



## Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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**TO:** Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers  
**FROM:** Gael Zembal  
**DATE:** April 9, 2019  
**RE:** Education & Outreach Coordinators Report for May 2019 Board Meeting

## Program Updates

### Education

Gael and a volunteer presented a water program to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Countryside Elementary in April. This is a new school for us, and we look forward to continuing the partnership.

Looking ahead, May will see staff, volunteers, and the new intern visiting Creek Valley Elementary, Edina High School, and the Richfield College Entrance Prep program. They will all be using 9 Mile Creek to investigate water bugs and water quality.

### Outreach

Staff and volunteers staffed tables (and the watershed sandbox) at multiple outreach events, including:

- Eden Prairie Give Gathering
- Cigna Earth Day Fair
- Edina High School Youth Summit
- Eden Prairie Arbor Day Walk/Green Fair.

All together, these events helped us reach over 200 people.

The Hopkins Valley Park cleanup was a great success! Over 40 people helped us pick up nearly 20 bags of trash from the creek and park.

HAB Aquatic Solutions provided an Alum Treatment Demo presentation on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Meetings

Gael met with City of Minnetonka staff to discuss future salt outreach initiatives.

### Miscellaneous

Gael is looking into giveaways to coincide with our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Gael attended the Water Summit hosted by the Freshwater Society.

Erica and Gael attended a raingarden maintenance class presented by RWMWD. It proved very useful in our planning for Cost Share and Non-Profit project maintenance planning.

## **Volunteers**

Gael presented at a Town Hall hosted by a Master Water Steward group at the Nine Mile Village Townhomes.

## **Upcoming Events**

May 21	Sustainable Lawns: Fescues & Flowers: 6-7:30 PM; Chanhassen Library
May 30	Volunteer Planting: 4-6 PM; Discovery Point
Jun 5	Sustainable Lawns: Fescues & Flowers: 6:30-8 PM; Bloomington PW
Jun 22	Bike Tour of 9 Mile Creek: 1-3 PM; Location tbd