

Dear Neighbors,

Hopefully this finds you well—and warm! The Park Point Community Club Erosion and High Water Committee (EHWC), in cooperation with the City of Duluth and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), would like to hear your thoughts about the recent beach nourishment effort.

Late this summer, as you are likely aware, the USACE, at the request of the City of Duluth, coordinated placement of approximately 52,000 cubic yards of dredged material on the Park Point beach, from the bridge to just past 9th street. Due to the initial narrowness of the beach and the depth of material required to buttress the eroded dune, nourishment efforts were not able to extend as far south as hoped.

Throughout the nourishment process members of the EHWC maintained contact with the USACE, the City of Duluth, and workers on site. Employees of the company contracted to carry out the project were very receptive and happy to answer any questions. The project, insofar as was able, accomplished the goals of widening the beach and protecting the dune.

It is the EHWC's recommendation, and has received verbal affirmation, that the section of City-owned beach between 9th and 12th streets be nourished in a similar process during the summer of 2021. Furthermore, the EHWC recommend this re-nourishment process be carried out every 5-6 years going forward, but this will require further future evaluation by the City of Duluth and USACE.

In light of this ongoing process and in an effort to maintain communication at a time when face-to-face gathering is discouraged, we request your feedback; positive, negative, or neutral. Did the bulldozer keep you up at night, or maybe lull you to sleep? Did the temporary beach closure disrupt your tanning schedule, or maybe it reassured you that mask-less tourists would be scarce? We recognize the beach nourishment is a disruption, but we feel a necessary one. Please share your experience. A summary of the responses will be shared with both the City of Duluth and USACE personnel.

To clarify one common concern, the unpleasant odor temporarily experienced during the re-nourishment process is completely natural and does not present a hazard to residents. Before

prospective dredging material can be placed, it is thoroughly tested by the USACE and the results from the sediment sampling analysis are reviewed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to ensure operations are protective of human health and the environment.

In an effort to receive feedback in a timely and socially distant manner, please email your comments by **Saturday, November 21st** to:

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