

Council Agenda Item 26-0750R



MEETING DATE: 08/24/2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE UPDATED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MAGNEY-SNIVELY DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA

SUBMITTED BY: Kate Kubiak, Natural Resources Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Updated Management Plan for the Magney-Snively Designated Natural Area.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- August 5, 2026 – Natural Resources Commission approved the Management Plan – no changes – and recommended approval to the Planning Commission.
- August 13, 2026 – Planning Commission approved the Management Plan – no changes.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

September 9, 2002 – Duluth City Council approved the [Duluth Natural Areas Program Guidelines for the Permanent Protection of Ecologically Significant Lands in Duluth, Minnesota](#), which describes the designation process, eligibility and criteria, and the management plan requirements for designated natural areas. The [Duluth Natural Areas Program](#) (DNAP) is also described by City ordinance: [Duluth City Code, Chapter 2, Article XXIX](#).

BACKGROUND: Management Plans are required component of the DNAP program. Magney-Snively's Management Plan was outdated. The original Plan was developed in 2003. It has been updated, with the assistance of an Advisory Committee. It now matches the modern plan format of the DNAP program and provides City staff with a list of prioritized Management Actions to help guide the City and partners in stewarding this designated natural area.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: There is no financial commitment for the City.

OPTIONS: Approve or deny the Updated Management Plan or approve the Management Plan with changes. If the Management Plan is not approved, the 2003 plan will guide management.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve the Updated Management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1: Magney-Snively Designated natural Area Updated Management Plan