

The St. Louis River Restoration Initiative



St. Louis River Restoration Initiative Objectives:

- Restore legacy industrial sites
- Recover “lost” populations including Lake sturgeon, muskie, common tern & piping plover
- Support Lake Superior fish populations
- Improve the state's most diverse sport fish assemblage
- Enhance a globally “Important Bird Area”
- Improve access for all



“One of the most important shallow water and wetland complexes on the Great Lakes, and deserves the attention it is finally receiving after so many years of past abuse and neglect.” -- Rich Staffon, President, J. McCabe Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America

Legacy Issues



"The restoration of shallow bay habitat is very important for biological productivity and increased fish production. Habitat." -- Curt Ellestad, President, Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Completing Projects



Radio Tower Bay
completed in 2015



Radio Tower Bay *completed in 2015*



Chambers Grove *completed in 2015*



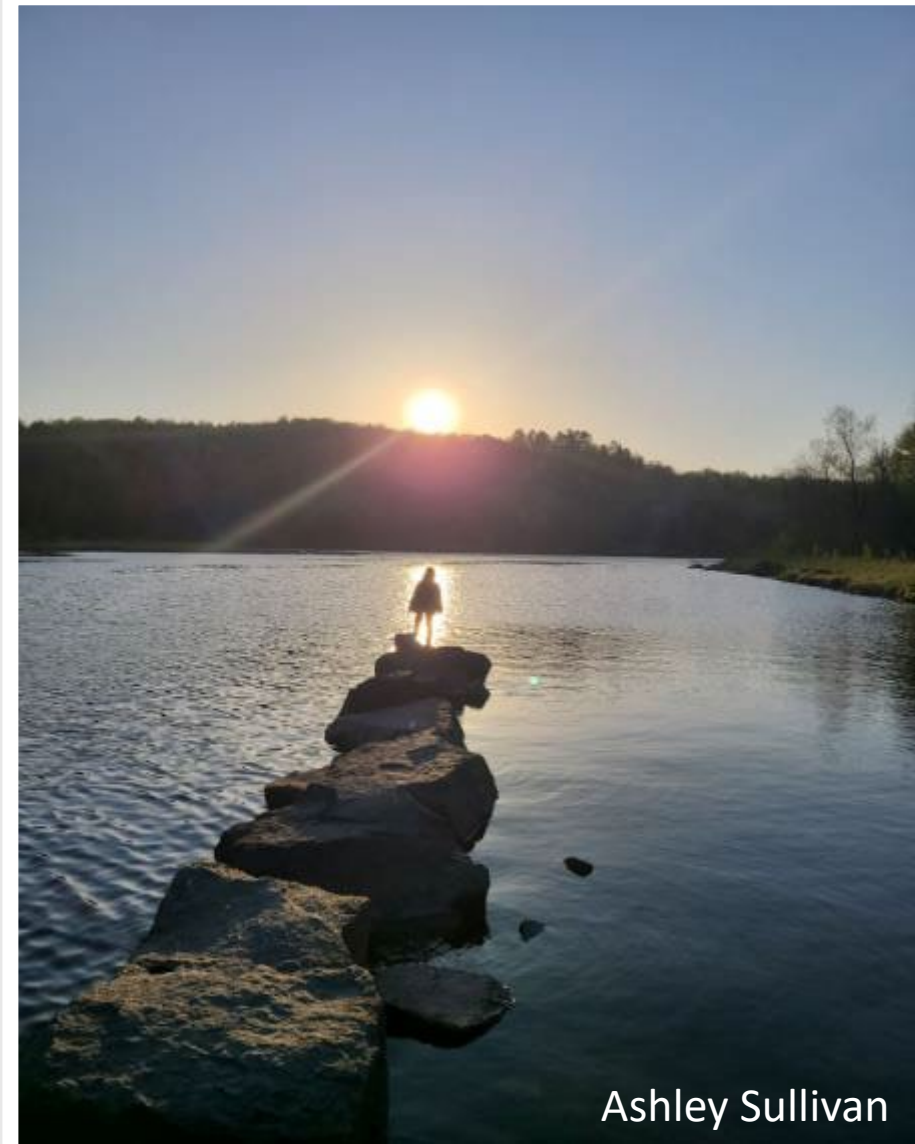
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Chambers Grove *completed in 2015*



