



Administrators Report

For August 27, 2026



Black-eyed Susans at Moody Lake



Plans and Documents Detailing 2026 Staff Work

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

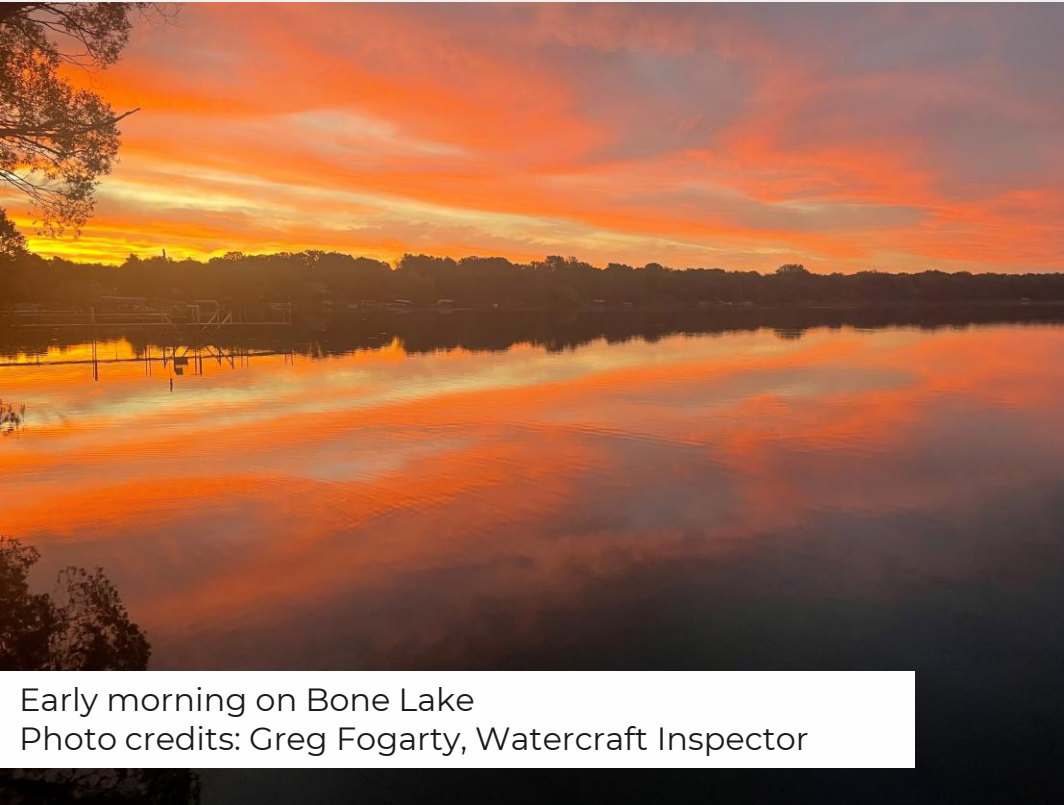
- [**2026 Budget**](#) (last amended 12/18/25)
- [**2026 Staff Work Plan**](#) (approved 12/18/25)
- [**2026 Education & Outreach Plan**](#) (approved 2/12/26)
- [**2026 AIS Prevention & Management Plan**](#) (approved 3/12/26)
- [**2026 Cost-Share Framework**](#) (approved 3/12/26)
- [**2026 Monitoring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



Staff tracking data in the field



Administration



Early morning on Bone Lake
Photo credits: Greg Fogarty, Watercraft Inspector

1001 – Board Administration

- The Board held budget workshops #5 and #6 on July 30th and August 17th. Budget workshop #7 will be held September 2nd.

1004 – Professional Services

- The 2027-2028 biennial professional services RFP was sent out on August 14th, following approval at the August 13th regular meeting.



Programs – 3002 Permitting

Permit 25-024 Xcel Line Replacement.
Floating matting through BLSNA for
vehicle access



Activity Summary

Between July 14, 2026, and August 17, 2026, the following activity took place:

- 157 site inspections performed with a 96.31% compliance rate
- Four permit applications received
- Three permits closed out
- See Administrator's Report for full list of active permits



Programs – 3003 Monitoring

- Continued CAMP monitoring on District Lakes. Week 10: Aug 24-30.
- Continued CAT monitoring when applicable – storm event based.



Forest Lake's Willow Point



Programs – 3004 Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement



A closed-out shoreline restoration at North Shore Circle Park

- Four cost-share grants were approved in August, all of which were for shoreline plantings. 18 grants have been approved as of 8/17, compared to 18 approved for all of 2025
- Staff continue to conduct site visits, including soil tests. To date, 18 soil test have been completed, compared to 15 in 2025.



Programs – 3005 Education & Outreach – Events

Heath Ave IESF Open House July 27th



Hooks and Heroes Event August 10th





Programs – 3006 Interagency Communication

Quarterly Coordination Meetings with Cities

- Wyoming (July 14), Scandia (July 22), Forest Lake (August 5)

Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership (LSCWP)

- Policy Committee next meeting: Monday, October 26
 - Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) presentation by BWSR
 - Mid-Point Evaluation Summary presentation by staff
 - 2027-2028 Biennial Work Plan presentation by staff
- Steering Committee last met on August 12
- Advisory Committee will meet on September 9
- Meeting materials are available at <https://www.lsc1w1p.org/meetings-committees>.

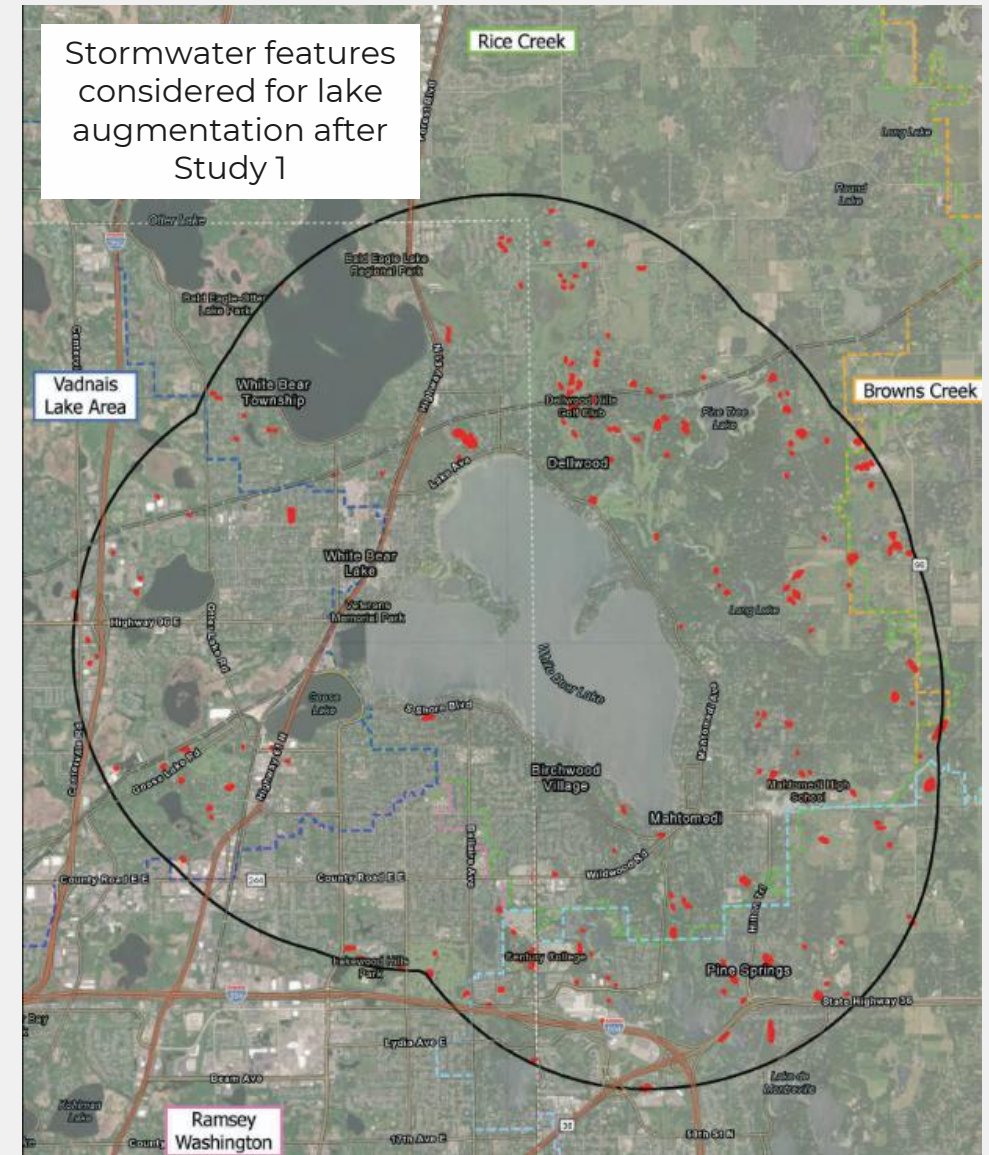




Programs – 3006 Interagency Communication

Metropolitan Council's White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group

