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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: May 12, 2020
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for May 2020 Board Meeting

Program Updates

I continue to work with Erica to find ways of adapting our programming to comply with social distancing and the stay at home order.

Adult Education

The Sustainable Lawns workshops have been condensed to one, on May 28th. The CAC meeting has been moved to May 27th, so members can virtually attend the workshop. It will be hosted on the RPBCWD Zoom account, and we are continuing to test it with the presenter.

K12 Education

I filmed and edited videos for teachers to share with their students on macroinvertebrates and water quality testing. These videos will be published to our YouTube page once they are finalized.

Outreach

I have been working on getting quotes for creek crossing signs for roads in our District. I hope to have these installed by the end of the summer. Erica and I have been working on updating our salt brochures, with help from The Design Company and the MPCA.

I continue to add posts to our Facebook and Instagram, as well as updating our website. We have added a COVID-19 response bar to the top of our website to make updates easier to find.

Public Programs

I am working on Teams Live events to provide our Summer Education Series programs. I will be testing this webinar platform with presenters in the coming weeks.

The Hopkins Valley Park Cleanup was changed to be an Adopt a Drain campaign to encourage social distancing. I created a drain cleaning video to promote it on social media on the day of the event.

Partnerships

Adopt a Drain

I have been working with partners and Hamline on the Adopt a Drain contracting.

Meetings

April 15	Bloomington raingarden maintenance planning team
April 16	Culturally Relevant Outreach Materials partnership
April 17	Sustainable Lawns planning team
April 17	Cardinal Creek wetland trail buckthorn volunteers and City of Eden Prairie
April 21	Lawns to Legumes coaching webinar
April 29	Phone call with Nick Busse for video editing software recommendations
May 5	Sustainable Lawns planning team
May 5	Phone call with Hennepin County about creek crossing road signs
May 13	Watershed Partners

Volunteers

Citizen Advisory Committee

The May CAC meeting has been changed to May 27th, so members can attend the Sustainable Lawns workshop. There will be a presentation on the Cost Share Grants awarded this year, as well as a presentation on unusual best management practices in stormwater retention.

Members of the CAC and Master Water Stewards came and took plants from the back raingarden ahead of the planned demolition and addition of office space.

Upcoming Events

May 27 (date change)	CAC meeting 6-8 PM Microsoft Teams meeting
May 28	Sustainable Lawns 6-7:30 PM Zoom webinar