



Project Update

August 13, 2026

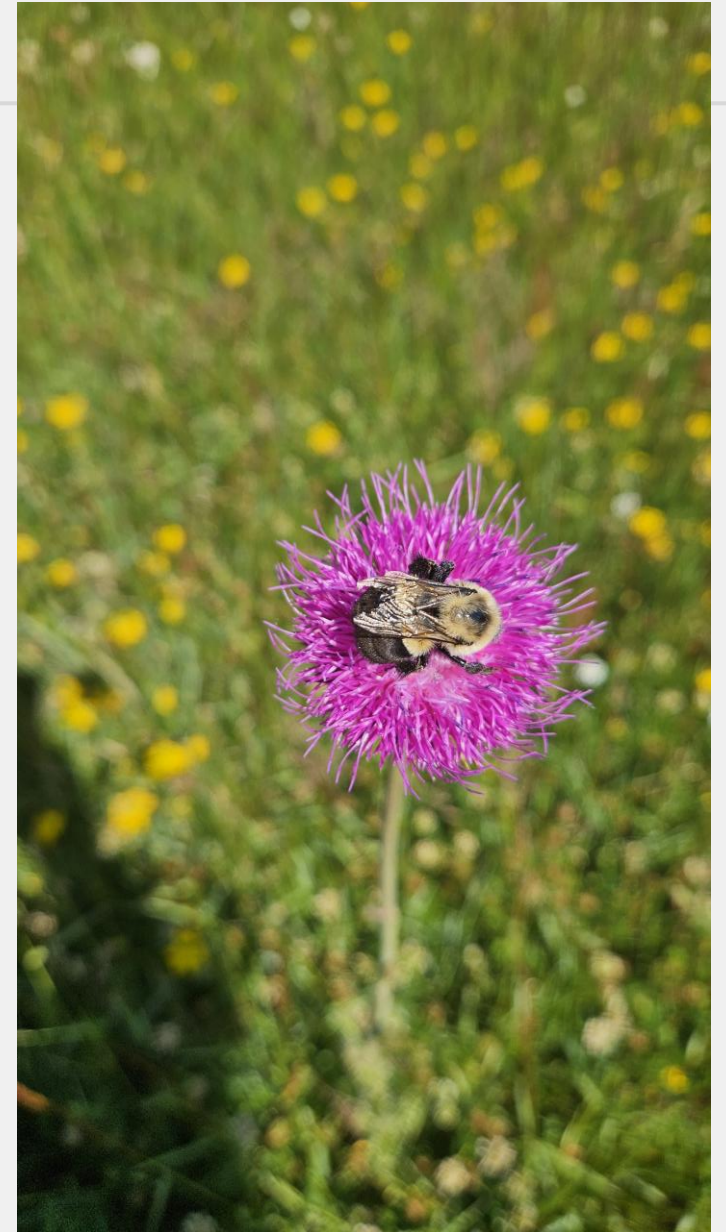


Willow Point, Forest Lake



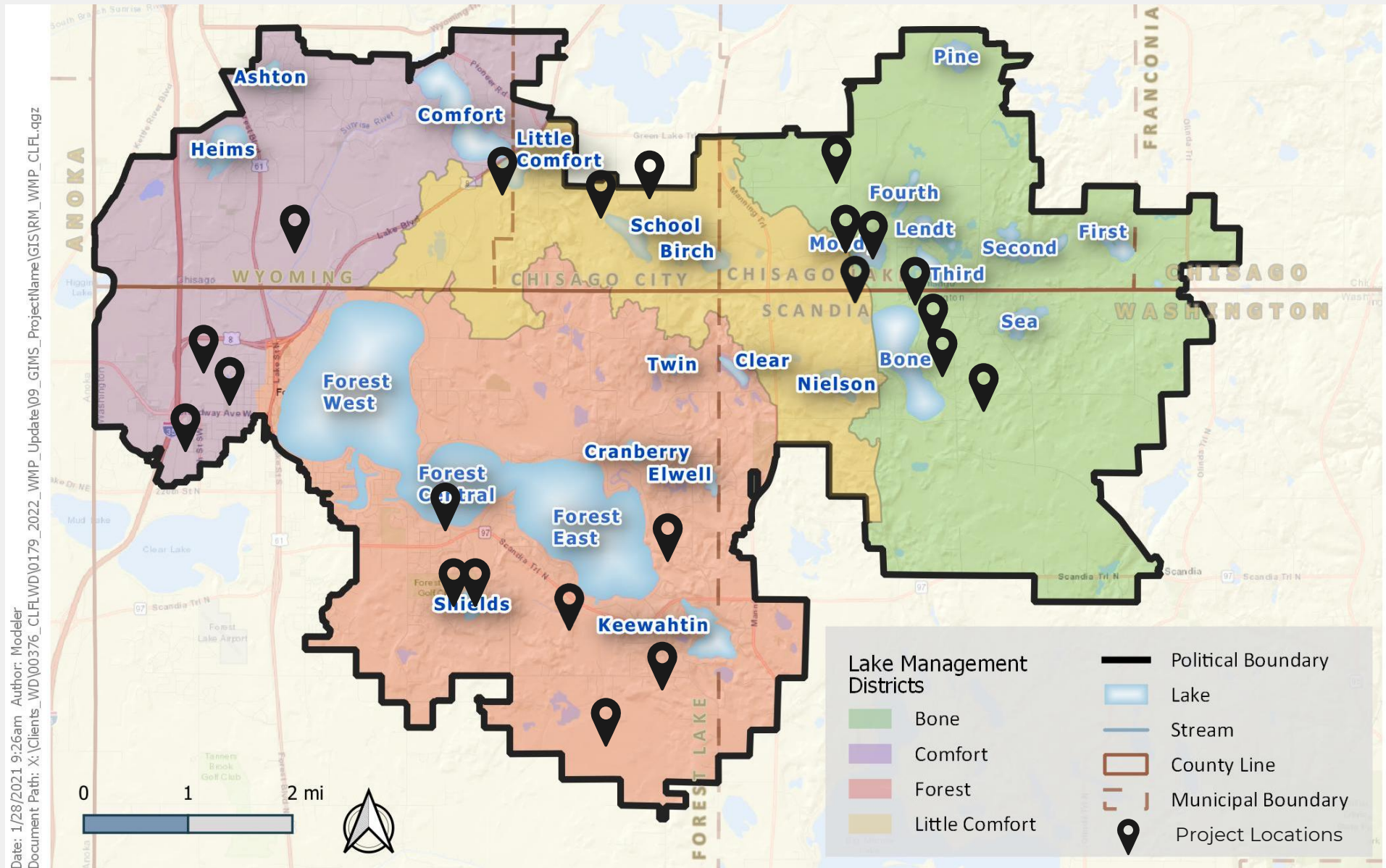
Introduction

- These slides are intended as an informational update of progress on the many projects underway throughout the District.
- **Highlighted text on the project slides indicates updated information from the previous month's slides.**
- Similar information will also be presented in this month's Administrator's report.
- If there are any questions regarding this update, please reach out directly to the Administrator and/or staff in advance of the board meeting.





Completed District Projects





Project Management

Phase 1. Planning: Pre-grant execution; includes project identification tasks such as diagnostic monitoring.

Phase 2. Feasibility: Begins with grant agreement execution; includes surveying etc.

Phase 3. Design: Begins with feasibility study acceptance and project ordering; includes project design.

Phase 4. Implementation: Begins with project bidding; includes bidding, contract award, construction.

Phase 5. Operations & Maintenance: Begins with certificate of completion acceptance and final payment; continues through project lifespan - typically 10-25 years

A reminder of the many steps needed to identify, plan, design, and implement each water quality improvement project. Each phase has multiple tasks that can take anywhere from several months to a year to complete.

- Phase 1 - Planning

- + PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DUE DILIGENCE
