



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

September 3, 2020

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I have been trying to share relevant posts on our Facebook page, including posts by Save the Sound and the Long Island Sound Study.

Monitoring: I delivered the EPA stormwater outfall testing kit to Don L. this past Monday. I have contacted staff at East Lyme and Waterford for information on outfalls in order to get started with outfall sampling. I also delivered our temperature loggers to Don D. for deployment in streams that flow from the proposed solar facility site in Waterford. RBV season is starting; however, stream levels are very low. DEEP staff have advised to wait until stream levels come up a bit. Don D. and I briefly discussed conducting RBV in upper Oil Mill and Stony Brooks if he and Susan identify good RBV habitat when they deploy the t-loggers.

NRWPP Update: The plan is complete. Fuss & O'Neill are waiting for us to deliver the final bits that need to be incorporated into the plan including a statement about NRW's adoption of the plan (completed) and the signed watershed compact (in process).

Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign: As we proceed towards fall, I have been posting tips every other week on our Facebook page (Niantic River Watershed Committee) for the Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM project. Please visit our Facebook page and like/share the posts so we can reach a broad distribution in the Niantic River watershed community. The Long Island Sound Study's CBSM workshop will be held on Sept. 21-23. The workshop will be held online from 10 am – 2:40 pm each day. The workshop is free but attendees must commit to attending all three sessions. More information about the workshop, CBSM, and the workshop speaker is available [here](#) on the Long Island Sound Study website. Click [here](#) to open the registration page. Please contact Robert Burg at cbsm@longislandsoundstudy.net if you have any questions.

Grants: I was notified by DEEP that our FY20 319 proposal for stormwater BMPs at East Lyme High School was not approved. Apparently, it was a very competitive grant. I will hang on to the proposal and resubmit it next year.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: ECCD has received the executed contract for the Four-town Bioretention project contract from DEEP and will be developing an implementation schedule over the next month. This project will result in the installation of six tree filter units,

twenty rain gardens, twenty stormdrain Smart Sponges and distribution of thirty rain barrels throughout the four watershed towns.

Staff hours: In August, I worked approximately 33.75 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 11.5 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities); about 19.5 hours were applied to the Watershed Plan Update, and about 2.75 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign. As a reminder, I have expended all funding for basic coordinator services and will need to be very careful to limit any non-grant-funded activities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Rondeau", is placed over a light yellow rectangular background.

Judy Rondeau
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