Enger Park Golf Course parking lot, including Hank Jensen Drive to vehicular traffic. Parking is available at Twin Ponds and the Enger Park Golf Course.

“We continue to seek opportunities to enable area residents to enjoy the outdoors in safe and healthy ways, and this loop includes a fantastic view of the city and Lake Superior,” said Jessica Peterson, Parks and Recreation Manager.

“Each year, Duluth’s natural surface trails close during the spring thaw,” explained Peterson. “As spring arrives in the Northland this year amid the pandemic, we’re striving to protect our trails while providing alternate walking and biking routes for residents who continue to exercise while practicing safe, social distancing.”

COVID-19: City of Duluth Parks staff remind trail users to stay a minimum of six feet apart while enjoying the outdoors. Paved paths such as the Lakewalk, the Cross City Trail, the Munger Trail, and the Campus Connector Trail are usually eight-to-ten feet wide. Maintaining a six-foot separation requires users who travel in opposite directions to walk single file at the edges of the trail when passing. To learn more about the City’s trails, please visit <http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/trails-bikeways/>.

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Enger-Twin Ponds Parkway