



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: March 19th, 2026
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Cost-share Program Update



District Wide

Background/Discussion:

At the request of the Board of Managers, District Staff have provided the attached cost-share update with the most recent information. This report includes information about cost-share budget and the status of program metrics.

For comparative purposes, the most recent update from the October 9, 2025, board meeting can be found here:

<https://clflwd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025-Cost-Share-Program-Summary.pdf>.

Attached:

March 2026 Cost-share Update



Cost-share Update

March 19th, 2026





Introduction & Outline

Since the 2025 Cost-share update in October, program focus has been in preparing for the 2026 season and closing out 2025 projects.

Projects are generally installed from snow-melt until end of November.

Winter is spent working with project applicants to finalize applications, site plans, and continue outreach.



2026 approved project site on Comfort Lake



Updated 2025 Numbers

- 61 site visits
- 18 projects approved
- \$46,300 of funding allocated
 - Included \$40k of funding from a Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership grant
- 14 projects closed out
- 570ft of shoreline restored or enhanced
- > 1.5ac of habitat planted



Cedar revetment installed on Bone Lake in November 2025



2026 Numbers as of 3/16/2026

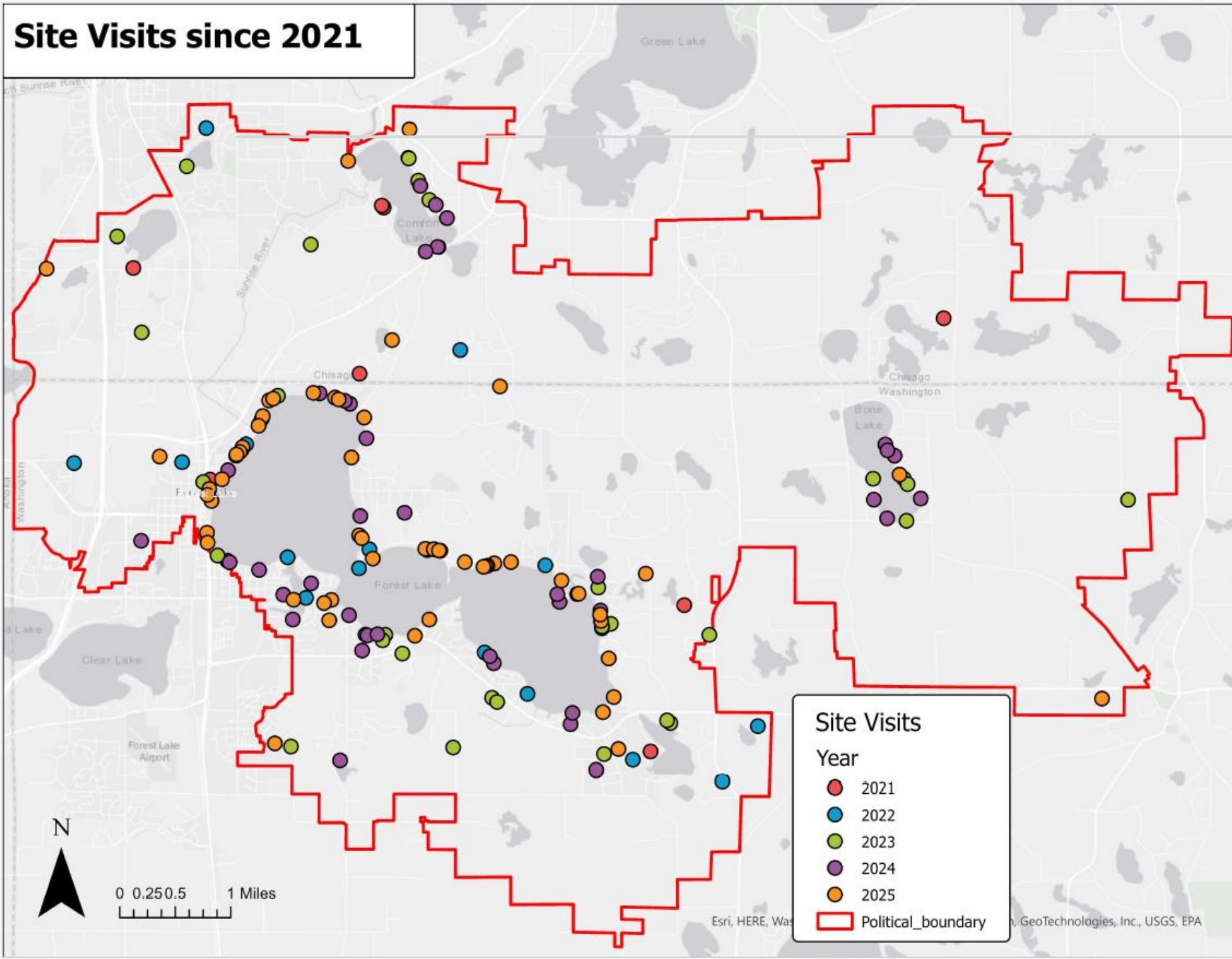
- 2 site visits
- 7 projects approved
- \$12,000 of funding allocated



