



# Nine Springs Public Education Progress Report # 9

January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012

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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.

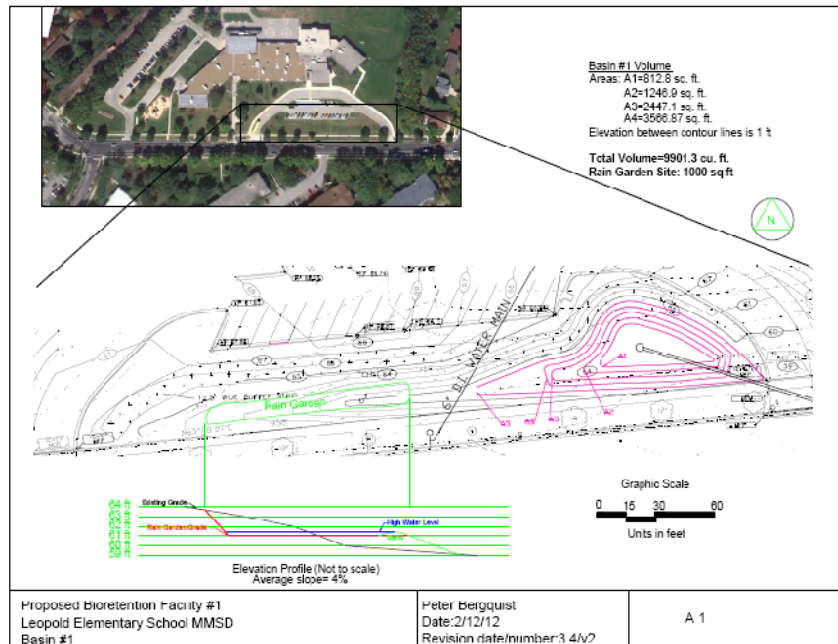
## Background of the Nine Springs Public Education Project and Outreach Plan

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 April 1, 2010 to June 31, 2011 time period.

## Project Milestones from January 1 to March 31, 2012

January – Work continued on the storm water informational signs with designers Joann Martin and Jeff Durbin. An order was placed for the sandblasted 17”x48”x1.5” sign frames and matching post structures.

February – The Leopold School rain garden project continued to move forward, led by UW-Madison student, Peter Bergquist. Initial plans for the rain garden facilities were submitted by Peter and reviewed by Fitchburg Engineering staff. The following graphic shows the proposed bio-retention facility site at Leopold School.



**Drawing for proposed bioretention facility at Leopold School - Peter Bergquist**



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Late February – March – The decision was made to include pond-specific sub-watershed graphics to the storm water informational signs designed by Jeff Durbin. Working with Fitchburg staff, the designs continued to be edited and revised. The most updated designs can be viewed at: <http://sites.google.com/site/fitchburgexhibits/home>.

March – Peter Bergquist met with Fitchburg Environmental Engineer, Rick Eilerston and Madison Engineer, Tim Troester to further review the Leopold School rain garden plans. Concerns from the meeting were to review the site drainage and design to avoid installing inlet piping for the rain garden, potentially using a crescent shaped berm. Construction techniques were discussed and a maintenance plan was suggested as well.

Early March – After contracting with Cary Sign, LLC to produce pet waste informational signs, the signs were completed March 15<sup>th</sup>. These four signs are also to include dog waste bag dispensers attached to a wooden frame. The signs should be installed by early April.



Pet waste informational sign to be installed in April