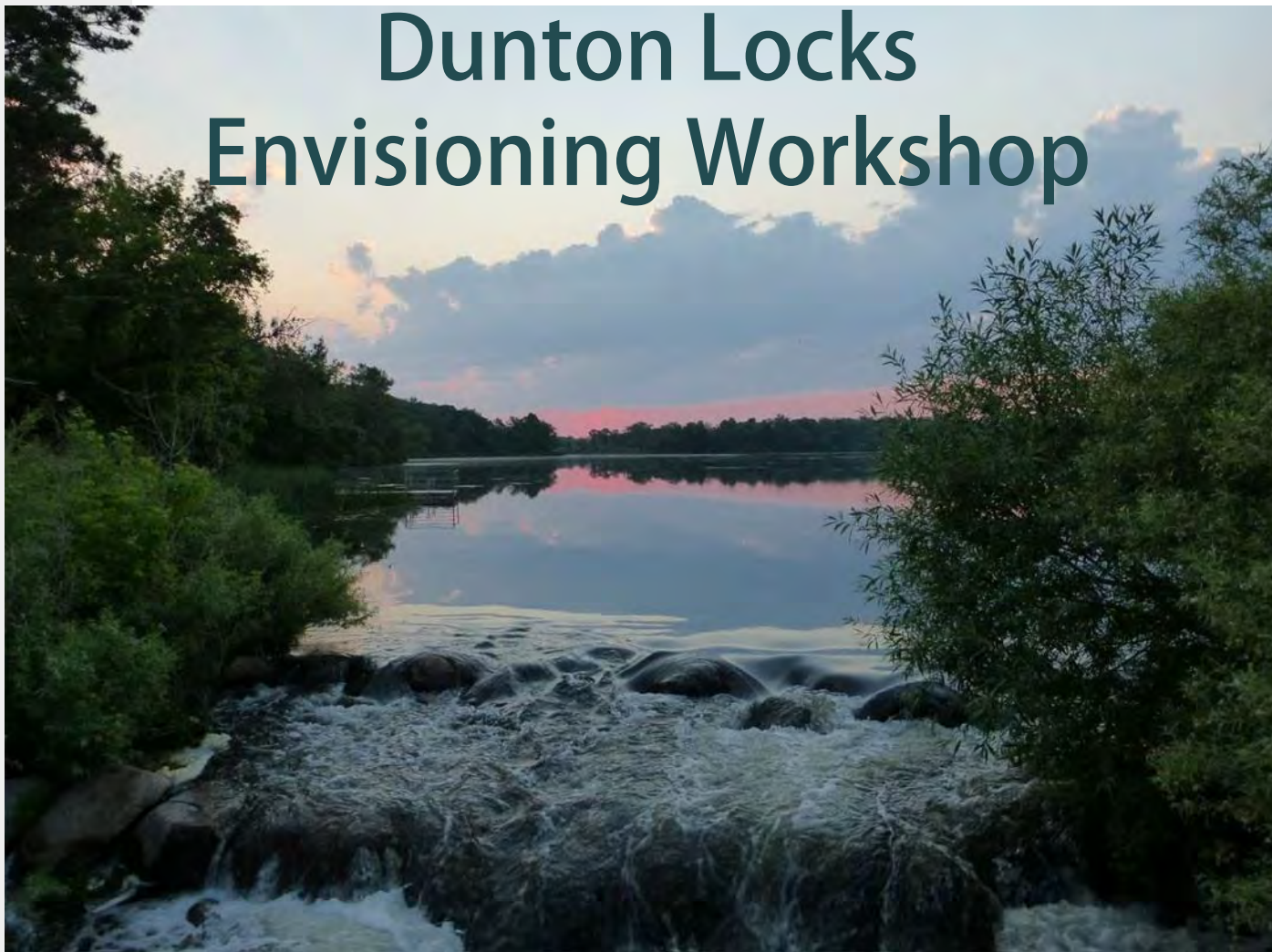


Dunton Locks Envisioning Workshop



Community Workshop

Explore Current and Future Recreational Uses

March 7, 2016



BECKER COUNTY, MN

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Today's Agenda

6:30 – 8:30pm

- Welcome/Introductions
- Introduction to Dunton Locks
 - Background to This Effort
 - Physical Character of the Park
- Workshop Exercises
 - Activities at the Park
 - Use of the Facilities
 - Maintenance and Management of the Facilities
 - Park Rules and Enforcement
 - Signage and Wayfinding
- Summary Report and Comments From Participants
- Next Steps
- Thank You and Adjourn



