

Request to Park Point Community Club Matching Grant for Partners Summit, November 2026

Minnesota Point 50 (MP50), a 501(3) affiliate of the Park Point Community Club (PPCC), leads strategic actions with a diverse group of partners to ensure the ecological, cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point. Ecological initiatives are guided by the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Planning Framework, developed in 2024 by the Association of State Floodplain Managers in collaboration with Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, MP50, PPCC, and other partner organizations.

Based on this long-term framework, MP50 completed a 2026 Resilience Action Plan (attached). To prepare this annual work plan, we considered priorities and reality to see what we should do, and what seemed feasible to do, in the coming year. In developing the plan, we received crucial input at the MP50 Partners meeting we hosted in May 2025. Attendees representing 20 organizations with a range of perspectives and areas of expertise reflected on the Planning Framework and contributed their ideas on updates to this set of long-term goals, strategies, and actions. At a meeting in January 2026, we convened the Partners again to review the Action Plan, describe progress on implementing it, and discuss opportunities for collaboration.

The Action Plan has five sections, with teams working on specific issues (in parentheses) for each:

- Planning and Development (Strategic Planning, Habitat Plan, Housing, Traffic Safety, Section 111 Plan)
- People and Education (Education Guides, Community of Practice)
- Natural and Cultural Resources: Dunes-North End, Dunes-Community Science, Return of Good Fire, Parks-Recreation Area)
- Ecosystem Quality (Dunes-Invasive Species)
- Organizational Effectiveness (Board Development, Executive Director Seed Fund, Data Management, Financial Management)

We are now planning a Partners Summit for Thursday, November 5, 2026, to engage a broader group of partners including legislative representatives, regional and national organizations, foundations, and businesses. We anticipate 40 to 60 participants. Topics for the Summit include:

- Showcasing two collaborative partnerships as models for our work—including the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Public Education and Engagement Program supported by a \$45,000 grant from the DNR.
- Brainstorming ideas for advancing projects that are stalled.

- Looking at gaps in the strategic plan to guide efforts in 2027 and beyond. What are the most critical priorities? Are there new opportunities for advancing MP50's mission and goals?

The Summit will be an all-day, highly structured, highly participatory meeting. MP50 will retain a consultant to facilitate the meeting and prepare a report on the discussion and outcomes. MP50 will use ideas and connections from the Summit to develop its 2027 Resilience Action Plan.

The Summit will begin with a welcome reception the evening before the Summit (Wednesday, November 4). PPCC members and the public will be invited to attend the reception.

Budget and Request

The anticipated budget for the Summit and reception, totaling \$10,238, is below. MP50 has been awarded a \$4,500 grant from Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The grant will support the cost of the facilitator and the venue and meals for the day of the Summit.

A \$4,500 matching grant from PPCC will support other costs related to the Summit and the reception the night before.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Facilitator	\$3,000	To be determined
MP50 Admin	\$300	10 hours @ \$30/hour
Reception venue and food	\$1,500	Not yet selected
Meeting venue and food	\$1,500	Caterer; dependent on venue
Venue-meeting		
Food (meeting day)	\$1,500	Caterer; dependent on venue
Stipends	\$1,000	Speakers, Tribal Knowledge Keepers
Travel	\$938	Mileage @ \$0.725: Minneapolis-Duluth (300 x 2) Lodging @ \$220+14.375% tax=\$251.63 x 2
Materials	\$500	
Total	\$10,238	