

Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

June 3, 2020, Update

Project Overview

In April 2020, Minnesota DNR resumed restoring and enhancing coastal marsh habitat at Kingsbury Bay and Grassy Point by excavating excess sediment, remediating legacy wood waste, and removing non-native vegetation. This work will mitigate historic impacts to fish and wildlife habitat and help delist the St. Louis River Area of Concern. The DNR has contracted Veit & Company, Inc. to construct the project and Barr Engineering Co. to provide construction administration and quality control oversight. This \$17M 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

- ✓ Mobilized, maintained, and tested equipment
- ✓ Installed sediment and erosion controls
- ✓ Surveyed the work areas
- ✓ Finished placing rip-rap on the berm that will contain the future Grassy Point island
- ✓ Removed invasive cattails at Grassy Point
- ✓ Excavated legacy wood waste at Grassy Point
- ✓ Used excavated wood to begin building new island features at Grassy Point

Upcoming Work

- Continue removing invasive cattails at Grassy Point
- Continue wood waste removal and island construction at Grassy Point
- Work cannot resume at Kingsbury Bay until July 1 due to annual fisheries restrictions



Photo: Excavating legacy wood waste at Grassy Point

Public Interest Items

Access: The Pulaski St. parking area near Kingsbury Bay is being used by Veit and has been closed off to public access. Signs are posted, directing users to an alternate parking area. Segments of the trail near Kingsbury Bay may also be closed; users should follow all posted signs.

Work Schedule: Veit is currently working 24 hours a day, consisting of two 12-hr shifts, Monday-Saturday. Schedules are subject to change depending on the type of work being done.

Haul Routes: No hauling is being done at this time.

Did You Know? Veit will be removing roughly 120,000 cubic yards of wood from the waters of Grassy Point. That is enough to cover 56 football fields with a one-foot thick layer of wood!

For More Information

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