
COMFORT LAKE FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.351 and Minnesota Rules Section 8410.0150, the Board of Managers of the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District submits its 2005 Annual Report. The District was established in 1999. The report is intended to inform readers of the District's activities, plans, goals and objectives in 2005. The District invites comments and suggestions on the report.

The District submits its Annual Activity Report to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, and the Director of the Division of Waters. Copies are available from watershed Managers or the District's legal advisors.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Board Members

NAME AND OFFICE	APPOINTING COUNTY	MAILING ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE OF TERM EXPIRATION
John T. Lynch President	Washington	920 15 th Street S.E. Forest Lake, MN 55025 (651) 464-3022	9/22/08
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Jackie Anderson Treasurer	Chisago	25484 E. Comfort Dr. Forest Lake MN 55025 (651) 462-3734	11/20/06
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Advisory Committee Members

Citizen Advisory Committee Members

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS
James Thoreen	303 North Main Street Center City, MN 55012
Kathy Blomquist	6044 Cedar Street North Branch, MN 55025
Terry Dreyer	23290 Melanie Trail North Scandia, MN 55073
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Mary Schmitz	313 Main Street North, Suite 243 Center City, MN 55012
Don Steinke	8890 202 nd Street North Forest Lake, MN 55025
A.J. Schwidder	7980 230 th Street North Forest Lake, MN 55025
Don Hult	813 8 th Avenue S.E. Forest Lake, MN 55025
Mr. Scott Walberg	8793 275 th Street North Chisago City, MN 55103
Vernon Haag	26996 Fenwick Avenue Wyoming, MN 55092
John Springman	24658 Greenway Ave. N. Forest Lake, MN 55025
Bruce Anderson	25484 East Comfort Drive North Forest Lake, MN 55025

Employees and Consultants

The District employs independent contractor consultants who provide all of the necessary accounting, legal, public information and other services. The District's general funds are not adequate to pay the attendant salary, space, telephone, pension and insurance costs while meeting statutory and regulatory requirements. The District's independent consultants effectively fulfill its obligations, goals, and objectives within budget. The following consultants served the District in 2005:

NAME	ORGANIZATION AND TITLE	MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Curt Sparks	North American Wetland Engineering	4444 Centerville Road Suite 140 White Bear Lake, MN 55127 (651)255-5050
Travis Thiel	Washington Conservation District	1380 W. Frontage Highway 36 Stillwater, Minnesota, 55082
Kathleen M. Blackford	Accountant	3116 Fairview Avenue North Roseville, MN 55113 (651) 748-1889
Mark Gibbs	HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd	4810 White Bear Parkway White Bear Lake, MN 55110
John Hoffman	ICS Agency Insurance Agent	4901 West 77 th Street Minneapolis, MN 55435 (612) 835-4848
Paul R. Haik	Krebsbach & Haik, Ltd. Legal Advisor	225 South Sixth Street Suite 4320 Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 333-7400

Goals and Objectives of Prior Work Plan

Water Management Plan

The District was formed in 1999 and its first Water Management Plan was approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources in 2001. In 2004, the Board of Managers completed the work of analyzing the floodplain of the District. A final floodplain map was completed in early 2005.

In formulating its goals and objectives, the District has considered the various municipal, county, state and federal laws that apply within the watershed. The District has focused on applicable municipal floodplain management, wetland, and shoreline ordinances, in addition to state drainage laws. Cooperation with the local municipalities is essential to managing the District's duties under the Watershed Law and effectively protecting water quality of the District's lakes.

With the delineation complete, and in consideration of the federal, state and local laws, the District began analyzing the floodplain to identify water resources that may be best protected through the adoption of rules and the petitioning and construction of basic water management projects. The District's ability to protect water resources may be effectively accomplished through the petition and construction of basic water management projects. Many of the permit rules and regulations traditionally administered by watersheds are now administered through the state pollution control agency pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act. Given the limits on the District's rule making authority, rules may complement and protect the larger scale, and more effective project based water quality efforts.

Since the District's formation, the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District has provided interim water quality monitoring data and services. The District has

focused on the floodplain analysis which is the foundation for the flowage, monitoring and protection of water resources. The District recognizes the importance of developing water quality data that comports and coordinates other federal and state laws and regulations.

Goals and Objectives of Projected Work Plan

Water Quality

Community Concerns

The District has a citizen's advisory committee and has received considerable input and requests from area residents regarding assistance in protecting lake water quality. Members of the Forest Lake and Bone Lake Associations have addressed the Board regarding water quality concerns and have raised issues that may be properly addressed through a basic water management project. In 2005, lake association members raised the idea of commercial harvesting of carp to improve the water quality of District lakes. The Board heard proposals to commercially harvest fish from both lakes as part of a comprehensive solution.

