

Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

August 4, 2020 Update



Left: an amphibious excavator removes invasive plants at Kingsbury Bay; Right: wood waste forms a new island at Grassy Point

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 \$18 M 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

- ✓ Continued excavating Grassy Point wood waste
- ✓ Continued building islands at Grassy Point
- ✓ Installed sediment controls at Kingsbury Bay
- ✓ Removed invasive cattails from Kingsbury Bay
- ✓ Hauled cattails to an upland disposal site.
- ✓ Imported boulders for stream channel stabilization

Upcoming Work

- Complete wood removal and island construction at Grassy Point in early August

- Begin dredging sediment from Kingsbury Bay
- Transport Kingsbury Bay sediment to Grassy Point and 40th Ave. W to restore habitat there.

Public Interest Items

Access: The Pulaski St. parking lot near Kingsbury Bay is being used by Veit. For safety reasons, it is closed to public access and no parking is allowed. Signs will direct users to alternate parking areas. Segments of the trail will 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 and holidays. The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2020.

Haul Routes: Dump trucks are travelling between Kingsbury Bay and Carlton. They are accessing I-35 using Hwy 23 and Becks Rd or 63rd Ave and Cody St.

Did You Know? Removing over 100,000 cubic yards of wood waste from the waters of Grassy Point requires more than 33,000 scoops with the excavator!

For More Information

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