- Investigating drinking water and surface/ground water level conservation with population growth.
 - Redirecting water from stormwater ponds, other lakes, or County Ditch 1 into White Bear Lake
 - Tiered increasing block water utility rates.
- Assessing feasibility. DNR estimates 780 million gallons would be needed.
- Next meeting on September 30th, 2026





Programs – 3007 Research

Staff assisted UMN PHD candidate Catherine Polik with her research regarding post Alum treatment ecological lake response. Her research focus is on Nitrogen cycling and ecological lake dynamics. She has been collecting water samples on Forest Lake's 2nd and 3rd basins for several years as part of her research. She would be willing to present her findings with the Board next spring.



Catherin Polik
8-17-26



Programs – 3009 Grant Research & Preparation

General Grant Updates

- 18 grants confirmed and/or actively underway this year totaling \$5.8 million in grant awards. Grants detail table provided in budget packets and attached to monthly Administrator's report.
- \$1.5 million in grant applications submitted so far this year. Applied for 16 grants so far this year; 5 of which are new grant programs for the District. Several more applications planned/in progress.
- \$15 million in grants has awarded to CLFLWD between 2010–2026, \$6.6 million of which has come from the Clean Water Fund Projects & Practices competitive grant program.





Programs – 3010 Operations & Maintenance

- The City of Forest Lake was commissioned to assist with monthly maintenance of the CR50 IESF. The second maintenance action took place on July 8th. The maintenance was skipped in August due to the dry weather (lack of plant growth) but will resume in September; or as needed.
- Staff have completed minor repairs on the Bone Lake Outlet fish barrier to ensure the structure functions as intended. The structure was impacted by ice heave this past winter.





Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management

CLFLWD Watercraft Inspection Data (as of August 20th)

	CLFLWD Hours	Inspections	Inspection Rate
Forest Lake	960 hrs	3,003	3.1 Inspection/hr
Comfort Lake	251 hrs	582	2.3 Inspection/hr
Bone Lake	285.5 hrs	521	1.8 Inspection/hr

Additional Inspection Hours (as of August 20th)

	Conservation Core	Chisago County	DNR
Forest Lake	48 hrs	379 hrs	370 hrs
Comfort Lake	0	214 hrs	0
Bone Lake	0	116 hrs	0



Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management



- Two more potential volunteers have expressed interest in assisting with future purple loosestrife biocontrol efforts for the 2027 season.
- District staff performed AIS assessment surveys for Little Comfort & Shields Lake.

Little Comfort: Minimal EWM growth observed, likely being suppressed by heavy native aquatic vegetation, such as Coontail.

Shields: Scheduled for the week of August 24



Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management

- Flowering rush management efforts on Forest Lake begin in July & most of the heavy growth was observed on 2nd and 3rd lakes.

July 11th: Initial Flowering Rush Delineation Survey (BWS)

Late July: Flower Removal #1 (District Staff)

July 29th: Shoreline Walk, Spot and Area Treatments (PLM)

Early August: Flower Removal #2 (District Staff)

August 19th: Shoreline Walk, Spot and Area Treatments as (PLM)

Late August: Second Delineation/Assessment Survey (BWS)

Early September: Flower Removal #3 (District Staff)

Mid-September: Shoreline Walk, Spot and Area Treatments as (PLM)

Mid-October: Final Assessment Survey (BWS)

- District staff have collected **3880** seedheads as of August 17th.

Note: in 2025 staff collected **591** in total for the entire growing season.



Flowering rush & Purple loosestrife
(Forest Lake)



Projects

BLSNA

EOR has begun work on the BLSNA Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study. Wetland delineations occurred on Aug 14th.

Heath Ave IESF

A pre-construction meeting was held on July 21st with D&D Contracting LLC. A public open house was held on July 27th at the project site. Five residents stopped over to chat about the project. The District will hold a groundbreaking ceremony in late August / early Sept. Date TBD. The project will begin construction in late September.

East Comfort Pond

The project was ordered at the Aug 13th Board meeting. Staff and EOR will begin landowner and City coordination in August. EOR will work under the first two tasks approved in the Design SOW to further vet the project and evaluate potential risk.



Heath IESF Pre-Con meeting