



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: October 3rd, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Shoreline Program Review Process



District Wide

Background/Discussion

At a shoreline workshop on September 27th, Manager Anderson, Manager Schmaltz, Aidan Read, Adam Hjelm, and Administrator Mike Kinney discussed the results of the MP&G shoreline focus group, as well as next steps for the shoreline program. It was determined that more information was needed, and that a review of existing research and programs should be conducted by either staff, or an outside consultant. It was the recommendation of staff that the program review be conducted in-house by our GreenCorps member, Julia Grabow, under the supervision of Aidan Read.

The objectives of the program review will be to determine effective outreach and implementation procedures for expanding shoreline restoration in communities such as those in the District; and to identify gaps in knowledge that could be opportunities for future research. The specific actions of this review will include:

- A literature review of shoreline restoration research, with particular focus on community adoption, barriers to implementation, and a focus on inland waterbodies of the upper Midwest.
- Review and compile information regarding shoreline programs available throughout the upper Midwest. This review will include outreach to program managers and staff as well as a review of websites and policy documents.

This review will be conducted in the month of October, and a report will be prepared for the Board of Managers.