



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: November 12, 2019
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the November 20 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Normandale Lake

Carp Solutions began electrofishing in early November to collect carp for aging analysis.

The turion survey was completed on Normandale the first weekend in November. The Engineer's Report provides details regarding the results of the survey.

Janna and I attended the American Water Resources Association conference (November 4-6) in Salt Lake City to present on the Normandale Lake project.

Discovery Point Grounds and Restoration

Landbridge Ecological is working on 2020 management plan for the Discovery Point grounds.

Non-Profit Best Management Practice (BMP) Project

I met with Barr staff on November 8th to discuss project timelines and next steps. I will be setting up meetings with project partners in the next two weeks to discuss BMP design plans and working to get the final two cooperative agreements in place. It is anticipated that 90% design plans will go out for review by partners in early December, and we will go out for bid in mid-January, and bids would be due before the February board meeting.

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

Story map (<https://maps.barr.com/NMCWD/StoryMap/Main/index.html>): Due to some difficulties in navigating the story map in mobile versions, District staff is working with Barr to make simple text changes in the story map to facilitate navigation. Staff is also discussing making a shortened version of the story map for use at outreach events. At the October board meeting it was reported that there were issues with the analytics for tracking the story map. There are two web addresses for the story map. For the analytics to work properly, we need all links for the story map to use the web address that Barr is tracking. Now that we know this, tracking should improve.

Chloride education: The District hosted a Smart Salting Parking Lot and Sidewalk workshop on November 7 from 9 AM-2 PM at the District office.

I am presenting to Edina Public Schools' second shift maintenance staff in early January about smart salting techniques and the impacts from chlorides on our water resources.

The District is contributing funds to develop a property manager workbook for the Property Manager Smart Salting Level 1 certification class. The kick-off meeting to discuss the workbook in on November 20th.

Annual Communication: Staff is working on the annual communication, which will be ready by mid-December.

I attended a Lawns to Legumes Train the Trainer workshop to learn more about the state funding that the Board of Water and Soil Resources received to develop a program focused on planting residential lawns with native vegetation to protect pollinators. The three components of the program are 1) demonstration neighborhood grants 2) individual grants and 3) public education. Learn more at: <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/lawns-legumes>

Cost Share Grants

I worked with several grantees to close out 2018 grants, along with processing reimbursement requests for other grantees.

Lauren and I continued to meet to discuss revising the cost share application process and creating an application evaluation worksheet that contains priority ranking criteria for grants. A memo is included in this month's board packet for consideration by the board.

Meetings

October 10	Participated in guest panel for Urban Water Management UMN class
October 16	Presented at Water Resources Conference
October 16	Attended board meeting
October 21	Attended meeting regarding permit program/cost share program data management with staff from Houston Engineering
October 22	Interviewed by UMN graduate student regarding District's carp management
October 23	Attended Lawns to Legumes: Train the Trainer Workshop
October 24	Conference call with MWMO staff regarding communication strategy for Normandale Lake project
October 28	Met with Edina Public Schools Building and Grounds Manager regarding chloride training for their 2 nd shift staff
October 30	Conference call with Barr staff regarding story map
October 30	Attended special board meeting
November 3-6	Attended and presented at the American Water Resources Association Conference
November 8	Meeting with Barr staff regarding nonprofit project
November 8	Meeting with Barr staff and City of Minnetonka staff regarding Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Miscellaneous

- Had weekly staff meetings
- Made website updates