2026 Approved Project – initial site visit in 2023

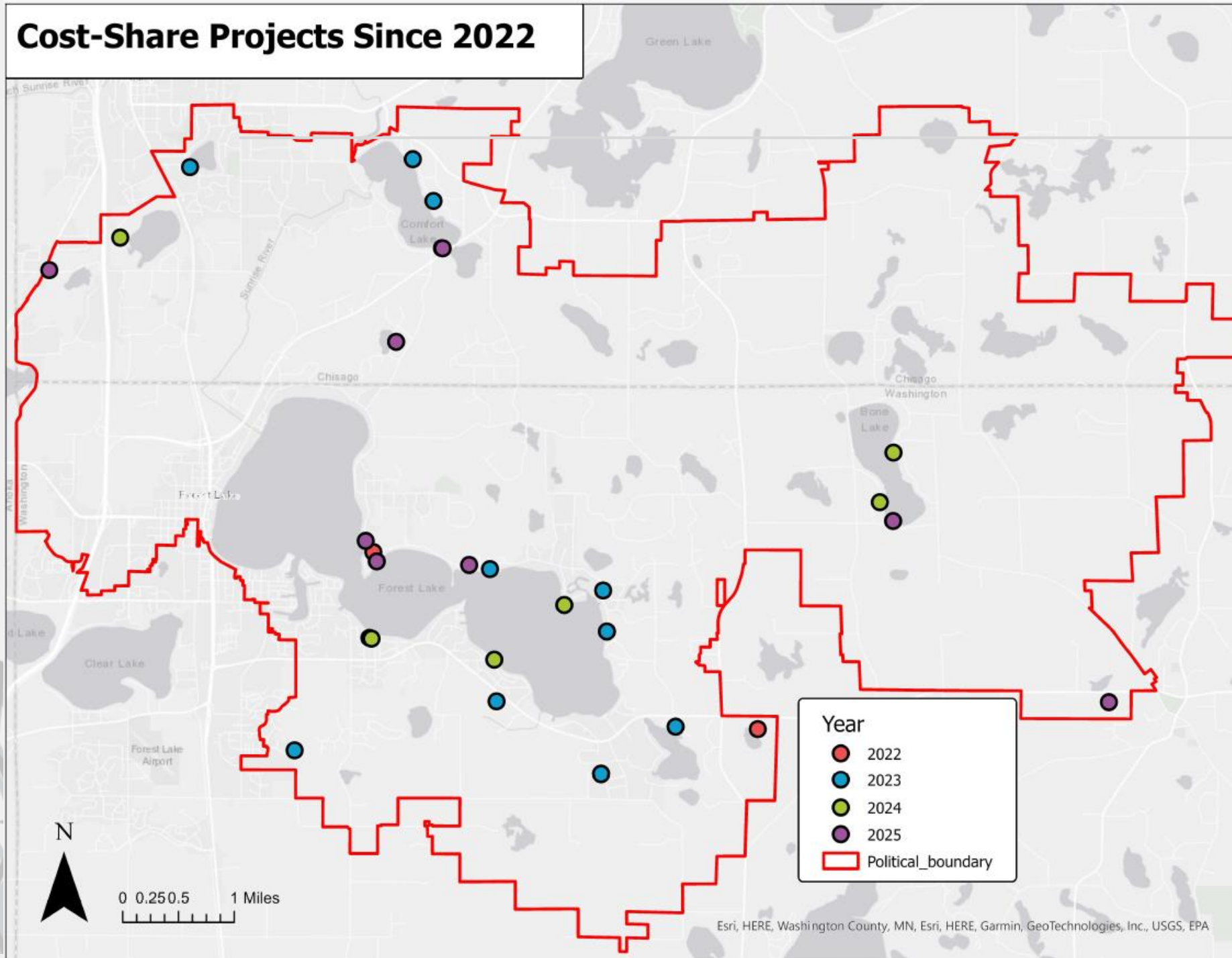


