



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: December 9, 2020
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the December 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Nonprofit BMP Project

I am submitting a grant application through the Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa for Conservation Corps crew labor to maintain the nonprofit raingardens and raingardens at Discovery Point in 2021. BWSR uses Clean Water Funds to contract with the Corps to provide funded labor to cities, watershed districts, and other government units.

Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

The RFQ for Discovery Point Building Addition Rain Garden and Ecological Restoration is out. Quotes are due December 21.

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program & MN GreenCorps

E/O program highlights include:

- Receiving the 2021 Photo calendars; working on a calendar mailing
- Completing a revision to the Junior Watershed Explorer handbook; sending for a second printing
- Continued groundwater conservation program planning
- Planning for the state of the waters event
- Launching the NMCWD Salt Watch program
- Working on interpretive signs
- Meeting with Normandale Hills to discuss spring raingarden planting and curriculum planning
- MN GreenCorps virtual site visit with the PCA and quarterly reporting

Cost Share Grant Program

- Processing cost share reimbursements
- Reviewing grantee yearly reports and following up with grantees on final reporting
- Discussing potential projects with interested applicants
- Interview with Minnetonka Magazine about buckthorn control and the cost share program

Other

Attended:

- MAWD conference
- Online Decision Support Tool to Prioritize AIS Surveillance and Watercraft Inspection Activities webinar
- The Spirit of Dialogue: Lessons from Faith Traditions in Transforming Water Conflicts webinar

Meetings

November 16	Weekly staff check in meeting and E/O program meeting
November 16-19	IAP2 Strategies course: Strategies for Dealing with Opposition and Outrage in Public Participation
November 18	November board meeting
November 20	Education collaboration meeting with LMRWMO, RPBCWD, Minnetonka
November 20	Weekly staff check out meeting
November 23	E/O program meeting
November 24	Weekly staff check in meeting
November 25-27	Off for Thanksgiving
November 23	Internal meeting to discuss options for stakeholder workshop for Normandale Lake
November 30	MN GreenCorps host site virtual visit with PCA
November 30	E/O program meeting
November 30	Meeting with Normandale Hills Elementary to discuss raingarden/curriculum
December 1	Internal meeting to discuss options for stakeholder workshop for Normandale Lake and meeting with President to discuss upcoming stakeholder meetings on lake water quality
December 1	Weekly staff check in meeting
December 1	Internal state of the waters planning meeting
December 1	Hennepin County Chloride Initiative meeting
December 2	Internal groundwater conservation planning meeting
December 2-3	MAWD conference
December 3	Conversation with citizen about initiatives in Bloomington
December 4	Weekly staff check out meeting
December 7	E/O program meeting
December 7	Meeting with Barr to discuss Wetland Restoration and Protection Opportunity Identification Analysis
December 8	Weekly staff check in meeting
December 8	Online Decision Support Tool to Prioritize AIS Surveillance and Watercraft Inspection Activities webinar
December 9	Interview with Minnetonka Magazine about buckthorn control and cost share program
December 9	The Spirit of Dialogue: Lessons from Faith Traditions in Transforming Water Conflicts webinar
December 9	Internal groundwater conservation planning meeting