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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: March 11, 2020
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the March 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Normandale Project

Quotes are due for the planned herbicide treatment on Normandale Lake and upstream areas at 4 pm on Friday, March 13, 2020. A community meeting was held at Bloomington Civic Plaza at 6:30 PM on March 11 regarding the planned herbicide treatment and project results. I sent out notification letters regarding the herbicide treatment, and a Normandale newsletter update was sent out.

Discovery Point Restoration and Maintenance

I plan to meet with Landbridge Ecological in the upcoming weeks to review the 2020 maintenance plan and finalize the replanting list for the building landscape. I had a discussion with Barr following the March special board meeting about updating the Discovery Point Ecological Master Plan to include more information about maintenance requirements, expectations, and costs.

Nonprofit BMP Project

The Hennepin County Board of Commissions approved the Opportunity Grant the District applied for from the county. The District will receive \$60,000 towards the implementation of the nonprofit BMP project.

I have been updating project partners about contractor selection and next steps in the project and have been working with the Master Water Stewards on the project to design outreach materials. Barr has been working with Sunram to get necessary documentation so that the notice to proceed can be issued.

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

Adult Education

I gave a presentation to approximately 25 members of the Bloomington Optimist Club on March 11 regarding the District and opportunities for engagement.

Through our work on the nonprofit BMP project, we were connected to a coalition of Bloomington churches and have been invited to table at an Earth Day event.

Chloride

I am continuing to participate in editing the smart salting property manager manual.

Miscellaneous

- Assisted with flood/high water messaging
- Wrote and reviewed newsletter articles for Normandale newsletter update
- Reviewed intern applications
- Preparing an application to be a Minnesota GreenCorps host site

Cost Share Grant Program

I conducted a site visit at Colonial Church in Edina, reviewed draft cost share applications, and have received and responded to numerous phone calls and emails about cost share grants in the past month. Lauren and I also developed standards for the review of draft applications and had check-in meetings regarding the process and tracking of application steps.

Meetings

February 12	Meeting with Master Water Stewards
February 12	Board retreat planning meeting
February 14	Conference call with Hennepin County and RPBCWD regarding Hennepin County Chloride Initiative
February 14	Phone call with Barr regarding Normandale Project
February 18	Hennepin County Chloride Initiative meeting
February 19	Weekly staff meeting
February 19	Conference call with Barr and Smith Partners regarding Normandale Project
February 19	Cost share information session
February 19	Board meeting
February 25	Weekly staff meeting
February 26	Conference call with Bloomington and Barr regarding Normandale Project
February 28	Carp management and lake restoration webinar
March 2	Colonial church cost share site visit
March 3	Weekly staff meeting
March 3	Metro Carp Management Group meeting
March 5	Board workshop
March 5	Phone call with Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church about partnerships
March 6	Conference call with Barr and Smith Partners regarding Normandale Project
March 7	Master Water Steward class
March 10	Weekly staff meeting
March 11	Presentation to Bloomington Optimist Club
March 11	Normandale Community Meeting