

Creekside Habitat Garden

Along Old Alameda Creek in William Cann Park in Union City

Join the garden planting workdays!

Workdays will be held one Saturday per month in order to give the community the opportunity to learn about, help install and maintain the Creekside Habitat Garden. There will be opportunities to learn about the birds, the native plants and trees, the creek, and creekside habitat- and how it can be enhanced and protected. Other activities include pulling ivy off of the trunks of the big trees that grow along the creek banks, picking up trash and maintaining the trail.

Students from Logan High School and other youth and community members began work on the garden in spring 2009. The goal is to establish a trail that winds through a garden of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees that will help feed and shelter the many birds and other creatures that live in and around the trees along Old Alameda Creek. Native plants and trees provide food (seeds, fruits, nuts and berries), nectar, shelter and nesting material for local birds. The plantings will feature a trail with interpretive signs describing the plants and their usefulness to birds and other animals.

Winter-Spring 2010 Schedule Saturdays 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

- **February 20-** Planting, remove ivy from tree trunks, tree I.D. walk, trail maintenance
- **March 20-** Pull ivy from tree trunks and garden area, planting, trash cleanup
- **April 24-** Planting, weeding, creek walk, demonstration of use of "dry water" to irrigate plants
- **May (date not yet set) -** weeding, trail maintenance, check dri-water irrigation

WHERE: William Cann Park on Marsh Hawk Rd. near the intersection with Dowe Ave. in Union City. Meet in the playground area. **BRING** gloves if you have them, wear work clothes, sturdy shoes and bring a snack.

To sign up: You will need to sign up before the work days- just fill out a form that your parents sign if you are under 18. Please call or email:

Amy Evans, Resource Conservationist, Alameda County Resource Conservation District 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 www.ACRCD.ORG Phone (925) 371-0154 x 112 amy.evans@acrcd.org

You can get community service hours (for Logan High School students)- contact:

Barbara Hart @ the Logan High School Career Center bhart@nhusd.k12.ca.us

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