



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: September 7, 2018
RE: Program and Project Manager's Report for September 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Normandale Lake

The drawdown is progressing at Normandale Lake. The timeline for the installation of the 36" pipe is proceeding on schedule. The fish survey at Normandale is complete, and a summary of the findings is posted on our website at: ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/Normandale-Lake-2018-Fish-Survey-Summary.pdf

A postcard was mailed to 2,000 households in Bloomington announcing the start of the drawdown, in addition to social media posts and a blog post on the District's website announcing the start. A press release was sent out by the City of Bloomington about the drawdown on August 21. Links to the media coverage are provided below:

[Bloomington Briefing](#) (August 2018)

[Sun Current Article](#) (August 31, 2018)

[Star Tribune Article](#) (August 23, 2018)

[WCCO Interview](#) (August 23, 2018)

[Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal Article](#) (August 24, 2018)

[KSTP Interview](#) (August 22, 2018)



Normandale Lake, September 9, 2018

Discovery Point Restoration

Seeding, tree and shrub planting, and native plug planting in the phase 2 area will happen in September. The replacement trees for phase 1 will also be installed in September.

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

See the E/O Coordinator's report for E/O program and event updates.

Cost Share Program

Seventeen people attended the cost share information session on August 8th. Updated cost share guidelines and applications are available on the District's grant page. I have discussed potential projects with a few interested residents and completed several grant close outs, reimbursement requests and annual report submissions.

Grants

A Projects and Practices Clean Water Fund Grant application was submitted to BWSR for the installation of stormwater BMPs at six nonprofit sites in the District. The total grant request was \$199,132.99 with a match of \$49,783. Grant awards are announced in December.

Miscellaneous

- Had weekly staff meetings
- Made updates to website
- Wrote newsletter articles
- Numerous phone calls and emails regarding Normandale drawdown project
- Was on vacation August 27-29; August 31-September 4; will be on vacation October 4-9

Meetings

August 8	Cost Share Information Session
August 9	Meeting with staff from Barr to discuss restoration master plan
August 9	Normandale Lake drawdown pre-construction meeting
August 14	Meeting with staff from Barr to discuss CWF grant application & current CWF grant
August 14	Meeting with RPBCWD staff to discuss Normandale and Cornelia fish survey results
August 15	Meeting with cost share grantee
August 16	Meeting with cost share applicant
August 22	Normandale Lake drawdown construction meeting
August 22	KTSP Normandale drawdown interview
August 23	Phone call with Star Tribune re: Normandale drawdown
August 23	WCCO Normandale drawdown interview
August 23	Phone call with Sun Current re: Normandale drawdown
August 24	Phone call with MPR re: Normandale drawdown
August 30	Meeting with staff from Barr to discuss and submit CWF grant application
September 5	Normandale Lake drawdown construction meeting
September 7	Countywide chloride steering committee meeting