

St. Louis River Area of Concern

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Munger Landing Project update – September 2023

Note: Please keep yourself and family members (including pets) clear of the work area.

Project Overview

The sediment cleanup project continues 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.

Dredging and removal of the contaminated sediments are now complete! Crews are working around the clock to place new, clean sand cover across the 38-acre site. 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
- All in water contaminated sediment dredging and removal complete; 107,112 cubic yards
- Approximately 82,720 tons of the dredged contaminated sediments have been hauled to offsite landfill for disposal
- 40,000 cubic yards of clean sand cover has been placed as of late-September
- Invasive species treatment conducted

Upcoming Work this Fall

- Water treatment at Hallett Dock 7
- Placement of remaining clean sand cover to complete remedial footprint
- Placement of organic rich biomedium across 8 acres of the remedial footprint to jumpstart plant growth and colonization of invertebrates
- Transport of remaining dewatered contaminated sediments to off-site landfills for disposal
- Reconstruct boat launch and install a paddle sport landing north of the fishing pier

Public Interest Items

Work Schedule: Regular construction hours on land will be 12hrs/day 6 days per week. Sand cover operation hours in the water have expanded to 24hrs/day 7 days per week. 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. Equipment in the water will use downcast lighting to minimize disturbance to the public.



Safety: The public is reminded to watch for truck traffic coming in and out of the Munger Landing and Hallett Dock 7 sites. The Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad has resumed activity on the rail passing by the Munger Landing site. **For your safety and the safety of the workers, please stay out of the work zones and the adjacent railroad tracks.** Munger Landing will reopen to the public in the spring of 2024. Alternative water access is available at Boy Scout Landing and Rice's Point.

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