Site Visits since 2021



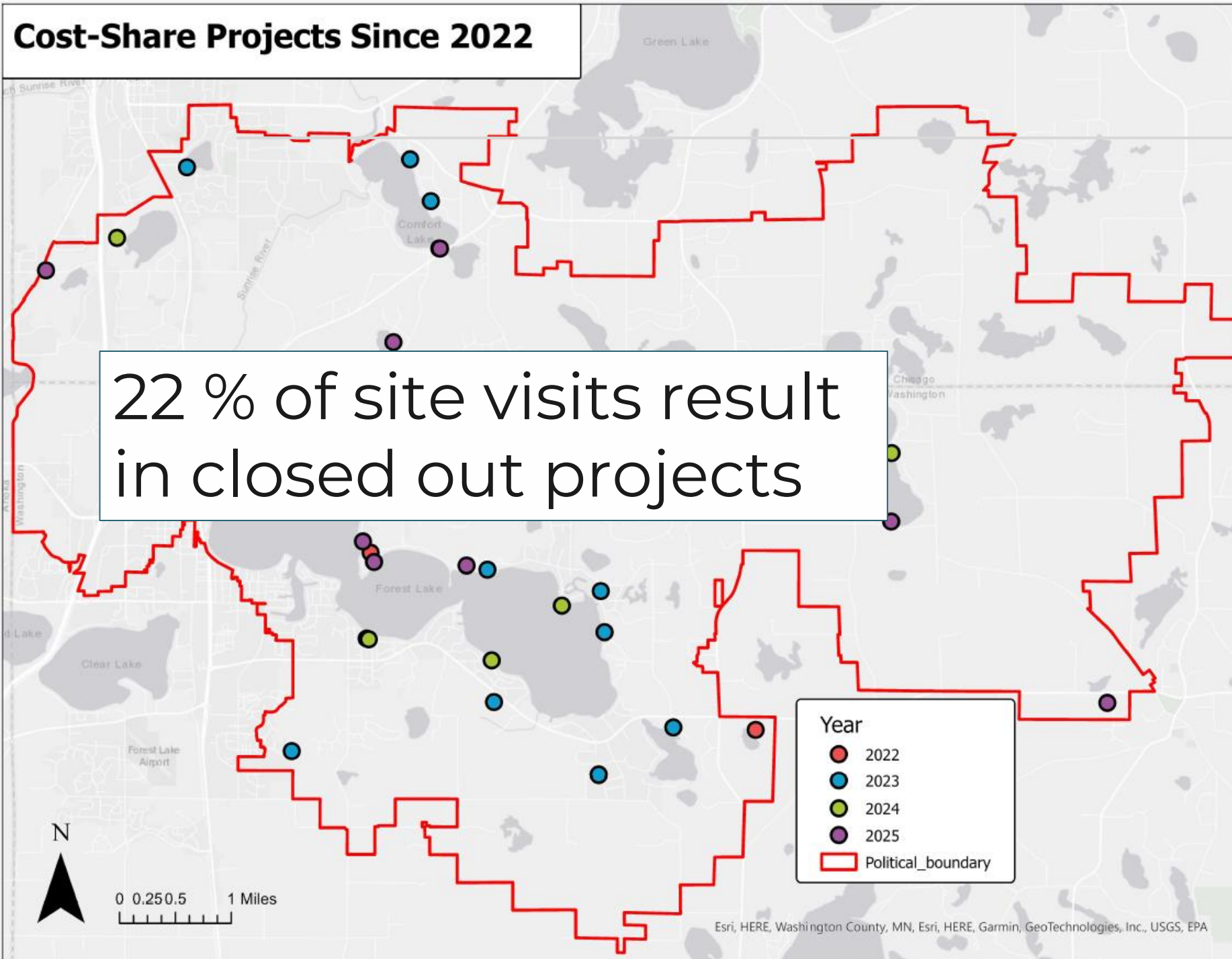


Cost-Share Projects Since 2022



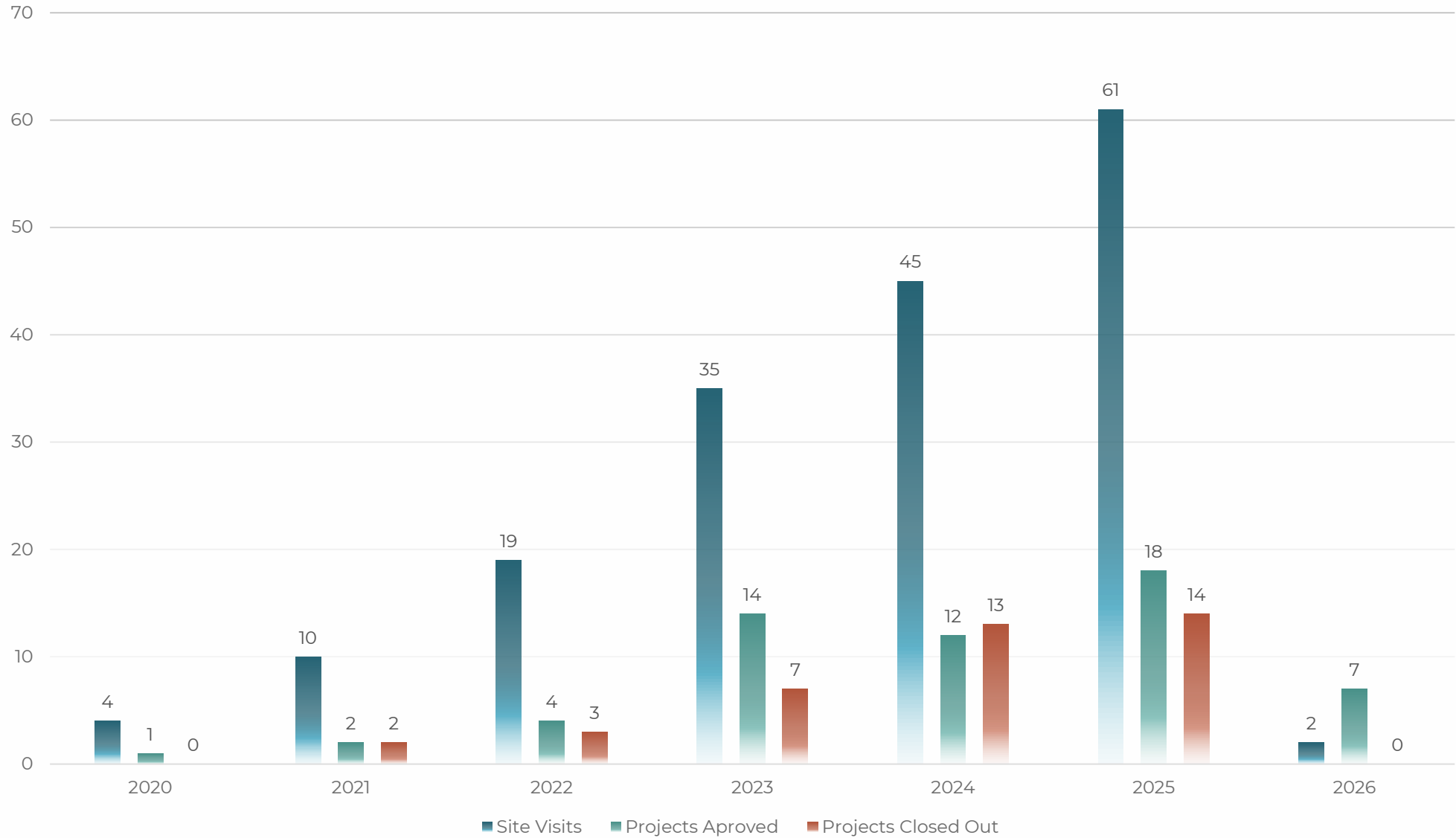


