FLILPARD applied for two lake management grants in 2019. The DNR granted the two grants: Phase I and Phase II. Phase I will note where problems are and Phase II will provide solutions to the problems.

The two grants were designed to also qualify as a 9 Key Element Plan (9KEP). Such approval would open the door to Federal grant money through the USDA/NRCS and more. Our local farmers will be an important part of this goal and many have voiced support.

The purpose of developing the 9KEP is to identify high priority, shovel-ready, practices that will strategically reduce external and internal loading to Fox Lake.

* Since March of 2021, EOR has worked collaboratively with the FLILPARD, DNR, Dodge County, and local project partners to identify landowners who are willing to implement best management practices on fields identified as having a high runoff risk within the Fox Lake watershed.
  + EOR utilized a combination of tools, including the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework (ACPF) model, a landowner engagement survey, and DNR/ Dodge County staff knowledge, and other local resources to target willing landowners ready to implement practices.
  + Tracy Zemlo, executive director personally connected with more than 65 landowners in the Fox Lake watershed.
* The years of cover crop program implemented by FLILPARD & FLPO
  + Building relationships with Fox Lake area producers.
  + Importance of cover crops & no till farming in our watershed [Regenerative Farming for Healthy Soil and Healthy Water - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnI4ly3keDs)
  + Building relationships with Dodge County Alliance for Healthy Soil – Healthy Water
  + Meetings are taking place regularly with the FLILPARD Board, EOR consultants, DNR officials, Town officials, local farmers, being certain that everyone is aware of the work that is being done & the planned next steps.