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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: June 7, 2021
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for June 2021 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

The raingarden maintenance class was very well received. This class kicked off our Summer Education Series. Other activities in the series include a bike tour in July, and a seed propagation class in August. The Education team is investigating how to make our programs a hybrid, so that people can attend future programs online or in person.

Outreach

Lizzy is maintaining a display at Untiedts garden center in Eden Prairie, focusing on cost share grants and benefits of native plants. We will be replenishing materials throughout the summer.

I am in the beginning stages of designing a new interactive, tabletop salt display, and working with designers now. This display will be funded in part by the donations in memory of Walter Levesque.



Partnerships

Normandale Hills Raingarden

5th graders planted nearly 400 flowers in the raingarden, and placed their individually designed stepping stones on the path. Volunteers will be caring for the raingarden over the summer, and I will continue to work with teachers to incorporate it into their lessons in the next school year.

Adopt a Drain

I have been working with partners to coordinate the program in the cities of Minnetonka, Bloomington, Eden Prairie. We will continue to participate in this program with metal signs in some cities, and chloroplast signs in others. Drains continue to be adopted throughout the watershed.

Meetings

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

- May 18 MPCA Roads training
- May 18 Adopt a Drain discussion with Hamline
- May 20 Lizzy train staff on QGIS program
- May 21 Normandale Hills raingarden planting day
- May 21 Stormdrain marking presentation to girl scout troop with Lizzy
- May 26 Website training with Windmill Design
- May 27 Meet with Lauren Stuftt, Eden Prairie
- May 28 Meet with Madeline Seveland, Carver Co WMO
- June 2 Edina Climate Action Planning team meeting
- June 2 CAC meeting
- June 3 Photo Contest discussion with Eleanor Mahon, RPBCWD
- June 3 Raingarden maintenance workshop
- June 4 Adopt a drain discussion with RPBCWD, City of Eden Prairie
- June 7 Adopt a drain discussion with RPBCWD, City of Minnetonka
- June 9 Watershed Partners meeting
- June 9 Adopt a drain discussion with RPBCWD, City of Bloomington
- June 10 IAP2 debrief with colleagues, meet with designers about new salt display

Volunteers

The CAC met on June 2. We discussed upcoming volunteer and professional development opportunities, as well as the potential for returning to in person meetings.

Upcoming Events

- July 15 MPCA Smart Salting for Property Managers | WebEx training | 9 AM - 1 PM
- July 17 Bike tour of 9 Mile Creek | Walnut Ridge Park | 1 - 3 PM
- Aug 4 CAC meeting | Virtual | 7 PM
- Aug 11 Beginners Seed Propagation | Hybrid | 6:30 - 7:30 PM