

Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

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Project Overview

In June 2019, Minnesota DNR began restoring and enhancing 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

- ✓ Assembled barge spreads at Fraser Shipyard
- ✓ Installed silt curtains at Grassy Point
- ✓ Delivered and began placing gravel at Grassy Point to construct buttresses.

Upcoming Work

- Complete gravel buttress construction at Grassy Point
- Install silt curtains at Kingsbury Bay
- Secure Dock #7 access agreement and deliver sand
- Clear vegetation for equipment access to Kingsbury Bay
- Begin dredging sediment from open water areas at Kingsbury Bay and placing at Grassy Point and 40th Avenue West project areas.



Installing Grassy Point silt curtain

Public Interest Items

Access: Kingsbury Bay residents will have managed access to their docks during open water dredging and have been notified with instructions for boat use and safety. Parking and public trail access at Kingsbury Bay may be temporarily impacted while crews are clearing vegetation; users should pay attention to posted signs.

Work Schedule: Veit continues to work 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 will be delivered to Dock #7, likely via I-35, N. Central Ave., Roosevelt St, and Waseca Industrial Rd.

For More Information

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Project website: [St. Louis River Restoration Initiative](#)
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