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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: May 13, 2020
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the May 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Nonprofit BMP Project

I worked with Hennepin County, Bloomington, and Edina to get permits for the construction of the raingardens. Raingarden installation began the week of May 4th. The basin is constructed at St. Luke's/Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres and Oak Grove in Bloomington. Work began on May 13th at Good Samaritan in Edina. Sunram will move to Chapel Hills after Good Samaritan, then to St. Edwards. St. Edwards was pushed back in the schedule to accommodate raingarden design changes. Barr is providing construction observation, and I have been working to keep partners up to date on the construction schedule and process. When necessary I have been meeting with project partners onsite and checking on project sites.



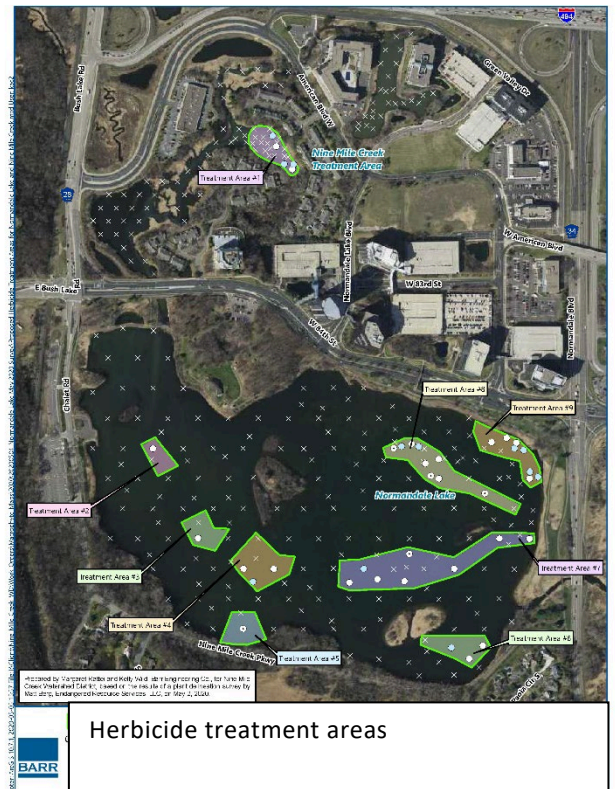
Grading work for the raingarden at St. Luke's Lutheran Church/Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres

Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

Landbridge Ecological conducted maintenance visits at Discovery Point on Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 14. They completed spot treatment of invasive weeds and added mulch to areas that needed it. They are planning a third visit shortly, which will include plant replacement and additional management of invasive weeds.

Normandale Project

Barr provided plant survey information and summarized treatment options, so that we could make a herbicide treatment decision and get a permit from the DNR. The herbicide treatment was conducted on Normandale Lake and one upstream area on Friday, May 8th by Lake Restoration. A partial lake treatment with the herbicide diquat was done. The treatment cost will be split with the City of Bloomington.



Herbicide treatment areas

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

Megan Jester, our summer intern, started on Monday, May 11. She will assist with transitioning our education activities to virtual activities and activities that can be done through social distancing, writing newsletter and blog post, along with assisting with the cost share program and fisheries management activities.

The District was selected as a GreenCorps host site for 2020-2021. The GreenCorps member will begin with the District on September 21. I will be working with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to finalize the GreenCorps member's workplan, including adding contingencies if there is a stay-at-home order at anytime during their work period with the District.

Cost Share Grant Program

I wrote the 2020 cost share agreements and sent them out for electronic signatures. Nearly all the cost share agreements are signed, and the projects may proceed.

Lauren and I are setting up a committee to discuss how to proceed with restoration cost share grants in 2021 and beyond. The committee will consist of staff members, two CAC members, and two board members. The two board members will be selected at the May board meeting based on interest and availability in participating. The committee will meet three to four times between May and August with the goal of bringing a policy recommendation to the August board meeting. Staff will set the meeting days and times once the committee members are selected.

Miscellaneous

- updated website pages and wrote blog posts
- wrote and edited newsletter
- cleaned out office in preparation for building construction
- assisted with AIS activity flow charts
- worked on MS4Front tasks, such as getting ArcGIS accounts set up and information to Houston Engineering
- had weekly staff meetings
- met about various e/o items

Meetings

April 7	Nonprofit project meeting
April 8	MS4Front meeting
April 8	E/O meeting
April 9	MS4Front meeting
April 10	Staff meeting
April 11	District work meeting
April 13	Staff meeting
April 13	E/O meeting
April 14	MPCA host site interview
April 15	Nonprofit project meeting
April 15	E/O meeting
April 15	Board meeting
April 16	Nonprofit project meeting
April 17	Staff meeting
April 17	Volunteer buckthorn removal meeting

April 20	Staff meeting
April 20	Cost share applicant phone call
April 20	Normandale project meeting
April 21	Nonprofit project preconstruction meeting
April 22	E/O meeting
April 23	MS4Front meeting
April 24	AIS management strategy meeting
April 24	Staff meeting
April 27	Staff meeting
April 28	E/O meeting
April 28	Meeting with Landbridge re: spring maintenance at Discovery Point
May 1	Cost share next steps meeting
May 4	Staff meeting
May 4	Normandale project meeting
May 5	Normandale project meeting
May 7	Board workshop
May 8	Staff meeting
May 8	Meeting at St. Edwards
May 11	E/O meeting
May 11	Tenant management plan meeting with Landbridge
May 11	Meetings with St. Edwards and Oak Grove