

Muddy River Flood Damage Reduction Project
Phase 2 Construction Activities Next 90 Days
August 2023

General: The Muddy River Flood Damage Reduction Phase 2 Construction Project is located in the footprint generally between Leverett Pond to Boylston Street in Boston and Brookline. The major project components involve dredging 1 to 8' of sediment for flow conveyance in the Back Bay Fens and the Riverway sections of the Muddy River. It also includes excavation of the sandbar and island at Leverett Pond. Work also includes the removal of *phragmites* from the wetland and riparian areas which affect flow conveyance. After removal of river sediments and *phragmites*, preservation and restoration of the historic park shoreline in construction areas will consist of planting emergent wetland plants and restoring riparian vegetation in upland areas by planting trees and shrubs. This Notice is intended to identify the general construction activities that will be performed in the next 90 days. A figure that shows a typical flood control channel and the proposed improvements is at the end of this report.

August 2023 through October 2023 Period:

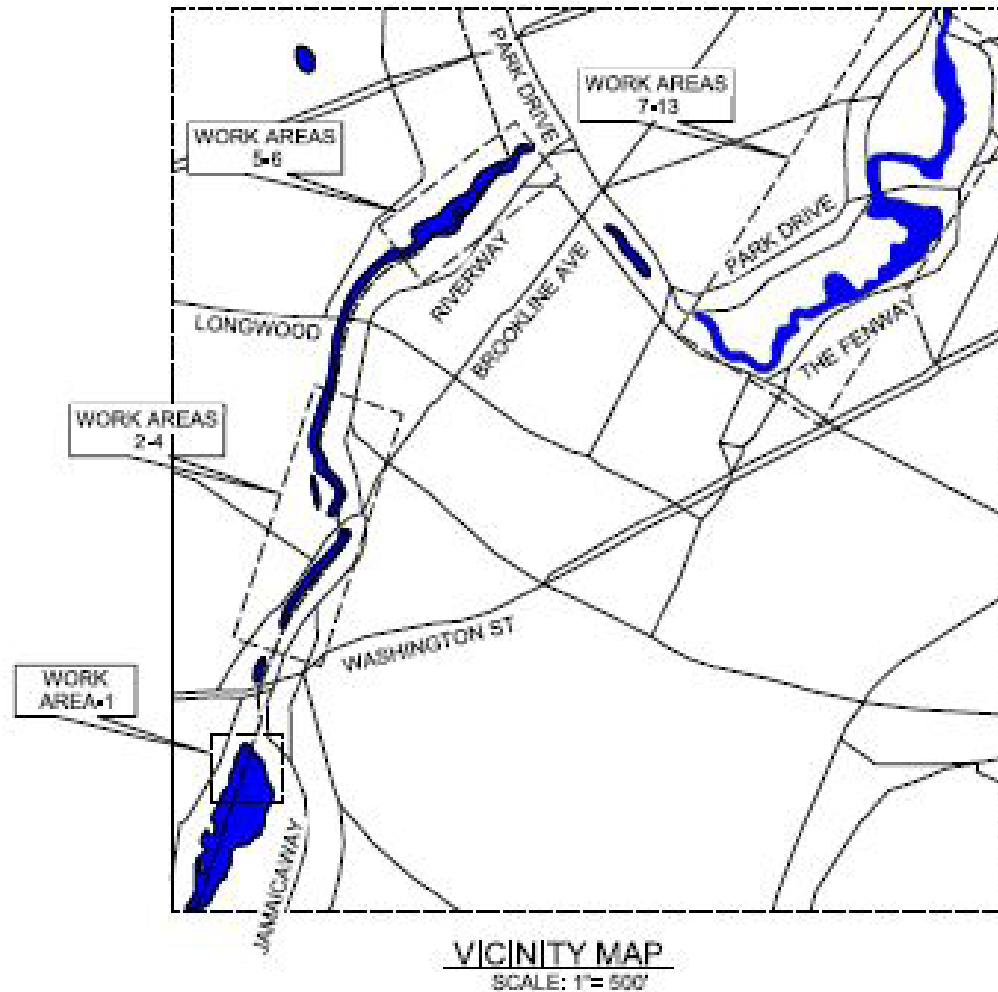
- Since the award of the construction contract and issuance of the Notice to Proceed in March 2020, the contractor has completed all the dredging for the project. Active construction is expected to be completed in the next couple of months. The two-year guarantee period for the last of the plants that were planted during the Spring 2023 planting window will continue until October 2025.
- Dredging of the Muddy River is divided into 12 work areas as shown in the Vicinity Map, with 6 work areas upstream of the Riverway and 6 work areas downstream of Ave. Louis Pasteur.
- **Work Area #2** – section of river at Brookline Avenue and the Riverway – near Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – the contractor completed dredging this section mid-February 2021. Surveying was done in February to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. A collapsed drain was repaired Winter 2021 which deferred planting of Work Area #2 to Spring 2022. Grading of the site and wetland construction and all trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed by June 2022. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2024 during the two-year plant guarantee period.
- **Work Area #3** – section of river at Brookline Avenue, the Riverway, and Netherlands Road – near Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – the contractor completed dredging this section late-March 2021. Surveying was done in May to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. All trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed in October 2021. Stonedust path restoration and landscape protection fence installation took place in mid-May 2022. Wetland plants were installed late-May 2022 and will be maintained to September 2024. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2023 during the two-year plant guarantee period. Work Area #3 is expected to be turned back over to the project Sponsors this October 2023 after formal acceptance of this work area.
- **Work Area #4** – section of river immediately downstream of Work Area #3, across Netherlands Road – the contractor completed dredging this section early April 2021. Surveying was done late May to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. All trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed in October 2021. Stonedust path restoration and landscape protection fence installation took place in mid-May 2022. Due to run off from The Riverway, an area of the lawn was not established and is being replanted as part of the guarantee period. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2023 during the two-year plant guarantee period. Work Area #4 is expected to be turned back over to the project Sponsors this October 2023 after formal acceptance of this work area.
- **Work Area #1** – Leverett Pond – The contractor completed dredging the revised footprint in June 2021. Surveying was done in mid-July 2021 to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. The additional dredging work at the Village Brook Outfall requested by the

