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Lincoln Park / Milwaukee River Phase I Project – Sediment Remediation to Habitat Restoration







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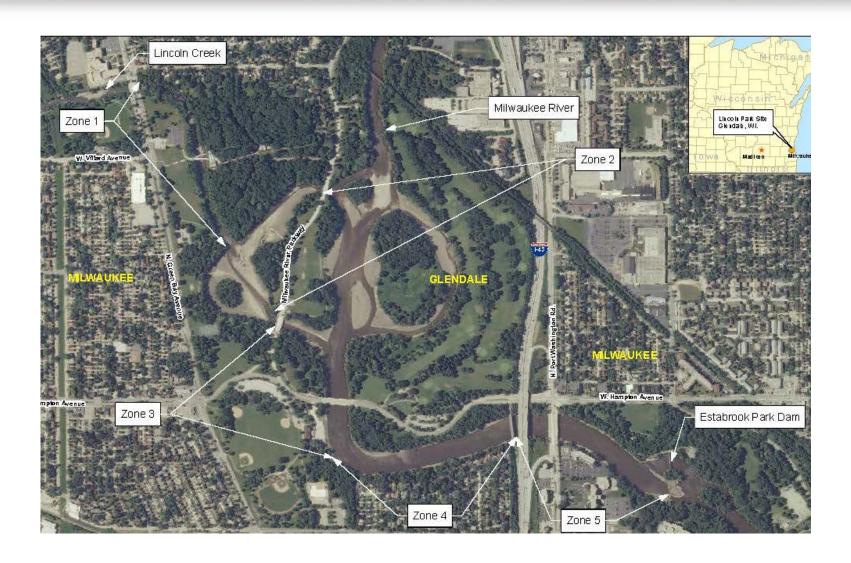
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Overview

- Remedial Action Summary
- Restoration Goals
- Initial Grade and Restoration
- Restoration
- Challenges Encountered
- Lessons Learned

Remedial Action Summary – Site Description



RA Summary – Project Objectives

- Support removal of BUIs
 - Fish and wildlife consumption advisories
 - Degradation of benthos
 - Restrictions on dredging
 - Degradation of fish and wildlife habitat
- Minimize potential human health and environmental risks
- Improve habitat through restoration



RA Summary - Project Scope

- Pre-Excavation Sediment Delineation
 - Targeted PCB TSCA delineation
 - Results reduced estimated quantities
 - Non TSCA ~95,500 cy from ~119,000 cy
 - TSCA ~1,500 cy from ~14,000 cy
- Mechanical Excavation
- Temporary WWTP
- Post-Excavation Confirmation Sampling
- Final Grading / Habitat Restoration



RA Summary – Water Flow / Sheet Pile Isolation

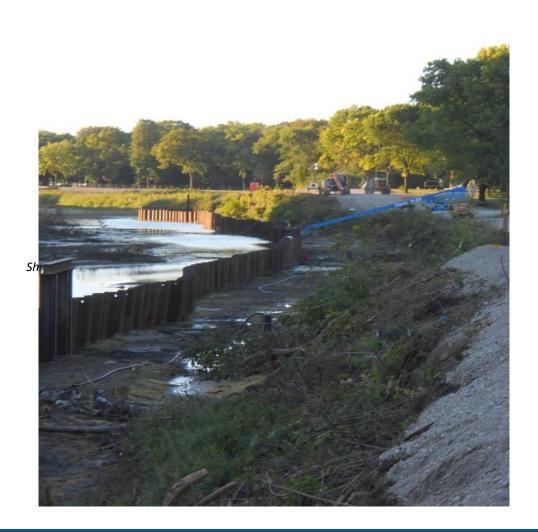
Stage 1



Stage 2



RA Summary – Sheet Pile Isolation







Zone 1 East / West Excavation and Dewatering



Excavation work in the west side of Zone 1



Zone 1 east dewatering and excavation (11/21/2011)

Zone 2a – Mechanical Excavation



Excavation of northern end of Zone 2a (10/8/11)



Excavation and hauling of TSCA material in Zone 2A

Zone 2a – Final Grading / Bank Stabilization



Zone 2A after completion of excavation and bank stabilization activities (11/26/2011)

Zone 2a – Lincoln Creek Diversion



Water flow from Lincoln Creek was redirected through Zone 2A from Zone 2B

Zone 3a – Southern confluence with Milwaukee River



Excavation of sediments and dewatering activities in Zone 3A (1/5/2012)



Restoration begins on the north bank on Zone 3A, trenching keyways, placing fabric and riprap (1/9/2012)

RA Summary – Removal Quantities

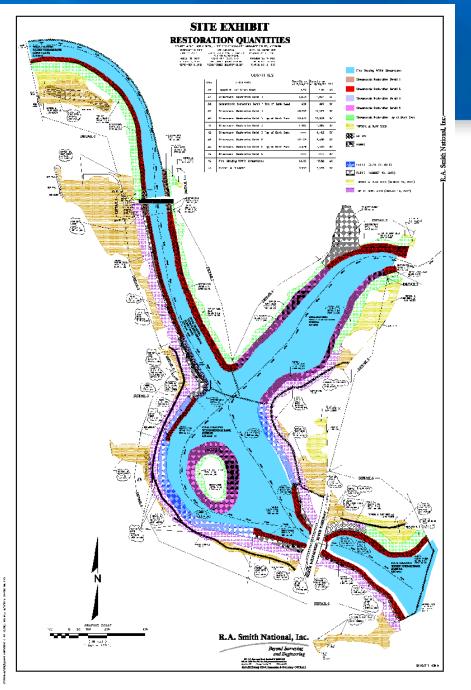
Removal Adjustments

- Zone 1 TSCA: 7.7k tons vs. 4.2k
- Zone 2a NAPL: 65.6k tons vs. 46k
- Total Quantity Variation
 - 119,000 cy removed vs. 95,500 cy
 (23,500 cy increase / ~20%)

Year	2011	2012	Total
Sediment Volume Removed (yd³)	93,483	25,556	119,039
Sediment Volume Removed (tons)	156,549	44,440	200,989
Non-TSCA PCBs (lbs)	2,777	510	3,287
TSCA PCBs (lbs)	1,741	0	1,741
PAHs (lbs)	2,787	1,248	4,035
PAH NAPL (lbs)	359,249*	0	359,249
Total PCBs (lbs)	4,518	510	5,028

Restoration Goals

- Turf Grass
- Trees
- Low Grow, No Mow Buffer
- Native Riparian Vegetation
- Brush layer











Initial Restoration Complete So Now We Wait....

- Seeds are Sown
- Fertilizer has been Spread
- Mulch is in Place

The Best Laid Plans Can Have Challenges

- 1. Geese
- 2. Drought of 2012
- 3. Flood of 2013
- 4. Undesirable Species
- 5. Leaves
- 6. Human Factor

Geese



Good Fences Make Good Goose Control



For A While



Drought of 2012



Drought of 2012



Flood of 2013





Flood of 2013



Flood of 2013



Undesirable Species



Leaves



Human Impacts



Human Impact



Human Impacts



Time to Regroup



Undesirable Species Management



Undesirable Species Management



Undesirable Species Management



Irrigation



Replanting Efforts



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Leaf Matting Removal



From This....



To This...Success!













Lessons Learned

- Communication is Critical
- Nature
- Undesirable Species Management (one of the biggest consumers of LOE)
- Human Impacts
- Patience
- Maintenance

Questions / Discussion