



Administrators Report

For June 25, 2026





Plans and Documents Detailing 2026 Staff Work

The documents linked below guide staff's work for the year:

- [2026 Budget](#) (last amended 12/18/25)
- [2026 Staff Work Plan](#) (approved 12/18/25)
- [2026 Education & Outreach Plan](#) (approved 2/12/26)
- [2026 AIS Prevention & Management Plan](#) (approved 3/12/26)
- [2026 Cost-Share Framework](#) (approved 3/12/26)
- [2026 Monitoring Plan](#) (approved 3/12/26)



Fleabane seen outside District Office



Administration

1001 – Board Administration

- Budget workshops #2 and #3 were held.

1003 – General Administration

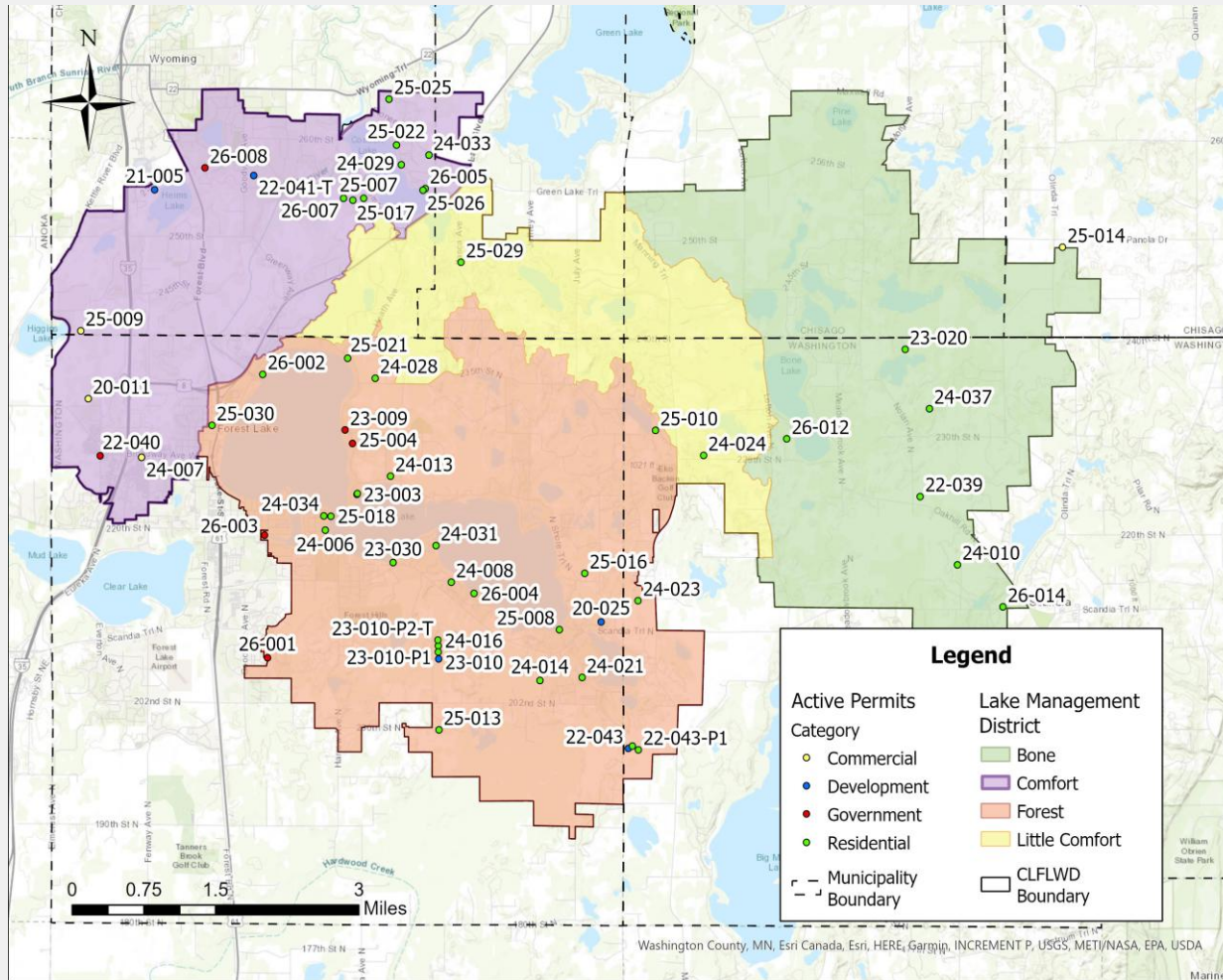
- CWP Loan E is in the process of the agreement being executed. A 10-year repayment period has already been approved.



