Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

December 3, 2020

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I have not conducted any outreach activities.

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

NRWPP Update: I received the final copy of the watershed plan from Fuss & O'Neill and will make arrangements to print as many copies as I can within our printing budget.

Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign: I will be gearing up over the next few months to get this project going.

Grants: We were notified that we were awarded the Dominion Foundation grant. I am awaiting receipt of the award payment. Several grant RFPs have been announced, including the Community Foundation of Eastern CT (due 1/13/20), the DEEP CWA §319 NPS Program grant (due 1/14/20), and the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (due 1/15/21). If anyone has any grant ideas, I am all ears.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: ECCD has begun the Four-town Bioretention project. Due to other project commitments, progress has been a bit slow.

Staff hours: In November, I worked approximately 8.25 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 7.25 hours were for core NRWC activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities and about 1.0 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,

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