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Mr. Hamilton Smith, Chairperson
Erosion and High Water Committee (EHWC)
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Dear Hamilton,

The Park Point Community Club (PPCC) appreciates and respects the efforts of the Erosion and High Water Committee members. We would also like to express our gratitude to the City of Duluth for facilitating the much needed beach restoration from the Canal to 9th St. We thank the USACE for their very important work in our community and for their willingness to look at what went well in 2020 and what needs to be improved upon for the continuation of beach nourishment along the shores of Lake Superior, our region's greatest treasure, in 2021 and beyond.

The Park Point Community Club supports these recommendations as stated below:

Because the erosion situation on Park Point, especially in the area between 9th and 13th streets, poses an emergency level of risk of storm damage, we strongly encourage the City of Duluth and USACE to complete the beach nourishment project in 2021. The following recommendations aim to mitigate issues experienced this year:

1. The USACE deposits up to 100,000 cubic yards of MPCA-approved dredge materials on the beach from 9th to 13th streets in 2021.
2. Prior to the beach nourishment application in 2021, the USACE will study and report back to the City of Duluth, Park Point Community Club and the PPCC EHWC their findings on the cause of the crushed aluminum and what will be done to avoid a repeat of that problem.
3. Prior to the beach nourishment application in 2021 a concerted education effort will be undertaken by the USACE, the City of Duluth, and the Park Point Community Club on the nature of the beach nourishment project, what is to be expected, and what residents can do to mitigate temporary effects during the application of new beach materials.



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4. Dredged materials considered for continued beach nourishment will undergo detailed analysis for suitability before they are placed on the beach. The USACE's sediment sampling plan must demonstrate state water quality standards for Lake Superior will not be exceeded. During the application of new beach materials in 2021, the City of Duluth and PPCC will request MPCA require constant monitoring of the lake and discharged materials for the presence of any harmful components. If harmful components are found in the discharge, the USACE will take steps to remove or treat them.

5. If there are remaining dredge materials, they are placed on the south end of Minnesota Point (Lake Superior side) to protect the old growth pine forest including the scientific and natural areas.

With gratitude,

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