



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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

Project Updates

Nonprofit BMP Project

I submitted a reimbursement request to Hennepin County for grant funds for the installation of the nonprofit BMP raingardens. I am finishing a final report on the project that I will submit to the county shortly.

Normandale Lake

NMCWD and the City of Bloomington split the cost of the curly-leaf pondweed herbicide treatment that occurred in May. The District received a check from Bloomington for their half of the cost this month.

Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

I met with Eden Prairie and Barr to discuss Phase 3 restoration and partnership opportunities. The combined RFQ for the raingarden and Phase 3 restoration is in this month's board packet.

Program Updates

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

E/O program staff and our MN GreenCorps service member have been working on several items this past month, including:

- Completing the annual communication and edits on the photo calendar; sending to the printer
- Completing the Jr Watershed Explorer booklet; sending to the printer
- Having a designer create a Jr Watershed Explorer sticker, getting them printed
- Discussing groundwater conservation needs with city staff and RPBCWD; working to assess program needs and goals
- Planning for the state of the waters event
- Developing a NMCWD Salt Watch Program in conjunction with the Izaak Walton Winter Salt Watch Program
- Working on interpretive signs
- Printed our updated *How to Hire a Smart Salter Snow Removal Contractor* brochure



(web version available at: http://www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/Hiring-a-Contractor_NMCWD-web.pdf)



Cost Share Grant Program

Lauren and I finished updating cost share program materials and the application pages for Stewardship Grants (<https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/applications/>) and Restoration Grants (<https://www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/restoration-applications/>) are now live.

There were several cost share reimbursement requests for projects this month. I visited the project site of the 151 on 8 Apartments and Townhomes in Hopkins where several raingardens were installed. Plantings will go in next spring due to the early snow, but the overall project site looked great and was functioning well.



151 on 8 Apartment and Townhome Cost Share Project Site in Hopkins

Other

- Attended Minnesota Water Resources Conference
- Completed my annual review document

Meetings

October 14 Cost Share Program meeting with Lauren; E/O program staff meeting
October 16 Staff meeting
October 19 E/O program staff meeting; staff meeting
October 20-21 MN Water Resources Conference
October 21 Board Meeting
October 22 Cost Share Program meeting with Lauren; E/O program staff meeting

October 23 Staff meeting; meeting with Lizzy
October 26 E/O program staff meeting
October 26 MN GreenCorps mentor meeting
October 27 Staff meeting
October 27 Phone call with Bloomington resident re: cost share opportunities at a Bloomington park
October 28 MN GreenCorps host site supervisor training
October 28 Phone call about an Eagle Scout project
October 28 E/O program staff meeting
October 30 Staff meeting
November 2 Meeting with Eden Prairie and Barr about Phase 3 restoration
November 3 E/O program staff meeting; staff meeting
November 4 E/O program staff meeting
November 5 Board meeting
November 6 Staff meeting
November 6 Cost share phone call
November 6 Cost share site visit
November 9 E/O program staff meeting; meeting with Lizzy; staff meeting
November 12-13 PTO