

The groundbreaking for the Moody Lake Wetland Rehabilitation Project was held on January 27th. With phase one complete, monitoring has shown that this project is already obtaining 68% of the total phosphorus reduction goal to Moody Lake.



Using sonar equipment mounted to the bottom of a simple kayak, staff have been able to map several lakes in the District whose depths were previously unknown. In total staff mapped 6 lakes in 2017 using this technology.

9 residential plant grant projects were approved, providing each resident with up to \$500 for the purchase of native plants. One traditional cost-share grant was also approved.



In total, 8,240 aquatic invasive species boat inspections were performed at the accesses of Bone Lake, Comfort Lake, & Forest Lake.



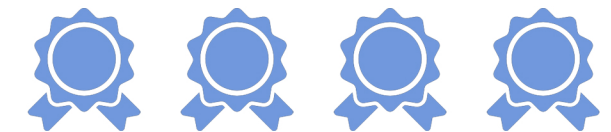
The Forest Lake Wetland Treatment Basin Project broke ground in January and was largely completed by early February. Calculations suggest the project will keep 56 pounds of phosphorus from entering Forest Lake each year.

Staff engaged students at two local schools with hands-on projects related to water quality. These projects included the completion of native plantings and stormwater awareness campaigns.



The District issued 24 permits and performed 159 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 Moody Lake Wetland Rehabilitation project was chosen as a project of the year finalist by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts.



The District was awarded three Clean Water Fund grants from the Board of Soil and Water Resources and additional grants from Washington County, and the DNR totaling over one million dollars in grants.