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**SUBJECT: City of Duluth to hold public meeting to discuss the MPCA Planning Grant for Stormwater Community Resilience watershed study outcomes**

**BY: Kelli Latuska, Public Information Officer**

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**Monday, May 30, 2023 | 6 pm to 8 pm | Harrison Park Community Center | 3002 W Third Street, Duluth, MN 55806**

[DULUTH, MN] In May of 2022, the City of Duluth Public Works and Utilities Department was awarded a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Planning Grant for Stormwater Community Resilience. This grant provided funding to engage in an in-depth study of the 32nd Avenue W Creek Watershed in Duluth, which generally includes the drainage area between 27th Avenue W and Wheeler Field from W Skyline Pkwy down to the St. Louis River Estuary. Following the grant award, City of Duluth Engineering contracted with Short, Elliot, Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) as engineering consultants to perform a watershed model simulating a flood event, in an attempt to highlight vulnerabilities in the public stormwater infrastructure.

The public are invited to attend a public meeting detailing the findings related to the watershed study. The meeting will generally include an overview of the work that the City of Duluth is doing to prepare for climate change and resilience related to flooding in the 32nd Avenue W Creek Watershed and portions of the Lincoln Park neighborhood within that watershed. Ideas will also be shared on how residents can contribute to improving water quality and reducing flood risks. Following the presentation, representatives from the City of Duluth will be looking for feedback and public testimony on water quality and flooding that local residents have experienced in order to best understand current flood risks and opportunities to increase stormwater resilience in the community. Questions related to the public meeting and/or the watershed study may be directed to Ryan Granlund, Utility Programs Coordinator, City of Duluth at (218) 730-4088 or [rgranlund@duluthmn.gov](mailto:rgranlund@duluthmn.gov).

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