



las vegas wash coordination committee

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Volunteer Planting Fortify Soil and Future Volunteers

More than 500 volunteers sacrificed a few hours on Saturday, Oct. 8 to plant approximately 4,000 trees and shrubs at the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee's (LVWCC) 19th volunteer Las Vegas Wash Green-Up planting event.

Held in the spring and fall each year, the success of these events can be measured in multiple ways, specifically a high volunteer retention rate.



Ann Jarrell conducts a demonstration at her 19th straight Green-Up event.

In its early days, the event required advertising through as many media avenues as possible. But as word about these events began to spread and the events grew in size, finding volunteers has become less of an issue, and the number of registrants has had to be limited due to the high retention rate of returning volunteers.

Several local groups and organizations have consistently sent large groups of volunteers over the years including representatives from Caesars Entertainment, area churches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, several different student organizations from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas as well as others.

Participation among certain groups has been high enough to warrant events specific to their organizations.

Volunteer Ann Jarrell has attended all 19 Las Vegas Wash Green-Ups. A Master Gardener, Jarrell typically serves as a site supervisor and has been a valuable resource in demonstrating and instructing all of the other site supervisors instructing and overseeing the volunteers. Jarrell is one of many volunteers who make the Green-Up events a success.

"It's the people who do this, the volunteers, that bring me back," Jarrell said. "They are the real stars and I'm grateful that they are willing to give up a Saturday to work on the Las Vegas Wash."

These Green-Up events are a major component to the education and public outreach goals of the LVWCC, and they have been turning out as successfully as the plants that these volunteers put into the ground. [See more photos](#) from the fall Las Vegas Wash Green-Up.

Major Wash Construction Project Approved

The Board of Directors for the Southern Nevada Water Authority has recently approved a \$16 million construction project at the Las Vegas Wash. The two-year project includes the installation of three weirs: Duck Creek Confluence, Upper Narrows, and DU Wetlands No. 1.

By packaging the three projects together, the LVWCC was able to save an estimated \$2 million. Aggregate Industries, the same organization that constructed the newly-completed Lower Narrows and Homestead weirs, was awarded the contract.

Construction is expected to begin before the end of the year.



Aggregate Industries will begin constructing three new weirs by end of the year.

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