



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

November 5, 2020

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: Other than adding a few posts to Facebook, I have not conducted any outreach.

Monitoring: I have not conducted any monitoring activities this past month.

NRWPP Update: We are still waiting on the Watershed Compact. Plans for the watershed summit are on hold until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign: I will be gearing up over the next few months to get this project going. I would like to put together a small committee to assist, if anyone would like to volunteer. I submitted the required annual financial report on October 30th.

Grants: We were notified by NFWF that our proposal to the LISFF grant program for outfall sampling was not approved. We can re-apply for the EPA stormwater toolkit next spring to continue outfall sampling, but we will need to find another funding source to pay for reagents, etc. Hopefully, we will be hearing about the Dominion Foundation grant application soon.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: ECCD has begun the Four-town Bioretention project. To date, ECCD has developed draft Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the watershed towns and ordered storm drain filters.

Staff hours: In October, I worked approximately 15 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 13 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities); about 0.5 hours were applied to the Watershed Plan Update, and about 1.5 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 that reads "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator