



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

August 2, 2018

Good evening,

Following is a summary of my activities since the July meeting.

Outreach/Education:

- Niantic River Lawn Care Community-Based Social Marketing Behavior Change Pilot Project: We took a hiatus from this project for the month of July, so there is no new activity to report.
- Celebrate East Lyme Day: Ralph and I attended Celebrate East Lyme on July 21st. I am happy to report that many people recognized our name and were aware of projects we have done, including the Grand Street tree wells and the Pennsylvania Avenue tree filters. I handed out a number of our 2018 newsletter, the Healthy Lawns, Healthy River brochure and rain garden brochures. Ralph and I had many nice conversations and the overall public response was generally very positive!

Water Quality Improvement Projects:

- Veteran's Memorial Park/Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve: I submitted information requested by Planner Gary Goeschel for his review in July. I have tentatively scheduled the planting for the last week of August.
- East Lyme High School Rain Garden: With the assistance of volunteers from the Millstone Environmental Lab, the school department and the DPW, we installed the rain garden on July 25th. East Lyme 3rd grade teacher Lisa Vaudreuil and I will be designing an informational sign over the next month or so.
- Rain Garden Initiative: I met with a homeowner on River Road who is interested in a rain garden. I also spoke with a property owner in the Crescent Beach neighborhood who read about the program in our newsletter and was interested in rain gardens in his neighborhood.

Monitoring:

- I did not conduct any monitoring activities this past month.

Grants:

- NRWPP Update: The RFP subcommittee has prepared an RFP to retain a consultant and compiled a consultant list to whom to send the RFP. I anticipate distributing the RFP on Monday 8/6, with a closing date of Friday 8/24.

ECCD Projects:

- East Lyme High School Infiltration Project: Planning is on-going for this project. ECCD is working with DEEP, the school department and DPW to clarify partner roles, finalize the infiltration design, and secure additional needed funding.
- LISFF 100 Rain Gardens/100 Rain Barrels: We installed a rain garden in Montville in July, and are looking for two additional locations. There is a rain barrel workshop in Pawcatuck on Aug 7th (Tuesday) if anyone is interested in signing up.

Staff hours: In July, I worked approximately 61.75 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 31.25 hours were for core NRWC activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 30.5 hours were applied to billable projects, including the Behavior Change project (0.75 hr), the Rain Garden Initiative (2.5 hrs), the East Lyme High School rain garden (23.75 hrs) and the Watershed plan update RFP (3.5 hrs).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Rondeau", is written over a yellow rectangular highlight.

Judy Rondeau
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