



Imagine Duluth 2035
Open Space Focus Group
First Meeting – Tuesday, October 4th, 2016, 4pm
Room 303, Duluth City Hall

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Brief overview - Timeline & Process
3. Review implementation strategies that have been completed or partially completed from 2006 Comp Plan to determine if the strategy is still relevant
4. Review research questions for the Imagine Duluth 2035 process
Do other topics need discussion or further research?
5. Review preliminary data gathering and identify other potential resources
6. Discuss any other emerging issues for this section of the Comp Plan Update
7. Wrap-Up & Next Steps

Open Space Focus Group – Research Questions

Open space is perhaps Duluth's most distinguishing feature to those who choose to live and visit the City. We will work to understand the nature and value of our existing resources in order to achieve a balance between development and open space preservation. Through the planning process we hope to explore the following questions:

- How do we preserve sensitive land permanently?
- Are our open space areas well connected to our neighborhoods?
- Is the preservation of resources fair between neighborhoods?
- Do we all have equal access to enjoying resource areas?
- What are the direct and indirect costs to our region of holding land as undeveloped for preservation and open space?
- Can we sustain the amount of open and undeveloped space on our tax base?
- Can we sustain the current infrastructure network?
- Are there areas that put too much demand on infrastructure and services?
- What tools could be utilized to make us a more resilient community with ever changing climate factors?