

Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

Final Construction Season Kickoff (May 11, 2021)

Project Overview

The Kingsbury Bay and Grassy Point restoration projects will restore valuable coastal marsh habitat by removing excess sediment, remediating historic wood waste, and removing non-native vegetation. The \$18M project is being completed with funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, MN Outdoor Heritage Fund, and St. Louis River/Interlake/Duluth Tar Superfund Site Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration settlement. The mitigation of historic impacts to fish and wildlife habitat will continue efforts towards delisting the St. Louis River Area of Concern.

The 2021 construction season will resume next month, continuing into early fall. We are excited to announce that this project will be complete in 2021!

Project Implementation Team

Minnesota DNR: Lead Agency

Barr Engineering Co.: Engineering and design, construction administration, quality control oversight

Veit & Company, Inc.: Construction

2021 Tasks and Approximate Timeline

- **June:** Mobilize dredging equipment, survey work areas, install sediment control
- **July:** Restore and pave portions of the Waabizheshikana (Marten) Trail that were used for construction access
- **July-September:** Dredge remaining excess sediment from Kingsbury Bay
- **July-September:** Complete capping the new Grassy Point islands using clean sediment removed from Kingsbury Bay. Place shoreline sand and gravel. Restore Grassy Point wood removal areas using sediment from Kingsbury Bay
- **September-October:** Restore and reseed disturbed areas, demobilize.



Heavy equipment will be on the trails near Kingsbury Bay starting in early July. For your safety, please observe all signs.

Public Communications Summary

Signs: DNR, the City of Duluth, and Veit will post signs alerting the community of trail and parking lot closures and alternate parking areas. Users should continue to obey posted signs.

Regular Outreach: DNR staff will continue monthly progress reports, which are emailed to a list of more than 80 individuals and posted on the project webpage.

Personal Communications: Kingsbury Bay area residents will receive a mail update regarding work in and around the bay, including information on boat use and safety.

“Fugitive” Wood Waste: Though the Grassy Point work area is well contained, DNR is aware that some wood boards and pieces washed ashore at multiple locations in WI, most notably the Arrowhead boat launch. The launch is regularly patrolled and cleaned throughout the work season. Members of the public should contact DNR if additional problem areas are identified.

For More Information

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