



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

April 1, 2021

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I updated the landing page on our website so it is no longer a blog (thank you to Don and Jacque Landers for their assistance!). I also reviewed and suggested a few edits to Save the River's Pump It Up! septic system outreach campaign brochure.

Monitoring: I retrieved the EPA stormwater toolkit from Don L. and returned it to EPA per our 2020 loan agreement. I submitted the collected data as well. I have applied for the toolkit for 2021.

NRWPP Update: The summit is on-hold until later this summer or early fall.

Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign: I was invited to be a guest on Judy Preston's Gardening for Good radio show to promote the Healthy Lawns Healthy River project (Mar. 5th, iCRV in Essex, <https://icrvradio.com/>). I also updated the Healthy Lawns Healthy River page on our website preparatory to getting the project started this spring.

Grants: I submitted a proposal to EPOC for support of the stormwater outfall monitoring project for fecal bacteria sampling fees.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: ECCD received the storm drain filters in early March. We will coordinate with East Lyme DPW staff to install the filters in April.

Staff hours: In March, I worked approximately 25.5 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 19.75 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities and about 5.75 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator