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## MEMO

**TO:** Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers  
**FROM:** Erica Sniegowski  
**DATE:** June 7, 2021  
**RE:** Program & Project Manager's Report for the June 2021 Board Meeting

### Project Updates

#### Normandale Lake

- Staff are taking weekly photos around Normandale Lake at nine locations documenting lake and near shore conditions. A map of the locations is provided at the end of the memo.
- Following payment of the herbicide treatment invoice at this month's board meeting, I will invoice the City of Bloomington for half the cost as per our agreement.

#### Nonprofit BMP Project

- Interpretive signs for the raingardens are in production
- The warranty inspection of the raingardens is complete and Barr is coordinating with the contractor on plant replacements and raingarden cleanup. Metro Blooms will takeover following the completion of the contract work, and their first maintenance visit is tentatively scheduled for the first week in July.



*Raingarden during inspection*

#### Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

- MNL performed a maintenance visit at Discovery Point on June 3.
- The cover crop is coming in well in the prescribed burn area



*Cover crop growing in prescribed burn area*

### Program Updates

#### Education & Outreach Program

- Attended salt symposium award committee meeting
- Discussed adopt a drain program logistics with E/O staff and Hamline

## Cost Share Grant Program

- Coordinated Braemar presentation with Jessica Wilson for board workshop
- Prepared for 2021 cost share inspections; trained Lizzy on how to conduct cost share inspections
- Completed grant close outs and reimbursement requests
- Communications with people interested in grants; reviewed a draft restoration grant application; conducted site visits
- Worked with Lizzy to prepare groundwater grant application materials; got groundwater grant webpage up; met with cities interested in groundwater grant program to discuss grant logistics and answer questions



*Lizzy inspecting a cost share project*

## Professional Development

I am beginning a Master of Public Affairs degree program at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs this fall. This is a masters program for mid-career professionals who want to advance their skills in public and nonprofit leadership, policy, and program analysis. The first year is completed in a cohort learning community and focuses on leadership development, critical thinking, policy/program analytical skills, using research methods in an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving, and the ability to work and lead as part of a team. I just registered for classes. My fall semester classes are:

- Leadership Foundations
- Policy Analysis in Public Affairs
- Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis

## Meetings

May 13	Met new contact for St. Luke's raingarden at St. Luke's
May 13	Nonprofit raingarden inspections; met contacts at Good Samaritan and St. Edward's
May 17	Cost share site visit at Creekside in Edina
May 18	Adopt a Drain discussion with Gael and Hamline
May 18	Site visit at Winchester Pond, Bloomington
May 19	Board meeting
May 20	Meeting regarding Salt Symposium awards
May 21	Braemar presentation discussion with Jessica W
May 25	Nonprofit raingarden inspections

May 26 Website meeting with Windmill  
May 27 Groundwater conservation grant meeting with Eden Prairie and Richfield  
June 2 Cost share site visit  
June 2 Groundwater conservation grant meeting with Bloomington  
June 3 Board workshop  
June 4 Meeting with Mike B, Barr, and Randy

**Other Meetings**

- All-staff meetings to check in and track progress (2-3 weekly)
- E/O check in meetings (1-2 weekly)



# Hennepin County Natural Resources Map

Date: 6/7/2021

## Legend



PID: 1711621440001  
Address: 6251 84TH ST W,  
BLOOMINGTON  
Owner Name: CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
Acres: 60.74

**Comments:**  
Approximate Normandale Photo Locations

1 inch = 800 feet



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