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SUBJECT: City partners with Conservation Corps Minnesota &Iowa and ALLETE, Inc. to Improve Trail

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth is teaming up with the Conservation Corps Minnesota &Iowa to host a community event called Restore Duluth on Wednesday, August 7 from 10am to 12pm along the Superior Hiking Trail near Enger Park.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9-9:30am Enger Park - Parking Lot – Volunteer Registration

9:30-10am Trail project orientation and travel to project site

10am-12pm Trail restoration project

This event brings together over 10 employees of ALLETE, Inc. who will be led by 20 young people serving on Conservation Corps crews in youth and AmeriCorps environmental conservation positions. Together, the volunteers will participate in a trail hardening project on the Superior Hiking Trail.

Larry Sampson, Superior Hiking Trail Association Trail Renewal Consultant, said, “We are excited to be working with the Conservation Corps Minnesota &Iowa on this trail project as it takes many hands to keep the Superior Hiking Trail accessible and sustainable.”

ALLETE, Inc. has partnered with Conservation Corps for the past three years providing warehouse space for crew equipment and vehicles at its physical plant at 1510 West Superior Street in Duluth. This event expands the partnership by engaging employees in volunteer service. ALLETE is the parent company of Minnesota Power.

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About the City of Duluth Parks &Recreation: Duluth, a four-season city with 11,000 acres of green space alongside the great Lake Superior, has miles of trails and over 100 parks, providing a suitable back drop for a multitude of recreation activities. www.duluthmn.gov.

About Conservation Corps Minnesota &Iowa: A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Conservation Corps Minnesota &Iowa provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities for youth and young adults. They perform conservation, natural resource management and emergency response work throughout Minnesota, Iowa and surrounding states. www.conservationcorps.org

About AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for volunteering and service. Each year, more than 80,000 men and women serve at more than 20,000 schools, nonprofits, and faith-based groups, joining the more than 1 million Americans who've taken the pledge to 'get things done' since the program's inception in 1994. www.nationalservice.gov

About ALLETE, Inc.: ALLETE is an energy company headquartered in Duluth, Minn. In addition to its electric utilities, Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin, ALLETE owns ALLETE Clean Energy, based in Duluth, BNI Energy in Bismarck, N.D., U.S. Water Services headquartered in St. Michael, Minn., and has an eight percent equity interest in the American Transmission Co. More information about ALLETE is available at www.allete.com. *ALE-CORP*