



Nine Springs Public Education Progress Report #1

January 1 to March 31, 2010

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This Progress Report was prepared by City of Fitchburg staff to keep residents, businesses, elected and appointed officials, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) informed about the status of the Nine Springs Public Education and Outreach Plan.

Background of the Nine Springs Public Education Project and Outreach Plan

The City of Fitchburg applied to WDNR for an Urban Non-Point Source & Storm Water (UNPS & SW) Planning Grant on April 15, 2009 for the Nine Springs Public Education and Outreach Plan. WDNR notified Fitchburg on December 23, 2009 that the grant was successful and that Fitchburg would be eligible for grant funding for the January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 time period.

Project Milestones from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2010

January 5, 2010 - Rick Eilertson, Jeff Kraemer, Ed Bartell, and Ann Hirekatur (MSA) met with the DMNA Marsh Protection Committee to review stormwater signage ideas for stormwater facilities in the Dunn's Marsh area and Nine Springs Creek Watershed.

February 8, 2010 – Rick Eilertson met with neighbors and members of the DMNA Marsh Protection Committee for a walk-through of the proposed Apache Drive Wet Pond project. The walk-through incorporated providing information on the proposed stormwater benefits of the project and solicited input on stormwater information signage.



Lots 19 and 20 below Crescent Road at Apache Drive were marked for removal or saving on February 4, 2010. Below, right, are neighbors group who toured the site with Fitchburg Engineer Rick Eilertson (in yellow coat) on February 8.



Rick Eilertson, Fitchburg Environmental Engineer, and Ed Bartell, Fitchburg Forester, marked the trees. Yellow means to save, white pink means to remove.



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March 19, 2010 – Rick Eilertson and Ann Hirekatur met with Marcia Hartwig (Dane County Stormwater Education Coordinator) to review stormwater information available through Dane County.

March 23 and 24, 2010 - Felipe Avila, Rick Eilertson, Connie Darling (FACTv), and Bonnie Lundy (FACTv) visited Leopold Elementary School. Students were shown how stormwater is carried from the school, their homes and roadways into Nine Springs Creek through storm sewers. They were then taken on a walking tour of the creek where they helped to collect trash and recyclables in separate bags. Students were also read *All the Way to the Ocean*, a children's book following the path of stormwater from homes to the ocean. Written responses from each student regarding their experiences were collected as well.



March 24, 2010 – Rick Eilertson obtained Water Action Volunteers (WAV) curriculum from Kris Stepenuck (WI Volunteer Stream Monitoring Coordinator) for incorporating information into the Nine Springs Creek Watershed information campaign.