



Administrators Report

For October 22, 2026



Sun Behind the Clouds in the Morning



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)



Asters and Cattails at Moody Launch



Administration



Sunrise above Forest Lake Launch 1

1001 – Board Administration

- Manager's Hansen and Roberts took the Oath of Office at the September 24th regular board meeting.
- Staff have started making arrangements for the MN Watersheds Annual Conference. The Board approved registration and lodging reservations for three board members and four staff members.

1004 – Professional Services

- Abdo was selected as the accounting/payroll and audit firm for the 2027-2028 biennium.



Programs – 3002 Permitting

Activity Summary

Between September 15 and October 13, 2026, the following activity took place:

- 139 site inspections performed with a 96.26% compliance rate
- Three permit applications activated
- Five permit applications received
- Six permits closed out
- See Administrator's Report for full list of active permits

A homemade bird feeder attached to silt fence at a permit site on Bone Lake.





Programs – 3003 Monitoring

- The final CAMP lake Monitoring event will occur the week of October 19th.
- Staff will be removing staff gages and lake level monitoring equipment in the last week of October



Lake Monitoring Data on YSI Multiparameter Sonde



Programs – 3004 Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement

- In the last month, there have been 14 new requests for residential soil tests, with 39 tests completed YTD
- Staff conducted 3 prospective cost-share visits, approved 1 SHIP grant, and closed out 3 mini-grant projects
- One Community Water Cost-Share project has been completed on Forest Lake



Black swallowtail caterpillar at a recently completed shoreline restoration project on Forest Lake.



Programs – 3005 Education & Outreach – Events

2026 State of the Watershed Event

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 **SEPTEMBER 29TH, 5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

 **FOREST LAKE AMERICAN LEGION**
355 West Broadway Ave, Forest Lake, MN 55025

The State of the Watershed provides an opportunity for community members, partners, and stakeholders to learn more about the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District's programs, projects, accomplishments, and ongoing efforts to protect and improve local water resources. The evening will highlight the District's work over the past year, share updates on current and future initiatives, and provide insight into the partnerships and investments that support long-term watershed health.

 The event will begin with a social half hour, providing guests an opportunity to connect with District staff, board members, and fellow community members.

 Following the social hour, District staff and board members will present an overview of recent accomplishments, current projects, and upcoming priorities.

 After the presentation, guests are invited to stay for a complimentary buffet-style dinner and reception.

During the reception, the 2026 Watershed Champion Award recipients will be recognized for their outstanding contributions and commitment to protecting local water resources.

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.



Please RSVP via email to
adam.hjelm@clflwd.org
or by phone to (651) 395-5850
by September 18th.

*Share with your neighbors;
make the Watershed Connections.*





Programs – 3005 Education & Outreach – Events

Heath Avenue IESF Groundbreaking event



Tuesday, September 22

2:00–2:30 p.m.

**Project site adjacent to 24989 Heath Avenue
North, Forest Lake, MN 55025**

There was a small group gathering at the project site to officially kick off the project and recognize the start of construction.



Programs – 3006 Interagency Communication

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
- Meeting materials are available at <https://www.lsc1w1p.org/meetings-committees>.





Programs – 3007 Research

- Staff are assisting UMN researcher Catherine Polik collect data on the Forest Lake Alum Treatment on 10-21-26.
- Staff helped coordinate a University of Iowa Research effort on Little Comfort Lake. The research took place on 9-21-26. Students are working to characterize and quantify the role of vivianite ($\text{Fe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$) in permanently removing P from the lake water during summer stratification.



Catherin Polik
8-17-26



Programs – 3009 Grant Research & Preparation

- Applied for \$1.6 million in grants so far in 2026
- Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Lake Conservation Grant submitted 10/9 (grant: \$80,000; match: \$80,000)
- Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant application close to completion and submittal, no deadline (grant: ~\$1.3 million; no required match)
- Continuing to review other foundations for potential grant applications (seek grants beyond the usual state/federal grants the District typically applies to)





Programs – 3010 Operations & Maintenance

- Continued O&M inspections and maintenance.
- Staff will be winterizing projects in late October / Early November. Staff will remove weir boards at the Bone Lake inlet and Bixby Wetland projects.
- Staff will winterize the CR50 IESF in early November.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

CLFLWD O&M Schedule - thru 2030																												
Project	Imp Yr	Annual Inspection	Operation Task	Effectiveness Monitoring										Scheduled Maintenance										Maintenance Task				
				2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030							
3rd Lake Pond	2017	July			X			X			X					X												Riparian Buffer maintenance
Bixby Park Wetland	2016	May and October	stop logs	X			X			X																		as needed based on inspection
Bone Lake Fish Barrier	2012/14	May and October	stop logs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	as needed based on inspection
Bone Lake - DCB Wetland	2021	June				X			X			X																as needed based on inspection
Bone Lake - Edell Wetland	2019	June		X			X			X																		as needed based on inspection
Bone Lake - NE Legacy Load Wetland	2022	June				X			X			X																as needed based on inspection
Broadway IESF	2012	July		EOR			X			X							X											replace IESF media? (City responsibility)
CR50 IESF	2023	April and Nov	Activate or winterize							X						X		X		X								Rake and weed filter media, replace IESF media in 2040?
Forest Lake outflow fish barrier	2021	July					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	as needed based on inspection
Hilo Ln IESF	2014	July			X			X			X									X								replace IESF media? Coordinate all maintenance with City
Moody Capstone Projects (3)	2024	June										X																as needed based on inspection
Moody Lake Aerator	2015	January thru March	Activate Aerator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X				X								service pumps and aerators
Moody Lake - Mattson Wetland	2017	May			X			X			X																	as needed based on inspection
Moody Lake - Peterson Wetland	2020	May			X			X			X																	unknown
North Shore Trail IESF							X			X															X			replace IESF media?
Penshorn IESF	2014?	June		X			X			X										X								replace IESF media?
Shields Lake Aerator	2020	January thru March	Activate Aerator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X										X		service pumps and aerators
Shields Lake - FHGC Stormwater Reuse Pond	2019	July				X			X			X				X			X									(XX) excavate pond sediments, (X) riparian buffer maintenance
Sunrise River HWY 61 Wetland	2023	July									X																	as needed based on inspection
Target IESF	?	July				X			X			X																all maintenance done by Target
WJDS Tributary Wetland	2024	July										X																as needed based on inspection

Table 1. CLFLWD O&M Schedule.

O&M Schedule from the Comprehensive O&M Manual



Programs – 3011 AIS Prevention & Management



Photo from WCI: Forest Lake Fishing Tournament

- The final CLFLWD watercraft inspections were performed October 18th, which is when the season officially wrapped up.
- Forest Lake Flowering rush management efforts have concluded, and Blue Water Science will be performing final assessment surveys.
- District staff attended a recent Washington County board workshop related to upcoming reductions to county AIS funding by 50% in 2027.

2026 funding provided by counties

- \$10,000 – WCI (Wash co.)
- \$4,000 – Curly-leaf pondweed (Wash co.)
- \$4,000 – Flowering rush (Wash co.)
- \$5,000 – WCI (Chisago co.)