

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Completed the **Forest Lake Alum Treatment Project**

Throughout the year 2025, submitted grant applications totaling \$7.9 million, of which **\$3.3 million in grants was awarded.** Associated projects will span multiple years.

Offered **cost-share programs** including 61 site visits, 46 program participants, 670 linear feet of shoreline restored, and 1.6 acres of native plantings

Held **28 educational workshops and classes** with a total of **492 people attending**

Completed a **Strategic Plan** and **5-Year Program & Project Plan**

Completed **shoreline inventories** on Forest Lake, Little Comfort Lake, and Lake Keewahtin

Watercraft inspectors performed **6,053 inspections** and **worked 3,563 hours**, averaging **1.70 inspections per hour**

Received **40 permit applications** and performed **1,767 site inspections**

Purchased two properties with a combined total of **241 acres** for water quality and habitat restoration projects

Held the annual State of the Watershed **event attended by 99 people**



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WATERSHED DISTRICT

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HISTORY AND PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Comfort Lake–Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD or District) is a special purpose unit of local government with a mission to protect and enhance local ecosystems and natural water resources. The District covers 49 square miles in northern Washington and southern Chisago counties.

Lake Phosphorus Load Reductions Achieved to Date

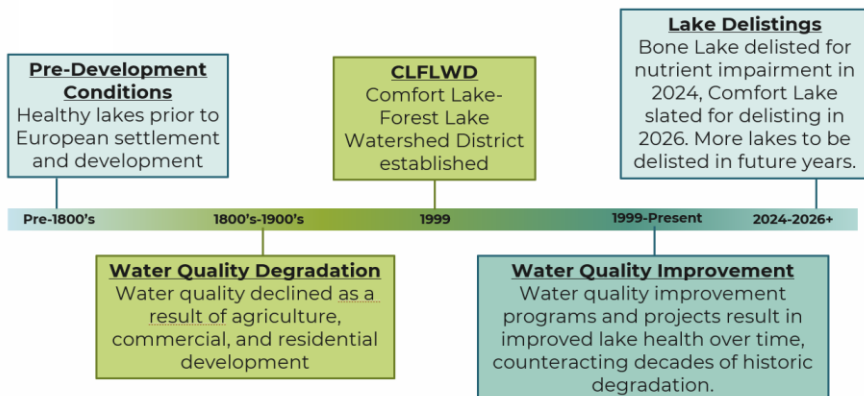


State Standard Reduction Goal: 3,245 lbs
District Sustainable Reduction Goal: 5,802 lbs

1 lb phosphorus ≈ 500 lbs algae growth

Excess phosphorus can degrade a lake's water quality. One pound of phosphorus can support up to 500 pounds of algae growth in a lake. Soil erosion and sediment transport can affect a lake's health as well.

Watershed History and Lake Health Over Time



Lakes were generally healthier prior to modern development. The CLFLWD aims to bring lakes back to their pre-development water quality condition.

Major Water Quality Projects & Milestones

2015

- Target Store Stormwater Retrofits
- Bone Lake Fish Barrier Upgrades
- Moody Lake Aerator

2016

- Bixby Park Water Quality Improvement Project

2017

- Hilo Lane Stormwater Retrofit
- Forest Lake Wetland Treatment Basin

2018

- Moody Lake Wetland Rehabilitation
- Moody Lake Alum Treatment Phase 1

2019

- Moody Lake Alum Treatment Phase 2
- Shields Lake Alum Treatment Phase 1
- Shields Lake Stormwater Harvest and Irrigation Reuse
- Shields Lake Fish Barrier Upgrade

2020

- Shields Lake Alum Treatment Phase 2
- Bone Lake Southeast Wetland Restorations

2021

- 10-Year Plan Update

2022

- Bone Lake Northeast Wetland Restoration

2023

- Sunrise River Hwy-61 Wetland Enhancement
- CR-50 Iron Enhanced Sand Filter
- Forest Lake Alum Treatment Phase 1

2024 – Bone Lake Delisted!

- Moody Lake Capstone Projects
- Washington Judicial Ditch 6 Wetland Enhancement

2025

- Forest Lake Alum Treatment Phase 2

2026 – Comfort Lake to be Delisted!

- Heath Iron Enhanced Sand Filter

Since 2010 the CLFLWD has been awarded \$12.3 million in grants, with the majority in the last 5 years. Over the last 5 years the District has averaged almost \$1 in grant awards for every \$1 of taxes levied.