

# Western Waterfront



## Habitat Restoration

The Western Waterfront habitat restoration area is located on 76.5 acres along the 3.5 miles of shoreline in the St. Louis River Corridor between Tallas Island and Kingsbury Creek. The long-term goal will be to rehabilitate native plant communities on 348 acres. Restoring the vegetation will help to stabilize the shoreline and attract species back into the area for anglers, birders, and pollinators.

## Project Timeline

Planning

Design

Permitting

Construction

## Habitat Restoration

Restoration of the area will help the native ecosystem return to its natural balance. This is important for our environment as well as to those who use the area to fish, learn about native plant species, and observe birds and insects. Restoring the habitat will improve intended species, control terrestrial invasive exotic species, enhance public access and further open the door to a closer relationship with the natural world.

## Stabilizing the Shoreline

Establishing a stable, diverse native community can deter additional invasive species for several years. Successful restoration includes site assessment & preparation, project planning, species selection, plant stock & planting, species/habitat match, monitoring, and maintenance.

### Get Involved

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<http://duluthmn.gov/st-louis-river-corridor/western-waterfront-restoration-renewal-and-access/>

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## Western Waterfront Habitat Restoration

- A grant was awarded from Conservation Partners Legacy Metro.
- The total project cost will be \$575,000.

### Facts

- \$175,000 will come from the 1/2 and 1/2 tourism tax fund.
- \$400,000 will be provided by the grant.
- Pollinator Best Management Practices, DNR restoration guidelines and best practices will guide the restoration plan.

- Establish native vegetation, where appropriate, to stabilize failing banks.
- Initial work will be done on 76.5 acres along the 3.35 mile reach from Tallus Island to Kingsbury Creek.

### Scope

- This is a 2 year project, ending in June 30th, 2018.
- Long-term goal is to rehabilitate the native plant communities on the 348 acres.
- 20 year commitment to monitor the restoration.
- This project will work in collaboration with the Western Waterfront Trail Renewal project.

- During a standing room only City Council meeting on March 23rd, 2015, the Council unanimously voted to support the vision for the St. Louis River Corridor. This action made it possible for City staff to move forward with planning and obtaining funding.

### History

- In July 2015, a Community Advisory Committee, made up of 12 representatives, was formed to provide feedback on the design of all Western Waterfront projects moving forward.
- The Community Advisory Committee has met three times since July, 2015.
- Key environmental and regulatory agencies have been engaged in collaborating on this project.