

Duluth Traverse Trail Mini-Master Plan Questionnaire



Please help us in developing a master plan to complete, maintain, and manage the Duluth Traverse Trail system to best serve the recreational needs of the region, State of Minnesota, and the citizens of Duluth.

Project Overview

The Duluth Traverse is a bike-optimized multi-use natural surface trail designed to provide a nationally significant mountain biking experience, connect people to Duluth's beautiful natural places, and exemplify best practices for environmentally sustainable trail design and management. The Trail will link neighborhoods and people to green spaces and our parks and stretch the entire ridge line of Duluth from Lester Park in the east to Chambers Grove Park in the west. It will be the first 100-mile trail system of its kind, wholly within an urban environment. By the end of the 2016 build season, 85% of trail miles will have been constructed.

Although purpose built for mountain biking, this trail is intended to be a multi-use trail system open to all human-powered users. Besides mountain bikers, trail users include runners, hikers, dog walkers in the summer and fat tire winter biking, snowshoeing and backcountry skiing in the winter months. When completed the Duluth Traverse Trail System will improve upon, expand, and link existing multi-use trail centers at Lester Park, Hartley Park, Piedmont/Brewer Park, Spirit Mountain and Mission Creek Park.

Please help set the vision for the Duluth Traverse Trail by answering the following questions and providing your thoughts:

1. How do you use the Duluth Traverse Trail (Mountain bike, hike, run, snowshoe, etc.)? What percentage of time do you spend doing each activity (e.g. 80% bike, 20% trail running, etc.)?
2. If there was one thing that you would want to make sure this Master Plan addresses, what would that be?
3. What are the strengths of the existing Duluth Traverse Trail that we need to build on for this Master Plan?
4. Is there anything you would like us to know about the Duluth Traverse Trail?
5. In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges to the long-term success of the Duluth Traverse Trail?

Issues and Opportunities - Priority Table:

Issue <i>These issues have been identified previously</i>	Priority Level 1-10 (1 highest priority)	Where - <i>specific locations where this is an issue</i>	How - <i>how can we best solve the issue in order to maintain the Vision of the Traverse Trail? Give us your ideas</i>
User conflicts on the trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking – biking • Snowmobile – Fat Tire • Overcrowding 			
Two – Way Trail Conflicts			
Missing Neighborhood Connections			
Density of Trails – too many in too small of an area			
Visual Quality Impacts – physical trail construction degrades experience for other trail users			
Traffic, Trailhead, and Lack of Parking			
Management and Maintenance			
Social Etiquette – all trail users			
Signage and Wayfinding			
Crime and Safety			

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Event Usage – NICA, Strava, Mondo, Etc.			
Missing Trails/ Connections			
Missing Infrastructure – changing areas, garbages, benches, etc.			
DWP Trail Area – Speed Limits for winter users			
DWP Trail Area – Sharing grade/ multi-modal			
DWP Trail Area – Signage and Education (Equestrian, Speed, etc.)			
DWP Trail Area – Conflict points and intersections on the trail			
Others....			

Thank you for your input. Please scan and return completed survey to Duluth Parks Department - Jim Shoberg | email: jshoberg@DuluthMN