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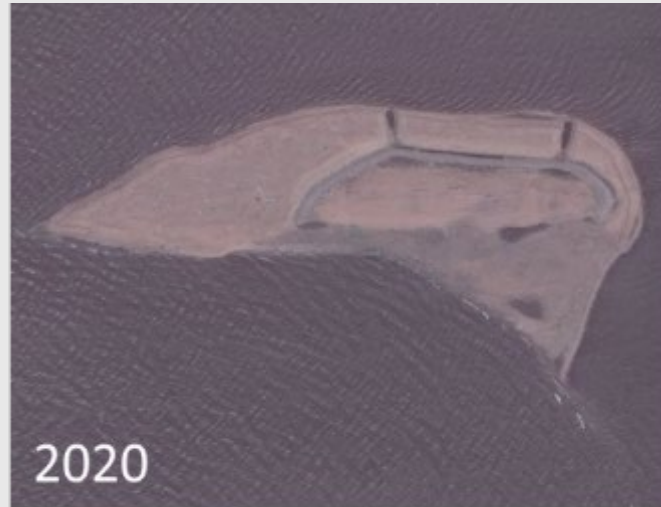


Ashley Sullivan

Interstate Island *completed in 2021*



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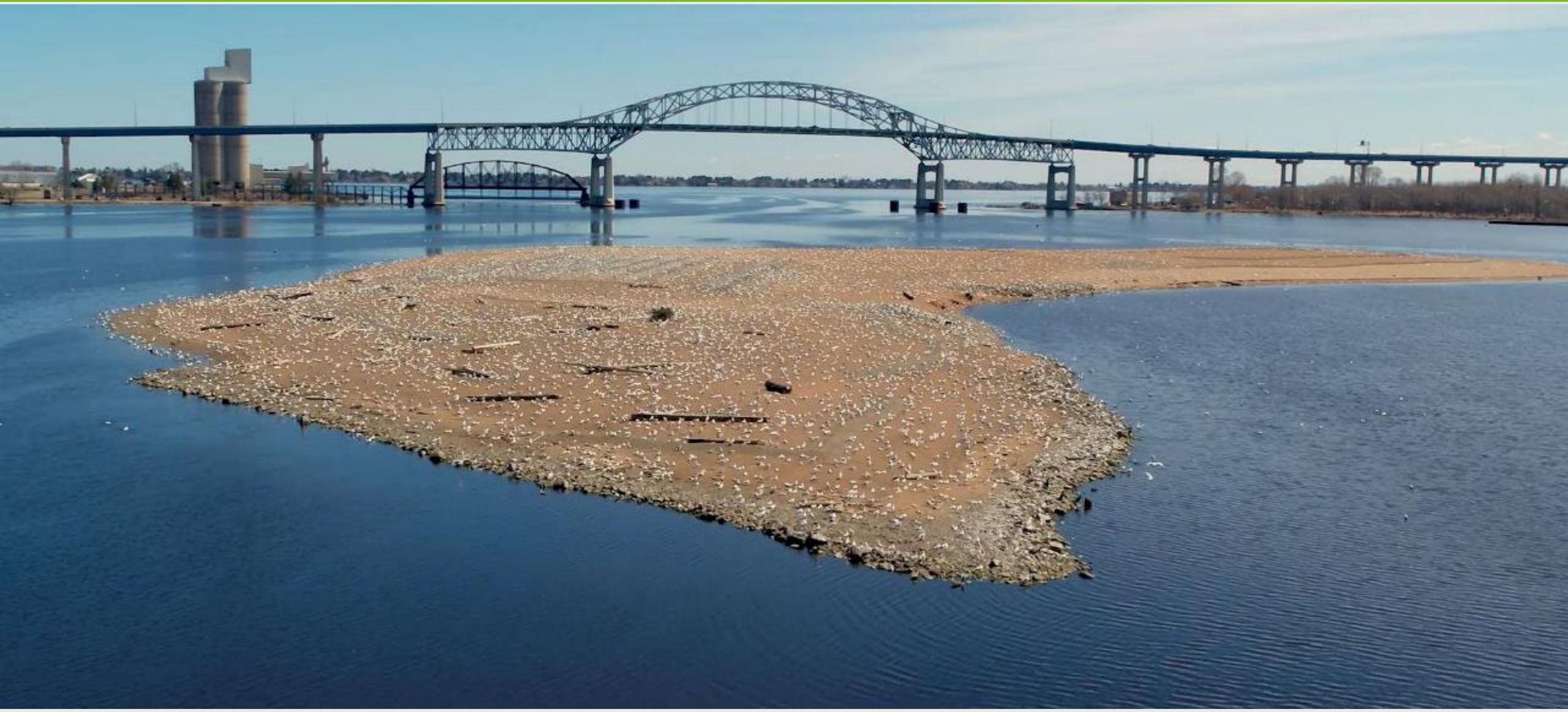
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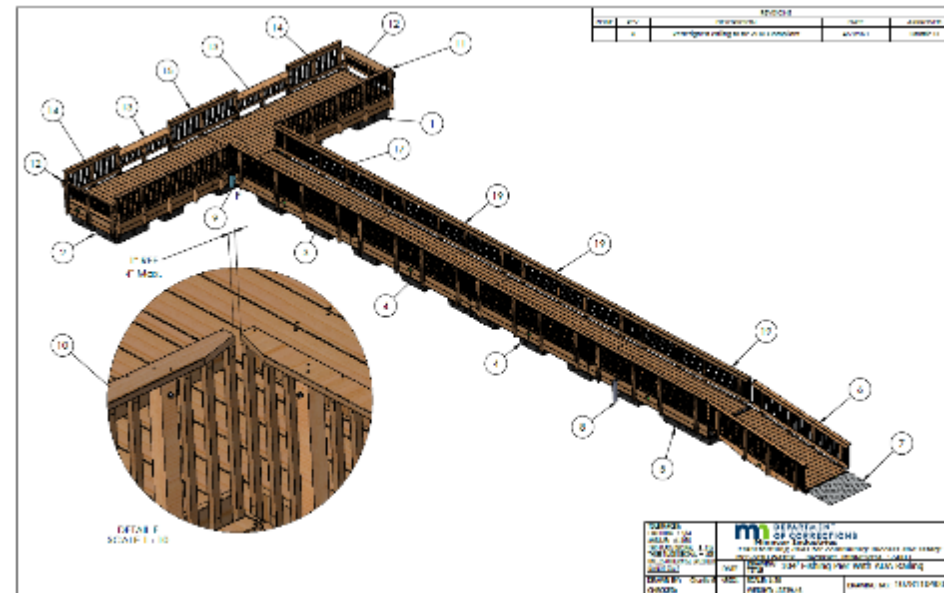
Interstate Island *completed in 2021*



