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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: December 7, 2021
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the December 2021 Board Meeting

Project Updates

Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

The last maintenance activities at Discovery Point for the 2021 season were performed in November. Staff met with Barr to discuss updating the Discovery Point Ecological Master Plan to incorporate Phase 3 activities.

UAA Studies

Lake Holiday/Wing Lake/Lake Rose

The summary of the Lake Holiday, Wing Lake, and Lake Rose lake user survey is now available. 85 responses were received. 13 responses were received from Lake Holiday, 31 from Wing Lake, and 41 from Lake Rose. The survey summary is available at: www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/Holiday-Wing-Rose-Lake-User-Survey_2021.pdf.

In addition, the feedback from the September 29th community meeting was transcribed, grouped into themes, and summarized. This information is available at: www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/Holiday-Wing-Rose-Sept-29-2021-Community-Meeting-Notes.pdf.

Barr anticipates having the draft Holiday, Wing, Rose lake management study update done by the end of February. We will schedule a community meeting for March to discuss the draft management recommendations given in the report, how community feedback was incorporated, and next steps.

Program Updates

Cost Share Grant Program

Edina has submitted a stewardship grant application to fund a streambank buffer enhancement project. There is a memo in this month's board packet with more information. Brett and I did a cost share site visit to provide information and support to a resident interested in applying for a habitat restoration grant. I have been working with grantees to get final reports submitted on projects where grant expiration deadlines are approaching. Grant application materials for the March 18th stewardship application deadline are now available at: www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/applications.

Other

I was asked to write an article regarding Normandale Lake and its recent management history as a constructed lake for the American Water Resources Association's (<https://www.awra.org/>) *Water Resources IMPACT* magazine. *IMPACT* is a bi-monthly magazine that publishes information on water resources issues. Edits to the article were finalized at the end of November. I do not have a publication date for the article.

Graduate School Update

I had my last fall semester class on December 3, and final class work for the semester is due on December 13th. We immediately start spring semester class work as part of the cohort model that this MPA (Masters in Public Affairs) program takes. My spring semester classes are:

- PA 5052 Public Affairs Leadership
- PA 5054 Program Design & Implementation Analysis
- PA 5056 Quantitative Research Methods & Analysis

Meetings

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| Nov 15 | Meeting with consultant regarding data migration to the cloud |
| Nov 22 | Meeting with WSB and Minnetonka to discuss goldfish and koi |
| Nov 29 | Hennepin County Chloride Initiative Meeting |
| Nov 30 | Meeting with Edina regarding cost share grant and creek vegetative maintenance |
| Dec 6 | Cost share site visit with Brett |
| Dec 6 | Chloride site design recommendations meeting |
| Dec 7 | Meeting with Brett and Barr regarding ecological master plan updates |

Other Meetings

- Weekly all-staff meetings to check in and track progress
- Weekly E/O check in meetings