- PLAN AMENDMENT (if necessary)
- + GRANT APPLICATION & EXECUTION & REPORTING

- Phase 2 - Feasibility

- + SCOPE OF WORK REVIEW
- + ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
- PRELIMINARY DESIGN
- + OUTREACH
- + PROJECT ORDERING & FEASIBILITY STUDY ACCEPTANCE (public hearing)

- Phase 3 - Design

- + SCOPE OF WORK/BUDGET REVIEW
- + OBTAIN PROPERTY RIGHTS/OPTIONS
- PERMITTING (including CLFLWD)
- FINAL DESIGN
- + AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

- Phase 4 - Implementation

- + SOLICIT BIDS
- + CONTRACT AWARD
- + CONTRACTING/NTP
- + CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
- DEVELOP O&M MANUAL
- + CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION & PAYMENT
- + GRANT CLOSEOUT

+ Phase 5 - Operation & Maintenance



Conservation Corps Crew to Assist with Project Implementation and Project O&M

2026 Cons Corps grant approved



Projects

BLSNA – Invasive Species Removal & old fence tear-out

CR50 IESF – Filter Bed Maintenance

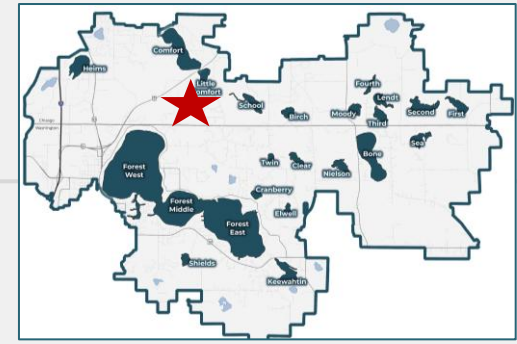
Shields Lake Park – Invasive Species Removal

Crew Dates:

June 16-17, July 22, August 3-5, Sept 17, and October 7



Little Comfort Lake Subwatershed Enhancement



Project: Iron Enhanced Sand Filter

Project Phase 4: Implementation

Benefit: ~78 lbs phosphorus per year

Lifetime cost per pound phosphorus reduction:
TBD

Status:

Public Project Open House was held July 27th. Five people stopped by to learn about the project, including Commissioner Ben Montzka.

