

Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

October 3, 2019

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I attended a Watershed Fair sponsored by DEEP and the Rivers Alliance of CT on Sept. 24th at Goodwin College in East Hartford. I tabled our outreach material and promoted our ongoing projects, while networking with other watershed groups, consultants and agency staff. I will be joining Waterford High School science teacher Diane Herr and her AP biology class for an outing to Jordan Brook on Oct. 7th. Also on Oct. 7th, I will be attending the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group meeting. I will be presenting a summary of the East Lyme High School stormwater infiltration project. Planning continues for the Community Based Social Marketing workshop, which is a follow-up to the LISS CBSM Niantic River behavior change campaign. The tentative 2-day workshop date is Apr. 28-29, 2020 at the Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport.

Monitoring: I reviewed turbidity sensors for monitoring in Oil Mill Brook downstream of the proposed solar facility.

NRWPP Update: I have been coordinating with Fuss & O'Neill to plan the watershed stakeholder workshop. I will provide more detail on the Agenda item for this project.

Grants: I've had no new grant opportunities to review.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: As previously reported, the East Lyme High School infiltration project was installed in August. I am in the process of wrapping up the grant. There are no projects in the works at present. ECCD is in the process of preparing contracts with DEEP for upcoming projects in 2020.

Staff hours: In September, I worked approximately 32 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 18 hours were for core NRWC activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 14 hours were applied to the Watershed Plan Update.

Respectfully submitted,

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