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MARQUETTE - The city of Marquette Community Development Department and the Superior Watershed Partnership will host a community meeting to present the recommended design option for the Lakeshore Relocation and Coastal Restoration Project at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Citizens' Forum at Lakeview Arena.

Phase II of the Lakeshore Boulevard Redesign and Lake Superior Shoreline Restoration Project is a priority in Marquette's Master Plan and is geared toward creating a successful community-based Great Lakes waterfront reclamation project.

The section of Lakeshore Boulevard between Hawley and Wright streets is prone to erosion and flooding because of winter wave action. That section is heavily armored with a long continuous ridge of gray rock rip-rap, with the rip-rap piled more than 10 feet high in some sections. This obstructs the lake view for pedestrians, bikers and motorists.

To view drawings of the recommended design option, visit www.mqtcty.org and click on Current Projects and then the "Recommended Design Option Presented to City Commission 1-23-14" link.

Plans call for a line of sight along Lakeshore.

The project is grant-funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Coastal Zone Management. The project continues from Phase I, which included scientific analysis and potential alternatives for the relocation of Lakeshore Boulevard and restoration of the shoreline area.

The first phase also included a community survey. The information provided in that survey was used with engineering principles to create a recommended alternative.

Tuesday's meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to review the plans and give input.

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