IIS-USEPA-Wisconsin Piping Plover Habitat, WI

Project Location: Superior, WI

Project Description: The goal of this project is to design and construct a habitat restoration project at the northeastern end of Wisconsin Point, in an area owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) called the Wisconsin Point Bird Sanctuary. Fish and wildlife populations within the St. Louis River Area of Concern (AOC) have been declining as a result of a loss of available habitat. Targeted for habitat restoration is approximately 1,700 feet of shoreline at the northeastern end of Wisconsin Point, creating approximately 2.5 acres of piping plover nesting habitat and approximately 2.5 acres of piping plover foraging habitat through the beneficial use of dredged material. Increasing the availability of suitable nesting and foraging habitat for piping plover at this location will contribute to the re-establishment of fish and wildlife populations in the St. Louis River AOC. This project is authorized under Economy in Government Act (31 USC 1535) - Interagency and International Services (IIS).

Non-Federal Partner: N/A

Project Benefits: habitat, beneficial use

Project Status: Design kicked-off in October 2017 after entering into an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for design and permitting of the project. The team is currently working on the design with the goal of submitting permit applications in winter 2019.

It is anticipated that construction of the project will also be completed through an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as well. Construction is planned for 2019 and 2020.

Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	2,800,000
Non-Federal	0
Total	2,800,000

Project Milestones	
95% Design Complete	Jan 2019
Receive Water Quality Certification (401)	May 2019
Contract Advertised	Jun 2019
Notice to Proceed Issued	Sep 2019

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