Rose bushes with CLFLWD sign outside District Office



Programs – 3002 Permitting



Activity Summary

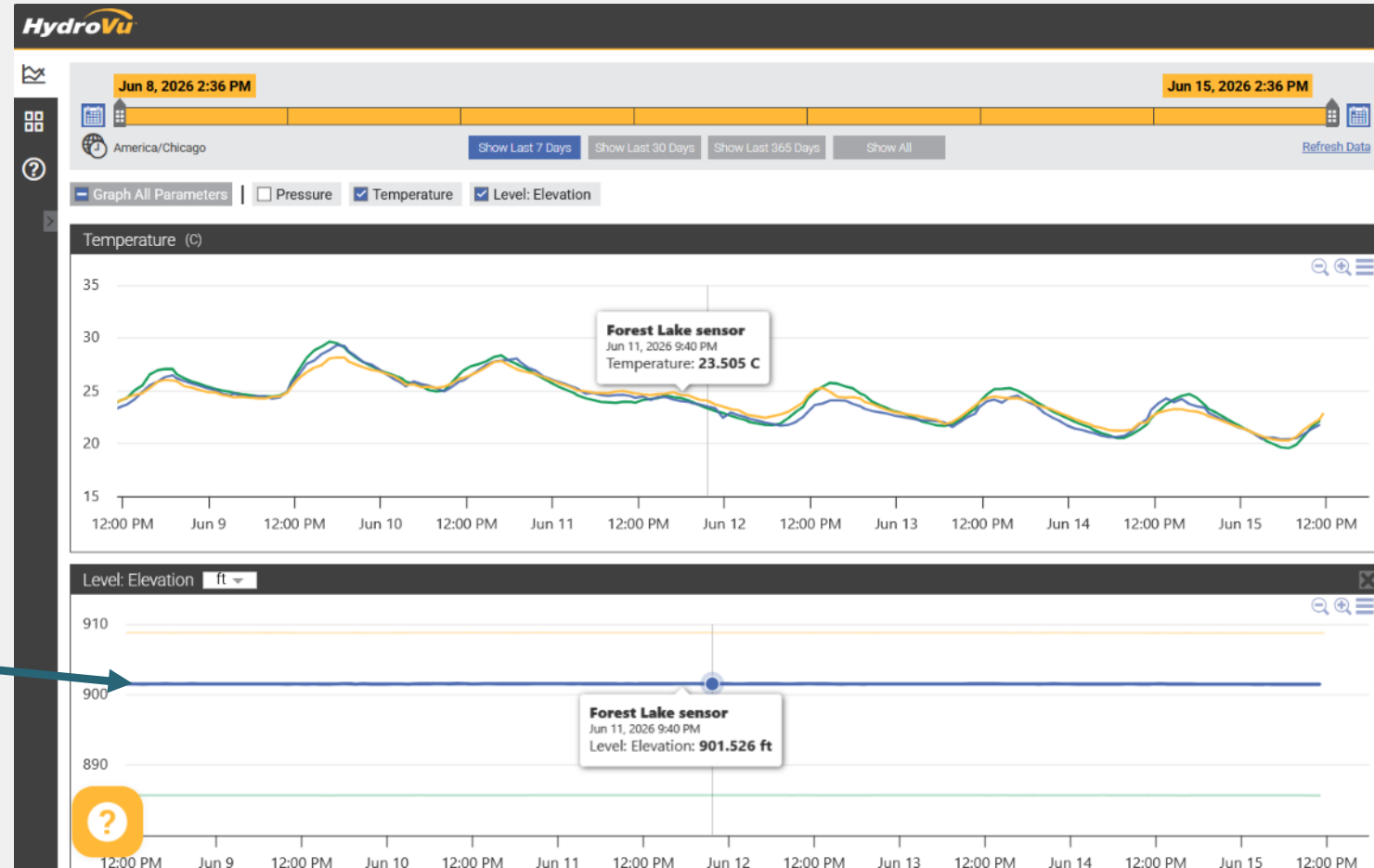
Between May 20, 2026, and June 15, 2026, the following activity took place:

- 128 site inspections performed with a 95.08% compliance rate
- Two permit applications received
- Three permits approved
- Two permits closed out
- See Administrator’s Report for full list of active permits



Programs – 3003 Monitoring

- Continued CAMP monitoring on District Lakes. Week 5: June 15–22
- The Forest Lake level logger has been replaced/repared and is now again fully functional. Please go to <https://clflwd.org/lake-levels/> to see this live data stream.





