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

Program Updates

Education

I am working with local schools on fall field trips, and looking forward to partnerships with two new schools, Highlands Elementary in Edina, and Glen Lake Elementary School in Hopkins/Minnetonka. Also, the Riverwatch program will be back in a limited way this fall.

Outreach

Lizzy finished the Historical Capital Improvement Projects Story Map. You can view that [here](#), or see all our story maps on our website here: <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/explore-the-watershed/story-map/>

I will be presenting to St. Luke's congregants on September 12 about raingardens and the importance of native plants. St. Luke's is one of our non profit project partners.

I have been working with Randy to format the AIS Rapid Response plan—we are transferring it into the new branded report template from Barr Engineering.

Partnerships

For the last year I have been a member of the Edina Climate Action Planning team. This team's discussions have resulted in a draft Plan that is now available for public comment and review. If you are interested, or would like to share, please use this link and comment by October 1: <https://palebluedot.llc/edina-cap-review-menu>

Professional Development

I will be attending the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase in late September, as well as the Water Resources Conference in October. I will also be taking a week long workshop in October on Opposition and Outrage in Public Participation.

Meetings

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

- August 19 Meeting with UMN Women's Club leader, tour grounds
- August 19 Holiday/Wing/Rose Engagement meeting with City of Minnetonka
- September 1 City of Edina Climate Action Planning Team meeting
- September 7 Meeting with Highlands Elementary teachers on fall school field trip options
- September 8 Watershed Partners monthly meeting on working with Deaf Community
- September 9 Culturally Aware/Relevant Engagement team meeting
- September 12 St. Luke's raingarden presentation
- September 14 Holiday/Wing/Rose Engagement meeting with City of Minnetonka

Volunteers

With low water levels this summer, the volunteer monitor in the CAMP program on Wing Lake has been unable to safely get out to the water to collect samples.

A few CAC members will be attending the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase in late September.

We are looking for volunteers for the Salt Watch street runoff program this winter.

Upcoming Events

- Sep 21 MPCA Smart Salting Parking Lots and Sidewalks | 8 AM – 2 PM
- Sep 25 Bloomington Farmers Market | 9 AM – 2 PM | Civic Plaza
- Sep 29 Holiday, Wing, Rose Lakes Community Meeting | 6:30 – 8:30 PM | Minnetonka Community Center
- Nov 9 MPCA Smart Salting Parking Lots and Sidewalks | 9 AM – 2:30 PM