Kingsbury Bay *completed in 2021*



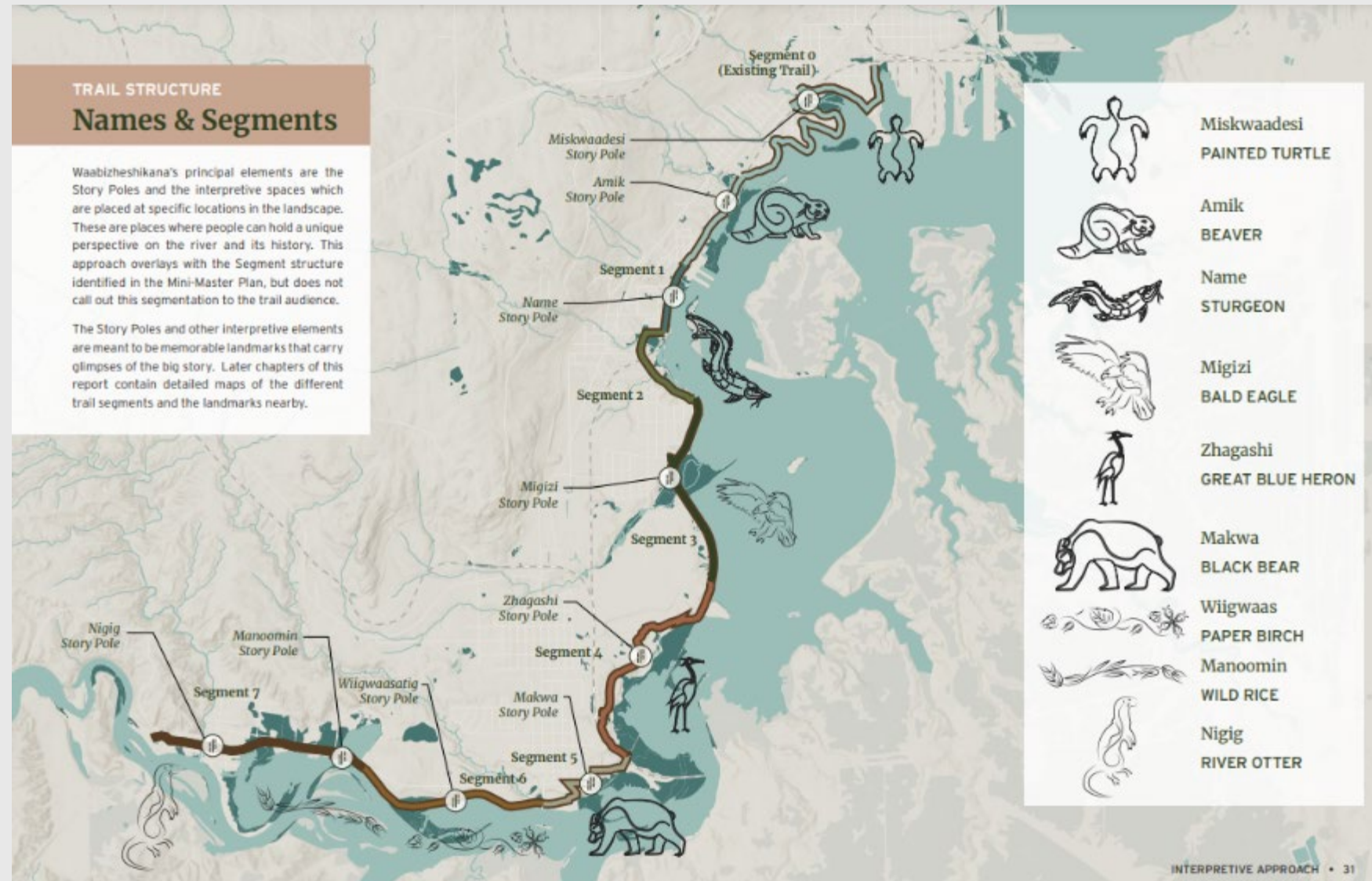
Kingsbury Bay Community Revitalization



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Interpretive Trail Master Plan March 2021 City of Duluth



Grassy Point *completed in 2021*



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ACEC
Minnesota

2022

"Grand Conceptor"
Award Winner

Manoomin (wild rice) *2014 - ongoing*



St. Louis River Alliance



Deanna Erickson

“These efforts are having a positive effect on the water quality and the biological productivity of the fish and wildlife.” -- David Nelson, President Twin Ports Walleye Association

