



# Nine Springs Public Education Progress Report # 8

October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

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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 October 1 to December 31, 2011

Mid-October – Work was continued with Sign Art Studios on the storm water facility ID signs design specifications. Information was proofed multiple times for sign accuracy. Final dimensions for the signage are depicted below:



Proposed storm water facility identification sign diagram. *Courtesy of Sign Art Studios.*

Mid-October – Graphics designer Joanne Martin began work on signs for the Community Rain Garden, City Hall Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal facilities, and Fitchburg Public Library Geothermal Field. Photos and research were collected and formed into mock-ups. These



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examples were subject to a variety of content, graphic, and layout revisions throughout the duration of the quarter. Jeff Durbin continued his work on the Nine Springs Creek storm water informational signs. After discussion with a variety of sources, the 10 proposed panels were drafted and revised.

November – Mid-December - Bidding began on the sign fixtures. Proposals were weighed and the decision was made to move forward with bronze anodized frames from B.S.I.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Fitchburg employees Rick Eilertson and Jeremy Crosby, along with ecologist, Steve Banovetz, participated in a seed cleaning event with students at Leopold School. The event was part of the rain garden installation project led by UW-Madison student, Peter Bergquist, with Leopold School teacher, Nancy Werlein. A second seed cleaning exercise occurred on December 16<sup>th</sup> again with the students at Leopold School.



Students at Leopold School participating in a rain garden seed cleaning exercise in December, 2011