



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

March 1, 2018

Good evening,

Following is a summary of my activities since the February 1, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. I will be on vacation at the end of March/beginning of April and will not be attending the April meeting. I will provide a coordinator's report for your review.

Outreach/Education:

- I attended a Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group meeting on Feb. 5th.
- I have participated in weekly planning calls for the Behavior Change campaign pilot project. The brochure is nearing completion. We are looking for one individual to be the community contact for the pilot-to-the-pilot phase. We would like to launch the full pilot project (which will target 200-400 households) in early to mid-April.

Monitoring: There's been no action on the monitoring front by me over the winter. Don and I will need to get together to collect the stream temperature loggers in the next few months.

Grants: I prepared and submitted a proposal to the Dominion Foundation on Friday, Feb. 23rd.

ECCD Projects:

- East Lyme High School infiltration project: This project is on-target for early summer installation. I would like to install the Dominion-funded rain garden in May.
- Grand Street water quality improvement project: We have funding remaining to install 6-7 more tree wells or other BMPs. Town engineer Victor Benni and I are reviewing the catchment area for additional opportunities and will complete the installation in the spring. Plans for a half-day workshop in the spring in partnership with CT NEMO to show off the various BMPs and address MS4 permit requirements is on-going.
- Eastern Connecticut Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels: ECCD will be launching this project to install 100 rain gardens and rain barrels in the next month or so. Dan and I have also discussed holding one of the four rain barrel workshops in the Niantic watershed, possibly in Waterford in partnership with Waterford Boy Scouts.

Staff hours: In February, I worked approximately 39.5 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 30 hours were for administrative activities (including preparing the Dominion proposal and the NRWPP update contract), outreach and monitoring activities, and 9.5 hours were applied to projects.



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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Rondeau".

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