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SUBJECT: State's Arbor Month Celebration in Duluth

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WHAT: The DNR has partnered with the city of Duluth to celebrate Arbor Month as an effort to encourage the greater Duluth area to recover from last year's devastating floods

WHO: Barb Naramore, DNR Assistant Commissioner, Forest Boe, DNR Director of Forestry and Mayor Don Ness of Duluth

WHEN: Wed., May 15, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., ceremony beginning at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Chester Bowl Community Rec Center in Chester Park, 1801 East Skyline, Duluth, MN 55812

Map:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/education_safety/education/arbormonth/2013/Chester_Park_Trail_Map.pdf

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

May is Arbor Month in Minnesota. This year, Minnesota's Arbor Month theme is "Plant Trees for a Brighter Minnesota." Minnesotans are encouraged to replace trees lost during the past year's floods, tornadoes, blowdowns and snowstorms.

The DNR has partnered with the city of Duluth to celebrate Arbor Month and encourage residents in the greater Duluth area to join in the recovery effort. Chester Park lost many trees during the 2012 floods and needs restoration. Speakers include DNR Assistant Commissioner Barb Naramore, State Forester Forrest Boe and Duluth Mayor Don Ness. The event on May 15 starts at 12:30 p.m., with the actual ceremony and tree planting scheduled for 1 p.m.

Students from Lester Park and Lakewood school forests will help with planting seedlings, and there will be archery lessons and musical performances by Matt Wahl. An information tent hosted by DNR foresters, city of Duluth staff and other agencies will provide participants with information on tree planting, care and maintenance.

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