



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.*

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## **Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report**

**March 4, 2021**

Good evening,

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

**Outreach/Education:** I finalized the 2021 annual newsletter, posted it on our website and distributed it to our partners. I will be appearing on Judy Preston's *Gardening for Good* radio show tomorrow (Friday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>) to promote the Healthy Lawns, Healthy River project.

**Monitoring:** I received DABA water quality data for the Niantic River for review as part of the outfall sampling project.

**NRWPP Update:** No change from last month. I have not had the opportunity to have the Plan printed yet and planning for the summit has not yet begun.

**Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign:** I will be pulling the project team together this month to get this project moving forward. The first order of business will be to determine how best to deliver the message safely in the context of Covid-19.

**Grants:** I submitted a proposal to SWEP-CT for funding to process bacteria samples for the outfall sampling project. I will be preparing an application EPOC (due Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>) for the same as backup in case we are not awarded the SWEP funding. NFWF circulated a pre-RFP announcement for the 2021 LISFF. The official RFP date will likely be in April.

**Water Quality Improvement Projects:** Four-Town Bioretention project: ECCD has received the stormdrain filters for installation in Waterford and East Lyme, and will be making arrangements with DPW staff to install them.

**Staff hours:** In February, I worked approximately 15 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 13 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 2 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator