

# 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

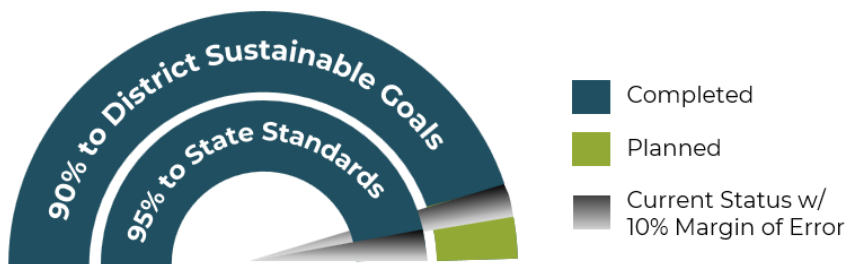
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# HISTORY AND PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

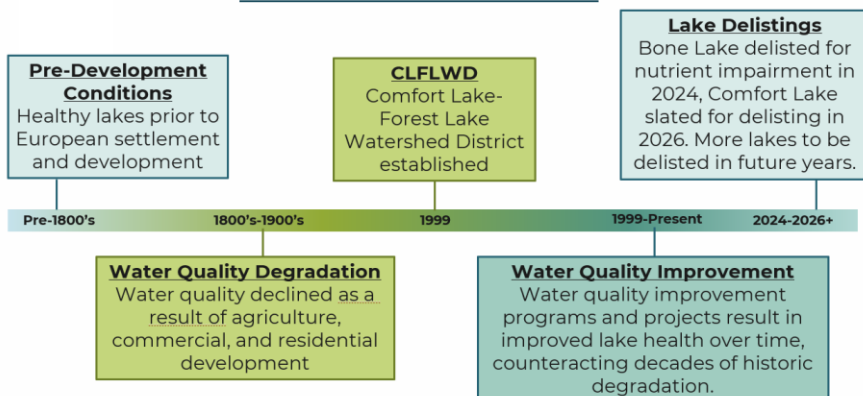


**State Standard Reduction Goal: 3,245 lbs**  
**District Sustainable Reduction Goal: 5,802 lbs**

**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 as much as possible.

## 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.