



The groundbreaking for the Bixby Park Water Quality Improvement Project was held on January 27th. Now completed, this project is projected to keep 206 pounds of phosphorus a year from entering Comfort Lake and the Sunrise River.



The position of Program Assistant was created and filled in February of 2016 shortly followed by the creation of the Watershed Assistant position which was filled in May of 2016.

12 residential plant grant projects were approved, providing residents with up to \$500 for the purchase of native plants. One community plant grant application for a local church was also approved.

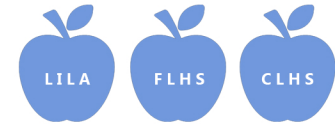


In total, 4,033 boat inspections were performed at the accesses of Bone Lake, Comfort Lake, and Forest Lake. Only 1.2% of watercraft arrived with the drain plug in which is down from previous years.

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Three capital improvement projects began the initial phases of implementation over the course of this winter.

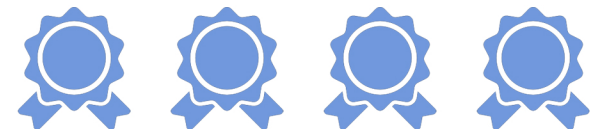


District staff visited the classrooms of three local schools where they taught students about watershed districts, best practices, water sampling and invasive species.



The District issued 16 permits and performed 97 site inspections in order to ensure construction projects were in compliance with District rules and to minimize the impact of projects on local waterbodies.

The District's Aquatic Invasive Species Program was chosen as a program of the year finalist by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts.



The District was awarded two Clean Water Fund grants from the Board of Soil and Water Resources and additional grants from Washington County, the DNR, and the EPA for a total of \$718,000 in grants.