



# The Breeze of Park Point

### *Lafayette Edible Garden*

Monday, July 21, 6 to 8 p.m.

Monthly potluck dinner. Jamie Harvey speaks on bees and pesticides. Dinner starts promptly at 6:00, with the speaker following at 6:30.

### *Park Point Community Club Meeting*

Thursday, July 17, 7 PM,  
Social at 6:30

Lafayette Community Center

### *Park Point Garden Club*

Thursday, July 24

Meeting place to be decided

### *Neighborhood Night Out*

Tuesday, August 5  
6:00-8:00 PM

Lafayette Community Center



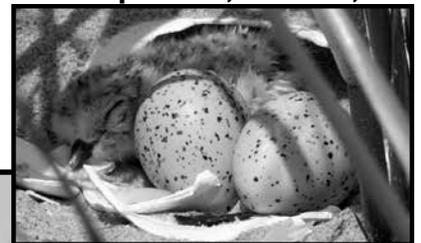
## **The Plight of the Plover:**

Efforts to restore the St. Louis River Area of Concern and the role of the Piping Plover Project

### *Park Point Community Club Meeting Thursday July 17th, 7:00 PM*

Please join staff from the St. Louis River Alliance for an informational talk on the Piping Plover Habitat Restoration Project and the work being done to revitalize the St. Louis River and river estuary as an Area of Concern. The presentation will cover the current status of projects and outreach efforts being conducted to protect, restore, and enhance the St. Louis River.

Sarah Glesner  
Piping Plover Monitor  
St. Louis River Alliance



*All Park Point residents are invited  
to the annual*

## *Neighborhood Night Out*

*at Lafayette Square*

*on Tuesday, August 5th from 6 to 8 p.m.*

*Pot luck dinner, including fresh ingredients  
from the Edible Garden!*

The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

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## **Park Point Summer Youth Program**

**We've started off running and haven't stopped yet.....**

**We have been snooping around the Library on Tuesdays, looking for a few good books and have filled our backpacks full of stories, novels, poems and movies. The many engineers have found the 'hot lava' under the sand in the playground and have made some very complex cities and waterways out of sand, water and PVC Pipe. The swings have swung with our trapeze artists, toes almost touching the sky! The tennis courts have eaten up tennis balls and the Lafayette Soccer Team has won the World Cup. We have gone home tie-dyed as we made our tie-dyed t shirts and will most likely go home blue and red when we decorate our 4th of July shirts.**

**We have seen our Purple Martin Bird friends and their eggs and learned the do's and don'ts of walking on a dock. We have made new friends at the DTA while touring the DTA Bus Barn and held our breath as we went through the bus wash. We have learned how deep you have to dig to put in a new side walk from our construction friends while waiting at our bus stop and learned they do not need our help. We fed the fish at the Aquarium and operated the Under Water Camera. We have stood in the Atlantic Ocean and waited for the many children and their parade of boats to pass through the Locks and Dams. We have mastered the art of rolling down hills and walking thru the fountains in Canal Park.**

**We have toured the Depot, taking the trains to mystical locations throughout the world and became fascinated about the years gone by. We toured the DECC, exploring the many nooks and crannies and performed on stage. We busted gutters at Incline Station and became Championship Bowlers, ready to join the Pro Bowlers League. We have learned bus safety from our many excursions and know the bus drivers will not eat our lunch if we have forgotten it on the bus. The Lego creatures are multiplying and the art tables are very well used. Popsicle frames, origami, construction paper art, feathers, beads and anything you can glue have become very popular. The cooks have opened their Sand Restaurant: serving a wide variety of bakery goods, lunch and dinner items as well as having 'tea time' in the late afternoon. The Duluth Police Bike Patrol is very impressed with our knowledge of Stranger Danger and Dog Danger. We are still trying perfect STREET CROSSING without holding up too much traffic and getting to the bus stop before the bus....**

**\*\*\*\*If you are interested in kayaking with our Paddle Boarders we are in need of you. The kids will Paddle Board on the lake, close to beach. Stop for a picnic and Paddle Board back to Lafayette. It will be a fun day and we are in need of a few people. If interested, please email: 1234 jfouts@gmail.com or stop down and let me know. The dates are July 21 and July 28, around 10:00 am.**

**Come over and see us! If the door is open, we are there.  
Thank you everyone for so many things,  
Joy Fouts**

Hi Neighbors,

Instead of enjoying my summer reading picks on the beach armed with Coppertone, straw hat and fly-swatter, I am turning the pages while sitting next to the wood-stove for evening number two of temperatures dropping to the mid-forties. If you've checked out Duluth's new status of Outside's Best Town 2014 at Outside Online, you have seen their logo. We Duluthians truly "live bravely" every day, especially this year.

