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**TO:** Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers  
**FROM:** Gael Zembal  
**DATE:** July 13, 2021  
**RE:** Education & Outreach Coordinator's Report for July 2021 Board Meeting

## Program Updates

### Education

Staff are continuing to work on making our space hybrid ready for future Board meetings, as well as education programs. Lizzy has been working on completing educational videos as her service term slowly winds to a close. Recent videos include instructions on soil sampling, and explanations of our BMPs at Discovery Point. We have also been planting the lab grown seedlings in the prairie to fill in bare spots.



### Outreach

Lizzy and I attended our first farmers market of the year in Bloomington last week. We also debuted the Roots Puller display, which shows the depth that native plant roots can grow into the ground. We spoke with over 120 people and handed out information on grants.

I delivered some materials on grants and native plants to the folk at the Minneapolis Area Synod. They held an Ecumenical Water Initiative Service on Sunday, where congregants from all over the Twin Cities learned how they could help protect water quality.

Lizzy has finished a new edition for the Junior Watershed Explorer book, suited for younger audiences. We have already gotten requests for them and will be sending them out shortly.

## Meetings

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

- June 22 Meeting with KORT Signs to discuss new salt display
- June 23 Edina Climate Action Planning Team meeting
- June 30 Hennepin County environmental educators meeting
- July 6 Discuss Ecumenical Water Initiative with Minneapolis Area Synod
- July 7 Training for carp and goldfish baiting with WSB and volunteers
- July 9 Meet with iSpace to discuss hybrid meeting technology upgrades to office
- July 12 Train MWS on goldfish baiting on Cornelia
- July 14 Edina Climate Action Planning team meeting
- July 16 Meet with Eden Prairie and RPBCWD to discuss restoration opportunities

## Volunteers

MN Water Steward volunteers have been helping with the goldfish baiting study on Lake Cornelia. Lizzy has made an instructional video for future volunteers, as we have need for help on this task through September.

## Upcoming Events

- 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
- Sep 21 MPCA Smart Salting Parking Lots and Sidewalks | 8 AM – 2 PM