

Council Agenda Item 26-0571R



MEETING DATE: 06/29/2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARK POINT RECREATION AREA PLAN

SUBMITTED BY: Katie Bennett, Senior Parks Planner

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: June 10, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously voted in support of the Park Point Recreation Area Plan and moved to recommend that City Council approve the plan as presented.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

23-0977R – Resolution authorizing application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Lake Superior Coastal Program for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to support development of a Park Point Recreation Area Plan.

24-0747R – Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Lake Superior Coastal Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for funds to support development of a Park Point Recreation Area Plan.

25-0210R – Resolution authorizing an agreement with LHB, Inc. for a Park, Recreation, and Coastal Preservation Plan for Park Point Recreation Area for an amount not to exceed \$129,461.00

25-0846R – Resolution authorizing the first amendment to a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Lake Superior Coastal Program Grant supporting development of a Park Point Recreation Area Plan. This resolution authorized an extension to the grant agreement to June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND: The City of Duluth applied for and was awarded a grant of \$75,000 from Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal program to support the development of a Park Point Recreation Area Plan. The grant required a 1:1 match with \$55,000 from the Parks Fund and in-kind staff time valued at \$20,000. The grant and cash match supported hiring a consultant to assist with the development of the plan, and LHB, Inc. was selected through competitive procurement.

The Plan identifies park improvements to best serve community needs based on information related to existing park conditions, community input, potential funding opportunities, and long-term maintenance needs. The Plan is intended to guide decision-making for improvements at the Recreation Area to address extensive shoreline erosion while improving access to recreational amenities and ensuring the protection,

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restoration, and long-term resiliency of natural resources at the site. The planning process included iterative community engagement, presentation of the draft plan at the March 11 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, a public comment period, and a final presentation of the plan at the June 10 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Approval of the plan is not associated with immediate budget or fiscal impacts. The Park Point Recreation Area Plan will be used to support federal and state grant applications for implementation of the Plan's recommendations.

OPTIONS: Approve the Park Point Recreation Area Plan as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission to successfully close out the associated grant that supported the Plan's development or decline approval to jeopardize reimbursement and close out of the grant.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve the Park Point Recreation Area Plan.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A – Park Point Recreation Area Plan