



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

March 2, 2017

Good evening,

Following is a summary of tasks I have been working on since the February 2, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Outreach/Education: I attended the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group meeting on Feb. 6th, and updated partners on current and planned NRW activities and projects. I participated in a Fertilizer Behavior Change conference call on Feb. 15th. I uploaded the Rain Garden Initiative material to the website. Over the next month, I will contact local nurseries and landscapers (thanks for your suggestions) to see if they would like to participate in the program. I also will be creating a webpage for the behavior change campaign.

Monitoring: There has been no activity on my part on the monitoring front over the past month.

Grants: I have submitted the Niantic Watershed Plan update work plan to DEEP for contract development. I prepared and submitted a proposal for the 2017 Dominion Foundation grant round to support the behavior change campaign. I prepared and submitted an application to EPOC to supplement the rain garden initiative. I had previously mentioned the possibility of preparing a NFWF Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant an oyster seeding/habitat restoration project. There was solid interest from potential project partners, but I did not have time to adequately develop the proposal. My plan was (and still is) to continue discussions with partners over the summer and submit an application next year. However, NFWF just pre-announced the Long Island Future Fund grant (the actual announcement will be coming out in the next month). I would like to investigate the possibility of submitting the oyster restoration project under this grant if it is within the scope of activities.

ECCD Projects: The Latimer Brook stormwater infiltration project at East Lyme High School is still on target for summer 2017. ECCD has submitted a work plan to DEEP for the incorporation of stormwater management practices into upcoming roadway improvements on Grand Street in Niantic. Dan, Victor, Eric and I met earlier today to discuss project details. Subsequent to today's DEEP will prepare the grant contract. ECCD has also prepared a proposal for the upcoming FY17 CWA §319 grant round for the installation of LID practices in the Niantic watershed including rain gardens, tree filters and rain barrels.

Staff hours: In February, I worked approximately 35.5 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, 14 hours was for administrative activities, and 21.5 hours was applied to projects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Judy Rondeau", is displayed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Judy Rondeau
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