

St. Louis River Area of Concern

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Munger Landing Project update – February 2023

Note: Please keep yourself and family members (including pets) clear of the work area. This includes the temporary ice road and railroad tracks (see more safety information below).

Project Overview

A sediment cleanup project is underway at Munger Landing, also known as the Clyde Avenue boat launch, to protect human health and the environment from contamination left behind from historic industrial discharges. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and industry are conducting the cleanup through the voluntary Great Lakes Legacy Act program. J.F. Brennan has been contracted to perform the cleanup work. The Munger Landing sediment cleanup project is part of a larger effort to restore and delist the St. Louis River as a Great Lakes Area of Concern.



The Project includes the dredging and off-site disposal of approximately 100,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments across 38 acres. The Project will also restore eight acres of aquatic habitat and include replacement of the motorized boat landing and constructing a new sandy paddle sport launch.

Work Completed

- Dewatering pad constructed at Hallett Dock 7
- Water treatment plant installed at Hallett Dock 7
- Contaminated soil removal at boat landing completed
- Approximately 54,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments dredged and removed
- Invasive species treatment conducted
- Approximately 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments hauled to landfill for disposal

Upcoming Work this Winter/Spring

- Dredging of contaminated sediments in wetland areas south of Munger Landing
- Water treatment at Hallett Dock 7
- Continued transport of contaminated sediments to off-site landfills for disposal

Public Interest Items

Work Schedule: J.F. Brennan is currently working 10-hour days intermittently. Winter work will continue around the Munger Landing with a focus in the Snively Creek wetlands just to the south of Munger Landing. Working this winter will minimize overall disturbance to the wetland areas and help keep the project on schedule. Noise from excavators and trucks is anticipated during workdays. Nighttime activities will not occur at the landing and truck traffic will be limited to daytime hours. Increased truck traffic in and out of Hallett Dock 7 is expected as crews haul contaminated sediments to the landfill.

Safety: The public is reminded to stay away from the work zones and to watch for truck traffic coming in and out of the Munger Landing and Hallett Dock 7 sites. The project team has constructed a temporary ice road along the railroad tracks to access the Snively Creek wetland area south of Munger Landing. **For your safety and the safety of the workers,**

please stay off this ice road and the adjacent railroad tracks. Large trucks and heavy equipment will be working in this area through March. Munger Landing will remain closed to the public through the spring of 2024. Alternative water access is available at Boy Scout Landing and Rice's Point.



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For More Information

If you are interested in learning more about the MPCA's work in the St. Louis River estuary, please visit the [Cleaning up the St. Louis River web page](#).

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