Now that our recreational mecca status is bona fide, I hope that you can get out and enjoy all that our beautiful neighborhood has to offer. (Let's hope for 65 degrees soon.) Each bay and beach access on Park Point offers a new adventure and a new vista and these opportunities are just steps from our homes! We have all purchased the rights to use the accesses and they are our community's greatest asset. How lucky we are.

Speaking of our assets, the County Tax Assessor will be re-evaluating all of Park Point next year for the tax rolls. Park Point will be considered "unique" and tax values won't be compared to other Duluth neighborhoods. Will let you know if I hear more on that front.

Two of my summer reading picks are of a local flavor. Michael Fedo's latest book, "Zenith City" (University of Minnesota Press) includes a story about smelting on Park Point.

"Duluth had more than its share of colorful people with quiddities that beg to be put into stories. I'll always be grateful to Duluth for exposing me to so many of them." I'll let you know if Fedo is referring to any of our neighbors...

I read about "Plover Landing" by Marie Zhuikov in Sunday's Budgeter. Although I am not a sci-fi fan, I am looking forward to meeting the heroine from Zhuikov's previous book, Melora St. James, who has now moved back to her hometown of Duluth. According to the review, the piping plovers and the SNA on Park Point are saved from the evil FAA whose plans are foiled by a mind-melded swarm of bees. This is timely story as the FAA consultants were with us last week at our meeting with an update on possible runway reconfigurations at Sky Harbor. The DNR is currently working on changing the restrictions on the SNA, perhaps they had better watch out for a swarm.....

The Community Club will be hosting a Neighbor's Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th at Lafayette from 6-8pm. The PPCC will be serving up an entree, most likely from the grill, and we are asking neighbors to bring a dish to share. We have a volunteer working on music for the event and the Community Edible Gardeners will be assisting as well. If you'd like to help, please give me a call or send me an email. We would love to see as many neighbors as possible. If you've been hosting a gathering at your house for years, consider coming on down to Lafayette or sharing your location and time with me for our website- perhaps a progressive event will ensue! Stay tuned for more details, we have a lot of summer to enjoy before August gatherings. Let's hope we can talk about how the weather took a turn for a most spectacular July.

A huge thanks to the many volunteers in our midst including Charlene Shimmin and Dave Lavamaki who have arranged their last rummage sale porta-potties. Both have officially resigned/retired from the PPCC Rummage Sale Committee. If we would like to continue this tradition, a new chair will need to step up soon. Anyone?

See you out and about,

*Dawn & Klaus*

PS Don't forget the extra bag for trash:)



**Klaus and I found this wing section from the Lancair IV that crashed. Found near 34th on the beach.**

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## **Park Point Community Club: Correction to May, 2014 Meeting Notes**

Resolution passed at the May 15 PPCC regular meeting.  
Correction:

- **The Park Point Community Club does not support Tier 2.**

(City Planning is proposing a two-tier system of access to the beach and the bay on Park Point:

Tier 2 Access points will provide minimal service: A marked (signed) improved (gravel, sand, board) trail link to the Lake or Bay from the Avenue established in an approximately 3 to 4 block interval pattern. (See chart on our website or on City Planning website for the location of proposed Tier 2 accesses.)

Tier 1 Access points will provide full amenities: trash, toilets, and parking. (Franklin Park, Lafayette, Beach House, Sky Harbor, Old boathouse sit on 13th St., Improved easement/access adjacent to the Sand Point Yacht Club at 20th, Park Point Beach House area.

**PARK POINT BOOK LOVERS:** There is a credit in the name of PARK POINT at the Amazing Alonzo Paperback Book Exchange at 1831 E. Superior Street. Just mention that you are from Park Point to receive a 30% discount.

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# Park Point Community Club Meeting: June, 2014

The Park Point Community Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm on June 19th, 2014 by Club President Dawn Buck. The civility checklist was reviewed. The meeting was put on hold for a presentation from SEH and the Duluth Airport Authority. A presentation was given on runway 32 and the old growth forest. Among the two choices they are considering, there is emphasis on selecting the least environmentally damaging option. The third choice is to do nothing. There will be a publication coming out July 2014 that will review these options and will have a 45 day comment period and public hearing. Break in the meeting at 7:35 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:42 pm.

