

2022 MAWD Project of the Year

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District – Protecting Del Clark Lake and Restoring Canby Lake

Del Clark Lake and Stonehill Park are recreational jewels in the Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank Watershed District and have long been management priorities of local water managers. The lake is the watershed’s only assessed waterbody designated in full support of aquatic recreation and provides critical flood protection to the city of Canby. Steep topography upstream has increasingly threatened the lake’s designation through contributing spring melt and precipitation event sediment transport. Protection of Del Clark is a high priority, benefiting thousands of visitors annually. Three grade stabilization structures were installed on contributing tributaries, capturing 667 tons/year of sediment and 667 lbs/year of phosphorous. Canby Creek, Del Clark Lake’s main source, is the only trout stocked stream in the watershed and was designated barely impaired after being tested as a cold-water stream. An additional structure constructed upstream will provide 85.930 acre-feet of storage for a 100-year event to Canby Creek.



Photo: Trudy Hastad, Administrator from LQPYBWD accepted the award during the Friday night banquet at the Annual Conference in Alexandria.