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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: October 14, 2021
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the October 2021 Board Meeting

Project Updates

Fisheries Management

Approximately 1500 carp were removed from Normandale Lake this summer. Final removal numbers will be calculated this fall/early winter as the reporting is completed. The carp removal with hoop nets that was planned for September was delayed but will still occur this fall.

Nonprofit BMP Project

MetroBlooms Design + Build will conduct its last maintenance visit of the year in October.

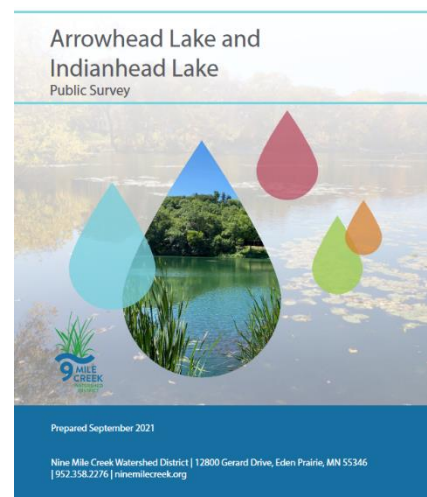
Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

MNL continues to perform maintenance activities at Discovery Point.

UAA Studies

Arrowhead Lake/Indianhead Lake

The Arrowhead Lake and Indianhead Lake public survey summary is available at: www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/Arrowhead-Indianhead-Feedback-Survey_final.pdf. The summary is posted on the lake study webpage and was also emailed to both lake association boards. The survey is meant to provide community feedback to NMCWD staff, engineers, and the board of managers, along with the City of Edina to assist in the evaluation of management strategies designed to improve the health of Arrowhead Lake and Indianhead Lake.



Survey Report Cover

Lake Holiday/Wing Lake/Lake Rose

The lake user survey for Lake Holiday, Wing Lake, and Lake Rose closed on October 1. Staff is working on a survey summary, which will be posted online on the project page by the beginning of December.

A community kickoff meeting for the lake study was held on September 29 at the Minnetonka Community Center. District and Barr staff and staff from the City of Minnetonka attended. Over 50 community members attended the meeting. Barr gave a presentation and small group discussions followed. Community members were asked three questions during the small group discussions: 1) What do you value most about your lake? 2) What concerns you most about your lake? 3) What is your vision for the future of your lake? All notes from the discussions are being transcribed.



Community Meeting

The notes will be sent back to participants for review and then finalized based on feedback. The survey results and notes from the community meeting discussions will be used to help understand existing lake conditions and issues, which will assist in the evaluation of management strategies designed to improve the health of the lakes.

Program Updates

Cost Share Grant Program

Grant applications for the second round of habitat restoration grants are due October 21. I met with the City of Hopkins at Valley Park on October 11 to determine the best location for the prairie and fescue demonstration garden as part of their groundwater conservation grant.

Additional tasks:

- Processed cost share grant reimbursement requests
- Wrote groundwater conservation grant agreements for Hopkins and Eden Prairie
- Communicated with people interested in applying for grants

Meetings

September 13 Edina clean water strategy meeting

September 14 Arrowhead Lake meeting with Edina & grants meeting with city

September 14 Holiday/Wing/Rose community meeting planning with Minnetonka & Barr
September 17 Discovery Point habitat restoration management meeting with Barr & MNL
September 21 Holiday/Wing/Rose community meeting planning with Minnetonka
September 22 MAISRC conference
September 23 Normandale Lake photo monitoring
September 28 Grants discussion with BCWMC
September 29 Holiday/Wing/Rose community meeting planning with Barr
September 29 Grants discussion with UMN
September 29 Holiday/Wing/Rose community meeting
September 30 Software training
October 4 Holiday/Wing/Rose community meeting data analysis with Minnetonka
October 5 Discuss equitable development framework with Metro Blooms
October 5 Cost share grant site visit
October 8 Arrowhead/Indianhead check-in meeting with Edina and Barr
October 11 Holiday/Wing/Rose community meeting data analysis with Minnetonka
October 11 Groundwater conservation grant site visit at Valley Park with Hopkins
October 12 Natural Resources Program and Planning Manager interviews
October 14 Natural Resources Program and Planning Manager interviews

Other Meetings

- All-staff meetings to check in and track progress
- E/O check in meetings
- Natural Resources Program and Planning Manager interviews