

Clark County Public Works Volunteer Program

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Program Overview

- Parks volunteer program started in December 2010
- Designed to supplement and support our grounds maintenance staff
- Two types of volunteers:
 - Episodic (one-time work parties, days of service)
 - On-going (weekly or monthly volunteer work)
- Adopt-A-Park program launched in Spring 2012
- Adopt-A-Road program launched in Fall 2012
- Program has grown from 4,835 volunteer hours in 2011 to 14,539 hours in 2015

What do our volunteers do?

- Litter cleanup
- Invasive plant removal
- Weed and leaf removal
- Trail maintenance and building
- General park maintenance
- Tree planting
- Garden maintenance
- Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Road
- Park Hosts
- Parks Advisory Board



Who are our volunteers?

- Faith-based groups
- Students
- Scouts
- Neighborhood associations
- Businesses
- Service organizations
- Families
- Non-profits
- Individuals

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at Orchards Park



Program Highlights

Whipple Creek Regional Park

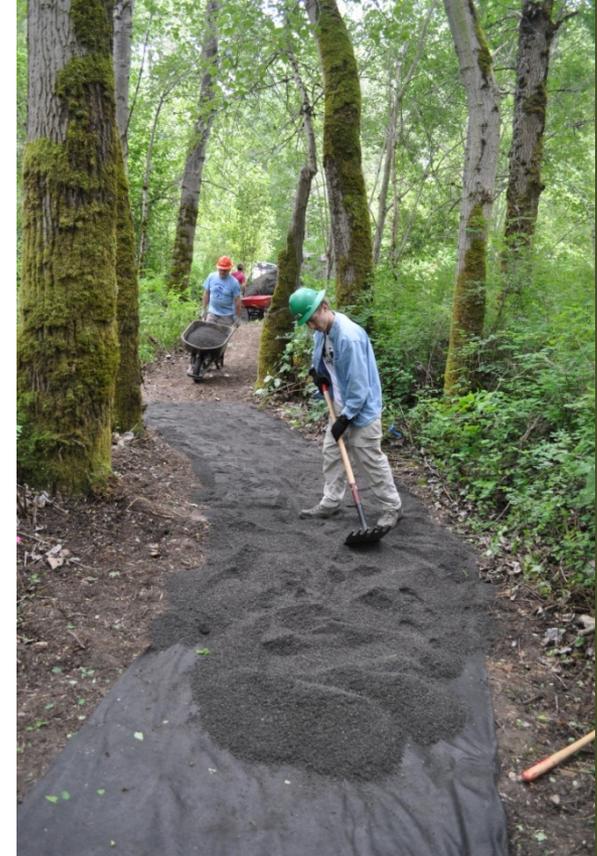
- Multi-use (hikers, bikers, equestrians)
- Volunteer efforts to restore the trails
 - Whipple Creek Restoration Committee
 - 833 hours in 2015, 4,142 hours total
 - Washington Trails Association
 - 185 hours in 2015, 1,667 hours total



Vancouver Lake Regional Park Trail Extension

- Installing new 1 mile long section of trail
- Grant funding from Parks Foundation of Clark County Community Grant/Dorothy Langsdorf Trail Fund





- The Washington Trails Association donated 1,950 hours to this project in 2014 and 2015
- 1200 feet left to gravel
- Expected completion Spring 2016

Eagle Scout Projects



- 395 hours of service in 2015
- 2,938 hours total
- Projects include bat boxes, picnic tables, trail work, directional signs

Vancouver VolunTEEN



- Joint program with the City of Vancouver
- Target youth 14-19 years old for Thursday after school work parties
- 258 volunteer hours in 2015
- 400 volunteer hours since program inception in 2014

Days of Service

- January: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
 - 2016: Salmon Creek Greenway blackberry removal
- September: Clark County Connects Day of Service
 - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- October: Make a Difference Day
 - Annual Make a Difference Day Cleanup: The Butt Stops Here
 - Removed 92 pounds of cigarette butts since first event in 2011



Adopt-A-Park



- Requires monthly service for at least 6 months
- Tasks include removing litter, maintaining trails, cleaning park features, weeding, raking leaves, etc.
- 17 active park adoptions
- 1,702 volunteer hours in 2015

Adopt-A-Road



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Team Hymas

- Requires 3 cleanups a year and 2 year commitment
- Sections of road 2 miles in length or less
- 18 sections of road adopted
- 382 hours in 2015
- 413 bags of litter removed from roadsides in 2015

Future Projects

- **Frenchman's Bar Regional Park Disc Golf Course**
 - 18 holes
 - Volunteer driven
 - Construction expected to start Summer 2016
- **Adopt-A-Rain Garden**
 - Mt. Vista rain gardens
 - Expected launch Spring 2016





Thank you!
Questions?