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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: June 9, 2020
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for June 2020 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Adult Education

The Sustainable Lawns workshop on May 28th was very popular, and despite some audio difficulties, went very smoothly for our first public partner webinar. Out of nearly 100 RSVPs, about 50 tuned in to the webinar.

K12 Education

Megan, Erica, and I are working on a raingarden project with students from Normandale Hills Elementary. Student volunteers from 3-5th grades will be helping create a budget and planting plan for the raingarden space that currently exists on site.

Outreach

Megan and I continue to work on outreach materials, including scheduling blog posts for our website, and social media posts for facebook and Instagram. Megan is also working on developing lake fact sheets for public distribution.

I am working on an interpretive sign for the Edina Streambank Restoration project and road signs for creek crossings around the District.

Public Programs

Megan and I have successfully tested Teams Live events with the Summer Education Series presenters. The first program will be Nature Photography with Dick Bergstrom, Photo Contest Winner, on June 16th.

Meetings

All-staff meetings to check in and track progress, twice weekly

May 26	Cardinal Creek wetland trail buckthorn volunteers
May 27	Cardinal Creek wetland trail buckthorn volunteers and City of Eden Prairie
May 27	Normandale Hills raingarden video filming
May 27	CAC meeting
May 28	Sustainable Lawns webinar
May 29	Test Microsoft Teams live with SES presenter

June 1	Sustainable Lawns debrief meeting
June 2	Microsoft Teams engagement meeting
June 3	Lawns to Legumes coaching meeting
June 10	Watershed Partners

Miscellaneous

Lawns to Legumes

I signed up to be a Lawns to Legumes coach and have been assigned two grantees in our watershed cities. I am excited to work with them on their pollinator gardens and grow my skills in consultations on native plants. I hope to be able to make use of these skills in conversations with cost share grantees of the District.

Volunteers

Citizen Advisory Committee

The CAC met on May 27th, so members can attend the Sustainable Lawns workshop. Members presented on the Cost Share Grants awarded this year, as well as a presentation on other best management practices in stormwater retention.

A crew of volunteers led by Ember K and Bob P have continued work on removing invasive species from the Cardinal Creek Wetland Trail behind Discovery Point. They have enlisted the help of metro Master Water Stewards and have nearly cleared the garlic mustard and bittercress from the open part of the trail. We are working in partnership with them and the City of Eden Prairie to plant replacement seed this fall.

Upcoming Events

June 16	Nature Photography Basics 7-8 PM Microsoft Teams webinar
July 21	Writing Nature Nearby 6:30-7:30 PM Microsoft Teams webinar