



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: August 29, 2023
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Floodplain Vulnerability Assessment



District Wide

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on the floodplain vulnerability assessment effort. The District applied to the MN Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Resiliency Planning Grant for this effort twice in the past.

We had planned to apply a third time in February 2024 in hopes of bringing in approximately \$40,000 in grant funding to support this effort. If the Board wishes to proceed with this effort sooner, it may forego the grant opportunity and fund the work using the District's levy/reserve funds. This item is not in the 2023 budget. The Board may wish to perform a budget amendment at the September 28th meeting and approve a scope of work from Emmons & Olivier Resources (EOR) to begin work this year.

Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) recently completed its own climate change resiliency planning project. CLFLWD and RCWD staff and EOR have been in contact with respect to information sharing and coordination with the City of Forest Lake. This will continue to be a coordinated effort across watershed boundaries.

Hyperlink

[RCWD Article on Climate Change Resiliency Planning Project](#)