



Memo

To: Duluth Economic Development Authority, Natural Resources Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission

From: Jenn Moses, Manager of Planning and Community Development

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Subject: Lester Park Golf Course Land Use Study – May 2026 Update

Last month, work on the land use study included finalizing the market study, updating the project web site, (lpgcstudy.com) with all existing conditions information, and using information and input to begin creating development scenarios, along with initial infrastructure estimates for these scenarios.

Working with the steering committee, a vision statement was crafted:

*Duluth's former Lester Park Golf Course will be an **enduring** neighborhood that embodies Duluth's identity of **stewardship** while inspiring **balanced, thoughtful growth**.*

*Through an integrated approach to natural resource restoration, outdoor recreation, and well-designed neighborhood development, the site will **honor its scenic and ecological assets** while **meeting city-wide needs** of creating environmental, social, and economic value.*

*The vision will serve as **a model for responsible, financially sustainable land use** while fostering a legacy of belonging, exploration, and pride for current and future generations.*

This month will include another round of public input to showcase the information to date, including scenario ideas. An interactive map and survey will be put on the web site for people to give input on the scenarios. Meetings with focus group attendees and the Technical Advisory Committee will continue these discussions on development scenarios.

The next public meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27, 5:00-7:00 pm at Lester Park Elementary School**. We invite everyone to attend to see the process to date and give feedback on development ideas.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 218-730-5328 or jmoses@duluthmn.gov.