Seeing the Results



Karen McTavish
At Chambers Grove



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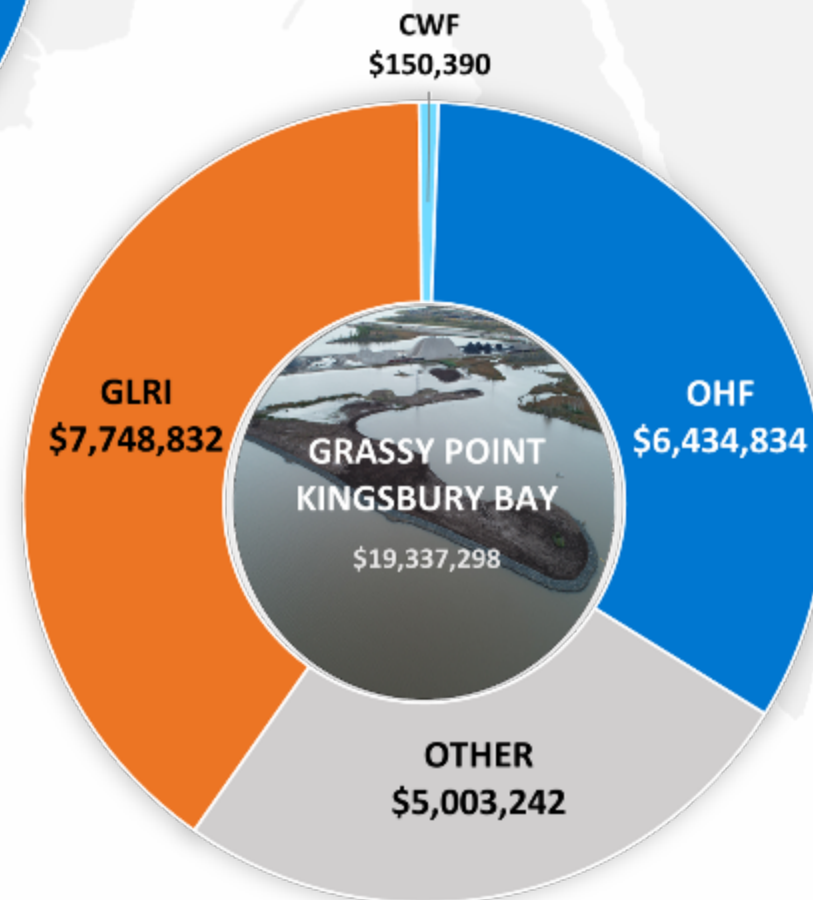
