

# PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue West Channel, Duluth, Minnesota

AUTHORIZATION: Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1992 Ecosystem Restoration Projects in connection with Dredging.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Representative (DFL) James L. Oberstar (MN-8)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Channel was formerly part of the Federal Navigation Channel in St. Louis Bay, Duluth-Superior Harbor. This portion of the Channel has been de-authorized and the Corps and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency are working together to create wetland habitat in this area. Dredged material from the Federal Navigation Channel would be placed at the site to cap contaminated sediments in the Bay.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 2,275,000	\$ 1,225,000
Funds Allocation prior to FY07	\$ 301,000	\$ 301,000	\$ 0
Funds allocated in FY07	0	54	0
FY08 Budget	0	0	0
Funds that could be used in FY08	0	0	0
Funds required to complete (>FY08)	\$ 3,199,000	\$ 1,974,000	\$ 1,225,000

SCHEDULE MILESTONES:

Project Initiated	JUN 98
Preliminary Decision Document Approved	
Decision Document Approved	TBD
Design Documentation Completed	
Project Cooperation Agreement Signed	
Construction Contract Awarded	
Construction Completed	
Project Closed-Out	

STATUS: A draft feasibility report was completed and distributed for public comment on Dec 1999. Implementation of the project was delayed when the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency declined to issue the Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the State. The State indicated that they had not developed a policy that capping is a suitable alternative for the treatment of contaminated sediments. They have requested additional funds from the EPA to further characterize the site. Soil samples need to be taken to determine course of action. Funds would be used to continue the feasibility phase.

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