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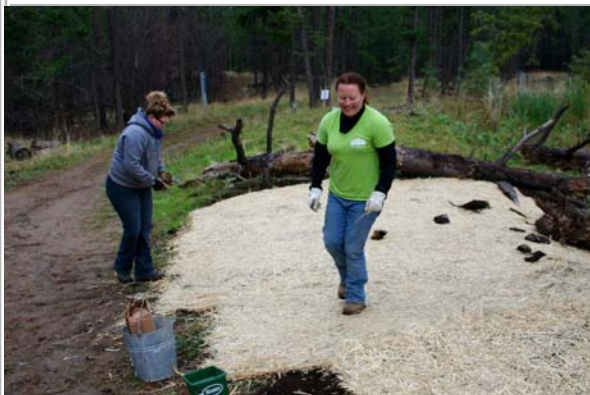


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Volunteers and City Crew Team Up



In a recent team effort, Volunteers and City Crew proved the old adage, “many hands make light work.”

Their combined effort focussed on rehabilitating a small area of the **Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park Wetlands Restoration Project** worksite.

Last Spring, volunteers from the Park Wetlands Restoration Committee performed mitigation work in this section. They used a mini-excavator to repair a section of surface

flow water where an ice dam had forced water onto the nearby Benchland Trail during the previous Winter.

The flooding at this point has been an issue for at least eight years and only occurs after a long cold spell.

Several days prior to this most recent work, volunteers weeded the area in preparation for re-seeding with a native grass mix.

The team spread several loads of topsoil over the affected area, re-seeded, raked in the seed lightly and rolled out a protective matting.

The straw and coconut matting is held together with biodegradable cotton thread. It holds moisture and protects the seed from birds, if not the mice!

On a steeper slope, the matting also serves as a protection from erosion until the seed is well established.

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