

HPHC Las Vegas Shine City Project cleans up at the Springs Preserve

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On May 28, 2022, Shine City Project cleaned up at the Springs Preserve! Our volunteers made our way to the trails located at the back of the preserve where the Sloan Flood Channel can be found. Though this flood channel primarily directs excess water from the city, it also captures litter which may have been improperly disposed. This results in a large amount of litter being scattered along the flood channel at the preserve. With gloves, grabbers, and trash bags, our Shine City Project volunteers were put to work not knowing the enormity of the service project which lies ahead.



In the beginning, the amount of litter seemed sparse and scant, but as we drew closer to the flood channel, all hell broke loose. Our Shine City Project volunteers realized the amount of trash we would have to tackle in such a short amount of time. One by one, we picked up each piece of litter and placed it in our bags. Soon, our bags would fill up, and we would open up a new one. Much of the trash that we found were plastic bottles, cans, and fountain drink cups. Our volunteers worked quickly to slowly transform the landscape from a wasteland to a pristine area of God's creation. In one and a half hours, our Shine City Project team of seven volunteers was able to fill up 44 bags of trash! On average, each volunteer was able to fill six bags of trash, and as a group, we were able to fill one bag of trash every two minutes! It was an incredible feat, but we were able to get the job done! Even our Springs Preserve staff haven't seen a group clean up an area so fast! It was an incredible day for Shine City Project!