

Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point Habitat Restoration

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Photo Caption: Restored trail at Kingsbury Bay (left photo); sediment dredging continues at Kingsbury Bay (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

- ✓ Completed capping the Grassy Point islands using Kingsbury Bay sediment.
- ✓ Continued dredging and placing Kingsbury Bay biomedium to restore target areas at Grassy Point.
- ✓ Restored portions of the parking lot and trail at Kingsbury Bay that had been impacted by construction.
- ✓ Reopened the Kingsbury Bay trail & Pulaski Street lot.
- ✓ Removed the old fishing pier off Indian Point

Upcoming Work

- Complete dredging biomedium from Kingsbury Bay.
- Complete placing Kingsbury Bay biomedium at Grassy Point.
- Place gravel to stabilize key portions of the Grassy Point island shorelines.
- Seed upland disturbances, including the new Grassy Point islands.
- Complete final surveys, sediment control, and demobilize equipment.

Public Interest Items

Indian Point Fishing Pier: The former fishing pier off of Indian Point has been removed and will be replaced with a new pier in spring 2022. The new pier will be in a slightly different location, adjacent to deeper water and accessed from the existing trail. This work is being coordinated with the City of Duluth.

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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