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Re: [September 16<sup>th</sup> Open House for the East Wetland Enhancement Project along your Property](#)

Dear Landowner,

The Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) **will be hosting an open house to discuss the proposed East Wetland Restoration Project and get feedback from local residents on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** The open house will be hosted by the Robertson family at their home located at [24495 Heath Avenue](#). Please park along their driveway and/or Heath Avenue. District and engineering staff will be present to discuss the project and address any questions and comments that you may have. If time and weather permit, a site visit down to the wetland may be included.

As a reminder, the purpose of the project is to reduce excess nutrient (mainly phosphorus) exports from the wetland downstream to Little Comfort Lake. This will help improve water quality in the wetland and Little Comfort Lake, and as well as the downstream water resources (Comfort Lake, and the Sunrise River, and the St. Croix River.)

As currently proposed, the project would consist of an adjustable weir (i.e., dam) or berm that could be used to stabilize the groundwater levels of the wetland at an elevation of ~ 901 ft above sea level. Wetlands, like the one on your property, tend to export excess nutrients stored in their soils when they cycle between wet and dry periods. It is these excess nutrients which degrade water quality downstream. Maintaining steady water levels in the wetland allows for storage and treatment of runoff and benefits wetland ecological function, wildlife, and downstream water quality. According to our survey data, the proposed project would not increase the current wetland area nor impact any structures in the area.

A pre-recorded presentation on the project can be found at the East Wetland Project webpage (bottom right corner) at: [https://www.clflwd.org/little\\_comfort\\_projects.php](https://www.clflwd.org/little_comfort_projects.php) and/or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xa2dyo3UkJA>

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

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*For more information about the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, please visit [www.clflwd.org](http://www.clflwd.org).*

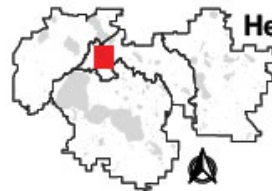
Enclosure: Heath Ave “East Wetland” Enhancement Concept

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- Parcel Boundaries
- Potential Saturation Zone
- Proposed Features**
- Proposed Berm
- Proposed Outlet Structure



**Heath Avenue Wetland Restoration**  
 Potential Saturation Zone  
 Full Extent



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