Sponsors was completed and equipment demobilized mid-March 2022. Grading of the site and installation of all trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed by June 2022. Landscape protection fence installation and paving of the pathway were completed early August 2022. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2024 during the two-year plant guarantee period.

- **Work Area #7** – section of river immediately downstream of Avenue Louis Pasteur – the contractor completed dredging this section at the end of December 2020. Surveying was done in early January 2021 to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. Grading of the site and wetland construction and all trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed by October 2021. Stonedust path restoration was completed late-November 2021. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2023 during the two-year plant guarantee period. Work Area #7 is expected to be turned back over to the project Sponsors this October 2023 after formal acceptance of this work area.
- **Work Area #8** – section of river immediately downstream of Work Area #7 – the contractor completed dredging this section before the end of February 2021. Surveying was done in late February 2021 to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. Grading of the site and wetland construction and all trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed by October 2021. Stonedust path restoration was completed late-November 2021. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2023 during the two-year plant guarantee period. Work Area #8 is expected to be turned back over to the project Sponsors this October 2023 after formal acceptance of this work area.
- **Work Area #9** – section of river immediately downstream of Work Area #8 – the contractor completed dredging this section mid-April 2021. Surveying was done in late June 2021 to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. Grading of the site and wetland construction and all trees, upland planting, and seeding were completed by October 2021. Stonedust path restoration was completed late-November 2021. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2023 during the two-year plant guarantee period. Work Area #9 is expected to be turned back over to the project Sponsors this October 2023 after formal acceptance of this work area.
- **Work Area #10** – section of river immediately downstream of Work Area #9 which ends at Agassiz Road – the contractor completed dredging this section mid-December 2021. Surveying was done between July 2021 to January 2022 to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. The sediment processing bins were removed as part of the dredging efforts. Since that time, a review of the as-dredged conditions has taken place to confirm plant locations and topsoil quality to optimize planting success. Installation of herbivore fence, coir logs, and loam was completed mid-May. Trees and shrub beds were planted between early- into mid-May 2022. Stonedust path restoration was completed mid-June. Maintenance of the planting will continue to October 2024 during the two-year plant guarantee period. Demobilization of construction materials/equipment and tree root protection around the trailers will take place late June. Construction trailers will be removed in the coming weeks so that the final restoration of that area can be completed. Repairs to Agassiz Road began mid-July with sidewalk repairs/replacements and will continue into August with other restoration work, including curb replacement, drainage repairs, and final paving. Final paving of Agassiz Road is expected late August/early September.
- **Work Area #13** – Boston Fire Department Building in the vicinity of the Fenway and Agassiz Road – the pumps were installed December in the new pump station, as well as the new electrical panels in the existing fire department building. Granite veneer installation resumed in early April and all granite has been installed for the façade as well as the capstone. The new security fence posts have also been installed. Security fencing and security lights were installed by early September. Backfill and paving of the parking lot reconstruction was completed end of July 2022.
- **Work Areas #11 and #12** – Victory Gardens Area – dredging in the section of the river downstream of Agassiz Road Bridge began in late-December 2021 and was completed mid-May 2022. Planting and restoration of Work Areas #11 and #12 began mid-September and was completed mid-October to coincide with the Fall planting window. Stonedust path restoration was completed early December 2022. Maintenance of the planting in the Victory Gardens area will continue to October 2024 during the two-year plant guarantee period. The contractor began removing the sediment processing bins in mid-February and the last of the steel sheeting was removed by end of March 2023. Removal of equipment and cleanup near the Duck House is completed. Trees and shrubs were installed and the area has been

loamed and hydroseeded. Posts for the Landscape Protection Fence are being installed this week and the chainlink fabric will be installed following all post installation. Maintenance of the planting near the Duck House, along Agassiz Road, and the right bank of the river will continue to October 2025 during the two-year plant guarantee period.

