I-RAP-St. Louis River-MN Duluth Slip C, MN

Description
This project is located in the Duluth-Superior Harbor and runs parallel to West Railroad Street and U.S. Interstate 35. The mouth of the slip opens to the east into Duluth Harbor. Slip C is a 12 acre manmade slip surrounded by land on three sides and is located at the mouth of the St. Louis River near the Duluth Entrance of the Duluth-Superior Harbor. The slip has contributed to long history of manufacturing and shipping needs of the harbor and currently hosts a paper/pulp manufacturing company, a mineral production company, and a company that processes reclaimed wood. The goal of this project is to minimize or remove exposure to legacy sediment contaminants throughout the slip while preserving the water depth to maintain the current use. Placement of a sub-aqueous cap is being proposed for western 5.9 acres of the slip. This project has been identified as necessary for the delisting of the sediment beneficial use impairment (BUI) in the St. Louis River AOC.

Congressional Interest
Nolan (MN-8); Senator Smith (MN), Senator Klobuchar (MN)

Location Map & Picture

Non-Federal Project Sponsor
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Project Authority
Section 401(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, as amended – Remedial Action Plans (RAP).

Funding

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Stage
Design

Status
Design kicked off in October 2017 and is currently underway. Anticipated turnover to the non-federal sponsor is expected in March 2018. Implementation of the project is anticipated to take place in Summer / Fall 2018 through an Economy Act Agreement (EA) between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but is still being evaluated.