

NEWS RELEASE

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Clubs work together on environmental stewardship

Summary

The City of Nanaimo partnered with over 25 students from Dover Bay Eco Club and Vancouver Island University Community Care Club on Saturday, November 19 for a work party at Neck Point Park to remove invasive plants and restore native vegetation.

On Thursday, November 24, over 37 volunteers from Departure Bay Eco School, Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association, other community members, city staff and members of the local Streamkeepers and Island Water Fly Fishers braved the elements to plant 150 riparian plants along the creek bank as part of the 2016 Departure Creek Habitat Assessment project in partnership with the City of Nanaimo and with funding from the Pacific Salmon Foundation and the Regional District of Nanaimo.

These work parties, an initiative through the City of Nanaimo Partners in Parks Program, help to improve the environment in Neck Point and Woodstream Park. By removing invasive plants, the hope is to enhance and restore the landscape in the park to a more diverse ecosystem. By planting along the creek side, the root systems will stabilize the bank and create a more viable spawning environment. In addition, these volunteer opportunity for our youth and neighbourhood groups help them connect with nature, their community and work to improve their overall appreciation for the environment.

Strategic Link: The Partners in Parks program supports the Environmental Responsibility community value.

Key Points

- These work parties are organized as part of the City of Nanaimo's Partners in Parks Program where volunteers work to enhance Nanaimo's parks and open spaces.
- This type of work party encourages stewardship in our parks with our youth which also helps them connect with their natural environment and appreciate it.

Quotes

"It's great to see the interest our youth and community groups have in environmental stewardship and helping to take care of the beautiful parks and green spaces we have in Nanaimo. A huge thank you to our volunteers for all their help throughout the year in our outdoor spaces."

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