July - September 2017 Quarterly Report

For St. Louis River Estuary Bay Project

Date: September 25, 2017

Project Title: St. Louis River Estuary Bay Project

Grant Recipient: Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

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Time period covered for this report: 2017-Q3

Activities completed/work accomplished this quarter:

* Monitoring of 7 bay sites and 5 stream sites completed as planned for the months of July, August, and September
* Collection of benthic macroinvertebrate samples from 21 locations; samples delivered to subcontractor (UW-Superior, Kurt Schmude)
* Collection of sediment samples and measurement of soft sediment thickness at 21 locations; samples shipped to lab.
* Gill netting and electrofishing surveys to document fish communities in 3 bays
* Entry of field measurements and lab results into spreadsheets as results are received

Schedule: The project is on track for completion by end date.

Grant End Date: 12/31/2017

Problems/Issues: There are no issues or concerns for completing the project on time and within budget.

Activities and work goals planned for next quarter:

* Continued monitoring of 7 bay sites and 5 stream sites though October
* Continued entry of field measurements and lab results into spreadsheets as results are received
* Review and summary of other recent, existing data for the 3 bays being assessed
* Preparation of final Project report