



2023 Residential Cost-share Year End Summary

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Introduction & Outline

The Board of Managers approved a residential cost-share policy revision in March of 2023.

The pilot year yielded a significant increase in engagement with the District's programs.

The experiences and data gathered during the 2023 pilot will inform proposed modifications to the program in early 2024.





Three new programs were launched in 2023

- Mini-Grant
 - \$500 reimbursement grant, suitable for small projects.
- Community Water Cost-Share
 - Competitive, up to 75% of project cost, max of \$7500.
- Watershed Legacy Payment Program
 - Annual payment to landowners
 - \$300 in 2023





2023 Numbers

**35 Initial Site
Visits
(52% increase)**

**12 Mini Grants
Approved
(71% increase vs
Plant Grant)**

**2 Clean Water
Applications**

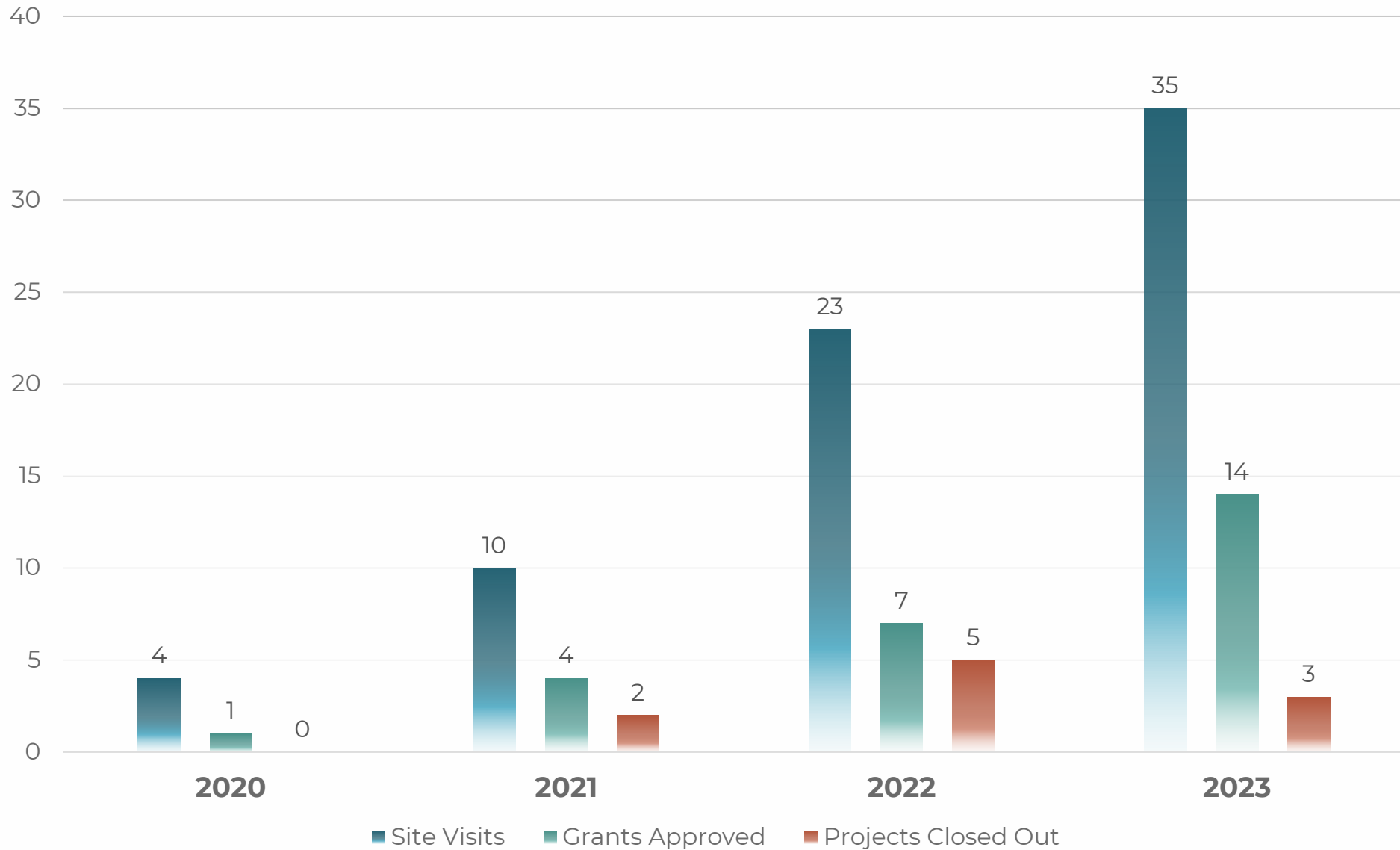
**6 Legacy
Program
Participants**

**8 Residential
Soil Tests**

\$23k allocated

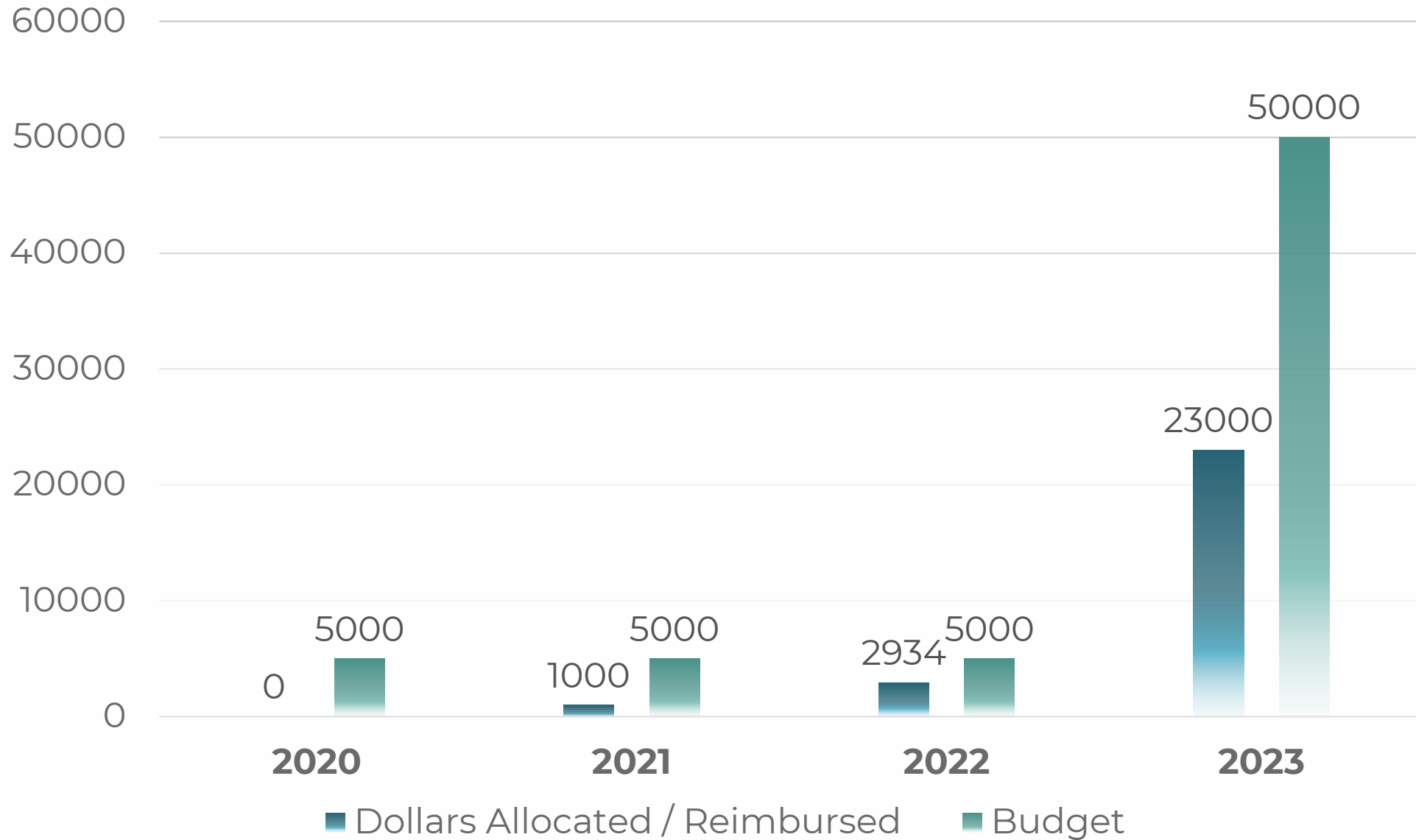


COST-SHARE ACTIVITY 2020-2023





COST-SHARE BUDGET VS EXPENDITURES





Next Steps

Staff will continue to develop the program and anticipate using more outreach to build on the momentum of 2023.



Finalize Program Revisions

Additional revisions will be brought to the Board later this winter.

Program Outreach

Targeted outreach will be conducted to priority areas and through lake associations.

Goalsetting

Goals for the 2024 season will reflect our ambitious WMP goals, and the additional resources available from our partners.



Project Spotlight – Forest Lake Wetland Buffer

Project Details

- Approved spring 2022, closed out spring 2023
- 7,000 sqft Reed Canary Grass treatment and turf replacement
- 1.3 lbs/yr phosphorus reduction
- \$473.20 reimbursement





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Project Spotlight – Comfort Lake Shoreland Planting

Project Details

- Approved spring 2023, closed out fall 2023
- 625 sqft turf replacement / native planting
- \$500 reimbursement, \$2800 total project cost





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