

REDPATH IMPOUNDMENT & MUSTINKA RIVER REHABILITATION PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The Mustinka River in Traverse and Grant Counties is the source of significant flooding caused primarily by spring snowmelt events. These large scale floods result in repeat damage to infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and culverts, and threaten rural homes and agricultural land. Since 2008, the Bois de Sioux Watershed District has been working toward a multi-purpose solution known as the Redpath Impoundment & Mustinka River Rehabilitation Project.

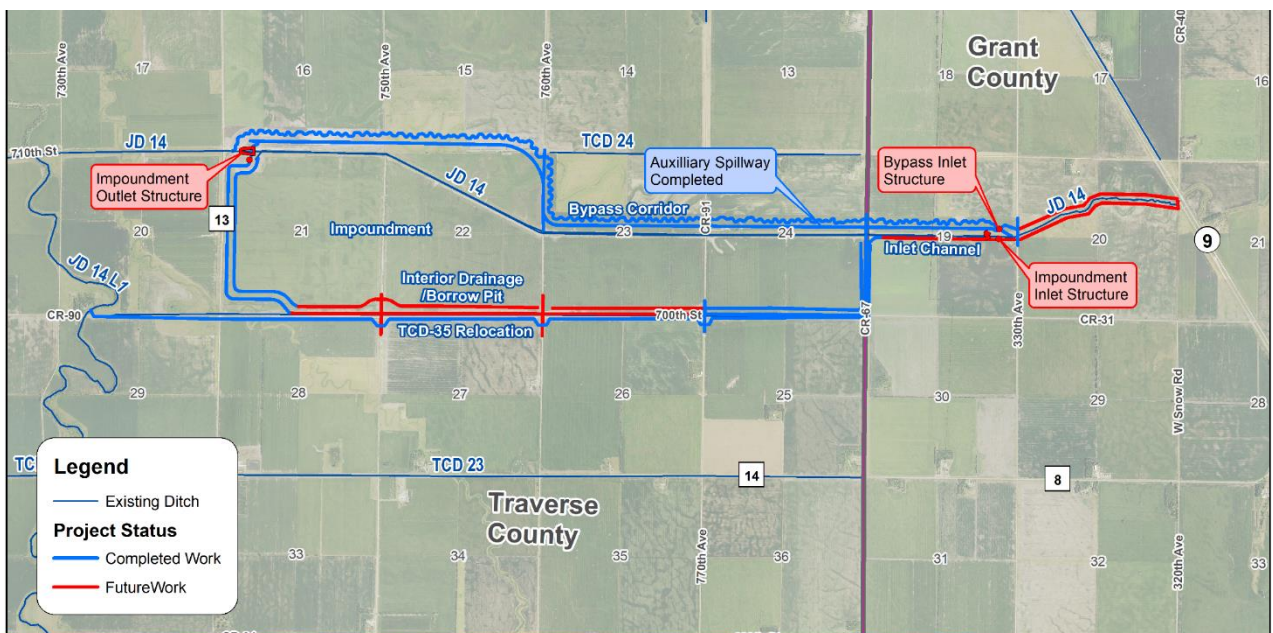
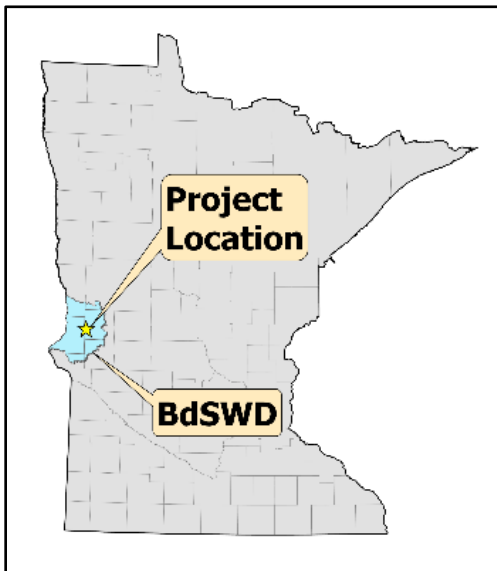


After years of study, permitting, and land acquisition, the Bois de Sioux Watershed District is thrilled to announce that the project is over halfway complete. Funds received to date include Clean Water and Legacy Amendment awards through LSOHC, LCCMR, BWSR, and DNR. Local cost share is provided by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and Red River Watershed Management Board, which is used to match MN Flood Hazard Mitigation Funds.

PROJECT BENEFITS: The completed project will: **protect rural communities** and agricultural areas from devastating floods; **prevent costly damage** to roads, bridges, culverts and other infrastructure; **mitigate economic losses** from flood-related disruptions; **establish vast natural resources enhancements** open to the public; **improve water quality** within the Mustinka River and receiving waters; **address climate change** to create a more resilient future.

COMPLETED AND FUTURE WORK: As seen in the project map below, significant construction progress has occurred since the first bid letting in 2022. Construction is over half complete. Remaining tasks include 2 ½ miles of levee construction along the south perimeter, inlet channel, and concrete control structures.

FUNDING REQUEST: To date, \$36.5 M has been spent on this \$61.0 M project, including \$9.9 M from the **Minnesota Flood Hazard Mitigation (MNFHM)** program. **\$13.7 M in funding is left through the MN Flood Hazard Mitigation** program to bring this project to completion and protect the region's economy, citizens and natural resources from future flooding.



From east to west, the Mustinka River Rehabilitation and Redpath Impoundment is six miles long.