Programs – 3004 Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement



A recently completed native planting in Forest Lake – funded by a Mini Grant

Residential

- Seven grants were closed out this month, including Three projects approved in 2025, and four from 2026.
- Three grants were approved this month, including a shoreline restoration on Forest Lake that will be jointly funded by CLFLWD and Washington Conservation District.



Programs – 3005 Education & Outreach – Events

North Shore Trail Nature Area Walk and Talk

June 9, 6:00–7:00 p.m. – 20 people attended



Hardwood Creek Library Walk and Talk

June 8, 5:30–7:00 p.m. – 22 people attended





Programs – 3006 Interagency Communication



Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP)

- Policy Committee next meeting: Monday, July 29
- Steering Committee last met on June 10 and discussed project requests and FY27 Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant work plan.
- Meeting materials are available at <https://www.lsc1w1p.org/meetings-committees>.



Programs – 3007 Research



Katie Polik

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UMN researcher Catherine Polik accompanies staff during the CAMP monitoring of Forest Lake on June 18 to collect water quality data for the doctorate research on lake ecological response to Alum treatments. She will sample Forest Lake several times this summer as part of this research.

She presented to the CLFLWD Board on her research at the Aug 14, 2025 Boad Meeting.



Programs – 3008 Measurement of Progress

PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PRAP)



BWSR PRAP

- Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Performance Review & Assistance Program (PRAP) ongoing. The District has provided all required documentation to BWSR, and BWSR staff is working on the PRAP Report. TBD when the report will be brought to the CLFLWD Board.



Programs – 3009 Grant Research & Preparation



Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants

- Applications not selected (total \$629K requested)
- 25 applications received vs 9 awarded
- Applicants requested 3x more than the available funding
- Next round expected to open in early 2028, possibly with further decreased funding availability



Programs – 3009 Grant Research & Preparation



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund Grants

FY27 LSOHF Grants – Approved!

- FY27 Accomplishment plans approved
- Project work can begin July 1st
- Reimbursements can be requested upon grant agreement execution (sometime in July)
- Total \$2.9 million awarded
 - Bone Lake South Phase 2: \$1,432,000
 - Greenbelt Phase 1: \$1,467,000



Programs – 3009 Grant Research & Preparation

FY23 Lessard-Sams OHF Grant – Completed and Closed!

- FY23 grant for Bone Lake South Phase 1 – Property Acquisition is closed out
- Ours is the first FY23 grant to be fully completed and closed out, and the only one at this time

OHF Program Spending / Completion by Appropriation Year

4/24/2026 ** As reported in the February Status Update Report

	# of programs funded*	# of programs OPEN	% still open	Total \$ of programs in Approp Bill *	% of the Bill spent/closed	Total awarded in OPEN Approps	Balance Left in the OPEN Approps	% left in open programs	Notes	Max End Date to R/E lands Acquired
ML 2018	43	2	5%	\$ 101,924,000	90%	\$ 3,843,000	\$ 1,231,900	32%	1 Extension: Lower Mississippi Pool 9 Backwater Floodplain (DNR) 2027; Final Report Expected: 1 (Dakota County)	2027
ML 2019	39	5	13%	\$ 115,447,000	88%	\$ 13,014,000	\$ 11,192,700	86%	2 Extensions: Big Rice Lake (DNR) 2026, Upper Mississippi (Lake Pepin) 2026; Finishing up R/E: 3, IDP: 2, Final Report Expected: 1 (Dakota County)	2028
ML 2020	40	8	20%	\$ 107,131,000	85%	\$ 29,361,000	\$ 22,252,700	76%	3 Extensions: Metro Big Rivers (MVT) 2026, Hennepin County (MLT) 2030, St. Louis (DNR) 2026. Finishing R/E: 4; IDP: 1;	2029
ML 2021	44	22	50%	\$ 116,453,000	81%	\$ 64,865,000	\$ 47,662,700	73%	1 Extension: St. Louis (DNR) 2027, Finishing R/E: 9 ; IDP: 2, R/E only (2026): 10	2029
ML 2022	42	39	93%	\$ 148,976,000	66%	\$ 139,360,000	\$ 89,500,600	64%	2 closed: Camp Ripley & Steig Woods; 1 Extension: Daylighting Phalen Creek (2027); AQ spent on 12 programs- working on R/E; AQ still open on 7 programs (2026), R/E only (2030): 10 programs (2027), IDP: 7 programs	2030
ML 2023	44	43	98%	\$ 159,804,000	56%	\$ 157,243,000	\$ 87,275,600	56%	1 closed: Bone Lake; AQ complete on 10 - working on R/E , AQ still open on 19 (2027), R/E only: 17 (2028)	2031