Pre-Construction Meeting with contractor took place on July 21st.

The project is slated to break ground in late September.



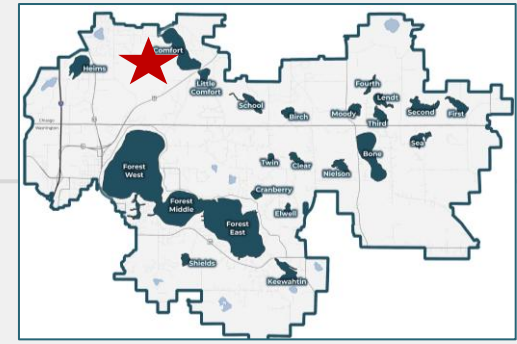
Open House on July 27



Pre-Construction meeting on July 21



Green Infrastructure Project – E. Comfort Pond



Project: Stormwater Wetland Basin

Project Phase 3: Design

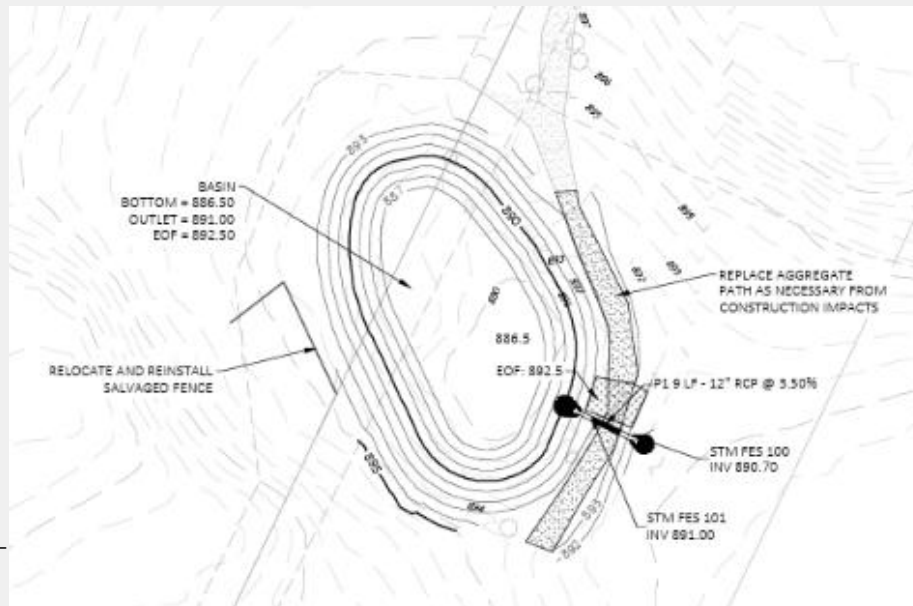
Benefit: 3.4–6.7 lbs phos

Lifetime cost per pound phosphorus reduction: TBD

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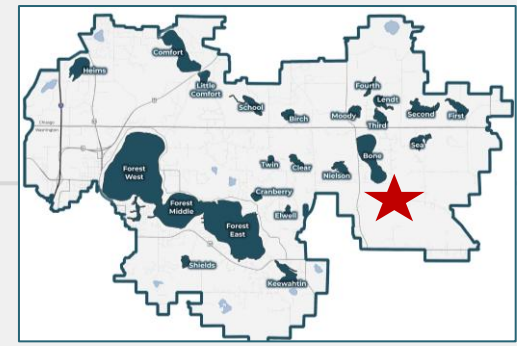
Staff working on landowner outreach.

Feasibility phase complete, moving into Design.





Bone Lake South Nature Area Restoration



Project: Property Restoration – wetland, native prairie, forest

Project Phase 2: Feasibility

Benefit: ~tbd

Status:

Perimeter Fence construction completed May 28

Staff, with EOR support, are working on the BLSNA management & restoration plan

Wetland restoration feasibility underway.

Staff are assessing the parking lot and access for the property.



Bone Lake South Nature Area Landscape



School Lake Agriculture BMPs

Project:

Livestock manure facility improvements, non-structural agricultural practices.

Project Phase 2: Feasibility

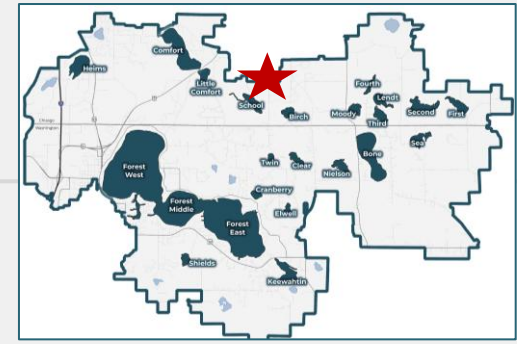
Benefit: ~61 lbs phosphorus per year

Lifetime cost per pound phosphorus reduction:

TBD

Status:

Staff are exploring other options for the remaining funds





Questions ?

