



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: March 5, 2024
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Program Update – Education & Outreach



District Wide

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this informational item is to make the Board aware of the enclosed outreach materials and upcoming events.

Attached

- Outreach Flyers

Bone Lake Natural Shorelines Informational Meeting

April 3rd, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Scandia Community Center
14727 209th Street North
Scandia, MN 55073**

Aidan Read, Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed District Land Management Specialist, will be leading our discussion at this informational meeting for shoreline property owners on Bone Lake.

We will be discussing...

What are natural shorelines?

How can natural shorelines help Bone Lake?

What does the CLFLWD shoreline survey tell us?

How can landowners get involved?

How can the District help landowners with financial and technical resources and support?

Any questions about the informational meeting or about natural shorelines in general can be directed to Aidan Read at 651-583-6590 or aidan.read@clflwd.org

***Share with your neighbors;
make the Lake Connections.***





Traditional Lawn Alternatives

We love our lush green lawns, maybe a bit too much? Join us to learn what else we can plant to benefit the bees and birds, while also keeping some green turf. We will discuss lawn alternatives that are more environmentally friendly that will keep your backyard buzzing. Small changes can go a long way towards the environment while saving you time and money. Participants will receive a native plant book and several native plant prizes will be given away.



Hardwood Creek Library

 Thursday, March 28
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 

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Greening Up Hot Spots with Native Plants

Do you have a hot garden spot that normally bakes and dries out with the summer sun? Are you tired of watering day after day to keep your garden healthy and growing? There is a wide variety of native prairie plants that thrive in the full sun and dry soils. Let's look at some of these great growers to add to your gardens and landscaping. Participants will receive a native plant book and several native plant prizes will be given away.

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 **Monday, March 25**
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 

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Landscaping Your Septic System

Landscaping near and around septic systems is a concern of many homeowners. Whether you already have an existing septic system or will be installing a new one to your residence, there are many aesthetic options. Participants will learn some tips and techniques that not only will help the looks of the system; they will also help the functioning of the system. Participants will receive a native plant book and several native plant prizes will be given away.

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Thursday, April 4
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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Family Fun Nights at the Library

Build Your Own Bee Houses

Come and join us to learn about native bees. We will learn the bee basics and also the importance of these incredible insects. We will also be making bee houses that you will be able to take home. Turn your crafty creativity into functional fun. More bees means more fruits, veggies, and flowers in your own backyard! All the supplies and materials are provided, just bring your creativity.

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Thursday, April 11
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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Family Fun Nights at the Library

Build Your Own Fishing Lure

Why do fish chase after one lure but ignore the next one? Do they see every color, certain colors, or none at all? We will be talking about and looking at a wide variety of gadgets and lures, as well as giving you a chance to make your own to take home and try out. All the supplies and materials are provided, just bring your creativity.

 **Hardwood Creek Library** 



Thursday, May 9
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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