

# Park Point Community Club Est. 1889, 501c4



**The purpose of the Park Point Community Club is to work for the betterment of the Community and the welfare of its residents.**

Dawn Buck & Pat Sterner  
Thank you for inviting us!



Park Pointers are engaged and passionate about maintaining a sense of community.

Park Pointers take stewardship activities seriously.

- Engaging, learning & collaborating resulting in community led initiatives



Wonderful Neighbors~Lynette	A community surrounded by "neighbors" who really take time for each other and by water which is accessible for all.		
Access to outdoor activities everywhere you go	The Lake	Beautiful sunsets on the Bay!!~Rod, Pat & Tricia	Diversity
Going to Lafayette~Owen S.	Great neighbors! Awesome Bridge! Beautiful beach! Super sunrises! Family!		
Rowing	World's Best Beach "After the Tourists Leave"		
Park Point Neighbors are My Family. Bay view is super.		Watching floatplanes	
Watching Kids Play @ Tot Lot	Neighbors watch out for each other	Kindness!	Ifamily!
Spirit of Community	Pointers-We Love You ALL. Peace and Love, DANNY & LYNETTE	Lake, people!	Sunrises, Sunsets, Reading on the beach any day I want!
Sunrises	Smores on the beach	Playing in my yard and greeting neighbors	
Water all around us!!	The warm winters		
The view of the Big Bridge & lights across the Bay at night with their reflections on the water		So many Great Cooks & Great Folks in one spot... Our Point!	~Beach~
No hills to bike up	Walking the beach	Living on "Island Time"	Watching boats of all kinds
Sunsets and wonderful neighbors ☺		OUTDOOR ACCESS	Nice Neighbors, Lake Access, Beautiful sunsets, Bright stars ~it's home
The Beach in all weather	Playing in my yard and greeting neighbors	Small town feeling-Great neighbors	
Sunsets	Your Smile/or Wave	Staying up all night on the beach	
Bay in the front... beach in the back	Smores on the beach	NEIGHBORS ARE FRIENDLY	
Charlene Shimmin's Birthday on Aug. 10, "66"		Planning ahead so you don't have to "leave the island"	Ready access to miles of sand beach!



**The Park Point Art Fair- 53rd this year! 6/28-29(Park)**

**The Breeze, monthly newsletter since 1972**

**Camp Lafayette- upstairs and downstairs, summer**

**Lafayette Rink & Warming in Lower Level**

**Wednesday Flag Football at Lafayette- ages 7-78!**

**Lafayette Community Edible Garden 2009**

**Minnesota Point Preservation Society, 501c3, 2011**

**Park Point Garden Club Est. 1948**



**Park Point Traffic Safety Committee**

**Erosion & High Water Committee 2019**

**Minnesota Point 50, Created in 2020, included a  
Community of Practice**

**MPPS dba Minnesota Point 50, July 2024**

**For thousands of years Minnesota Point has been a very special place. The work we do now honors all who have come before us and those who will be here after we are gone.**

**Minnesota Point = Neyaashi**



# Learning & Collaborating

## “Yes” is productive and builds relationships





# Park Point Beaches were Rated by Travel & Leisure In the Top 25 beaches in the USA

The magazine singled out Park Point, the world's largest freshwater sandbar, for its great views of Duluth and Lake Superior, and for its "spectacular sunrises."  
"The beautiful beach and its waves have the feel of an ocean locale," the magazine gushed.

From MPR, Dan Kraker, April 2024



Nov. 18 Paul  
Treuer









Hosting & facilitating the mayoral debate on Sept. 19th, 2023







NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Community POT LUCK  
BEACH HOUSE 6-8 pm





*The Proof is in the Tree Rings, Indigenous Fire Shaped the forests on Minnesota and Wisconsin Point*











**Minnesota Point 50 (MP50) is a community-led nonprofit organization established to shine a light on the ecological, cultural, and economic importance of Minnesota Point and to lead its partners in ensuring the long-term resilience of this national treasure.**



# Minnesota Point 50

## **PARTNERS** *(Local, Regional, National)*

- Local: Park Point Community Club  
The City of Duluth  
University of Minnesota Duluth  
The Port Authority
- Regional: Minnesota DNR/Coastal Resilience  
Minnesota Sea Grant  
The Shedd Aquarium (Great Lakes Hope Spot)
- National: Mission Blue (Great Lakes Hope Spot)  
Climate Mayors



## **Minnesota Point 50**

**Building resilience for  
generations to come.**

Our Mission: We lead strategic actions with a diverse group of partners to ensure the ecological, cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point.

Our Vision: Minnesota Point, a dynamic and fragile ecosystem and community, sustains its land, water, wildlife, infrastructure, and people for generations to come.



