



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.*

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

**July 1, 2021**

Good evening,

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

**Outreach/Education:** On June 7<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group meeting. I received confirmation from Save the River-Save the Hills (Deb Dunn) that Earthfest CT 2021 (on September 25th at McCook Park in Niantic) will take place.

**Monitoring:** I would like to schedule a Monitoring Subcommittee meeting to discuss how to proceed with outfall sampling.

**NRWPP Update Watershed Summit:** The summit is on-hold until 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 June 16<sup>th</sup> to continue planning the outreach campaign. We conducted canvassing in Waterford on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Project partner Terry Lineberger arranged to provide outreach material to a neighborhood meeting in the lower Niantic River Road area, which about 20 residents attended. Jackie Sullivan will share outreach material with her neighbors on Banning Cove. I delivered several outreach kits to Deb Dunn for distribution to several neighborhoods in the Oswegatchie Road area. Our target was 100 conversations each in Waterford and East Lyme. We will easily exceed 100 conversations in Waterford. I was informed that East Lyme is currently not allowing door-to-door canvassing, so we will be doing that canvassing later this summer (hopefully in July). I also posted articles about the project in *The Day*, the *Waterford Patch* and *The Lyme Times*. Thank you to everyone who shared the links.

**Grants:** I submitted the MOU to EPOC after last month's meeting. I requested they send the grant award check directly to our treasurer.

**Water Quality Improvement Projects:** 4-Town Bioretention project – Due to other projects, there hasn't been much activity on this project. A Coastal Master Gardener will be working with us on the rain garden and/or rain barrel components this summer.

**Staff hours:** In June, I worked approximately 49.5 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 6 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 43.5 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator