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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: January 7, 2019
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the January 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Normandale Project

The MN Department of Natural Resources is moving forward with drafting a 5-year Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP) for Normandale Lake. The District will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft before it is finalized and signed. The draft will be available for review in January or early February. This allows time for approval, so that the District can complete a curly-leaf pondweed treatment in 2020.

Nonprofit BMP Project

Due to site constraints and other factors, alternate raingarden design plans were required for the St. Luke's site. In December an adjacent landowner, Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres (a nonprofit organization), was brought on board to also partner on the project. Partnering with both Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres and St. Luke's allows placement of the raingarden in a preferred location.

Included in this month's board packet is a memo on the estimated total cost of the BMPs at the five locations and going out to bid.

I am working on final reporting for the Accelerated Implementation Grant that the District received from the Board of Water and Soil Resources for much of the prioritization and preparation work on this project. The District will receive a final reimbursement of 10% of the grant amount (\$8,339).

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

Annual communication: The annual communication was printed and distributed to our mailing list, along with being distributed at city halls and libraries. It was also sent in electronic form to our e-newsletter list.

Chloride: I met with Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District to discuss partnering opportunities for chloride outreach materials. We identified goals and audiences and are going to follow-up in January.

As was discussed at the December board meeting, I participated in the Hennepin County Chloride Initiative meeting where the results of a survey given to private applicators was discussed. The group is in the process of determining how to best allocate the money from BWSR to specific chloride reduction activities, such as training or grants for private applicators.

Gael and I gave a chloride reduction presentation that was focused on maintenance of small sites to Edina Public Schools second-shift staff. This group has not previously attended smart salting trainings due to the timing of their work shifts. The need to provide basic training for this group was identified when I met the Edina Public Schools Building and Grounds Manager at a Smart Salting Property Manager training this summer. We hope to continue the partnership and provide training yearly to this group of employees.

E/O Program Management:

- Conducted E/O Coordinator's performance review
- Provided direction and oversight to staff on creek crossing sign project, Citizen Advisory Committee items, Master Water Steward program

Cost Share Grants

Working with Lauren, we completed the cost share guidelines and new applications. Before the applications were finalized, we worked with Gael to have the Citizen Advisory Committee review the materials. The application materials, along with an explanation of the updated process of review, are available on a new webpage at: www.ninemilecreek.org/get-involved/grants/applications/.

In addition, I coordinated with Barr to create plant lists for raingardens, shoreline buffers, and restorations that are now available as part of the application process.

Meetings

December 12	Conference call with Metro Blooms to discuss maintenance on the nonprofit BMPs
December 13	Meeting with Barr to review and provide feedback on cost share plant lists
December 13	Phone call with Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres to discuss partnering on the nonprofit BMP project
December 17	Weekly staff meeting
December 17	Salt collaboration meeting with Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD)
December 17	Hennepin County Chloride Initiative meeting
December 18	Board retreat planning meeting
December 18	December Regular Board Meeting
December 19	Listened to webinar on <i>What happens when permeable pavements freeze?</i>
December 19	Staff meeting with RPBCWD and Smith Partners to discuss data practices
December 30	Phone call with legal staff regarding nonprofit BMP project logistics
January 2	Chloride reduction presentation to Edina Public Schools employees
January 6	Weekly staff meeting
January 7	Meeting with staff and Leslie Yetka to discuss best options for board retreat facilitation

PTO/Holidays: December 24-25, 27, 31, January 1