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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: October 9, 2018
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinators Report for October 2018 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

The Smart Salting Roads training had 5 participants, including some from the City of Richfield.

Staff reached over 600 4th graders with the watershed sandbox at the Metro Children's Water Festival.

Gael presented a water cycle lesson to a Cornelia Elementary 4th grade class. She also presented a water cycle presentation to all the students at Poplar Bridge Elementary and will be presenting lessons with the watershed sandbox to 4th and 5th graders there later in winter.

Gael also participated in two Riverwatch programs gathering and identifying macroinvertebrates, with Edina High and Richfield College Entrance Prep program.

Outreach

Gael and Erica, along with Steve Gurney at the City of Bloomington will present at the Water Resources Conference on the Popup Cart and Adopt a Drain pilot.

Staff and volunteers have attended many outreach events including: Bloomington Heritage Days, Richardson Nature Center's Party in the Prairie, a Bloomington Farmer's Market, the Eden Prairie Citywide Open House, and the Minnetonka Open House. We have reached over 530 people total through all these community outreach events. We plan to bring the sandbox to the Richardson Nature Center Craft Fair in November, and our December State of the Waters event.

Volunteers

The Master Water Stewards program began on the 9th. We will again partner with RPBCWD to give a watershed and project tour for the new Stewards.

Upcoming Events

Nov 8	Smart Salting (Parking lots): NMC Discovery Point, 9-2
Nov 14	Salt Solutions: Oak Knoll Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, 1-3
Nov 20	Salt Solutions: Bet Shalom Congregation, Minnetonka, 6:30-8:30
Dec 12	State of the Waters: Hopkins Center for the Arts, Jaycee Room, 7-8:30