

District staff completed a cattail harvest test plot within the City of Forest Lake owned parcels of Parson's Wetland north of Forest Lake's middle basin. Further research will occur in 2021 to determine the cost-benefit of a large-scale cattail harvest effort.

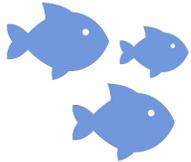


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Staff hosted two socially distanced community events at Lakeside Memorial Park and co-hosted several educational webinars. Topics included native shoreline buffers, landscaping for wildlife, soil health and more!



Phase 2 of the Shields Lake Alum Treatment Project was completed in September and is anticipated to bring Shields Lake to a clear water state. This improvement to Shields Lake will reduce phosphorus loading to Forest Lake by over 500 pounds per year.



The District issued 23 permits and performed 882 site inspections to ensure project compliance with District rules and to minimize impacts on local waterbodies.

3 residential plant grant projects were completed, providing each resident with up to \$500 for the purchase of native plants. These projects occurred on waterfront properties and will help filter stormwater runoff entering the lake. 11 site visits were conducted in 2020 which may result in additional projects.

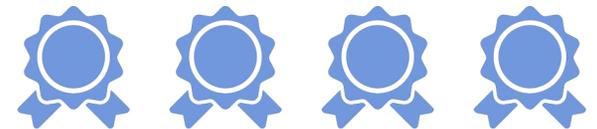


The District gave a presentation on the benefits of prioritized, targeted, and measurable project implementation at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts.



7,069 aquatic invasive species watercraft inspections were performed at the boat accesses of Bone Lake, Comfort Lake, & Forest Lake.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the District closed its office to the public on March 16th. All District staff began working remotely (except for essential field work), and all board meeting were conducted via videoconference.



The Watershed District was awarded \$1.2 million in grant funding for fiscal year 2020. Grant-funded projects will occur in all four lake management districts (Bone, Forest, Little Comfort and Comfort Lakes).



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