Programs – 3010 Operations & Maintenance

- The City of Forest Lake was commissioned to assist with monthly maintenance of the CR50 IESF.
- The MN Conservation Corps Crew assisted staff with maintenance efforts at Shields Lake Park on June 16 & 17 by clearing invasive vegetation. They will be assisting staff an additional 5 days this summer.



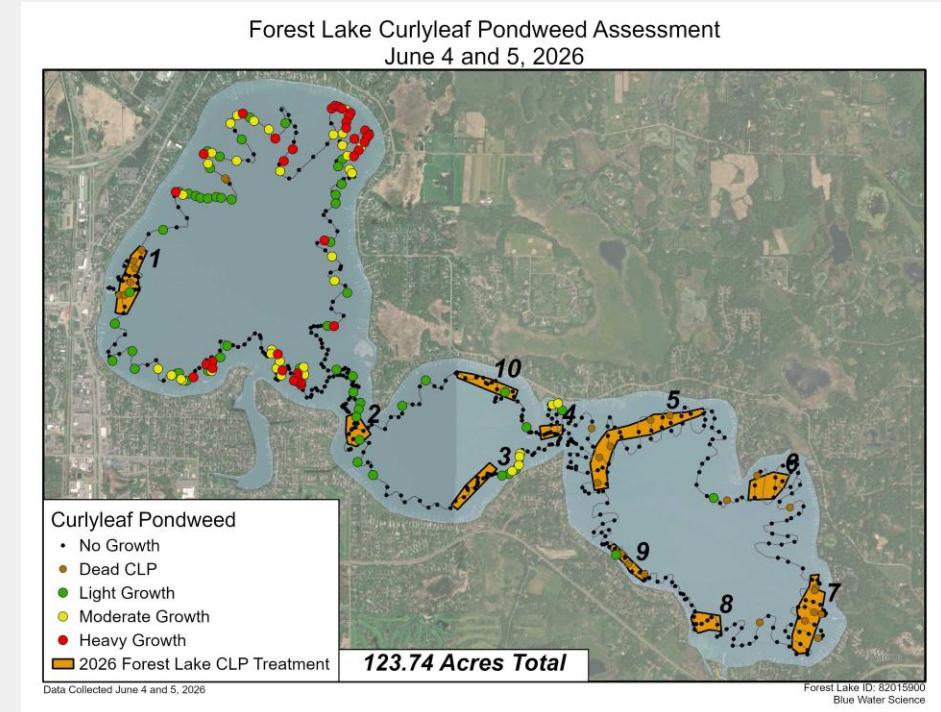
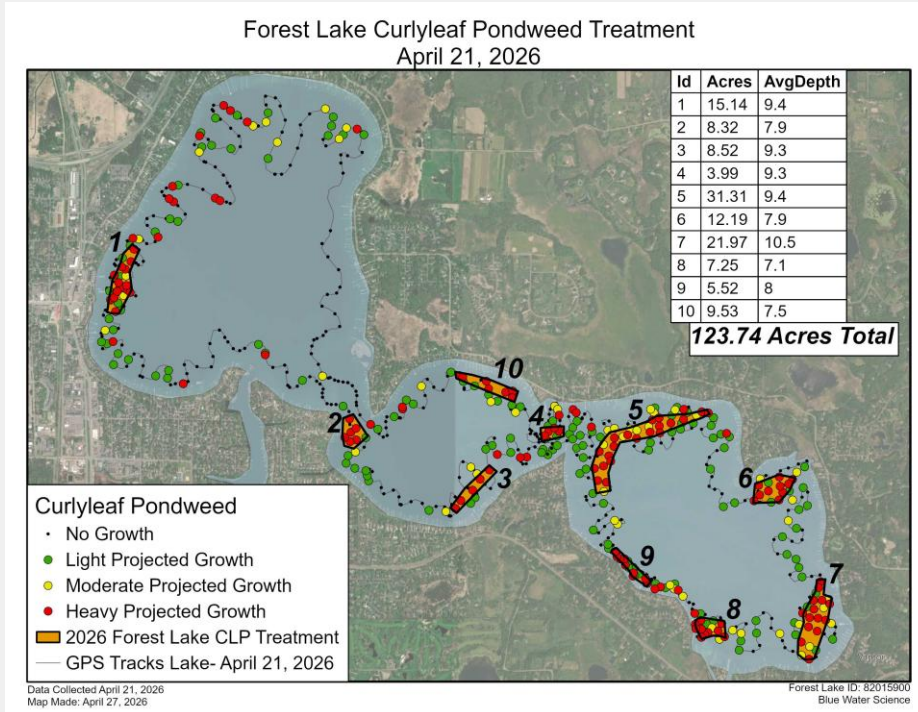
CR50 IESF Sand filter Maintenance



Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management

Early Spring Delineation Survey - Forest

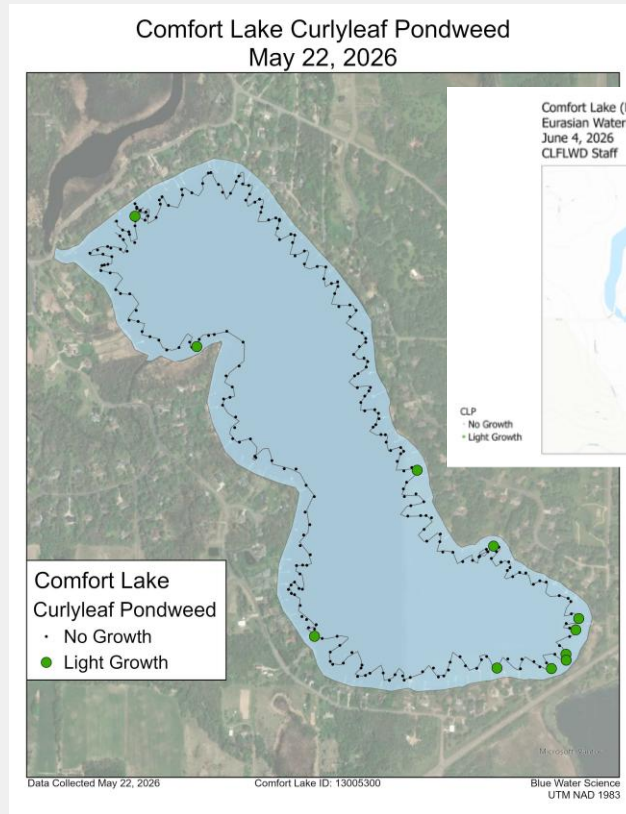
Post Treatment Assessment Survey - Forest



BWS has observed good control in the Forest Lake CLP treatment zones. There was some observed CLP growth outside of the treatment areas, potentially from late sprouting CLP.

