

## **Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP)–I&E Update Aug. 3rd, 2021**

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**CONSULTANTS AND MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES:** *Please make this report available to your municipalities.*

### **Communications**

Ripple Effects Facebook page- [www.facebook.com/RippleEffectsWI](http://www.facebook.com/RippleEffectsWI) .Contact Christal Campbell with any articles or events you may have coming up in your area so we can share and promote. We try and post content once a week, but are happy to post additional events/articles. As of July 21<sup>st</sup> we had 641 Facebook followers, up from 630 in May

Ripple Effects email box/web site- Christal maintains the [Ripple.Effects@countyofdane.com](mailto:Ripple.Effects@countyofdane.com) email box and is responding to emails as they come in. Updates to the [www.ripple-effects.com](http://www.ripple-effects.com) web site are made on a regular basis. If you come across an issue on the web site, please let Christal know.

**Storm Drain Mural Program 2020/21-** Vilas, Sun Prairie and Tenney Lapham (Madison) murals are the only murals left to paint. Holding off on Lerdahl Park and Fitchburg mural until next year once construction is complete. Photos of the final murals are up on the Ripple Effects Storm Drain Mural map. We received great media attention around the program this year in the Verona Hometown News, State Journal, Herald Independent and Madison Metro. School District newsletters.

**Plant Dane 2021 Pick Up-** Plant Dane pick up went well despite the horrible weather during the second pick up day at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. Looking at alternate pick up locations for evening pick up day should we need two again in 2022.

**Illicit Discharge Ordinance** – The ordinance will be introduced to the county board on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We’re expecting the ordinance to be adopted in October. Christal is working on a public spill/discharge reporting web page that will be housed on the main Dane County LWRD site and some outreach resources/graphics communities can use to promote the reporting site. Communities that prefer to have residents report illicit discharges to their municipality directly can continue to promote their sites locally. Any reports that come to the Dane County ID reporting site will be shared with the local municipal contact and Rick Wenta (Dane County/City of Madison Public Health). Municipalities can determine on a case by case basis if they want DCPH to assist. This ordinance gives DCPH county-wide enforcement authority.

**Adopt a Storm Drain Pilot-** Christal will be meeting with pilot communities in August to share draft web application and gather input on the pilot. Hoping to launch the pilot in October, collect information and make needed changes through spring/summer 2022. If all goes well, we hope to expand the program to other MAMSWaP communities in late summer/fall 2022.

**NEW Rain Garden Resources and Downspout Garden Factsheet-** Recordings and new planting plans from the Rain Garden Workshop are now up on the Ripple Effects Rain Garden web site. We also have a new Downspout Garden Factsheet that encourages soil amendments and native plantings near downspout discharge areas to promote infiltration. The goal is to reach residents with compacted lawns that aren’t quite ready to tackle a full rain garden install. This initiative builds off of recent research out of UW Madison and the City of Madison “Maximize Your Soil Soak” podcast.

**Small Rain Barrels Available-** Dane Co. has a supply of small, clean blue plastic 26 gallon drums we converted into rain barrels. If there is a lot of interest in these smaller rain barrels we’ll convert more this fall to sell. The cost is \$20+tax which covers the cost of the diverter. Note: these are small rain barrels, about half the size of a traditional rain barrel and best suited for small homes. If anyone has a lead on a supply of larger, clean 55 gallon size plastic drum please let Christal know. We’d love to convert the larger barrels and sell them for the same price.

### **Presentations/Events-**

*Clean Sweep Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event- City of Fitchburg (corner of Seminole and McKee parking lot)- Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8-12pm*

*Harvest Moon Festival (Rainfall Simulator)- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Vilas Neighborhood Storm Drain Mural presentation- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Presentations at the Park- Rainfall Simulator- Lussier Family Heritage Center- Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Operation Fresh Start stormwater presentation (Rainfall Simulator)- Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>*

Aldo Leopold Nature Center camp presentation (Enviroscape)- June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jr. Naturalist presentation (Rainfall Simulator)- Lussier Family Heritage Center- July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Empower U! Stormwater Training- UW Arboretum- July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Elvehjem Elem presentation (Enviroscape)- July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jr. Naturalist presentation (Rainfall Simulator)- Lussier Family Heritage Center- Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Upcoming Trainings/Grants**

WI Salt Wise Smart Salting Trainings- [www.wisaltwise.com](http://www.wisaltwise.com)  
Madison Metro. Sewerage District Chloride Reduction Grants- <http://www.madsewer.org/Programs-Initiatives/Chloride-Reduction/Chloride-Grants>  
Dane County Urban Water Quality Grants- <https://wred-lwr.d.countyofdane.com/documents/UWQG/UWQG%20Application%202016-06-28.doc>

**Resources to check out**- contact Christal

- Tabletop Rainfall Simulator
- Bean Bag Toss Game
- Enviroscape

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**Reminders**

- Please be sure you have links to [www.ripple-effects.com](http://www.ripple-effects.com) from your websites.
- Follow [www.facebook.com/RippleEffectsWI](http://www.facebook.com/RippleEffectsWI) on Facebook! “Like” and “share” posts to help spread the word.
- Resources for partners are available on our Partner Resources Page- <https://ripple-effects.com/Partner-Resources> and MAMSWaP Resources folder in the Google Drive <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B6IN0xfndLr9TXVtek90V05NbGc>

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