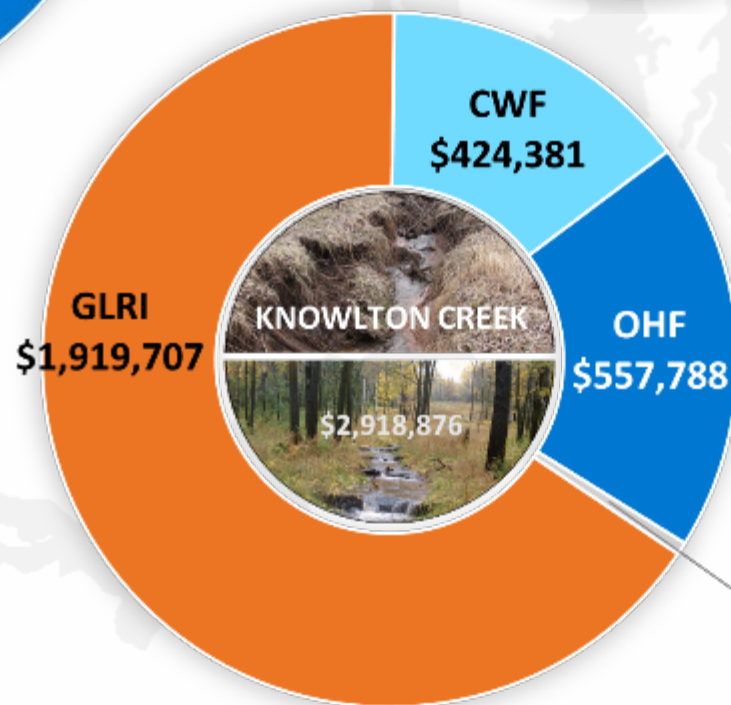
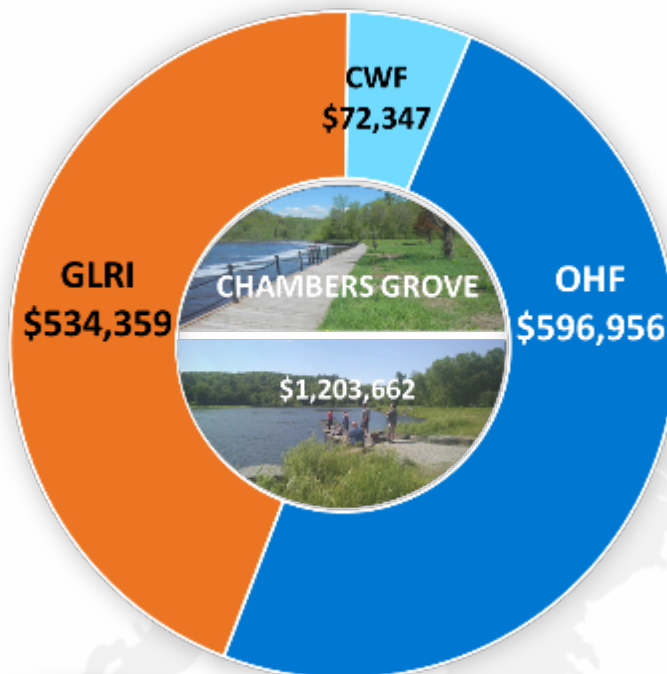
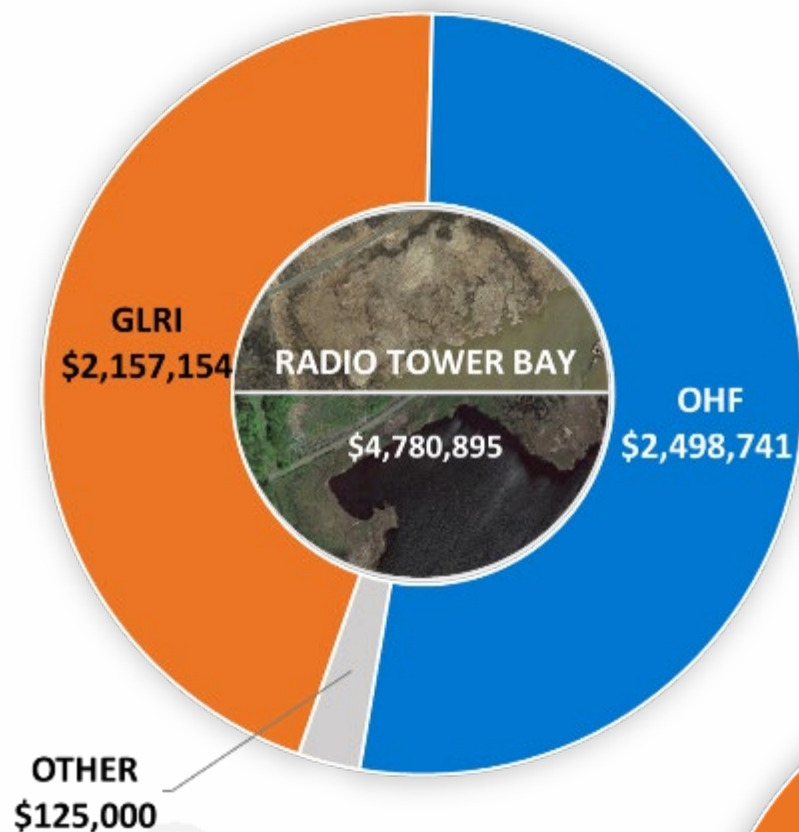
Blake Cazier



