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**SUBJECT: City of Duluth honored as Minnesota Land Trust's Partner of the Year, national natural spaces planning leader**

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[Duluth, MN] On Saturday, October 29 at 1:30 pm, the Minnesota Land Trust will honor the City of Duluth as its Partner of the Year at a ceremony in the DECC's Harbor Side Ballroom. City leadership and Land Trust staff and supporters will gather to celebrate the City of Duluth as a national model for realizing the potential of outdoor recreation and greenspace preservation as essential community attributes.

The Partner of the Year award commemorates both the City's unique vision and intention as well as its collaborative relationship with the Minnesota Land Trust, which allowed for better conditions in which funding could be secured, restoration projects planned, and the public engaged.

"We're proud of this honor, and we know that the work we have been doing for years in the conservation space, treating our parkland and greenspaces like the vital resources they are, matter to everyone in the City and beyond," said Mayor Emily Larson of the award. "We know, too, that the Minnesota Land Trust's partnership continues to be a key driver in our ability to continue to conserve and improve these spaces for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors. This recognition is a testament to our dedication to natural spaces."

"We applaud the dedication of City leaders, outdoor recreation groups—and ultimately Duluth residents themselves—to provide world class outdoor amenities and preserve its greenspace," said Kris Larson, Minnesota Land Trust's Chief Executive Officer, "the long standing partnership between the City and the Land Trust has been one of the organization's greatest highlights."

**Event Details:**

Minnesota Land Trust 2022 Treasured Places Award Ceremony and Social

Saturday, October 29, 2022

DECC Harbor Side Ballroom

Duluth, MN

Award Ceremony: 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Social: 2:30–4:00 p.m. Cash bar; complimentary coffee and desserts

Award ceremony and social are free and open to the public. Pre-registration (by October 26, 2022) is required.  
<https://mnland.org/get-involved/special-events/treasured-places/>

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