Background & Overview

2012 Recreational Activity Study for Becker County

- Examined Recreational Preferences Throughout the County
 - Fishing, walking, swimming, ice fishing/spearing, and touring/sightseeing - most important recreational activities.
 - 63 percent participate in recreational activities for fun, relaxation, physical activity, and to spend time with family and friends.
 - Most users engage in recreational activities at least five times per season; 20% are actively engaged (20 or more times per year).
 - The most important factors to good recreational experiences are natural resource protection, scenery and aesthetics, and the environmental impact.
 - Users are most satisfied with parks, picnic areas, and boat launches.
 - Users are least satisfied with restrooms.
 - Most common reasons for dissatisfaction with Becker County areas and amenities, are grooming and needed repairs.

Synopsis of Survey Responses

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Background & Overview

2012 Recreational Activity Study for Becker County

The survey did not directly address specific facilities

So

This workshop begins the process of planning the future for
Dunton Locks County Park

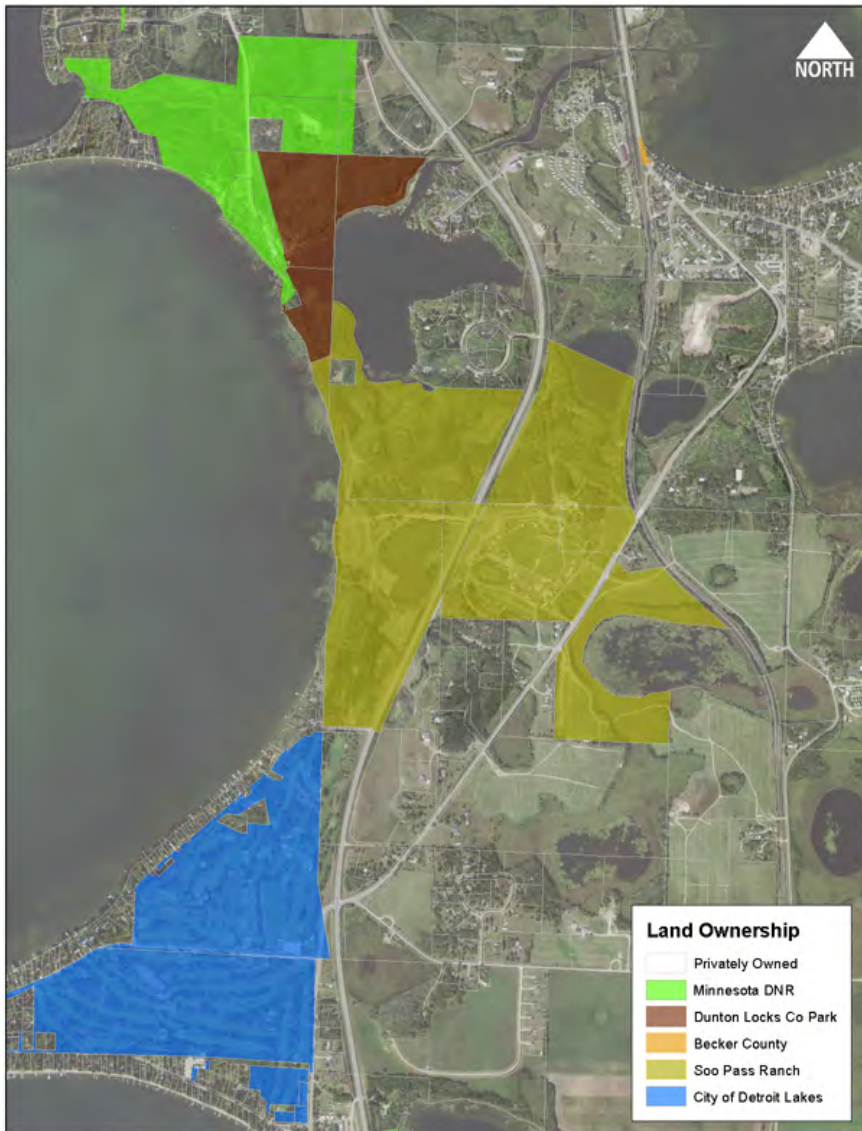




Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Regional View

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Dunton Locks Envisioning Workshop Dunton Locks Park, Trail System, and Facilities

