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Lower Laguna Madre-Ramsey Park Education & Outreach Workshops

June 25, 2016 E&O Workshop



Plan view and cross-section view of the Bio-retention basin.



Jaime discussing the Bio-retention basin and how it works, the Ramsey Park wetland expansion and the Regional wetland system to reduce pollution into the Arroyo Colorado



Getting started.





Transporting plants to the basin for planting



COH Staff helping transport and plant some of the larger trees



First Spanish Dagger planted.



Javier Mendez and Jeff Lyssy form COH Parks Dept. lending a helping hand.



Javier Mendez helping volunteers dig/plant.



Project Manager, Jaime Flores, assisting Mike Heep to plant a Spanish Dagger.



Planting of the Bio-retention Basin complete.

September 28, 2016 E&O Workshop



Team Leaders/Students from Texas State Technical College. Each Team Leader will be in charge of 7-10 student volunteers for the October wetland planting workshop.



TSTC staff is expecting 150 student volunteers to participate in the planting workshop.



Jeff Lyssy, COH Park Superintendent explaining the importance of Ramsey Park and it's connection to the Arroyo Colorado, the Bio-Retention Basin and the Ramsey Park wetland expansion project. Jeff and Jaime also discussed how the Ramsey Park Wetlands are part of a larger regional wetland system that is part of the Arroyo Colorado Watershed Protection Plan



Jaime Flores and Mike Heep displaying some of the plugs that will be used in the wetland plantings





Jaime and Mike taking questions from the students



Leading the students into the park to view the wetlands



Entering the park



Students at pond #1





On the way to pond #3 & 3A







Mike demonstrating planting of 2 different types of wetland plant; submerged and emergent







Discussing coordination and team leadership



On the way to pond #4



Pond #4



Leaving pond #4



Jeff discussing the importance of volunteering and giving back to the community and other opportunities to volunteer at Ramsey Park





Wrapping up the workshop, final thoughts and questions from the students



TSTC Staff addressing student questions



Workshop complete, students emerging from Ramsey Park