

Where is the wash?

The Las Vegas Wash spans 12 miles, beginning in the southeast part of the valley and continuing to Lake Mead's Las Vegas Bay (see map, inside). The four sources of water to the wash are:

- » Urban runoff
- » Reclaimed water
- » Shallow groundwater
- » Stormwater



The Las Vegas Wash

Coordination Committee

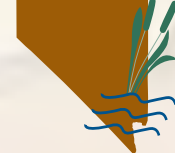
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Want to know more?

For more information about the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee or activities in the wash, contact the project team office at **(702) 822-3300** or visit our Web site at **www.lvwash.org**.

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Why the wash matters to all of us

The Las Vegas Wash is the final link in the Las Vegas Valley's water supply. It carries the valley's excess water—an average of more than 150 million gallons a day—to Lake Mead. Keeping this water clean is important to all of us: The wash serves four very important functions that benefit everyone who calls Southern Nevada home.

- » Channels all excess water from the Las Vegas Valley
- » Vegetation "polishes" water
- » Provides wildlife habitat
- » Serves as a recreational area for outdoors enthusiasts

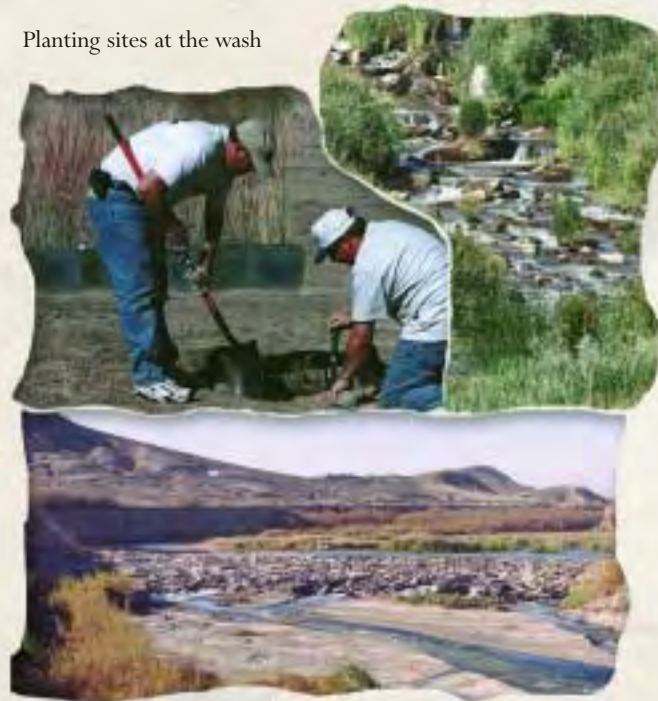


What's being done to protect the wash?

Formed in 1998 to protect and manage this critical waterway, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee includes local, state and federal agencies, environmental groups, business representatives and private citizens. The committee already has made significant progress in protecting and enhancing the Las Vegas Wash. Activities have included:

- » Construction of erosion control structures
- » Planting native wetland and riparian vegetation
- » Water quality and wildlife monitoring
- » Bank stabilization projects
- » Community outreach and volunteer events

Planting sites at the wash



Erosion control structures (above and top left)

We have a plan...

To guide wash enhancement and protection projects, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee created the Las Vegas Wash Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan. This plan was developed in collaboration with the public and outlines 44 specific actions, including those affecting water quality, erosion control and habitat restoration.



Water-quality monitoring

Long-term projects in the plan

- » Clark County Wetlands Park Nature Preserve
 - miles of trails
 - wetland ponds
 - visitor center
 - scenic drive
 - bird viewing areas
- » Approximately 20 erosion control structures
- » Bank stabilization to aid in revegetation and water-quality enhancement
- » Biological monitoring
- » Water-quality assessment



Pabco Road erosion control structure

How you can help

One of our major challenges is reducing urban pollution, which reaches the Las Vegas Wash through daily runoff and stormwater flows. Valley residents can help prevent pollution in the wash by:

- » Properly disposing of household chemicals and pet waste
- » Learning about urban runoff (visit lvstormwater.com)
- » Avoiding overwatering and overfertilizing
- » Reporting dumping to the Clark County Health District (383-1027)
- » Volunteering for "green-up" events (visit lvwash.org for volunteer opportunities)



Volunteer cleanup and "green-up" efforts