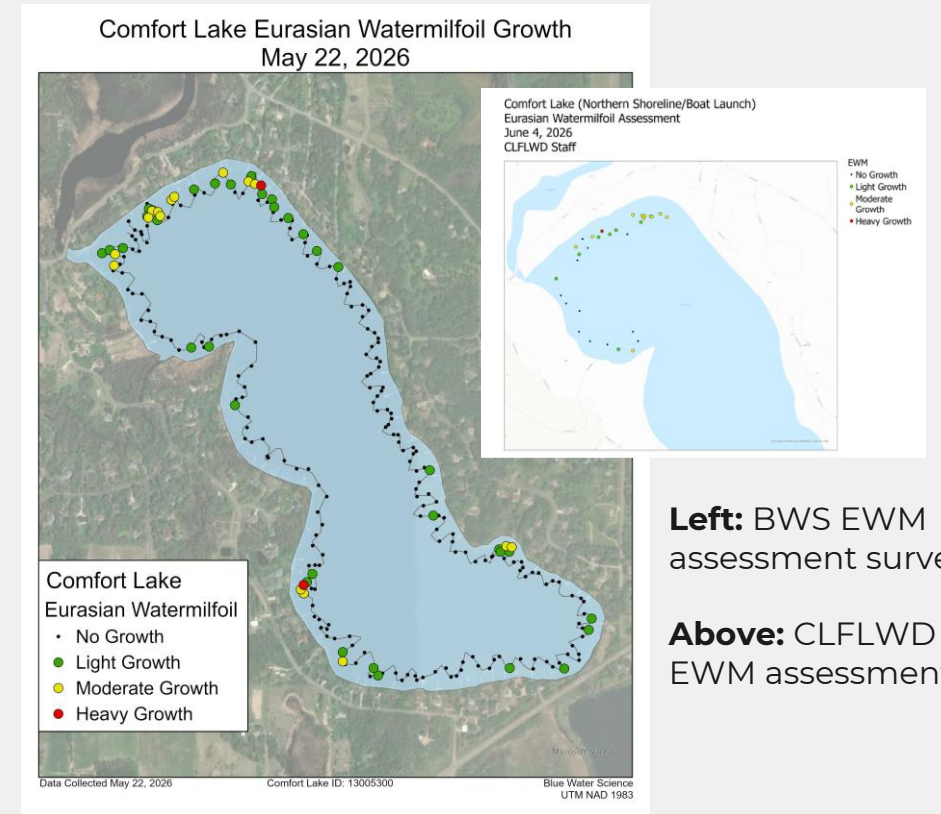


Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management



Left: BWS CLP assessment survey

Above: CLFLWD staff CLP assessment



Left: BWS EWM assessment survey

Above: CLFLWD staff EWM assessment

Blue Water Science has begun performing initial Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) delineation surveys.

After receiving a report of heavy CLP growth on Comfort Lake, District staff performed a rapid assessment survey. Observations were consistent with those reported by BWS and potentially the reported heavy CLP growth had been misidentified.



Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management

Beetle Eggs



Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol

- Galerucella beetle eggs & larvae have been observed on all 9 of the contained Purple loosestrife plants.

July 1st at 10am

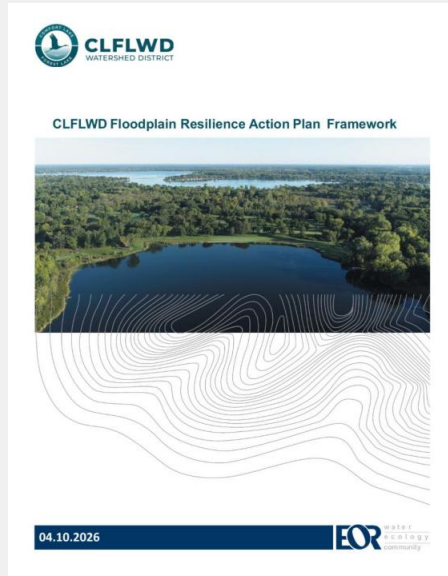
- Beetle release at Forest Lake public launch #3

Beetle Larvae



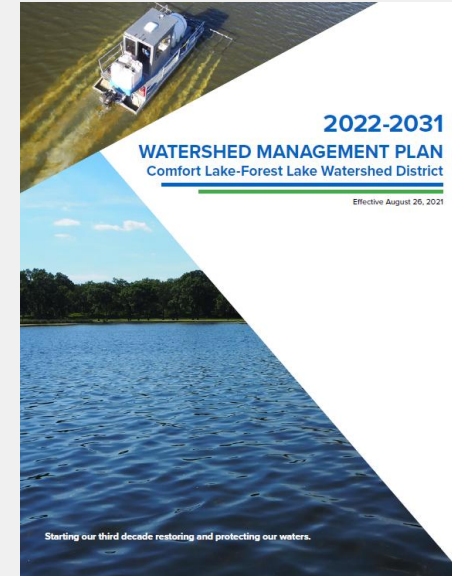


Programs – 3013 Watershed Planning & Resiliency



Floodplain Resilience

- Action Plan Framework approved 5/28/26
- EOR Scope of Work for Project Feasibility approved 6/11/26



Watershed Management Plan Amendment

- Adopted 6/11/26
- Distributed 6/15/26



Projects

BLSNA

- The perimeter fence replacement phase 1 was completed on May 28th. The remaining southern fenceline will be replaced later this year as funds become available.
- Staff are continuing to develop the Management plan for the property. A SOW for EOR assistance with this effort is forthcoming.

Heath Ave IESF

- D&D Contracting LLC was selected for the Heath Ave IESF project at the June 11th Board Meeting. Staff are working through the contracting paperwork, bond, and required insurance. The project is on track for implementation later this summer.



Bobolink enjoying the new BLSNA fence