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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: September 8, 2020
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the September 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Nonprofit BMP Project

The maintenance subcontractor is performing maintenance on the raingardens. Citizen Advisory Committee members continue to help staff monitor the raingardens for maintenance needs. I will be going out with Barr staff in mid-September for a fall maintenance inspection of the raingardens.

Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

Landbridge Ecological was at Discovery Point on September 2nd for a maintenance visit. They will continue to perform maintenance on the restoration and building landscaping through the fall. I will be meeting with Barr staff in mid-September to discuss Phase 3 planning and Discovery Point restoration and landscaping maintenance needs.

Normandale Lake

Carp Solutions began installing two box nets in Normandale Lake on August 21st and did the first carp removal on August 27th. The nets were made with a smaller mesh size to test capturing young carp. The carp that were removed on August 27th were 200-350 mm in size (small). I will be in touch with Carp Solution this week to discuss next steps.

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

I worked on website page updates, worked on blog posts, and reviewed and edited the District's newsletter. In addition, I assisted in answering questions about the Lake Cornelia and Lake Edina recreational water advisory and assisted with communications on the advisory.

I attended the first technical advisory team meeting for the upgrade of the MPCA's Smart Salting Assessment tool (SSAt) (<https://smartsaltingtool.com/>). The SSAt is an assessment tool focused on chloride reduction practices. The SSAt already includes sections for winter maintenance and dust control. The work of this technical advisory team is to develop a fertilizer section in both Agriculture and Turf.

Gael and I met with the Minneapolis Area Realtors to discuss education collaboration opportunities.

Gael hosted a raingarden maintenance pilot class on September 9, which I assisted in reviewing materials for and attended the pilot class.

Cost Share Grant Program

A Cost Share Grant Information Session was held on August 27 via Microsoft Teams, which fourteen people attended. New web pages for the restoration grants and stewardship grants are now available, with the landing page for the grants program remaining the same (ninemilecreek.org/grants). Lauren and I are working to get application material available by November.

Stewardship Grant information: ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/stewardship-grants

Restoration Grant information: ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/restoration-grants

I am continuing to work on MS4Front, importing data, and finalizing the configuration for the cost share program.

I answered cost share grant questions following the information session, conducted a cost share site visit, discussed revised plans with grantees, and completed grant close outs and reimbursement requests.

Other

Our GreenCorps member will start on September 21st. On September 18th, I will attend a virtual host site supervisor training. District staff have been preparing for the GreenCorps member to begin, and we are excited to welcome the GreenCorps member for the year.

I worked on the DPA request.

Meetings

August 12	E/O check-in meeting
August 12	Chloride fertilizer advisory committee meeting
August 14	Staff meeting
August 14	Nonprofit BMP check-in meeting with Barr
August 19	Board meeting
August 25	Staff meeting
August 25	Cost share phone call/Minneapolis Area Realtors collaboration discussion
August 26	Cost share site visit
August 27	Meeting with Lauren re: cost share
August 27	Cost share information session
August 28	Staff meeting
September 1	Staff meeting
September 1	DPA meeting
September 2	Minneapolis Area Realtors collaboration meeting
September 3	E/O meeting
September 3	Special board meeting