

# Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration Update

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## Project Overview

Minnesota DNR will restore and enhance coastal marsh habitat at Kingsbury Bay and Grassy Point by removing excess sediment, remediating historic wood waste, removing non-native vegetation, and improving habitat. This work will mitigate historic impacts to fish and wildlife habitat and contribute towards delisting the St. Louis River Area of Concern. The DNR has contracted with Veit & Company, Inc. to construct the project and Barr Engineering Co. to provide construction administration and quality control oversight. This \$15M project is being completed with funding from Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Fund, and St. Louis River/Interlake/Duluth Tar Superfund Site Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration settlement.

## Work Completed

- ✓ Delivered barges, tugboats, and excavators
- ✓ Assembled barges at Fraser shipyard
- ✓ Surveyed project sites by land and water
- ✓ Televised sewer lines (pre-work inspection)

## Upcoming Work

- Complete surveys and barge assembly
- Install silt curtains at Grassy Point
- Deliver sand and gravel
- Begin building gravel buttresses & sand berms at Grassy Point



*Bathymetric Survey Boat*

## Public Interest Items

**Access:** Public trail access at Grassy Point may be limited in active construction areas. Private dock use and public parking and trail access at Kingsbury Bay will not be impacted until work begins there in 2020.

**Work Schedule:** Veit will begin working a single 12-hour shift, Monday-Saturday 7am-7pm. Veit will evaluate the need for a second shift once they begin in-water work.

**Haul Routes:** Sand and gravel will be delivered to Fraser Shipyards using state highways and brought to Grassy Point via barge. City haul route approval is not necessary for this phase of work.

## For More Information

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**Project website:** <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/st-louis-river-restoration/index.html> (Note: website update in progress)

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