

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Closure Memo**

To: Lynn Dwyer
From: Parthena Kydes
Date: November 5, 2009

Project: Outdoor Classroom at Hole-in-the-Wall (CT)
Number: 2006-0102-021
Grantee: Town of East Lyme

Project Description: Work with local stakeholders to further conservation at five Important Bird Areas (Lighthouse Point Park, Mamacoke Island, Orient Point/Plum Island, Edith Reade Sanctuary, and Marshlands). Project will develop a model to educate and engage the public.

Final Products:

- Deliver 10 guided educational tours to school groups. *This was accomplished.*
- Publish two newspaper articles. *Three newspaper articles were published.*
- Three Rivers community college will visit this project numerous times as part of their environmental classes and will conduct infiltration rate testing on the basins before they become vegetated. *Three Rivers conducted infiltration rate testing.*
- Deliver a presentation at Goodwin College and have students complete project-related assignments. *A presentation was successfully given at Goodwin College entitled "Environmental Site Design: Using low impact techniques to Green your Developments and Your Bank Account."*
- Approximately 11 National Park grade signs will be erected on the site to explain all aspects of the outdoor classroom. *4 out of 12 signs have been sent to production.*
- Tours for all groups will be given. A minimum of at least 10 can be guaranteed. *Thirteen tours were completed; some were given at Hole In the Wall and others at Goodwin College, Children's Museum, Newport, RI, Westbrook, CT.*
- A link will be made to the children's museum to bring their guests to the Hole in the Wall, and vice-versa. *The East-Lyme Children's Museum has been linked with this project; the display constructed at the museum will point guests to the outdoor classroom, and the signs and the "Hole in the Wall" will direct visitors to the children's classroom.*
- Showcase many available solutions to stormwater pollution. *This was accomplished with the signage.*

NFWF award: \$35,000
NFWF funds spent: \$35,000

Match requirement: \$524,432.55
Match spent: \$606,384.95
I recommend closing this grant.