Review of the May minutes. – Motion made by John Bray to amend the minutes to read “Park Point Community Club does not support tier 2”. Brian Nelson seconded the motion. A vote of the membership to accept the minutes as amended was all Ayes.

## **Treasurers report – Al Robins**

Beginning Balance

May 2014 - PPCC - \$45831

Art Fair - \$21772

Total - \$67603

June 2014 – Art fair - \$23200

Total - \$82618

Discussion about youth Program - \$5425 brought in by the families, 11 kids are signed up for sailing through Duluth Superior Sailing Association. Discussion about Art Fair grants. Motion to accept the minutes by Diane Gould. Pam Griggs seconded the motion. A vote of the membership was all Ayes.

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

### **Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs**

No cards sent out this month

### **Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould & Ted Buck**

Thanks for the coffee and treats during our meetings!

### **Program Committee – Dave Poulin & Rory Strange**

Thank you for the Airport presentation tonight. Committee asked for ideas for our meetings that members would like to see. Ideas included a community policing presentation and looking into Coast Guard tours and/or rides on the Alder.

### **Rummage Sale –**

#### **Charlene Shimmin & Dave Lavamaki**

Charlene is retiring from the rummage sale and hopes someone will come forward to head this committee and plan for 2015. She will be available to assist whoever

steps in. They would need to start planning for next year right away. Thank you Charlene for your hard work in making the sale a success for so many years!

### **Watch Committee – That’s all of us!**

Group discussion on several topics:

Ongoing reports of crime near the bridge. Keep your vehicles locked!

Reports of driving on the fields at night and vehicles left in the park after closing. ? video surveillance. – Police need to patrol the park at night

Officer Lindberg has asked if Park Point would be interested in purchasing our own speed monitoring sign.

Nancy Olson reports some plane crash items washing up on shore – call 911 if any are seen.

Large tire on the beach – call Parks & Rec to remove.

### **Art Fair – Carla Tamburro**

June 28 & June 29 are the dates for the 2015 Art Fair.

113 artists and 116 booths will be available to enjoy.

Volunteers are still needed to conduct surveys and for trash pick up. Contact Diane Gould at 727-4067 if you can help. Grants for 2015 have been applied for.

### **Youth Committee – Judy Dwyer**

Youth Program is going smoothly this summer. Thirty-three kids are signed up this year - 18 are from Park Point and 15 are from other areas of Duluth. Lots of fun activities & field trips are happening for the kids off of Park Point and they are having a great time. Thanks to Liz Mackay & Sally Buck for donating lots of your time to the kids!

### **Environmental Committee – Dick Gould**

Updates given on wildlife. Trees are looking good thanks to plenty of rain this spring. Discussion on pipeline digging – concern about the dunes – this is for fiber optics. Walkways to access the beach are in terrible shape and need repairs.

### **Old Business**

No pending old business

### **New Business**

Tuesday 8/5/14 is Neighborhood Night Out. The Edible Garden usually hosts this event at Lafayette, but requests someone from the Community Club to Chair & organize the event and they will assist. Motion made by Dave Poulin to contribute up to \$500 toward this event. Judy Trolander seconded the motion. Group requests clarification that the amount is \$500 to be donated. Motion amended to” \$500 for Neighborhood Night Out at Lafayette” by Ted Buck. A unanimous vote of aye from the membership.

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### "A People on the Way to Knowing, Loving and Serving God."

Be sure to stop by St. Andrew's for a brat or breakfast burrito during the Park Point Garage Sale, all proceeds will be split between St. Andrew's youth ministry and the Steve O'Neil apartments.

Driving out of William O'Brian State Park, which is just north of Marine on the St. Croix, there is a sign with an important message. It says, "Just as in baseball, the most important thing is to reach home safely."

As summer arrives and activities and joy increase, we here at St. Andrew's hope you keep that message in mind, reaching home safely is the most important task of the summer months.

Be safe and have fun!

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### Heeding Warnings

Finding one or her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith, the Sunday School teacher stopped to reprove the offending child. "Bobby," She said with a sweet smile, "when I was a child, I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that the rest of my life." Bobby looked up and replied: "Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."

Jonah warned the Ninevites to change their ways. To their credit they took his words from God to heart.

