

NEWS RELEASE

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Community comes together to plant trees

Summary

Last week City staff and volunteers from Dover Bay Secondary School's Eco Club came together to plant native species at one of Nanaimo's newest parks, Camas Park.

On March 23 and March 27, the crew planted a mixture of 100 Garry Oak trees, 16 Douglas-fir trees and 200 Camas bulbs to enhance the park's natural setting. WPC Building Services donated 60 of the Garry Oaks that were planted.

The City recently opened Camas Park located on Westwood Road near the Parkway Trail. This small neighbourhood park features a Garry Oak ecosystem with a trail winding through it.

Strategic Link: Environmental Responsibility to protect/enhance the environment and Community-Building Partnerships working together to encourage healthy, active lifestyles.

Key Points

- On March 23 and 27, volunteers from the Dover Bay Secondary School Eco Club worked with City staff to plant Garry Oak and Douglas-fir trees, and Camas bulbs in Camas Park.
- 100 Garry Oaks, 16 Douglas-firs and 200 Camas bulbs were planted. 60 of the Garry Oak trees were donated by WPC Building Services.
- Camas park is located on Westwood Road, near the Parkway Trail.

Quotes

"It is such a pleasure working with the community to enhance one of Nanaimo's greatest assets - our natural environment. The neighbourhood is really going to benefit from this planting. Once the foliage starts to fill in it will increase privacy, provide shade and create a special forest setting."

Gail Pasaluko
Horticultural Supervisor
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Quick Facts

- Garry Oak ecosystems, once prevalent on Vancouver Island, are among the most endangered in Canada.

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