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TO: Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board of Managers

FROM: Lauren Foley

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RE: Permit & Water Resources Coordinator Report

Updates

- Mainly spent the month working to finalize cost share grant changes in time for the new application cycle to begin
- Cost share applications webpage is live for interested applicants
- Moving to a new phase preparing materials for grant application reviews
- Permit applications arriving for spring

Continuing Activities

- Inspections
- Review and issue permits as approved, including conditional and administrative approvals

Upcoming Activities

- Create necessary emergency response materials to meet OSHA requirements needed with purchase of AED
- Continuing guidance document project

Biodegradable Erosion Blanket

- Update: spoke with employee from MnDOT's erosion group about how the agency has handled requiring biodegradable erosion products.
- Main learnings:
 - Installers are typically OK with changes to requirements, as long as it's communicated
 - There are some changes in some product lines to installation techniques
 - MnDOT received feedback from sales professionals when proposing changes because some competitor companies offer products that they do not (noteworthy this was said about changes subsequent to requiring the use of biodegradable netting)
 - Changes to MnDOT specs were driven by the DNR