We, too, are warned, cajoled and encouraged, but often we too easily dismiss it. Now it the time to change. Tomorrow or next week is not guaranteed. Listen to the gospel and heed the message. Although a message stepped in profound hope, it is also a wake-up call to faith that we ignore at great risk of failing to respond to God's grace.

O god, you long for us to come to you in faith, hope and love. You desire only good things for us. When we make a wrong turn, help us to listen to your gentle voice and find our way back to you. We ask for this gift in the name of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Light.

Amen

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# Lafayette Community Edible Garden



Your community gardeners have been very busy tending to the new sprouts and tender transplants rising rapidly in the garden at Lafayette Square. When you visit the garden to see how it's growing, you will be delighted by the recently-erected scarecrows created by the children in the Park Point summer program. Perhaps you will be inspired to join us at one of our family-friendly monthly potluck dinners. At our June dinner, our speaker was Pam Thompson, an Herbalist from Brimson.

If you missed program, you can read all about her and see her products at [www.givingground.com](http://www.givingground.com). If you have any questions about the garden or our events, contact Coral at 727-6455.

## *Come One, Come All...*

... to the annual National Neighborhood Night Out Party at Lafayette Square on Tuesday, August 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share and enjoy a surprise entrée sponsored by the Park Point Community Club. It's also helpful if you bring your own dishes, silverware and beverage.

## *Garage Sale Success*

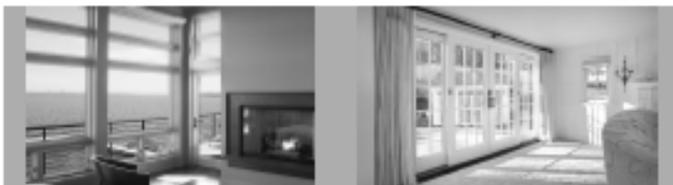
Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who donated items and contributed their time to make our fundraising garage sale a success. We raised over \$500, which will be used for maintenance of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden at Lafayette Square.

## *Mark your calendars:*

- Monday, July 21, 6 to 8 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner. Jamie Harvey speaks on bees and pesticides. Let's have a safe environment for bees by increasing pollinating plants and encouraging Park Point to be pesticide-free. Dinner starts promptly at 6, with the speaker following at 6:30.
- Tuesday, August 5, 6 to 8 p.m. National Neighbors Night Out at Lafayette Square.
- Sunday, September 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner. Angela Krick will teach us about fermenting, an activity she and her family have been doing for several years. She teaches fermenting classes at Whole Foods Co-op.
- Sunday, October ?, Our Annual Harvest Dinner.
- Sunday, November 16, 5 to 7 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner. Chad Johnson will make a presentation on what permaculture is and reintroduce us to Sepp Holzer and his practices. Chad will share his projects at his Spirit Mountain Farm and premiere Sepp's new DVD, Desert or Paradise.

Susan Peters

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By mid-June the last vestiges of the never-ending snowy winter dissolved. I resumed my weekly drives as far as the airport to admire the brilliance of the season of green. The ornamental flowering trees, barely inside the park boundary, were at their peak performance---some dazzling white, others featuring stunning shades of red and pink---all of them against a magnificent backdrop of towering pines.



Then, when opposite the permanent toilet building, a scene of contrasting ugliness jumped out at me. Weeks earlier when I came to that spot I saw a young man had purposely driven his old junker off the blacktop leading to the parking lot. He was hung up on barrier rocks in his attempt to reach the nearest soggy turf.

It was his perverted plan to create a mud pit spinning his tires to trash the grass...a place to test his skill in getting stuck and then try getting unstuck. It didn't work. Someone had to pull him free and, in the process, widened the unsightly mud hole. As I rounded the curve west of the soccer field, it was obvious that the same guy,

or someone with an equal disrespect for a handsome, well-groomed city park, had cut across the field, left his signature, and added his share of damage.

Can we do anything about this? Already stretched to the max in patrolling the vastness of the city, it's unreasonable to expect a police squad to make regular nightly checks at the Park to look for violators of the 10:00 pm to 6:00 am curfew. It would, however, make sense to install a security camera at the Park entrance. Electric service is already available on a pole at that spot and has a streetlight attached.



At the very least, the foliage now covering part of the sign at the entrance could be trimmed in a minute by Park maintenance to make it more obvious and easily read.

