

Staff engaged students at Lakes International Language Academy with hands-on projects related to water quality. These projects focused on the importance of stormwater awareness and community stewardship.

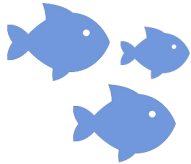


COMFORT LAKE
- WATERSHED DISTRICT -
FOREST LAKE

The Bone Lake Southeast (Meadowbrook) Wetland Restoration was completed in early 2021, removing phosphorus-rich soil from a wetland draining to Bone Lake. Estimated phosphorus reduction to Bone Lake is 35 lbs per year.



The District installed a new fish barrier at the outlet of Forest Lake in early January. The fish barrier aids in the control and management of rough fish populations in the lake such as invasive carp species which stir up lake bottom sediments resulting in reduced water clarity.



The District issued 30 permits and performed 868 site inspections to ensure project compliance with District rules and to minimize impacts on local waterbodies.

District staff performed 8 site visits resulting in 5 residential plant grant applications submitted and 1 best management practice installation. These projects help filter stormwater runoff and utilize native plants to prevent erosion.



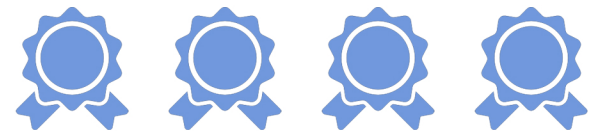
The District adopted the 2022-2031 Watershed Management Plan on September 28, 2021, including several new goals and initiatives set forth for the next 10-year period.



9,177 aquatic invasive species watercraft inspections were performed at the boat accesses of Bone Lake, Comfort Lake, & Forest Lake.



The District's new Citizen Assisted Tributary (CAT) Monitoring Program was awarded Program of the Year by the MN Association of Watershed Districts. The CAT program utilizes volunteers and low-cost analysis equipment to screen for areas that may need more in-depth monitoring.



The Watershed District was awarded \$573,400 in grant funding for fiscal year 2021. Grant funded projects will occur throughout the Bone, Forest, Little Comfort, and Comfort Lake Management Districts.