



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

May 4, 2017

Good evening,

Following is a summary of tasks I have been working on since the April 4, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Outreach/Education: We've had a couple of respondents to the Rain Garden Initiative. I will be distributing outreach material to the local nurseries/garden centers that were interested in participating. I also posted maps to the website of the portions of each town that are in the watershed. Work on the Behavior Change Campaign is moving along. I participated in conference calls on April 24th and May 3rd to coordinate a local "intercept" survey that will be conducted in July.

Monitoring: I have been coordinating with DEEP to get temperature loggers to deploy in Latimer Brook, at DEEP's fish survey locations. I've also spoken with John Mullaney about the pros and cons of a gauging station at the RT 1 bridge.

Grants: I was notified by EPOC that we were not awarded funding to supplement the rain garden initiative. The NFWF Long Island Sound Future Fund grant RFP has been delayed due to funding uncertainties. I provided support letters to the Town of Waterford for two Mago Point-related grants, a STEAP grant for improvements at Mago Park, and a SHIPP grant for transient boat moorings and access.

ECDD Projects: The Latimer Brook stormwater infiltration project at East Lyme High School is still on target for summer 2017. DEEP is in the process of preparing the contract for the Grand Street water quality improvement project, which is slated for September 2017.

Staff hours: In March, I worked approximately 24 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, 12 hours were for administrative activities, and 12 hours were applied to projects.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau
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