Except for the strange behavior of a song sparrow at sunrise last month, I've seen little wildlife activity. As for the song sparrow, I noticed a mated pair at the base of a thick shrub as I pulled in to park in front of my apartment. The female disappeared into the bush where it must have a nest. The male flew directly to my car and perched right next to the passenger side mirror. He looked at himself, flapped his wings once or twice at the image, and then flew over the top of my car, landed by the mirror on the car next to me. He repeated the same routine of looking in that mirror. Within two or three seconds, he sped off to parts unknown....leaving me shaking my head.

## Park Point Garden Club

### “Deadheading? What’s all the fuss?”

If you were a fan of the Grateful Dead you were called a “deadhead.” However, in flower gardening a “deadhead” is a flower that has lost its bloom. It is time for you to get out your “snips” or use your nails to cut off this lost bloom. Why? Is it that flower gardeners are just persnickety? Well this may be, but there is a reason for this trait. Removing old blooms before they produce seed will keep the plant producing blooms longer.

When each flower is on its own stem, it is better to deadhead the entire flower stem, rather than leaving a gangly, headless stem attached to the plant. Some plants, such as impatiens, are self-dead-heading.



Are you enjoying Lafayette’s flower garden? You might like PP Garden Club. Next meeting is July 23. Please call President Diane Gould, 727-4067, for details. Visitors are always welcome!

### Poison Ivy

Remind your friends and visitors to stay away from the poison ivy, which we all know grows in abundance on Park Point. Here are a few of images to help identify this plant and avoid the rash!



## Lafayette Rentals

Lafayette is a great place to hold weddings, reunions, parties, meetings, workshops, etc...

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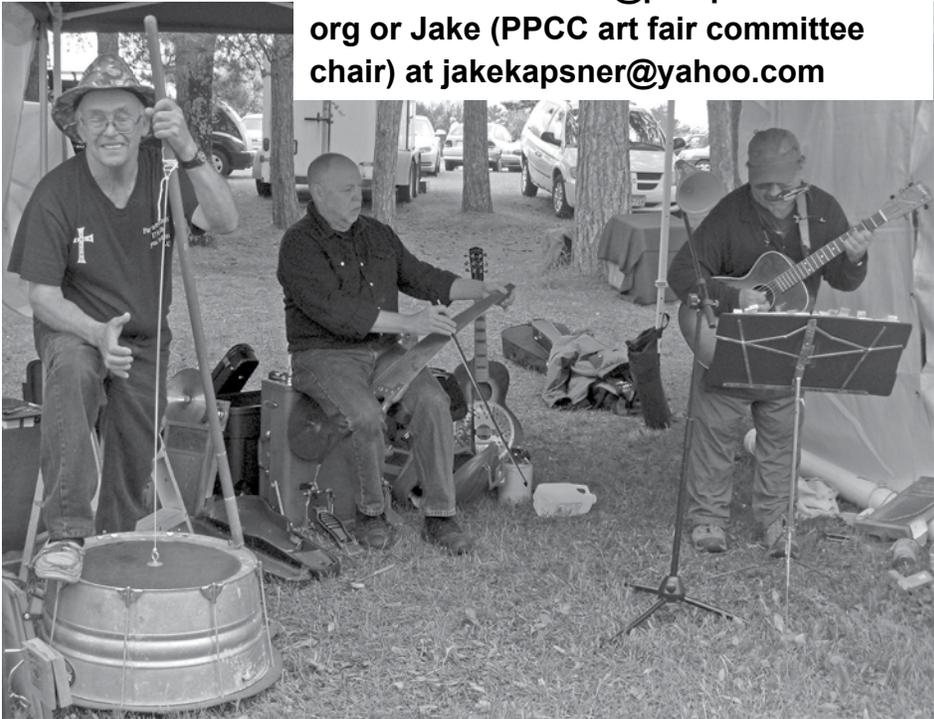
This year over 60 great people volunteered at the 44th annual Park Point Art Fair. Each and everyone of you helps to make the PPAF a great experience for the Artists and fair attendees. Thank you!



The PPCC's signature event got a big boost this year from a Minnesota State Arts Board grant, which enabled us to offer more arts activities, presented by more artists, and to reach out to audiences in new and more compelling ways.



