



2008 Year-End Report Now Available

After another year of hard work, the 2008 activities of the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) have been summarized and presented in the annual year-end report. The report begins with educating readers of the mission and background of the LVWCC and the Las Vegas Wash. Each section of the report outlines various activities that are directly connected to the goals of the Las Vegas Wash Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan.

Upcoming Meetings

Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee
May 12, 2009 3 p.m.
(Tentative)

This year's report covers wildlife monitoring efforts, including bats, birds and butterflies, as well as water quality monitoring and revegetation results. The report also contains sections detailing accomplishments with stabilization efforts and public outreach and education.



The 2008 Year-End Report highlights many of the successes over the last year.

Last year marked the 10th anniversary of the LVWCC. Thanks in large part to concerned citizens and the cooperative efforts of all LVWCC representatives, the Las Vegas Wash has benefited greatly in soil stabilization, water quality, revegetation and wildlife habitat management. The 2008 Year-End Report was distributed at the last LVWCC meeting and can be viewed electronically at www.lvwash.org.

Duck Creek Trail System Rehabilitation Completed

Clark County Parks & Recreation (CCPR) worked diligently over the winter making improvements to the Duck Creek trail system in the Clark County Wetlands Park. The entire Duck Creek trail system, which encompasses more than three miles of trails, has been hardened to better protect against erosion and possible damage from storm and flood events.

Another visible change is the removal of more than 25 acres of non-native tamarisk trees and common reed. These areas are now revegetated with more than 1,000 mesquite trees and a variety of native plants and shrubs, which will not only attract recreational visitors but also birds and other wildlife.

For those unfamiliar with the Wetlands Park, the Duck Creek trail system is the only area within the park that is designated for leashed dogs and bicycle traffic. This trails rehabilitation project is just the first of several projects to be completed at the Wetlands Park. Collaborating with Ducks Unlimited, CCPR also is constructing several ponds and wetland areas just south of the Wetlands Park Nature Preserve.



The entrance to the Duck Creek trail system.

Although the revegetation effort around these ponds and wetland areas has yet to be completed, the open ponds are already attracting several species of birds that have not been observed in the area since the 1970s. More over, these ponds also are attracting birds that were never previously observed in the area. Just west of the Nature Center, Clark County is also constructing more trails, ponds, picnic areas and a community park that will include playground facilities. This project expands the 130 acre Nature Preserve by an additional 80 acres. The Clark County Wetlands Park is open every day, from dawn until dusk. For more information on the Wetlands Park visit the Clark County Parks and Recreation page at accessclarkcounty.com.