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TO:Nine Mile Creek Board of ManagersFROM:Gael ZembalDATE:December 10, 2020RE:Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for December 2020 Board Meeting

# **Program Updates**

#### K12 Education

Lizzy and I met with the Edina Public Schools Youth Enrichment team to talk about ways we can provide more lessons and activities for their participants.

#### Outreach

The Jr. Watershed Explorer book has been quite popular, and we have already done a second order. A few different schools have requested classroom amounts, as well as members of the public.

The 2021 Photo Calendars have arrived! You will each get one mailed to you. If you would like more copies, please email me to arrange a good pickup time.

## **MPCA Smart Salting Trainings**

We have scheduled a Parking Lots and Sidewalks training and a Property Managers training in January and February respectively. We will be charging a \$25 for each, and are working on more targeted promotional strategies to attract more participants.

## **Training/Professional Development**

#### Conferences

I attended both MAWD and NALMS conferences. I followed up with a few people after each, the most notable being the Diversity and Equity Coordinator Belinda Gardner at CRWD. She shared her experiences helping CRWD develop their Diversity Equity and Inclusion Implementation Plan.

## Trainings

I attended a training on StreamYard, which is a new tool to present live streams.

## Meetings

All-staff meetings and EO meetings to check in and track progress (2-3 weekly)

- Nov 18 Watershed Partners meeting
- Nov 19 Sustainable Urban BMPs webinar
- Nov 20 Met with City of Minnetonka to talk about online education opportunities

- Nov 30 Met with Normandale Hills for raingarden planning
- Dec 1 Internal State of the waters discussion
- Dec 2 Met with Carver Co WMO to discuss chloride video partnership
- Dec 2 Internal groundwater conservation planning meeting
- Dec 3 Met with RPBCWD to discuss MPCA salt training partner opportunities
- Dec 4 Met with City of Eden Prairie and Dell for Salt presentation planning
- Dec 7 Meeting of Developing Culturally Relevant Outreach Materials partnership
- Dec 8 Edina Public Schools Youth Enrichment collaboration meeting
- Dec 8 Freshwater Society policy webinar
- Dec 9 Internal groundwater conservation planning meeting
- Dec 9 Watershed Partners

# Volunteers

#### **Citizen Advisory Committee**

The CAC met on November 19. While there was not a quorum, members gave ideas for refining the State of the Waters event.

#### Salt Watch

We will send out Salt Watch kits to volunteers to monitor chloride in street runoff.

## **Upcoming Events**

Jan 6, 2021	State of the Waters & Calendar release   Zoominar   6:30-7:00 PM
Jan 20, 2021	MPCA Smart Salting Parking Lots & Sidewalks   Virtual   9-2:30 PM
Feb 3, 2021	MPCA Smart Salting for Property Managers   Virtual   9-1 PM