

# ST. LOUIS RIVER RESTORATION INITIATIVE

## PHASE 8 PROPOSAL

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NATURAL RESOURCES



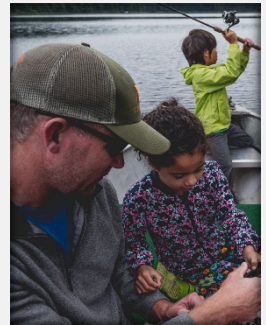
### The St. Louis River Estuary: a unique & valuable state resource

- 12,000 acre coastal marsh
- 43 species of native fish
- 159 species of birds
- 43 Species of Greatest Conservation Need



### St. Louis River coastal marsh habitat

- Ranked S1 = Critically imperiled
- 24 times more productive than open water
- Nurseries for Lake Superior fish populations
- Diverse native plants and wildlife
- Important migratory waterfowl flyway



### Restoration to Revitalization: A Success Story

- Native Brook Trout in restored Knowlton Creek
- A Muskie 'hot spot' at Radio Tower Bay
- Spawning Lake Sturgeon at Chambers Grove



These projects contribute towards delisting the St. Louis River as a Great Lakes **Area of Concern**



**More people are using the river than ever before!**



# Making progress in 2020

Increasing and protecting Common Tern habitat at **Interstate Island**



Restoring Coastal Marsh habitat at **Grassy Point & Kingsbury Bay**



Improving and increasing fish habitat at **Perch Lake**



Fond du Lac Band seeding **manomin** (wild rice)



Each **\$1.00** awarded by OHF leveraged **\$1.68** in Federal/other support for these projects.

## St. Louis River Restoration Phase 8 Proposal

**130 Acres**

**Coastal Marsh Habitat Restoration**

- Area of Concern Management Action
- Waterfowl hotspot
- Panfish production area
- Northern Pike/Muskie spawning



**100 Acres**

**Forest Restoration**

- Buckthorn control
- Breeding landbirds
- Conifer planting



**7,800 Feet**  
**Trout Stream Restoration**



Keene Creek  
Kingsbury Creek  
Lower Knowlton Ck



**Let's maintain this momentum!**



The St. Louis River Restoration Initiative has:

- Strong partnerships
- Demonstrated success
- Engaged community
- A clear vision for **restoration, enhancement, and protection**