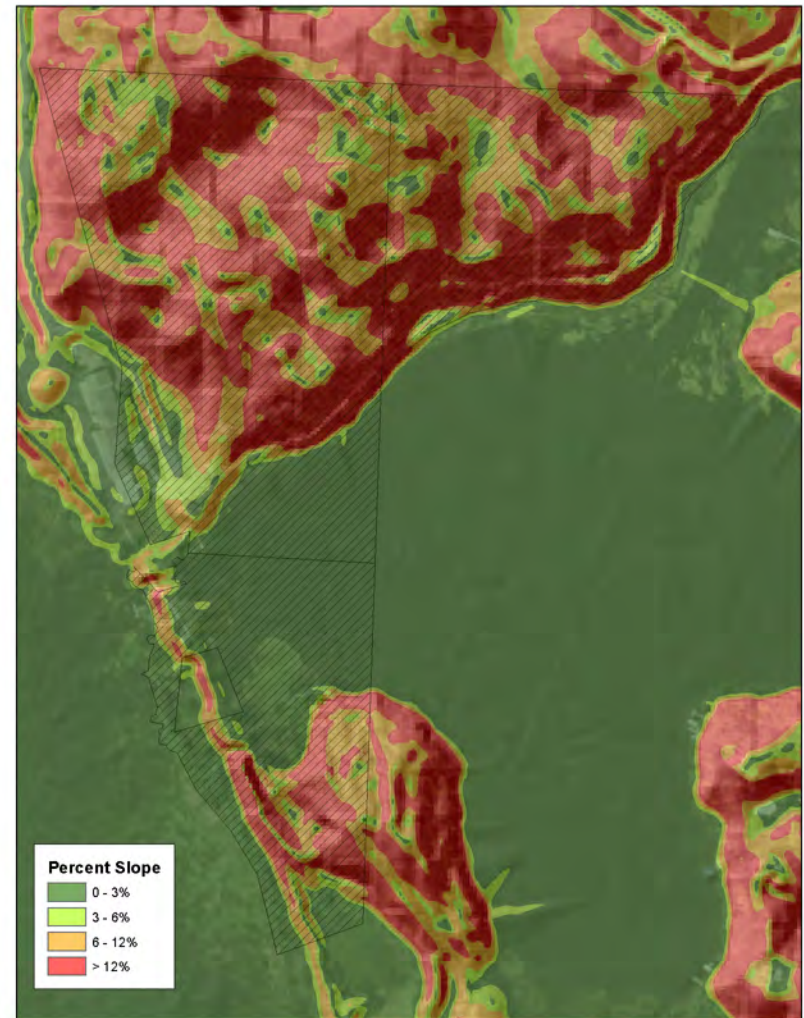
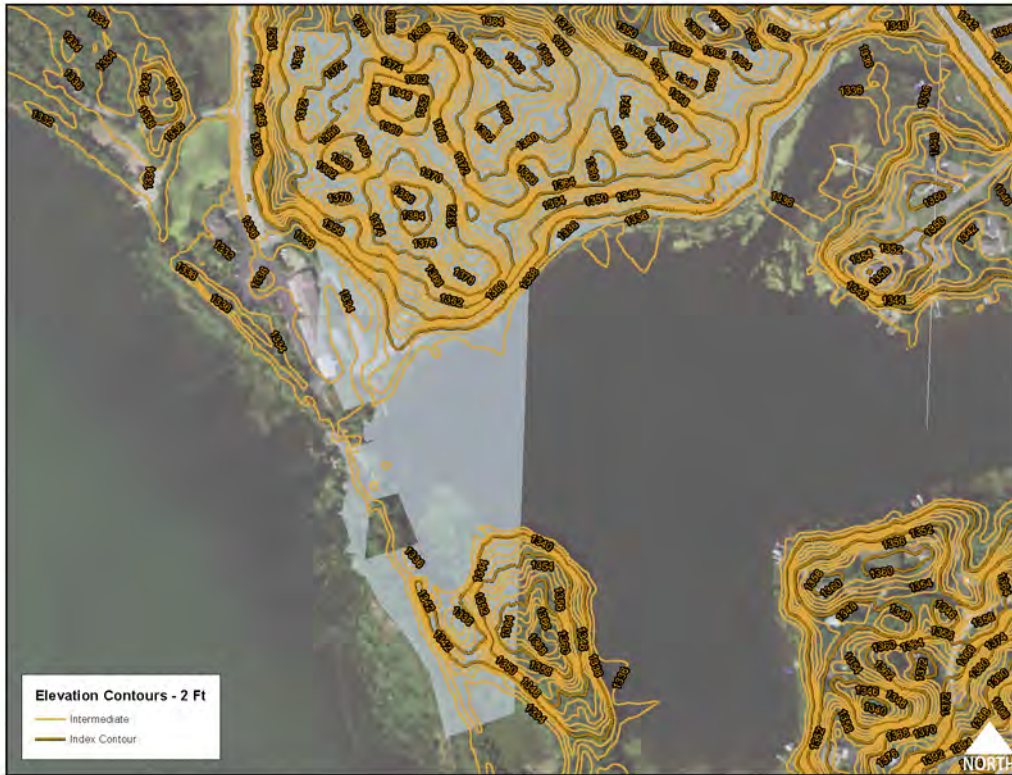


Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Park Boundaries

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Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park

Elevation and Slope

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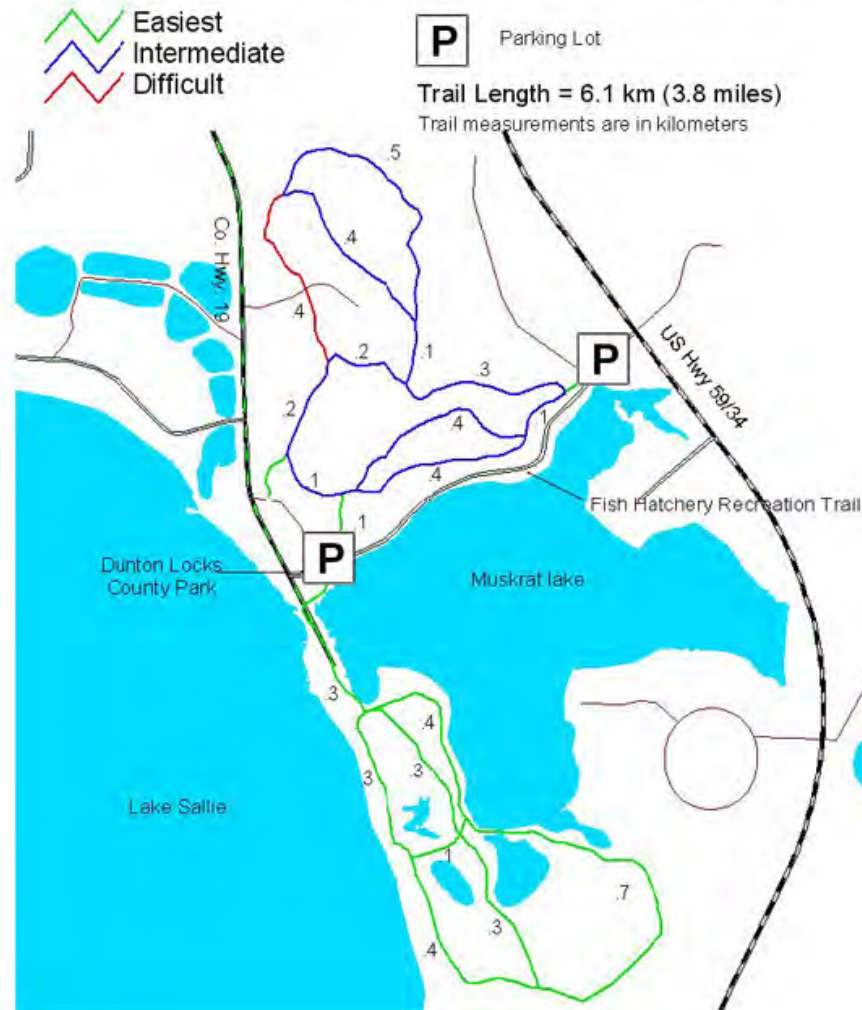
Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Erosion Hazard & Soil Suitability

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Dunton Locks County Park Hiking/Cross Country Ski Trails



Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Trail System

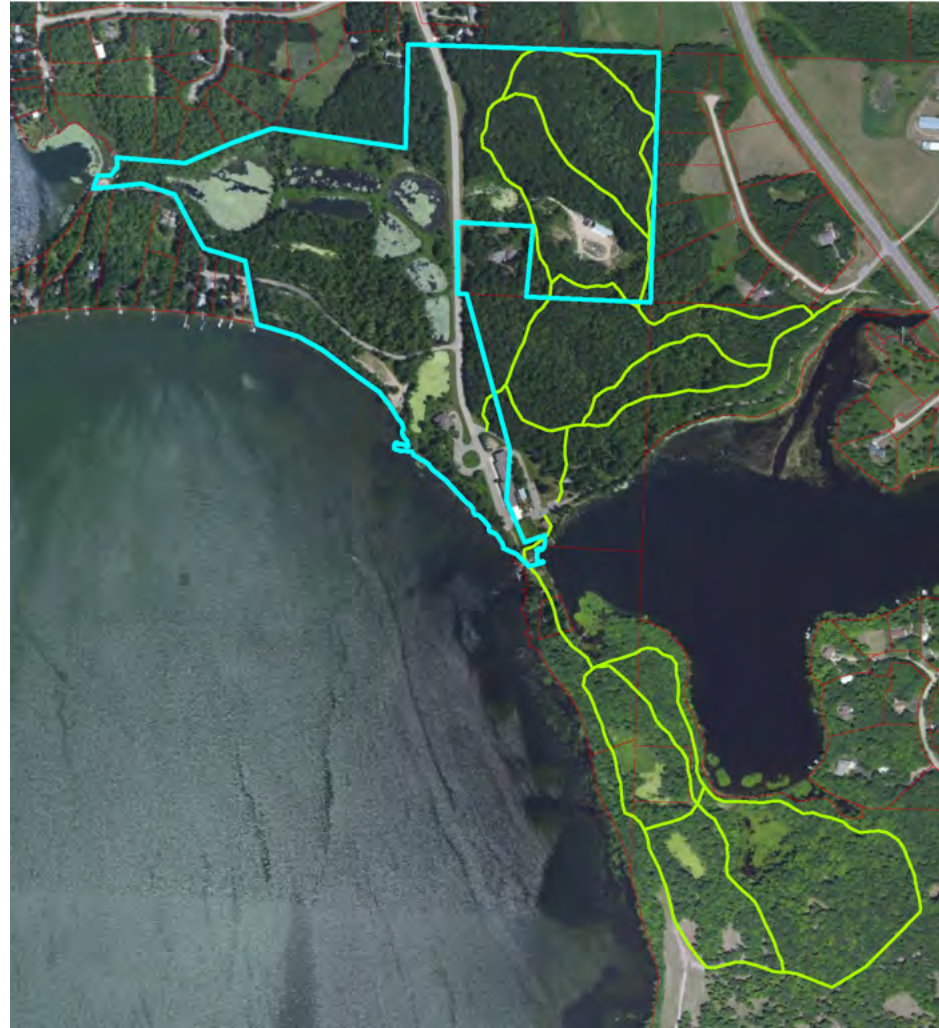
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Dunton Locks Ski Trails on SOO Pass Ranch



Dunton Locks Ski Trails on DNR Ownership



**Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park
Trails Not On Park Land**

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East Entrance



West Entrance



Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Park Entry Points

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**Eagles Picnic
Shelter**



**VFW Picnic
Shelter**



**South Picnic
Shelter**



Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Parking & Picnic Facilities – Went End

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Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Signage

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Park Pier



DNR Pier



Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Fishing Piers & Bridge Area

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Physical Character of Dunton Locks Park Tramway Area

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Workshop Exercises

- Activities at the Park

What do you do when you visit the park what activities are appropriate?

- Use of the Facilities

What facilities do you use when you visit the park and are there enough of them?

- Maintenance and Management of the Facilities

How well are facilities in the park maintained and managed?

- Park Rules and Enforcement

Are park rules clearly posted, understandable, and enforced?

- Signage and Wayfinding

Are there enough direction, facility, and trail signs; are they well located; and do they help you find your way in the park?



Activities at the Park

What do you do when you visit the park what activities are appropriate?

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The Becker County RAC is seeking to learn from workshop participants information vital to the re-visioning efforts underway for Dunton Locks County Park. For each category please select the answer that most closely matches your understanding and experiences of Dunton Locks County Park. If you wish to provide an expanded explanation of your response(s) please use the *Comments* field in each section.

Activities at the Park (use):

Please circle, or otherwise indicate, the singular **Y** or **N** response that best matches your experience of Dunton Locks County Park. If you'd like to add information about your answer you may use the comments section.

Hiking	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Bird & Wildlife Watching	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Biking	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Fishing	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Cross Country Skiing	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Snowshoeing	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Events & Private Gatherings	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Other _____:	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N
Other _____:	<input type="radio"/> Often	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Not Answered	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Poor Answer	<input type="radio"/> N

Comments:

Please provide additional information regarding the Dunton Locks County Park activities found below. If you require further space please use the back of this page.

