



# las vegas wash coordination committee

working to stabilize and enhance to valuable environmental resources of the las vegas wash

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## LVWCC Holds Fall Wash Green-Up

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee held its biannual Las Vegas Wash Green-Up on Oct. 20, 2012, attracting more than 300 members of the public.

After a brief lunch, volunteers spread out across the 6.72-acre site and planted approximately 3,500 native plants including creosote bush, Fremont's pepperweed, snakeweed, white bursage and cheesebush.



Master Gardener Ann Jarrett gives volunteers a quick tutorial during the Fall Wash Green-Up.

Located alongside the Lower Narrows Weir, which was completed in 2011, the revegetation site was once full of mostly non-native tamarisk trees.

To date, more than 8,500 Las Vegas Wash Green-Up volunteers have planted approximately 64,000 native trees, shrubs and wetland plants covering 172 acres.

As these plants take root, they play an important role in stabilizing the soil against erosion, while providing valuable habitat and cover for surrounding wildlife.

Visit [lwwash.org](http://lwwash.org) or the Las Vegas Wash Facebook page to see photos and find information on how to get involved in future events.

## New Wash Trailheads Open to Public

Two new trailheads along the Las Vegas Wash have recently opened to the public. Clark County Parks and Recreation constructed the trailheads as part of its Wetlands Park Master Plan.

The Pabco Road trailhead includes a large parking area, shaded picnic tables, a restroom and a small amphitheater overlooking the Las Vegas Wash.

The Wells trailhead overlooks the recently constructed Lower Narrows and Homestead weirs and includes several parking stalls, a restroom and shaded picnic tables.



Looking down at the new Wells trailhead from the nearby overlook.

Clark County has been very busy with other construction projects scheduled for completion within the next several months. A network of trails is being installed connecting the Pabco Road and Wells trailheads, as well as reaching across the north and south sides of the Las Vegas Wash. Once complete, there will be trails designated for hiking, for biking and for equestrians.

Clark County also is nearing completion on its Nature Center, the crown jewel of the Clark County Wetlands Park. While construction has been completed and administration offices are open, exhibits and displays are being installed and expected to be complete by spring 2013.

For more information on hours and locations, call the Information Center at **(702) 455-7522**.

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