The District's floodplain mapping identifies the flow of water quantities into the lake that affect water quality. Water quantities affect quality, by transporting pollutant loads that adversely impact water quality. Study of the recently completed floodplain analysis will allow the District to prioritize areas of concern and possible projects to effectively implement water quality protections.

Basic Water Management Projects

In September of 2004, the Board accepted the Washington County's petition for a basic water management petition for the outlet structure on Forest Lake. The District may direct an engineering review to assess the petition project before proceeding with the petition project. Control over the outlet structure was transferred to the District.

Permitting

Permits and Variances

With the floodplain analysis complete, the District has begun discussing the type and nature of proposed rules to address the water quality facing District lakes. Given the anticipated growth in the area, the District must consider the most efficient and effective means of compiling, storing, and managing the large number of permits that can be expected, given the rate of development within the District, once a permit program has commenced. However, state rules and municipal ordinances may limit the applicability of District rules in substantial areas.

Enforcement Actions

The District did not commence any enforcement actions in 2005.

Water Quality Monitoring Data

Since forming in 1999, the District has contracted with the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District, for the collection of water quality and quantity monitoring data. In 2005, the District solicited requests for proposals for water quality modeling and design services from approved TMDL (Total Daily Maximum Load) contractors. The District expects to receive proposals in 2006. A key aspect of current planning should be to facilitate effective, responsible analyses and projects which will aid impaired water listing, assessment of total maximum daily loads in a manner closely coordinated and cooperative with municipal storm water pollution prevention program plans under the expanded NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permitting by the MPCA.

Local Plan Adoption and Implementation

As the District has adopted its plan, municipalities of the District will begin separately adopting local water management plans. In 2005, Washington County adopted a Ground Water Management Plan.

Written Communication

As the District begins utilizing its floodplain analysis for possible projects or rules, it will provide communications about its increasing activities.

Solicitations of Interest

In May of 2004, District solicited engineering, legal and accounting services. Pursuant to statute, the District's next biennially solicitation will be in 2006.

Wetland Banking Program

Currently, the District does not have an adopted wetland-banking program. The District relies upon the state wetland bank administered the Board of Soil and Water Resources.

Financial and Audit Report

Budget Adopted for 2006

A copy of the District's proposed budget for 2006 is incorporated by reference. Additional copies are available through the District's accounting or legal advisor.

Reporting of Revenues and Expenditures


The District's revenue sources are general, survey and data, and insurance levies pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103D and 466. In 2005, the District levied \$250,000 pursuant its general levy and \$50,000 per the survey and data acquisition fund. Funding pursuant to Chapter 103B is not available, as the District is not located completely within the metropolitan area.

CONCLUSION

In 2005, the District finalized its floodplain analysis, the foundation for effective projects and rules. The analysis will be of immediate benefit is considering and responding to lake residents and associations regarding inquiries and requests for assistance in protecting lake water quality. The floodplain analysis provides a comprehensive context for planning and protection of water quality, through projects and permits, for decades to come. The District looks forward to establishing projects and implementing rules to protect the District's water resources.

Respectfully submitted,

COMFORT LAKE FOREST LAKE
WATERSHED DISTRICT

By 
John T. Lynch
President

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	2006	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	BUDGET 2006
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE														
Checking		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savings		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		65000	57850	48700	40300	31900	19750	11600	51700	43550	36400	29250	22100	
REVENUE														
General Levy		0	0	0	0	0	0	125000	0	0	0	0	125000	250000
Insurance Levy		0	0	0	0	0	0	3250	0	0	0	0	3250	6500
Survey Levy		0	0	0	0	0	0	25000	0	0	0	0	25000	50000
Basic Water Management Levy		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE		0	0	0	0	0	0	153250	0	0	0	0	153250	306500
TOTAL GROSS FUND BALANCE		65000	57850	48700	40300	31900	19750	164850	51700	43550	36400	29250	175350	
EXPENSES														
Accounting		400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	4800
Annual Audit		0	0	0	0	3500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3500
Insurance, Bond and Dues		0	2000	0	0	1500	0	5000	0	0	0	0	0	8500
Per Diem and Expenses		500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6000
Administration		0	0	0	0	0	1000	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	3000
Annual Budget		0	0	1250	1250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2500
Annual Report		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Official Records		5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	60000
Open Access		1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	15000
Project Proceedings		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering Services		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Control and Restoration Analysis		0	0	0	0	0	0	100000	0	0	0	0	100000	200000
Basic Water Management Projects		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Control and Restoration Project		7150	9150	8400	8400	12150	8150	113150	8150	7150	7150	7150	107150	303300
TOTAL EXPENSE		7150	9150	8400	8400	12150	8150	113150	8150	7150	7150	7150	107150	303300
TOTAL NET FUND BALANCE		57850	48700	40300	31900	19750	11600	51700	43550	36400	29250	22100	68200	