Hiking _____

Bird & Wildlife Watching _____

Biking _____

Fishing _____

Cross Country Skiing _____

Snowshoeing _____

Picnicking _____

Events & Private Gatherings _____

Other _____

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Workshop Exercise 1

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Use of the Facilities

What facilities do you use when you visit the park and are there enough of them?

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Facilities (use frequency):

Please circle, or otherwise indicate, the singular **Y** or **N** response that best matches your perception of Dunton Locks County Park care. If you'd like to add information about your answer you may use the comments section.

Parking Lot - central:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Parking Lot - off Hwy 59:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Eagles Shelter:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
VFW Shelter:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Picnic Tables:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Restrooms:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Hiking Trails:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Biking Trails:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Ski Trails:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Marine Tramway:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N
Other _____:	<input type="radio"/> OPEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Seldom	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> NEVER USED THIS	<input type="radio"/> N

Comments:

Please provide additional information regarding the Dunton Locks County Park facilities or general perception of care below. If you require further space please use the back of this page.

Hiking

Bird & Wildlife Watching

Biking

Fishing

Cross Country Skiing

Snowshoeing

Picnicking

Events & Private Gatherings

Other

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Workshop Exercise 2

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Maintenance and Management of the Facilities

How well are facilities in the park maintained and managed?

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Maintenance/Management:

Please circle, or otherwise indicate, the singular **Y** or **N** response that best matches your experience of Dunton Locks County Park. If you'd like to add information about your answer you may use the comments section.

Hiking Trails	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Biking Trails	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Overlooks & Viewsheds	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Fishing Piers	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Cross Country Skiing Trails	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Wayfinding Signage	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Picnic Tables	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Events & Private Gatherings	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Other _____:	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Other _____:	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N
Other _____:	WELL MAINTAINED	Y	FAIR	Y	POOR	N

Comments:

Please provide additional information regarding the care and maintenance of Dunton Locks County Park activities below. If you require further space please use the back of this page.

Hiking _____

Bird & Wildlife Watching _____

Biking _____

Fishing _____

Cross Country Skiing _____

Snowshoeing _____

Picnicking _____

Events & Private Gatherings _____

Other _____

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Workshop Exercise 3

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Park Rules and Enforcement

*Are park rules clearly
posted, understandable,
and enforced?*

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Enforcement (adherence to use expectations):

Please circle, or otherwise indicate, the singular **Y** or **N** response that best matches your experience of rule enforcement at Dunton Locks County Park. If you'd like to add information about your answer you may use the comments section.

Parking Lot - central:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Parking Lot - off Hwy 59:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Eagles Shelter:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
VFW Shelter:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Picnic Tables:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Restrooms:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Hiking Trails:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Biking Trails:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Ski Trails:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Marine Tramway:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Other _____:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Other _____:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N
Other _____:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM	Y	SOME ISSUES	Y	RAMPANT VIOLATIONS	N

Comments:

Please provide additional information regarding the Dunton Locks County Park activities found below. If you require further space please use the back of this page.

Hiking

Bird & Wildlife Watching

Biking

Fishing

Cross Country Skiing

Snowshoeing

Picnicking

Events & Private Gatherings

Other



Signage and Wayfinding

Are there enough direction, facility, and trail signs; are they well located; and do they help you find your way in the park?

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Signage and Wayfinding:

Please circle, or otherwise indicate, the singular **Y** or **N** response that best matches your experience with signage and the ease of using signage at Dunton Locks County Park. If you'd like to add information about your answer you may use the comments section.

Parking Lot - central:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Parking Lot - off Hwy 59:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Eagles Shelter:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
VFW Shelter:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Picnic Tables:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Restrooms:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Hiking Trails:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Biking Trails:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Ski Trails:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Marine Tramway:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Other _____:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Other _____:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N
Other _____:	NEVER HAD A PROBLEM...	Y	SOME ISSUES...	Y	MISSING BUT NEED...	N	USELESS REMOVE	N

Comments:

Please provide additional information regarding the Dunton Locks County Park signage and wayfinding below. If you require further space please use the back of this page.

Hiking Trails--maps

Hiking Trails--on trail

Biking

Fishing

Cross Country Skiing

Snowshoeing

Picnicking

Events & Private Gatherings

Other



Workshop Exercises Report From Group Tables & Comments



Next Steps

The input and information provided by attendees will be aggregated by the staff of CRD, University of Minnesota.

The RAC will review the collected input and make recommendations to the County Board.

The County Board will deliberate and in turn provide direction to staff.



Thank You
For Your Time and Effort



Workshop Adjourned

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