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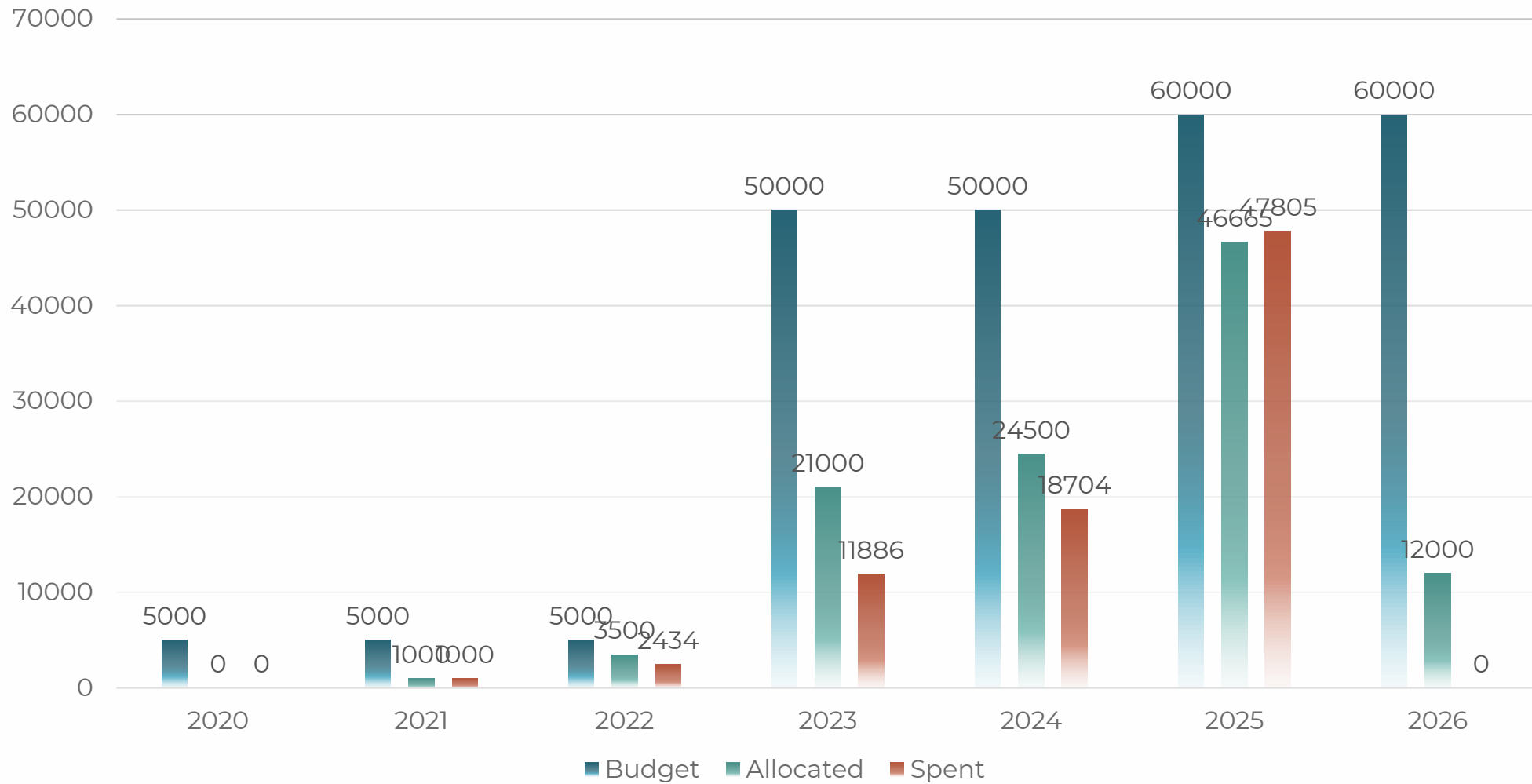


