

## HPHC Las Vegas: Shine City Project planting at the Las Vegas Wash Green-Up

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On March 12, 2022, Shine City Project participated in the semi-annual Las Vegas Wash Green-Up! Since 2001, hundreds of volunteers have been gathering twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, to help revegetate areas of the Las Vegas Wash. Water from the city makes its way to the Las Vegas Wash where it will eventually reach Lake Mead. Along the way, the Las Vegas Wash flows through the Clark County Wetlands Park which has an important role of helping to filter the water.

On this Saturday morning, our Shine City Project volunteers met at an area near Sunrise Trailhead where the Green-Up was taking place! Our task was to help plant more than 5,000 shrubs and grasses across approximately nine acres of land. Some of the types of plants that were being planted were globemallow, brittlebush, desert marigold, and alkali sacaton. These plants are native to the Mojave Desert.



Representing Shine City Project, we had fifteen volunteers! One of our volunteers was joining us for the first time! Although the event usually attracts hundreds of volunteers from various organizations, groups, families, and individuals, at this particular Green-Up, there weren't so many volunteers for unknown reasons. At most, there was approximately thirty or forty total volunteers who came to help out.

Despite the small turnout, our volunteers did our best to plant as much as possible while still providing as much love and care for each plant! In the end, although not all of the thousands of plants were able to be planted, with the help of everyone who was present, a majority of the plants were able to be planted! Our group enjoyed the morning, as well as the delicious lunch that was provided for all volunteers! We hope that all the plants in the area can grow well and help make the Wetlands Park more beautiful!