



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.*

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

**June 3, 2021**

Good evening,

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

**Outreach/Education:** I did not conduct any outreach activities this past month. Looking ahead, according to the East Lyme Town website, Celebrate East Lyme Day has been canceled for 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Monitoring:** I received the EPA Region 1 Stormwater Tool Kit at the end of May. We can discuss this evening how we would like to proceed with outfall sampling this year.

**NRWPP Update Watershed Summit:** The summit is on-hold until later this summer or early fall. We will convene a small committee to begin planning the event.

**Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign:** The CBSM project team met on May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> to continue planning the outreach campaign. I've ordered all the outreach materials, and have received the brochures, bin stickers and the sign stands. The signs should arrive tomorrow. Planning is going well; I anticipate we will be conducting the canvassing the latter part of June. I will be submitting an invoice to LISFF for project activity and materials through May 31<sup>st</sup> in the next week.

**Grants:** I was notified that we received funding from EPOC to support the outfall sampling project (fecal bacteria lab fees). Acceptance /approval of the MOU with EPOC is on tonight's agenda. Once they receive the signed MOU, they will send us the grant award.

**Water Quality Improvement Projects:** 4-Town Bioretention project – No update - we are still in the process of working with the towns of Waterford and East Lyme to identify locations for tree filters (3 in each town) and stormdrain filters (8 in each town). We will also be identifying locations for rain gardens (7 in each town) and planning a rain barrel distribution event.

**Staff hours:** In May, I worked approximately 21 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 3.5 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 17.5 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator

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***...a Treasure Worth Protecting***