



## Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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# MEMO

**TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers**  
**FROM: Erica Sniegowski**  
**DATE: December 11, 2018**  
**RE: Program and Project Manager's Report for December 2018 Regular Board Meeting**

### Project Updates

#### Normandale Lake

Staff met with the DNR and City of Bloomington on November 19. During the meeting, the DNR reiterated that the District is in compliance with its permit. No additional information was given to indicate the District should not proceed with the project, so the District is maintaining the drawdown. The District is working with Bloomington on an option to install a deicer to maintain an area of open water near the outlet.

Change order #4 was administratively approved by the District Administrator and pay request #4 has been submitted by Rachel Contracting. Refer to the Engineer's Report regarding timeline updates for the project.



Normandale Lake (December 5, 2018)

#### Discovery Point Restoration

There are no updates at this time.

### Program Updates

#### Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

Staff has been working on 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning in preparation for the story map kickoff meeting with Barr in mid-December.

The City of Edina, with financial support from the District, convened an advisory committee of service providers, property managers, and other interested representatives to develop a model contract for snow and ice management services. The focus of the contract is to embrace best practices to minimize environmental impacts from chlorides, sand, and other chemicals, while also maintaining safety and addressing liability risk allocation. The contract is available at [www.edinamn.gov/422/Pollution-Prevention](http://www.edinamn.gov/422/Pollution-Prevention). The District will also place it on its website shortly.

Erica gave a presentation at Watershed Partners on 12/12/18 on the Adopt a Drain partnership with Bloomington.

The State of the Waters event was very successful. Over 80 people attended, including nearly all the photographers that had photo selected for the 2019 calendar. Charlotte Lefebvre, a Citizen Advisory Committee member, was selected as volunteer of the year.

See the E/O Coordinator's report for additional E/O program and event updates.

### Grants

**Clean Water Fund Grant:** The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) disbursed a 40% payment on the accelerated implementation grant to the District. The District did not receive the Projects and Practices Clean Water Fund (CWF) Grant that it applied for from BWSR. An opportunity grant was submitted to Hennepin County to help fund the installation of BMPs at the six nonprofit sites identified in the CWF accelerated implementation grant.

**Cost Share Grants:** I completed cost share grant close outs and reimbursements. I met with interested residents to talk about potential cost share projects. The cost share grant the board approved in November for the city of Edina to purchase segmented plow blades was featured in a Channel 5 news story: [ninemilecreek.org/district-grant-helps-edina-reduce-salt-use/](http://ninemilecreek.org/district-grant-helps-edina-reduce-salt-use/).

### Miscellaneous

- Had weekly staff meetings
- Made website updates
- Phone calls and emails regarding Normandale project
- Attended MAWD

### Meetings

November 7	Permitting Coordinator Interviews
November 8	CWF phone call
November 8	Cost Share site visit
November 13	Meeting with the City of Bloomington regarding Normandale drawdown
November 13	Meeting with Barr regarding Normandale Lake project
November 13	Board meeting
November 14	Salt Solutions workshop
November 19	Meeting with DNR, Barr, Bloomington regarding Normandale drawdown
November 27	Conference call with Barr and Bloomington regarding Normandale
November 29-30	MAWD
December 5	Phone call with Barr regarding Normandale
December 5	Salt Solutions workshop planning meeting
December 6	Conference call regarding Normandale
December 11	Meeting with Barr regarding Normandale project