

Quarterly Report

Date: 09/29/2017

Project Title: Wild rice restoration in the Wisconsin waters of the St. Louis River Estuary 2016-2018

Grant Recipient: Minnesota Land Trust

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Time period covered for this report: 2017-Q3

Activities completed/work accomplished this quarter:

Peterson completed and executed contracts for substrate mapping (Barr), monitoring (1854 Treaty Authority) and seeding (Fond du Lac Band).

MLT conducted four small boat outreach tours of the Estuary highlighting wild rice restoration activities. 24 attendees participated.

Peterson participated in three inspection trips with MDNR (1) and WDNR (2)

1854 Treaty Authority completed annual wild rice monitoring at 13 sites (10 seeded in 2015, or 2016 and baseline monitoring at 3 future sites).

Fond du Lac Band completed seeding target sites on September 12, 2017.

Barr Engineering completed monitoring plan and field work associated with substrate sampling. Peterson participated in 1 day of field sampling to inspect work and 1 follow up meeting to plan data evaluation and presentation for final report.

Budget:

Amount of the funds expended to date \$38,648.07. This quarter: \$23,269.96. Total expenditures to-date: \$38,648.07.

Subcontracts or subgrants awarded this reporting period:

- Barr Engineering: Substrate mapping, \$49,825.00
- 1854 Treaty Authority: Wild rice monitoring 2017, \$14,688.00
- Fond du Lac Band Lake Superior Chippewa: Wild rice seeding 2017, \$42,000.00

QAPP (project plan) Status: Final Substrate Assessment QAPP approved.

Local services and/or products purchased this reporting period:

- Boat rental for project tours

Number of jobs created this reporting period: 16, (3 1854 Treaty Authority, 9 Fond du Lac, 3 Barr, 1 MLT)

Schedule:

Is the project on track for completion by end date? Yes.

Grant End Date:

Dec 31, 2018

Problems / Issues:

None

Activities and work goals planned for next quarter:

1. Complete substrate mapping and analysis report
2. Complete 2017 Monitoring Report
3. Summarize 2017 wild rice seeding accomplishments
4. Convene wild rice restoration group to determine restoration, monitoring and research goals for 2018