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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: April 15, 2021
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for April 2021 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

The Friday Fireplace Reads event has reached around 100 people each event. It received good feedback from attendees. The event will finish on the last Friday in April.

The rest of April will be quite busy in terms of Education and Outreach. Lizzy and I will be presenting at multiple schools this month (virtually). We will also be hosting a Garlic Mustard Bust on April 24th in the Cardinal Creek restoration area.

Groundwater conservation videos have been created and posted, thanks to help from our CAC members and MWS.

Lizzy and I have been promoting the JR Watershed Explorer book; we filmed an instructional video, and will be partnering with Edina community education to get more books out.

Partnerships

Normandale Hills Raingarden

Over the past year, I have been working with staff and parent volunteers at Normandale Hills Elementary school in Bloomington on their raingarden. We are now getting ready to prep the garden and plant in the middle of May. Teachers will use this raingarden in their lessons on phenology, plants, pollinators, life sciences, and other subjects.

Raingarden maintenance video

I partnered with the cities of Bloomington, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie to update a raingarden maintenance video. We worked with Jill Zimmerman to make these updates. These videos will be used in future raingarden maintenance classes around the watershed.

PUPPP

Lizzy and I are partnering with the city of Minnetonka to do some popup poop prevention programs. We will be in person, on popular trails and parks talking to people about picking up dog waste while they walk their dogs.

Other partnerships

I have been helping Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek WD interview for their Education and Outreach Coordinator position.

I will be sitting on the Edina Climate Action Plan team from April through September, helping make a Climate Action Plan for that city with multiple other entities.

Meetings

All-staff meetings to check in and track progress (2-3 weekly)

- March 18 Goddard School meeting and introduction
- March 22 Edina Climate Action Plan Team intro
- April 6 Raingarden maintenance video meeting
- April 7 Grant review, and CAC meeting
- April 12 CAMP online form training
- April 14 Watershed Partners meeting
- April 15 Windmill design for website upgrades
- April 16 Meet with RPBCWD to discuss candidates

Volunteers

CAMP season is starting up again, with 5 lakes participating, same as last year. We will also be starting up our Adopt a Dock program for the summer soon.

The CAC met on April 7, and had good discussions about reducing pet waste in our watershed.

Upcoming Events

- April 21 Pop up dog poop event | LRT Trail on Baker Road | 1:30
- April 22 Pop up dog poop event | Glen Moor Park, Mtka | 1:30
- April 23 Friday Fireplace Reads | World of Wonders | 12 | Youtube and FB livestream
- April 24 Garlic Mustard Bust | Discovery Point | 1:30-3:30 | Registration is full
- April 27 MPCA Parking Lot and Sidewalks Training | Virtual | 9-2
- April 30 Friday Fireplace Reads | Fish Hotel | 12 | Youtube and FB livestream
- May 11 MPCA Smart Salting for Property Managers | Virtual | 9-1