

# St. Louis River Area of Concern

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## Munger Landing project update

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### **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 8 acres of aquatic habitat and include replacement of the motorized boat landing. The City of Duluth has plans for additional recreational improvements to the site upon completion of this project, including a fully accessible paddle launch dock and other amenities.

### **Work completed**

- Dewatering pad constructed at Hallett Dock 7
- Water treatment plant installed at Hallett Dock 7
- Upland excavation complete at Munger Landing
- Invasive species treatment



### Work in progress

- Hydraulic dredging of contaminated sediments
- Water treatment



### Public interest items

**Work Schedule:** JF Brennan is currently working 12 hours a day, Monday through Saturday. They plan to extend their operations to two 12-hr shifts beginning in late September. JF Brennan plans to work 24 hours a day, Monday through Saturday for the month of October. Nighttime operations will be limited to dredging work out in the water. The dredging equipment will use downcast lighting and should cause minimal noise disturbance to neighborhood residents. Nighttime activities will not occur at the landing itself and truck traffic will be limited to daytime hours. The extension of the daily construction to 24 hours per day this fall is being done to keep the project on a tight two-year timeline that is anticipated to re-open the public boat launch at Munger Landing in the spring of 2024. The team is working to maximize dredging this fall before ice over and will then suspend in-water dredging operations until July 1, 2023, to observe the Minnesota fisheries protection window. Wetland excavation work will be conducted this winter on a 12 hour per day schedule and 24 hour per day operations will resume next summer to help keep the project on track.

**Safety:** The public is reminded to stay away from the work zones, including construction equipment on the land and in the water. The Munger Landing is closed to the public. Alternative access is available at the Boy Scout and Rice's Point Landings in Minnesota, and at the Oliver Boat Landing in Wisconsin.

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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 St. Louis River Restoration Initiative webpage at: [St. Louis River Restoration Initiative](#)

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