Carol Beach



Leveraging Support



- GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE
- CLEAN WATER FUND
- OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND
- OTHER
(SSFL FERC, MN Rem Funds and NRDA)

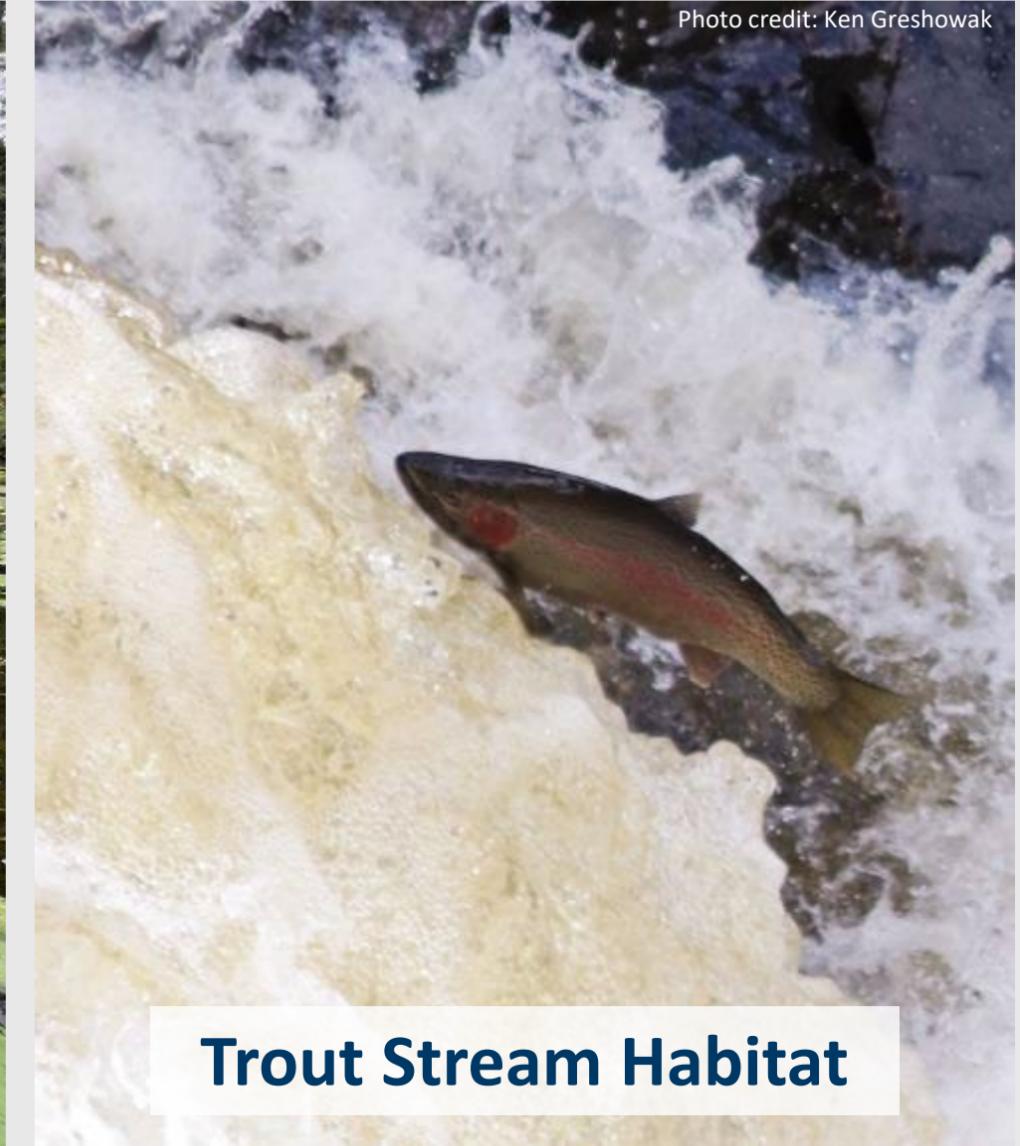
There's more to do...

A photograph of a marshy area with numerous green lily pads floating on the water. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees is visible under a cloudy sky. A large, fallen log lies horizontally across the middle ground, partially submerged.

**Lake Superior Estuary
Marsh Habitat**

Carol Lent

Photo credit: Ken Greshowak

A close-up photograph of a trout jumping out of a stream. The fish is in mid-air, its body arched, with a splash of white water around it. The background shows more turbulent water and rocks.

Trout Stream Habitat

Closing Thoughts

The St. Louis River Estuary is...

- An unmatched habitat resource
- Unique and incredibly diverse

We are making a difference!





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Thank You!

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