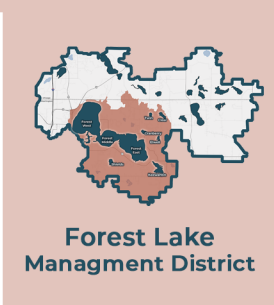




**MEMORANDUM**  
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

**Date:** August 17, 2023  
**To:** CLFLWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Mike Kinney, District Administrator  
**Subject:** Expedited Conservation Projects Grant Application – Forest Lake



**Background/Discussion**

The purpose of this agenda is to consider authorizing the District Administrator to submit a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) grant program and to execute the grant agreement, if awarded. The ECP program is a subset of the Conservation Partners Legacy grant program through which the District has received multiple grants in the past.

The proposed project would entail working with the City of Forest Lake to implement a shoreline restoration demonstration site at the North Shore Circle Park and to implement a public outreach campaign to promote shoreline stewardship. This work dovetails with the District’s ongoing efforts in public outreach and shoreline restoration cost-share programs.

The grant application deadline for Round 1 of program funding is September 11, 2023. If funding is still available after Round 1, up to four more rounds will be offered between now and June 2024. The District may apply to subsequent rounds for other shoreline restoration projects. A 10% non-state match is required for all grants. The estimated grant request is \$35,000.

**Recommended Motion**

Proposed Motion: Manager \_\_\_\_\_ moves to authorize the District Administrator to submit an application to the ECP Grant Program and execute the grant agreement, if awarded.  
Seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.