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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: June 11, 2019
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinators Report for June 2019 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

Gael and Megan visited the creek with students from Creek Valley Elementary, Edina High School, and the Richfield College Entrance Prep program. They investigated what water bugs were living in 9 Mile Creek and used these investigations to measure water quality.

Gregg Thompson presented two more Sustainable Lawns workshops to full crowds in June. This workshop proved to be very popular; it was a partnership between Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District, the Carver County Water Management Organization, and the City of Bloomington Sustainability Commission.

Outreach

Staff and volunteers staffed tables (and the watershed sandbox) at multiple outreach events, including the Bloomington Public Works Open House and the Bloomington Farmer's Market.

Meetings

Gael met with City of Bloomington staff to discuss a possible raingarden maintenance training partnership. Gael and Megan also met with the City of Edina to discuss education initiatives.

Miscellaneous

The Education team spoke with a graphic designer for the purposes of creating 60th anniversary items. We hope to work with this designer on future interpretive projects also.

Volunteers

Gael met with a new Master Water Steward candidate from Edina.

Volunteers helped weed out thistles from the prairie area behind the parking lot. We found two monarch eggs, and a volunteer is raising them.

Upcoming Events

Jun 22 Bike Tour of 9 Mile Creek: 1-3 PM; Walnut Ridge Park
July 13 Let's Go Fishing: 10-12; Bryant Lake Boat Launch