



Our Vision

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

Our Mission

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

Meeting Announcement and Agenda

Sustainability Commission Workshop **Community Development Building, 419 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN** **Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 5:30 PM**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Workshop Items**
 - 2.A. Presentation by Brenda Kelly of WI DNR
 - 2.B. Organics Drop-off Promotional Materials
 - 2.C. Urban Landscape (Pollinator) Resolution
 - 2.D. 2026 Jay McCleary Award
- 3. Announcements**
 - 3.A. Topics for Future Agendas
 - 7th Street Slope
 - GreenStep Program
 - 3.B. Next Meeting Date: **THURSDAY**, May 21, 2026
- 4. Adjournment**

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UPPER POOL 4, PIERCE COUNTY ISLANDS HEAD OF LAKE PEPIN



L&D 3 MAP OF STUDY AREA



PROJECT SUMMARY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), plans to construct islands in the Mississippi River at the Head of Lake Pepin to restore backwater habitat that lies within the Pierce County Islands Wildlife Management Area. This area, which is located between Mississippi River miles 785 and 790, was established by the state of Wisconsin to provide habitat for migratory waterfowl, water birds, fish and other wildlife species, as well as provide educational and recreational opportunities to the public.

REVOLUTIONIZING DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

The Upper Pool 4 Islands Complex Project, as it is called, was 1 of 10 projects selected out of 95 proposals submitted throughout the United States for a pilot program to use dredged material to improve habitat. Projects were selected as having a high likelihood of delivering environmental, economic and social benefits. The Corps will use dredged material removed from Reads Landing Dredged Material Placement Site in Lower Pool 4, located just north of Wabasha, Minnesota, to construct the islands. The island construction project could use up to 300,000 cubic yards of dredged material.

CURRENT OBJECTIVES FOR HABITAT RESTORATION

- 1** Increase the health, diversity, and acreage of emergent and floating leafed aquatic vegetation
- 2** Increase the health, diversity, and acreage of submerged aquatic vegetation
- 3** Improve and increase the quantity and quality of wetland habitat for backwater waterfowl species
- 4** Protect existing shoreline habitat and increase the linear feet of sheltered bank and associated littoral habitat for use by marsh and water birds, shorebirds, aquatic mammals, amphibians, and reptiles
- 5** Improve and increase the overall health and quantity of floodplain forest
- 6** Improve or maintain the quantity and quality of habitat for riverine aquatic species
- 7** Increase the quantity and quality of backwater fish habitat

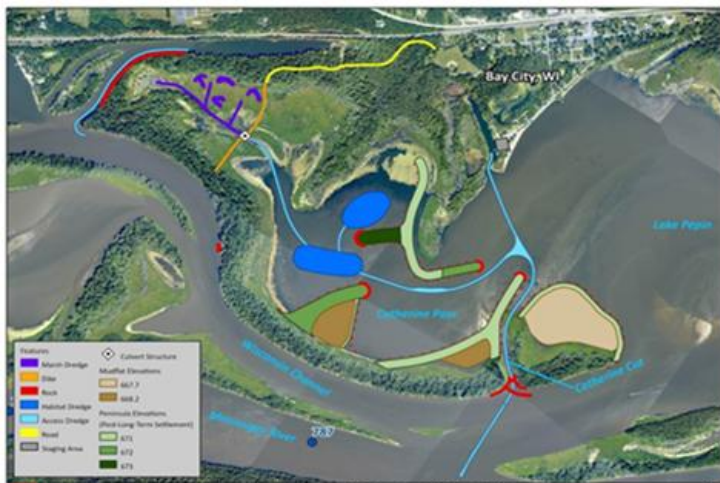


23 MILES ← Head of Lake Pepin ← Reads Landing

This is a win-win-win project for the Corps; our partners including the WDNR and the Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance; and the environment. This project fits in with the Corps environmental mission to preserve, restore and protect the natural environment. It also allows for an environmentally beneficial use of dredged material from the Corps' 9-ft navigation channel.

PROPOSED FEATURES

The project features include 3 peninsulas, 3 areas of shoreline protection, 3 wetland areas, 2 deep water overwintering areas, and access dredging. Construction will start summer of 2023 and the estimated construction period is 3 years.



- \$ Village of Stockholm, WI
- \$ Pepin County, WI
- \$ Village of Bay City, WI
- \$ Ducks Unlimited
- \$ WI Cherish Outdoors
- \$ Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance
- \$ City of Red Wing, MN
- \$ WI Waterfowl Stamp
- \$ WDNR Rivers Account
- \$ MN Heritage
- \$ WI State Budget

\$ 4,459,049

The Sustainability Commission's desired goals for the Red Wing Landscape Ordinance

What we see as beneficial for the city and its residents

- Overall, the Ordinance should reduce barriers to and encourage residents to install managed natural landscaping.
- The requirement to register native landscaping property is an undue burden for property owners.
 - Why should native landscaping need a permit when other garden do not?
 - If Public Works insists upon a registration/permit process, it should be provided free of charge.
- The 5 foot buffer requirement should be removed. It is an unnecessary burden on the property owner, particularly for those with smaller properties.
 - If the 5 foot buffer is an absolute necessity, the acceptable medium for this 5 foot buffer needs to be defined. (For example: short (under 2 foot tall) native grasses/ flowers, stone, mulch)
- Undeveloped lots (see Section C,4 or ordinance) should be seeded with low maintenance, native grasses rather than turf grass in order to reduce maintenance and discourage invasive species.
- For Enforcement, non-compliance items for managed natural landscapes must be clearly defined (i.e. presence of noxious weeds)
- In the case of Managed Natural Landscape, mowing should not be the City's choice for "required work". Another approach is required that does not jeopardize the property owners investment in plants, etc.