



FLOODPLAIN 8 & 9

Milwaukee River Parkway Section 5— Beneath North Ave. Bridge between E. Wright St. and Former North Ave. Dam







Floodplain and Cleanup Features

- Floodplain area: 10.1 acres
- Cleanup plans: Excavation and backfill with seed tree area protection
- Cleanup area: 9.8 acres
- Volume to be removed: 33,600 cubic yards
- Likely maximum excavation depth: 4 feet below existing ground
- Contaminants of concern in soil:
- PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls 0.023 41.5 mg/kg)
- Benzo(a)pyrene (0.003 5.34 mg/kg)
- Metals (arsenic 1.2 13.2 mg/kg and lead 2.8 555 mg/kg)

Habitat Features

- Current
- Relatively high amount of plant diversity due to River Revitalization Foundation (RRF) plantings*
- 37% forested (floodplain or southern mesic), 77% wetland areas and 63 % disturbed or degraded land
- Future considerations*
- Combination of restoration actions including elimination of invasive species, planting native species, planting saplings to enhance mature tree canopy
- Re-creation of some areas of sedge meadow
- * Milwaukee County Parks' Milwaukee River Greenway Ecological Restoration and Management Plan (12/7/22)

