

Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

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Photo Caption: Kingsbury Bay sediment is used to cap the new island at Grassy Point (left photo); after capping, the sediment is graded (right photo).

Project Overview

In July 2021, 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 is the project's third and final season. The restoration 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.

Completed Work

- ✓ Installed sediment control for the 2021 work season
- ✓ Completed pre-dredge surveys of the work areas
- ✓ Finished removing sediment from the former delta area of Kingsbury Bay
- ✓ Completed capping the Grassy Point islands using Kingsbury Bay sediment
- ✓ Began dredging and placing Kingsbury Bay biomedium to restore target areas at Grassy Point

- ✓ Began restoring portions of the parking lot and trail at Kingsbury Bay that had been impacted by construction

Upcoming Work

- Continue dredging biomedium from Kingsbury Bay
- Continue placing Kingsbury Bay biomedium at Grassy Point
- Complete restoration and paving of the parking lot and trail at Kingsbury Bay
- Reopen the Kingsbury Bay parking lot and trail to public use

Public Interest Items

Access: The Pulaski St. parking lot near Kingsbury Bay remains closed while the trail and lot are restored and paved. Signs will direct users to alternate parking areas. Segments of the trail will also be closed while they are restored and paved; 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 scheduled to be completed in fall 2021.

Haul Routes: No hauling is occurring.

For More Information

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