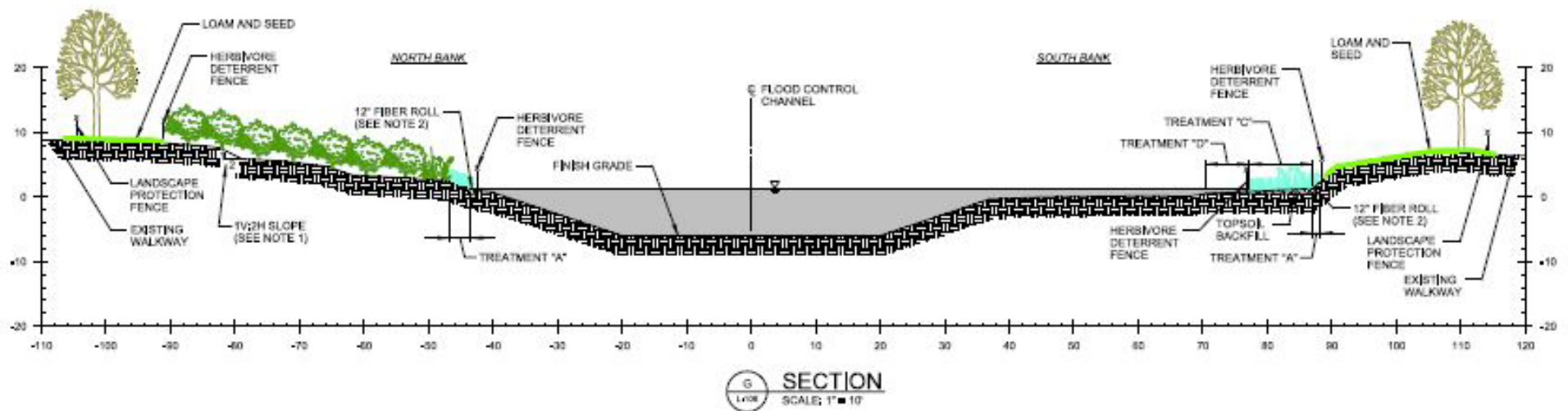
- **Work Area #5** – section of river by Short Street Bridge to Back Bay Yard – near the intersection of Park Drive and Riverway – the contractor completed dredging this section April 2022. Surveying was done in May 2022 to confirm new flood risk management cross sections. Trees and shrubs were planted between early- to mid-June 2022. Maintenance of the planting in Work Area #5 will continue to October 2024 during the two-year plant guarantee period.
- **Work Area #6** – section of river by Back Bay Yard – near the intersection of Park Drive and Riverway – Dredging upstream of the MWRA easement for the existing sewer lines was completed in June 2022. In January 2023, the removal of the phragmites along the banks that were encroaching into the river within the MWRA easement was completed. Since that time, the contractor mobilized in mid-February to begin cutting the temporary Flow Restriction Control Structure (FRCS) ahead of the restoration and planting within this work area. The FRCS was installed under Phase 1 to mimic the effect of the former twin 72" culverts underneath The Riverway until the downstream areas of dredging were completed. The FRCS was cut to the final elevation and the last of the sediment was dredged in the vicinity in early April 2023. Site restoration and plantings were installed late-May into early June. Stonedust path restoration and paving of the pedestrian path was completed late June. Posts for the Landscape Protection Fence will be installed early next week and the chainlink fabric will be installed following all post installation. Maintenance of the planting in Work Area #6 will continue to October 2025 during the two-year plant guarantee period.
- **Additional Phragmites Removal in Work Areas #5, #6, #11, and #12** – at the request of and the funding provided by the Sponsors, additional phragmites were removed from within the footprint of Work Areas #5 and #6 and the area restored/planted late August into early September 2022. In Work Areas #11 and #12, additional phragmites removal began mid-October and was completed at the end of December 2022. The phragmites removal is not required for the Flood Risk Management project; however, the removal will provide additional environmental restoration benefits to the system as well as provide maintenance benefits for the dredged channel. Site preparation and wetland shelf creation were completed late April. Plants were delivered in early May for installation. Paving of pedestrian path was completed early June. Stonedust path restoration and final loam and seeding along the path will be complete by mid-August. Posts for the Landscape Protection Fence are being installed this week and the chainlink fabric will be installed following all post installation. Maintenance of the planting will begin immediately and continue to October 2025 during the two-year plant guarantee period.
- At the end of this notice we have included some pictures that show the construction progress at Work Areas #5, #6, #11, #12 and #13. We thought folks would be interested in seeing the work occurring behind the fence.
- If you have any questions, require additional information or would like to be added to the Project Contact List, please email the project mailbox at MuddyRiver@usace.army.mil



EXTENTS OF PROJECT WORK AREA FOR PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION



REPRESENTATIVE FIGURE OF FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS





Work Area #5 – section of river by Short Street Bridge to Back Bay Yard – looking downstream, a review of the planted area on the bank and the new island.



Work Area #6 – section of river by Back Bay Yard – both banks restored, planted, hydroseeded.



Work Areas #11 – Agassiz Road Bridge and the Duck House – existing sidewalk removed and area being prepared for new sidewalk replacement as part of the Agassiz Road restoration.



Work Areas #11 – Agassiz Road Bridge and the Duck House – area restored by the Duck House.



Work Areas #11 – section of the river downstream of Agassiz Road Bridge at the Duck House – Area of the Central Processing Bins where sediment was processed – area restored, planted, and hydroseeded (late June 2023).



Work Area #12 – section of the river near Boylston Street Bridge – new paved pedestrian path; loam and seed; shrubs and trees planted in early June 2023. Lawn area will be reseeded as necessary during the two-year guarantee period.



Work Area #13 – Boston Fire Department Building in the vicinity of The Fenway and Agassiz Road – tree root protection and timber mats removed ahead of excavation, grading, and installation of new stonedust path.



Work Area #13 – Boston Fire Department Building in the vicinity of The Fenway and Agassiz Road – excavation of subgrade and full depth restoration of the stonedust path.