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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: February 9, 2021
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for February 2021 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Partnerships

The District's outreach team is working hard on multiple outreach initiatives with our partners.

Groundwater Conservation

Along with RPBCWD, we have begun conversations with a few MWS Water Conservation Advisors. We will be using our outreach campaign on groundwater conservation as their capstone projects and look forward to continuing to incorporate this messaging into our outreach channels.

Pet Waste Reduction

We are working with the City of Minnetonka on a few popup pet waste reduction efforts in local parks. We are still in initial planning stages for how to do these safely.

Chloride Reduction

RPBCWD and 9 Mile have partnered on 2 MPCA smart salting trainings so far this year. The most recent Property Manager training had 18 participants. We will partner with them on 2 more this year. We are also partnering with the City of Minnetonka on a Roads Training in May.

Raingarden Maintenance

The City of Minnetonka and City of Eden Prairie have requested help in raingarden maintenance outreach to their rebate recipients and other stakeholders. Continuing and expanding on the work with the City of Bloomington from last year, I will work to provide these three cities with more raingarden maintenance outreach, including how to videos, and possibly programming in the warmer months.

District Programming

Friday Fireplace Reads

Every other Friday through April, I will be reading snippets from books about water and nature. The intent of this program is to share more books about nature with our audience, encourage them to get outside, and share works by authors who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color.



These readings will be livestreamed at noon on our Youtube and Facebook channels.

Garlic Mustard pull

I will be scheduling a garlic mustard bust early this spring for the Cardinal Creek Trail; now that the area is clear of buckthorn, it is good to clear it of garlic mustard as well, so the seeds we planted in the fall have a chance to grow. This will be a volunteer event.

Lake page update

Lizzy, Erica, and I have been working to update our [Lake pages](#) on the website. The improved pages have more water quality information, as well as more detail on recreation opportunities. They also have updated fact sheets for download.

Meetings

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

- Jan 20 Smart Salting Parking Lots and Sidewalks Training
- Jan 20 Met with Lizzy about updating Lake Pages on website
- Jan 25 Chloride video PSA planning with Carver Co WMO
- Jan 29 Groundwater conservation planning meeting with RPBCWD
- Feb 1 met with Minnetonka and Eden Prairie to plan raingarden maintenance
- Feb 2 Met with Minnetonka to brainstorm Pet Waste campaign
- Feb 3 Smart Salting for Property Managers Training
- Feb 4 Met with Normandale Hills elementary raingarden project volunteers
- Feb 5 Met with Erica about community meeting planning
- Feb 8 Met with Videographer
- Feb 10 Social media WSP monthly meeting
- Feb 11 Cultural outreach group meeting
- Feb 17 Raingarden maintenance outreach check in meeting

Volunteers

Citizen Advisory Committee

The CAC met on February 3 and welcomed three new members. Board Liaison Kvam shared what the Board has been working on, including the wetland survey, and we also discussed annual business. Finally, 5 CAC members volunteered to help review residential Cost Share Grant applications.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 18, 2021 Normandale Lake Project Community Meeting | Zoom | 6:30 PM
- Feb 19, 2021 Friday Fireplace Reads | Youtube Livestream | 12-12:30 PM