COST-SHARE ACTIVITY 2020-2026





COST-SHARE BUDGET & EXPENDITURES 2020-2026





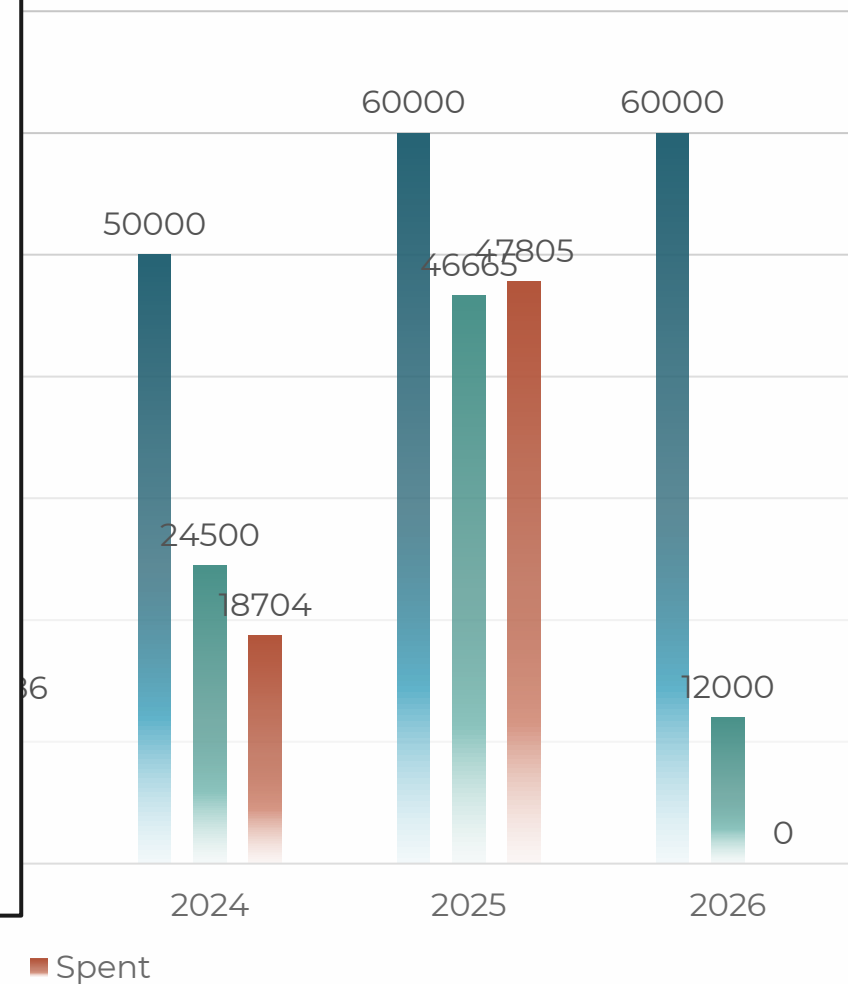
COST-SHARE BUDGET & EXPENDITURES 2020-

Note:

Most projects have two years to be completed. As the annual cost-share budget does not carry over, open projects from previous years are closed out with the current years budget.

For example, more money was spent in 2025 than was allocated.

In 2026, ~\$5k will be spent that was allocated in previous years.





The Year Ahead

The program continues to improve. This year we plan on focusing on pocket plantings and scalable restoration.

The new SHIP grants have proven popular for early applicants and will be promoted heavily with the revised outreach materials we now have available.

SHORELINE POCKET GARDENS

Small changes with big impact.

The Comfort Lake–Forest Lake Watershed District offers **three ready-to-go pocket garden designs** that strengthen shorelines and create habitat for wildlife. They can be customized to fit your lot, and no permit is required.



SHORELINE SANCTUARY

Native plants that offer food and nesting space for birds and turtles.



LOON LANDING

Low-profile native plants and zones that support nesting loons.



GOOSE BE GONE

Tall, dense native plants that discourage geese from landing and nesting.



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