



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

August 3, 2017

Good evening,

Following is a summary of tasks I have been working on since the July 6, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Outreach/Education: Ralph and I attended East Lyme Day on July 15th. Judy Preston from CT Sea Grant joined us for a few hours to help conduct surveys for the Niantic River Community-based Social Marketing Behavior Change project. In addition to participating in several project-related conference calls this month, I also conducted surveys with Judy Preston, Ralph and Holly Drinkuth at various locations in East Lyme on the 12th, 20th, 26th and 29th.

Monitoring: I've been able to visit Bogue Brook weekly this month to photo-document water levels to help CT DEEP support streamflow regulations.

Grants: I did not review any new grant opportunities this month.

ECCD Projects: I have been working on the design for the high school rain garden. I would like to schedule it for the next few weeks before school starts. The school facilities supervisor has been on vacation. As soon as he returns, I would like to schedule the planting. The high school parking lot infiltration project has been rescheduled to 2018 at the request of the school superintendent. ECCD received the executed contract for the Grand Street water quality improvement project in mid-July. Victor Benni is on vacation, but planning for the project is on target for September 2017.

Staff hours: In July, I worked approximately 60 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, 29 hours were for administrative activities, outreach and monitoring activities, and 31 hours were applied to projects (primarily the behavior change campaign). This has used up my remaining allotted time for the rest of this quarter (July – Sept) so I will be limiting my coordinator activities to a minimum until October 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau
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