

Summary of Board Direction

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

2024						
Reference Number*	Date Given	Direction Given	Notes	Assigned to	Completed/ Resolved?	Estimated Cost
46	6/27/2024	Staff will communicate to Little Comfort Lake shoreline residents regarding purple loosestrife management best practices, similar to the outreach efforts for flowering rush on Forest Lake.	Staff mailed all Little Comfort Lake lakeshore residents a brochure on purple loosestrife management.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	
45	6/27/2024	Staff will work with Blue Water Science to reevaluate the District's management standards for Eurasian watermilfoil vs hybrid watermilfoil.		CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
44	6/27/2024	Staff will send out a scheduling poll to managers to schedule budget workshops in July and August. Managers were asked to provide to staff any dates that they are not available.	Scheduling poll emailed to managers on Monday, July 1st.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	
43	6/27/2024	Staff will consider the relationship between the alum treatment and Eurasian watermilfoil growth on Forest Lake with respect to public outreach.	The District anticipated increased aquatic plant growth in Forest Lake as a result of improved water clarity resulting from the alum treatment. This has been one of many elements of the District's comprehensive outreach campaign surrounding the alum treatment. Information regarding the relationship between water clarity (clean water) and aquatic plant growth (both native and invasive) will continue to be a component of the outreach campaign. Clean water means more plant growth, and it also means fewer toxic and filamentous algae blooms. Many factors may be playing a role in the expansion of EWM into 2nd basin. This may include: early ice out this year, drought conditions and low water over the past few years which may have increase spread of EWM (fragmentation of EWM stuck in boat props accessing shallow water areas), and potential spread due to weed harvester operation. Furthermore, there is not clear scientific evidence that EWM does better in cleaner water as compared to native species. FL is a complex system and multiple factors likely played a role in the expansion of EWM. Aquatic plant growth is widespread across the state this year due to climatic factors.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
42	6/13/2024	Mr. Hjelm will poll managers regarding dates for the State of the Watershed event.	Discussed with managers to find a date that works for all 5 managers. Booked September 18th with Forest Lake Legion Hall.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	
41	6/13/2024	Manager Anderson asked that staff include the mapped locations of ag program work with the information online.		CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
40	6/13/2024	Manager Loth commented about augmenting the outreach schedule with staff presentations at lake association meetings.	All staff presentations to lake association meetign swill be counted in the EO annual summaries.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	

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39	5/22/2024	Administrator Kinney was directed to proceed with soliciting a scope of work from UMN regarding shoreline outreach research.	Adm. Kinney has reached out to the UMN to continue the discussion about developing a scope of work for this effort.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
38	5/22/2024	Manager Anderson requested a mid season update on the water monitoring program.	Staff will bring an update to one of the July Board meetings. Limited data would be available at this time. Staff will discuss the April and May CAMP data, April to June Bottom Water data, DIY and CAT monitoring efforts.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
32	4/26/2024	Manager Anderson will discuss water quality projects and water monitoring data with Administrator Kinney and EOR.	Scheduled for early June	Mgr Anderson, Mike Kinney, EOR	In Progress	\$2,280
30	4/26/2024	Administrator Kinney and Engineer Graske will discuss Forest Lake regional stormwater projects with City staff and report back to the Board.	Administrator Kinney, staff and the District Engineer met with the City staff and city engineer about this project. The City has received input from a lot of residents regarding their dislike for the project. The City seems to be largely abandoning the project. City has abandoned majority of basins, awaiting as-built to determine final capacity	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	\$662
22	3/28/2024	Staff will prepare a map that shows cost-share program participation on Bone Lake, Comfort Lake, and Forest Lake.	Map distributed to board with 7/11 packet.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	\$194
21	3/28/2024	Manager Anderson will meet with Administrator Kinney and the District Engineer to discuss planning efforts for Comfort Lake and Little Comfort Lake.	Administrator Kinney and the District Engineer met regarding future monitoring and planning efforts.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	
19	3/28/2024	Staff and engineers will communicate with the Highway 8 Roadway Project regarding stormwater treatment and road salt, and staff will keep Manager Anderson advised of meetings	Planned construction 2026. EOR and staff are reaching out to inquire about the status of the EAW. EAW incomplete as of October 5th, 2023. Chisago County was to notify the District when it is complete. Long Ear bats have delayed project, EAW remains unfinished as of March 7, 2024. The most recent designs do include stormwater treatment facilities near the Comfort/Little Comfort crossing. Staff has been coordinating with MnDOT on BMPs including downtown FL area	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
16	3/14/2024	Mr. Kinney will provide more clarification on the monitoring program approach to Little Comfort and Big Comfort Lakes	Staff will consult with the monitoring team and provide feedback to the Board.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	
9	2/8/24	With respect to the lakeshore review, President Schmaltz asked staff to pull together their observations about what is persuasive about getting folks to adopt native shoreline buffers.	Staff is working with the PR firm and other stakeholders to obtain and use this information to develop strategies for the District's shoreline communication program.	CLFLWD Staff	In Progress	

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67	12/20/23	Manager Anderson reported two un-stabilized dirt piles on Greenway Avenue. She indicated that the City of Wyoming had said it is associated with an active CLFLWD permit. She asked staff to look into the erosion and sediment control requirements for this site.	Permit 22-030 Bottem Parking Lot, email sent to permittee and Fred Wenk at the City of Wyoming. City of Wyoming and Mr. Bottem are disagreeing with each other over permitted work. City of Wyoming will issue a stop work order. Soil stockpile is stabilized with weedy vegetation. An unvegetated gravel stockpile is also onsite, but does not present a water quality threat.	CLFLWD Staff	Completed	

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Initial Site Visits by Year

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Counts:
2021 - 10
2022 - 25
2023 - 37
2024 - 4

Cost Share Site Visits (04/02/2024)

Grant Year

- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