## Threats to Minnesota Point

- Inaction, mistakes of the past, complacency when water levels are down
- Erosion
- Warming waters of Lake Superior
- Federal piers blocking the natural flow of sediment to MN Pt.
- Loss of habitat for wildlife
- Infrastructure at risk
- Development without consideration for the long term; setbacks, building specifications, landscape considerations
- Loss of community: Vacation rentals, loss of full time residents
- High number of visitors without education, infrastructure, facilities







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## FUNDERS

*(Local, Regional, National)*

Local: Community/Public Donations (ongoing funding)  
Park Point Community Club (ongoing support)  
Minnesota Power Foundation (grant in process)

Regional: Minnesota DNR/Coastal Resilience (grant requested)  
Climate Mayors Community Climate Implementation Fund (grant received)

National: Mission Blue (potential)  
NOAA (potential)



# Minnesota Point 50

## Coastal Resilience Action Plan

Developed over two years through a Challenge Grant from the Association of State FloodPlain Managers (ASFPM)

20 Actions over 3 years

Primary Implementation Partners:

- City of Duluth (Multiple Departments including Parks & Recreation)
- Sea Grant
- UMD
- MN Coastal Program
- St. Louis County
- NOAA



# Minnesota Point 50

## 2024 - 2025 Actions

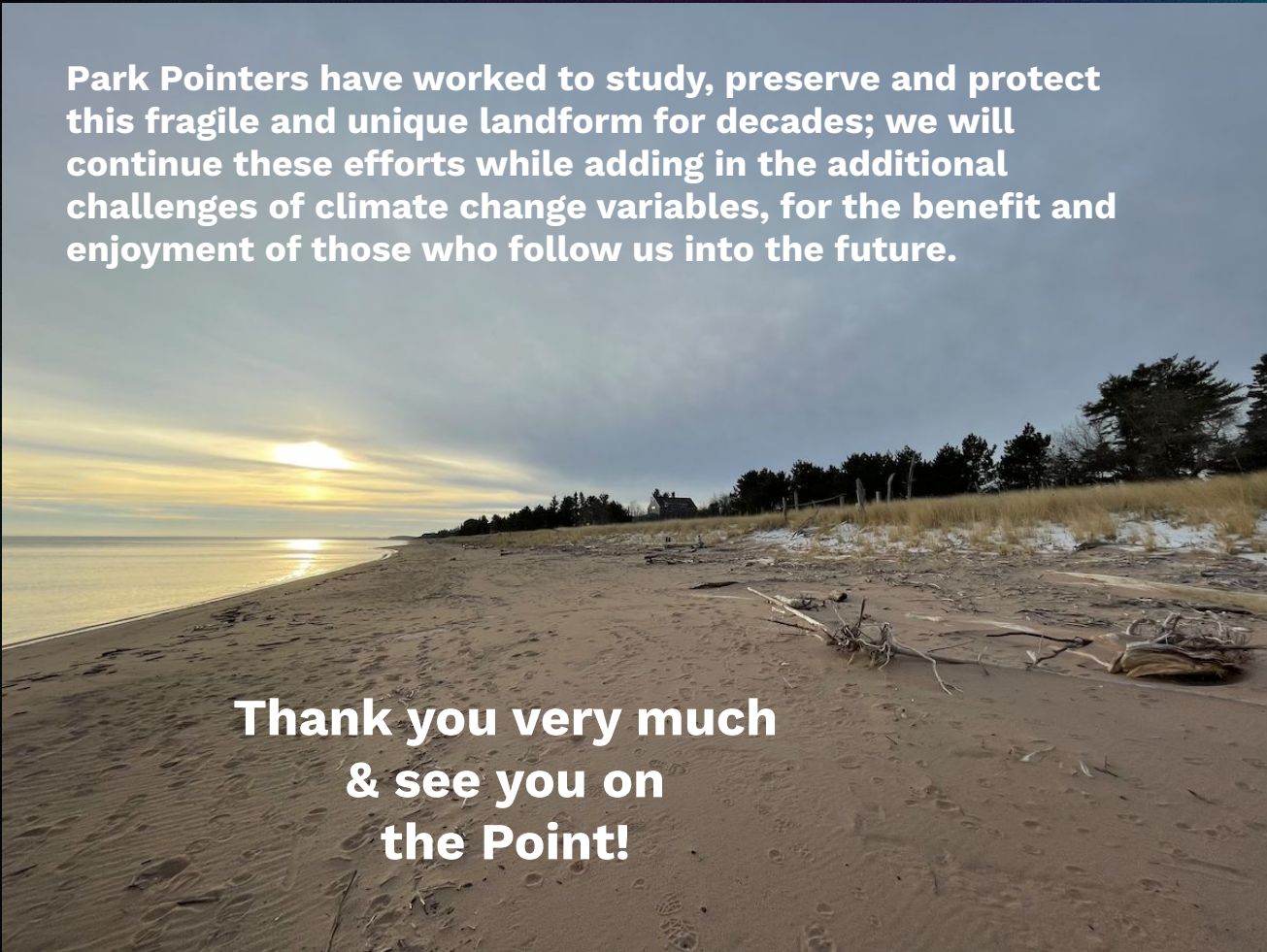
Organizational Infrastructure: New Board, Website, PR and Marketing, Fundraising, Paid Admin and Program staff

Spring 2025: 2-day Public Launch of the Coastal Resilience Action Plan  
Public Celebration and Education  
Partner Convening to establish methodology for implementation

Fall 2025: Development of three public education documents  
Homeowners Guide  
Recreational Visitors Guide  
Coastal Resilience Education Series

Ongoing: Public Engagement, Strengthening Partner Relationships/Commitment, Management and Reporting of Action Plan





**Park Pointers have worked to study, preserve and protect this fragile and unique landform for decades; we will continue these efforts while adding in the additional challenges of climate change variables, for the benefit and enjoyment of those who follow us into the future.**

**Thank you very much  
& see you on  
the Point!**