

HPHC Las Vegas Shining City Cleans Sloan Canyon and Westside

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On April 23, 2022, in honor of Earth Day, Shine City Project cleaned up at Sloan Canyon! Established in 2002, the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area is an area of 48,000 acres south of Las Vegas and Henderson containing trails, wildlife, and Native American petroglyphs! Friends of Sloan Canyon is an organization that provides community support and educational resources that enhance the conservation, protection, and public enjoyment of Sloan Canyon.



Our eleven Shine City Project volunteers focused on collecting microtrash in the area, mostly small bits of broken glass. One of our volunteers found bullet casings, while another found a couple of geodes containing quartz! Although there wasn't so much litter, it was great to just be outdoors and appreciate the

landscape and natural environment around us!



On April 16, 2022, Shine City Project cleaned up the Historic Westside! Joined by our Aunt Katherine Duncan, our ten volunteers helped to pick up litter in areas near Harrison House! It was a windy morning with our hair flying, dust hitting our faces, and our lips becoming chapped, but we managed to fill about seven bags of litter! There was one area where litter was deeply piled up underneath a fallen wire fence. It was incredible how much trash was concentrated in one area. Additionally, in another place, there were a number of unopened packages of raisins and other dried fruit. After cleaning up for some time, we had the opportunity to walk around and tour the Historic Westside neighborhood! Our Aunt Katherine Duncan showed us the churches and businesses that were in the area and even introduced us to some of the residents! It was great walking around and getting to know more about the Historic Westside!

