



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

February 4, 2021

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I posted the notice of the 2020 Dominion award on our Facebook page and also on ECCD's Facebook page. I prepared the draft 2021 annual newsletter, which we will be reviewing this evening.

Monitoring: I reviewed the Niantic River outfall data preparatory to the Feb. 1st Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group meeting, which I and other NRWC members attended. I also reviewed comments made by the reviewers of our 2020 LISFF proposal preparatory to discussion about continuing this monitoring program this coming year.

NRWPP Update: I have not had the Plan printed yet. There has been no action on the watershed compact. Planning for the summit has not yet begun.

Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign: I will be activating this project in the next month or so. I have concerns about how we will conduct the CBSM aspects and will need to work out with the (still to be convened) project team how we can conduct this project safely.

Grants: ECCD submitted a proposal to CT DEEP for the CWA §319 NPS grant program for stormwater management practices at East Lyme High School and the Flanders four-corners commercial area in December. SWEP-CT has announced their 2021 grant round (due Feb. 15th, up to \$2,000/proposal), as has EPOC (due Mar. 31st, no limit stated, but ~\$2,500-\$3,000/proposal based on # of awardees in previous years). Either or both of these grants may be suitable for the Niantic River outfall sampling project.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: Four-Town Bioretention project: ECCD has ordered stormdrain filters for installation in Waterford and East Lyme and will be installing them in February or March. We met with Waterford town staff who have begun identifying potential sites for the stormdrain filters and other BMPs. I contacted City of New London staff to offer support and assistance as they prepare their watershed management plan, but did not receive a reply. I also contacted Mike Grzywinski at DEEP about mitigation funds for the New London City pier project, but did not hear back from him.

Staff hours: In January, I worked approximately 25.5 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 20.25 hours were for core NRWC activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities), 2.5 hours for the CFEC NRWPP Update, and about 2.75 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Rondeau", is placed over a light yellow rectangular background.

Judy Rondeau
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