

# Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

September 30, 2019 Update



Excavators remove invasive vegetation from the Kingsbury Creek delta.



Grassy Point restoration, creation of sand berm.

## Project Overview

Kingsbury Bay and Grassy Point restoration projects will see improved habitat with the removal of excess sediment, remediating historic wood waste, removing non-native vegetation and improving habitat. 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. Construction efforts started in June 2019, and will continue through the winter. The mitigation of historic impacts to fish and wildlife habitat will continue efforts towards delisting the St. Louis River Area of Concern.

## Work Completed

- ✓ Secured and prepped Dock #7 staging area
- ✓ Imported sand berm material to Dock #7
- ✓ Began constructing sand berm at Grassy Point that will contain and support the future island
- ✓ Vegetation cleared for equipment access to Kingsbury Bay
- ✓ Began clearing invasive cattails at Kingsbury Bay and staging for future off-site transport
- ✓ Performed bathymetric surveys

## Upcoming Work

- Complete Kingsbury Bay wetland vegetation removal and Grassy Point berm construction
- Resume dredging sediment from open water areas at Kingsbury Bay and placing at Grassy Point or 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue West project areas.
- Import armoring material to Fraser Shipyard
- Begin armoring the island berm at Grassy Point

## Public Interest Items

**Access:** Kingsbury Bay residents will continue to 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 will be impacted while crews create access routes; users should pay attention to posted signs.

**Work Schedule:** Veit is working 24-hrs a day, Monday-Saturday

**Haul Routes:** Armoring materials will be delivered to Fraser Shipyards in WI; no local haul routes required.

## For More Information

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