

News media advisory

First Fulda Lake proposed for removal from state's impaired waters list.

On Monday, Oct. 9, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency plans to issue a news release announcing the 2018 draft list of impaired waters in Minnesota.

There is good news in Fulda: As a result of restoration activities, First Fulda Lake has regained sufficient water quality standards for the area, and is being proposed for removal from the state's impaired waters list, contingent on final approval by the federal EPA.

During water quality assessments in 2016, it was determined that First Fulda Lake was now meeting standards and should be removed from the state's Impaired Waters List. Significant alteration and restoration in the lake shed resulted in water quality improvement.

Located in Fulda in Murray County, First Fulda Lake covers 179 acres with a deepest point of seven feet. The basin was originally listed in 2008. Recent data show significantly reduced algae and improved transparency.

In 2008 DNR and local government conducted a temporary draw down of First and Second Fulda lakes. A grant in 2007 helped develop a plan and install critical area planting, shoreline restoration, and provide incentives to farmers who practice conservation tillage on their farmland.

Three highly erodible channels that feed directly into the lakes were reshaped, widened, and seeded with permanent vegetation. Some farmers were asked to contain 55 percent residue cover for corn and 30 percent residue cover for soybean fields.

Local units of government established and implemented three shoreline restoration projects. A setting pond was established. In 2011 the stormwater outlet from the city of Fulda was rerouted from straight pipe access to the lake to a rock outwash area to prevent erosion.

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