



## 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 – June 2026 Update

### Last Month's Activity

Last month, we began the second round of public involvement for this study:

- A video summarizing the existing conditions for the site has been launched: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thHnVVcKwH8&feature=youtu.be>
- A public open house on May 27 highlighted all the information compiled to date, and shared three different land use scenarios for people to understand and give feedback on development ideas. This meeting had over 100 attendees.
  - Boards presented at the open house are available online at <https://bmi.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/c1ae619209f64241a2155689c4f9d868/data>.
  - Comments received are available online at <https://bmi.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/e8908441c1414fa98dab5c430959c656/data>.
- We held the first of three small group meetings with focus group participants. As a reminder, in February and March we met with the following focus groups: outdoor recreation, natural resources, large employers, and small businesses. These groups were all invited to the small group meetings to further engage with the three land use scenarios.

### Additional Feedback Opportunities

- Two additional online feedback tools have been launched, and will be available online until June 19:
  - A survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPGCSurvey2>. This survey allows people to give feedback similar to that available at the open house.

- An interactive mapping tool, at <https://gis.boltonmenk.com/inputid/?app=LesterParkGolfCourse>, allows visitors to tour the various scenarios and add comments to specific mapped areas of the site.

### What's Next?

In June, the project team will be summarizing all the feedback received during this round of public engagement, which will help develop final recommendations for the site. In addition, a second online video will summarize the development and evaluation of scenarios.

The study will wrap up in July, when there will be several opportunities for everyone to learn about the study recommendations. The project team will then be giving four presentations at various City boards and commissions, as well as hosting a final open house.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 218-730-5328 or [jmoses@duluthmn.gov](mailto:jmoses@duluthmn.gov).