

## Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project: Wetlands - Duck Creek Trailhead

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On October 12, 2019, Shine City Project returned to Wetlands Park! The Clark County Wetlands Park covers an area of 2,900 acres along the Las Vegas Wash, and it has an important role of filtering the water that collects from Las Vegas on the way to Lake Mead. Though the Wetlands Park is located in the Mohave Desert, it is home to over 70 species of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, and over 310 species of birds. Some of the animals that can be found are beavers, cottontail rabbits, quail, and the great blue heron.

On this morning, our group met Wetlands Park staff and other volunteers at Duck Creek Trailhead where we were first briefed on the importance of creating and maintaining firebreaks in case of a fire. Afterwards, we split into small groups and helped with picking up litter and removing brush. We had ten volunteers representing Shine City Project, and one of our volunteers was joining us for the first time! At the end of our service project, we were able to remove litter such as cigarette butts, pieces of glass, and food packaging while collecting a large pile of brush.

After the service project, Shine City Project was able to enjoy a delicious lunch sponsored by Raising Cane's!

Overall, it was a calm and peaceful day volunteering at Wetlands Park! It was nice to be surrounded by the beauty of the wetlands while working hard on the tasks at hand. We hope that others can be able to appreciate Wetlands Park while helping to keep it clean and safe. It is truly a precious gem in Las Vegas where nature can be enjoyed. We hope to return again soon to Wetlands Park!