**Share ideas, evaluate PPAF:**  
If you want to attend the next Art Fair committee meeting to share your thoughts on the 44th annual event and look ahead to next year, please contact Carla at [coordinator@parkpointartfair.org](mailto:coordinator@parkpointartfair.org) or Jake (PPCC art fair committee chair) at [jakekapsner@yahoo.com](mailto:jakekapsner@yahoo.com)





# Duluth Sky Harbor Airport Update

## Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal EA/EAW Publication & Public Open House/Hearing

The Duluth Airport Authority (DAA) has proposed to reconstruct the runway at the Sky Harbor Airport to provide an approach clear of trees and any other obstructions. The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Sky Harbor Airport Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal will be published on July 7, 2014.

The preliminary preferred alternative (Alternative 5a Short) will result in impacts to surface water resources. Alternative 13 would result in a reduced quantity of surface water resources compared to the preliminary preferred alternative, but would impact the old-growth forest habitat on airport property and in adjacent properties, including the SNA. Although Alternative 13 has more impacts to the SNA, a Section 4(f) resource, than the preliminary preferred alternative, it is being carried forward in the EA for comparison purposes due to the reduction in fill impacts to Superior Bay. Impacts due to either action alternative would be offset by mitigation measures, potentially in the form of habitat improvement projects near the Airport in Superior Bay.

The EA/EAW may be accessed electronically on the DAA website at <http://www.duluthairport.com> and will be available beginning July 7, 2014 for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Duluth International Airport at 4701 Grinden Dr, Duluth, MN
- Duluth Public Library at 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN
- Lafayette Community Recreation Center at 2026 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN
- Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport at 5000 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN
- Duluth City Hall at 411 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, Duluth, MN
- SEH – Duluth Office at 418 W Superior St, Suite 200, Duluth MN

The DAA will hold an Open House and Public Hearing to solicit comment on the Draft EA. The Open House will take place on August 7, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. at The Inn on Lake Superior at 350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, MN.



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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/  
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Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport  
Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal**

**EA/EAW Comment Deadline: August 20, 2014**

**Project Title:** Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal

**Project Description:** The Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport (Airport), under the direction of the Duluth Airport Authority (DAA), has proposed to reconstruct the runway at the Airport to provide an approach clear of trees and any other obstructions. The use of Airport Improvement Program funding requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the proposed action in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In addition, an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is mandatory for this project pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.4300, Subp. 30 (Natural areas) because some of the alternatives considered could potentially impact the adjacent Minnesota Point Pine Forest Scientific and Natural Area (SNA). The preliminary preferred alternative and another alternative considered, Alternative 13, would result in fill in Superior Bay and would require an EAW under MR 4410.4300, Subp. 27 (Wetlands and public waters). Therefore, a joint Federal EA/State EAW has been prepared to evaluate the alternatives. Because the action alternatives have impacts to surface waters, the FAA and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to merge the NEPA and Clean Water Act Section 404 Permitting processes into one process.

The preliminary preferred alternative (Alternative 5a Short) will result in impacts to surface water resources. Alternative 13 would result in a reduced quantity of surface water resources compared to the preliminary preferred alternative, but would impact the old-growth forest habitat on airport property and in adjacent properties, including the SNA. Although Alternative 13 has more impacts to the SNA, a Section 4(f) resource, than the preliminary preferred alternative, it is being carried forward in the EA for comparison purposes due to the reduction in fill impacts to Superior Bay. Impacts due to either action alternative would be offset by mitigation measures, potentially in the form of habitat improvement projects near the Airport in Superior Bay.

During the scoping process, early Tribal consultation was initiated by the FAA. The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, the 1854 Treaty Authority, and the MnDOT Office of Government Affairs attended one meeting during the scoping process. The Tribes were invited to all meetings on the project and will receive a copy of the Draft EA/EAW. There are no properties with the Area of Potential Effect eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The FAA issued a finding of No Historic Properties Affected in August 2011. The SHPO conditionally concurred with the finding in a letter dated September 8, 2011. The FAA revised the finding to incorporate SHPO's conditions and to reflect new information. The FAA issued a revised finding in July 2014. Results of the consultation will be included in the Final EA.

The EA/EAW may be accessed electronically on the DAA website at <http://www.duluthairport.com> and is available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Duluth International Airport at 4701 Grinden Dr, Duluth, MN
- Duluth Public Library at 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN
- Lafayette Community Recreation Center at 2026 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN
- Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport at 5000 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN
- Duluth City Hall at 411 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, Duluth, MN

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Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 [sharla.gardner@gmail.com](mailto:sharla.gardner@gmail.com)

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