

Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project Wetlands Park Report

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After more than 18 months, Shine City Project has returned to Wetlands Park! On September 18, 2021, Shine City Project volunteers met at Duck Creek Trailhead of Wetlands Park in honor of International Coastal Cleanup Day! The Clark County Wetlands Park is an area of 2,900 acres along the Las Vegas Wash, and it has an important role of filtering water that collects from Las Vegas on the way to Lake Mead. Though the Wetlands Park is in the Mohave Desert, it is home to over 70 species of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, and over 310 species of birds!



On this Saturday morning, our Shine City Project volunteers met with Wetlands Park staff for their first Wetlands: Hands On! event in over a year! Our task for this morning was to help remove litter from Duck Creek Trail, particularly along the waterways. As we were collecting litter, we needed to keep track and report about each of the items that we picked up. Much of the litter that we found included plastic bottles, Styrofoam pieces, cigarette butts, and food packaging. Some of the more unusual items were stuffed animals, a book, and a coconut!

Representing Shine City Project, we had fourteen total volunteers with several volunteers joining us for the first time! Overall, it was great to be back at Wetlands Park and to be greeted by staff members after a long time. We enjoyed the calmness and peacefulness that the Wetlands Park has to offer, and we hope to come by again!