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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Erica Sniegowski
DATE: October 9, 2019
RE: Program & Project Manager's Report for the October 16 Regular Board Meeting

Project Updates

Normandale Lake

Carp Solutions has submitted a scope of work for next steps to manage common carp in Normandale Lake. The proposal is available in the board packet for discussion and action at the October meeting.

I will be presenting about the Normandale Lake Water Quality Improvement Project at the Water Resources Conference (October 16) and at the American Water Resources Association Conference (November 5).

Discovery Point Grounds and Restoration

Landbridge Ecological performed site maintenance on September 27. They hand weeded areas around, spot sprayed weeds, and spot mowed in the restoration areas.

Minnesota Native Landscapes has been notified about several trees that have died in Phase 1 and 2 that are under warranty.

Non-Profit Best Management Practice (BMP) Project

I met with Barr about project management and the schedule for the non-profit BMP project.

Program Updates

Education and Outreach (E/O) Program

60th Anniversary: Over 80 people attended the 60th Anniversary State of the Waters event, including elected officials, local and state agency staff, residents, volunteers, cost share grantees, consulting staff, and more.

Adult education: This summer the District co-led a stakeholder engagement process with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to develop a water softening rebate guide and model ordinances for chloride reduction. The final products are now available on the MPCA's website at:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/statewide-chloride-resources>.

Staff participated in a planning meeting with the cities of Minnetonka and Bloomington, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD), and the Freshwater Society to discuss water conservation and collaborative efforts surrounding this topic.

The District hosted the Minnetonka natural resources staff at the office for their staff retreat. District staff presented on watershed districts and how watershed districts and cities work together, along with giving a building and site tour.

The District will host a Smart Salting Parking Lot and Sidewalk workshop on November 7 from 9 AM-2 PM at the District office.

Youth Education: Staff wrapped up the field trip season for the year.

Cost Share Grants

Staff continues to work on updating the cost share application process and is beginning to look at potential policy changes for shoreline buffer and restoration grants.

Meetings

September 13	School outreach (Success Academy) at Moir Park
September 16	Master Water Steward (MWS) capstone project meeting
September 17	Discovery Point management walk-through with Landbridge Ecological
September 18	Board meeting
September 23	Smart Salting Property Manager training
September 25	Planning meeting for MN chapter of the American Water Resources Assoc.
September 25	State of the Waters/60 th Anniversary Celebration
September 26	Cost share site visit
September 26	Nonprofit project meeting with Barr staff
September 27	School outreach (Success Academy) at Moir Park
October 2	Water Reuse Workshop
October 2	MWS planning phone call with Freshwater Society
October 4	Education and tour for Minnetonka Natural Resources staff
October 7	Cost share site visit
October 7	Cost share program discuss with RPBCWD staff
October 7	Water conservation collaboration meeting
October 9	MWS cost share site visit

Miscellaneous

- Had weekly staff meetings
- Made website updates
- MWS planning meetings
- Multiple meetings regarding cost share program updates