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SUBJECT: Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond Feasibility Study public meeting to be held February 23

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[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) invite the public to participate in a public meeting for the Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond Feasibility Study. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm at Hartley Nature Center, 3001 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55803.

The meeting will include a presentation about the approach of the Study and the proposed options. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion with the project staff.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the feasibility of the proposed options to improve the aesthetics, aquatic habitat, and recreational values of Hartley Pond, while also mitigating the temperature and sediment impairments that are negatively impacting Tischer Creek, one of Duluth's designated trout streams. The hydrologic storage capacity of the pond is also a consideration in this study. The findings of the Feasibility Study will be used by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Natural Resources Commission, the Duluth City Council, and the Public to determine future actions regarding Tischer Creek and Hartley Pond. The City of Duluth and MNDNR are collaborating on the study, which is funded through the MNDNR with \$200,000 from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The study is expected to be complete by the end of 2023.

Conducting a Feasibility Study for Hartley Pond is identified in the 2014 Hartley Park Master Plan, the 2019 Hartley Natural Area Management Plan under the Duluth Natural Areas Program, 2022 Duluth's Natural Resources Management Program Plan, and the 2022 Essential Spaces: Duluth Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan.

For more information about the project, please contact Kate Kubiak, City of Duluth Natural Resources Coordinator, at (218) 580-9150 or kkubiak@duluthmn.gov.

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