Future Forest Project

Coordinated collaboration of partnerships to restore the urban forest in riparian zones
Habitat Restoration: Invasive species removal
Planting Bald Cypress, MLK Day of Service
Nature Preserves: Colorado River Wildlife Sanctuary
FFP Alliance

Future Forest Project Alliance could work on:

• Planning and prioritizing planting,
• Mulching/root collar clearing,
• Utilizing the volunteer base of Adopt-A-Park,
• Providing skills training for Volunteer Leaders,
• Raising funds for increasing program scope
Bartholomew Park, Adopt-a-Park FPP workshop March 12, 2012
VOLUNTEERS

- 2014 Total projects: 194
- Total volunteers engaged: 6,146
- Total volunteer hours: 18,867
- Total dollar value ($22.40/Hr.): $441,187.80
• 2014 total projects: 194
• Total volunteers engaged: 6,146
• Total tool loans: 220 +
• “Mulch Sleds” were a new innovation; created by Super Volunteers Nadene Morning and Jerry Levanson. Currently we have 90 available.
It’s My Park Day 2014
March 1, 2014

- Total number of Projects: 101 (2013=92)
- Volunteers: 2,863 (2013=2,765)
- Volunteer Hours: 8,589
- Future Forest Projects: 52 of 101
National Trails Day
June 7, 2014

- 2014 Total number of Projects: 29 (2013=18)
- Volunteers: 506 (2013=350)
- Volunteer Hours: 1,518 (2013=1,050)
- Future Forest Projects: 8 of 29
National Public Lands Day
September 27, 2014

• Total number of Projects: 38 (2013=26)
• Volunteers: 1,265 (2013=630)
• Volunteer Hours: 3,795 (2013=1,890)
• Future Forest Projects: 12 of 38
Bamboo removal at Bartholomew Park
Girdling Exotic Invasive Species
No mow, now grow zones
Mulch! The number 1 ingredient to protect trees in the drought
 Mulch for Healthy Trees

- Insulate the soil and roots
- Slow soil moisture evaporation
- Minic the forest floor
- Reduce weed and grass competition
- Provide a buffer between the turf and tree to help protect the truck and surface roots from mower and equipment damage
- Mulch around the base of the trees cause lifelong problems

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Park Improvement Education Series (PIES)

Four Topics:
• Habitat Restoration
• Tree Maintenance – Mulching & Root Collar Clearing
• Water Conservation
• Trail Design & Maintenance

• Workshop Presentations lead by staff from Watershed Protection Department, Urban Forestry, S&S Trail Design and Austin Ridge Riders.
• Sponsored by Chipotle Mexican Grill

• Total number of Workshops: 9
• Participants, first year of training program: 270
• Future Forest workshops: 6 of 9
PIES: Habitat Restoration
PIES: Water Conservation – Watershed Protection Department
Trail Design: Austin Ridge Riders, S & S Trails
Future Forest Project

- Total number of projects: 142 of 194
- Volunteers: 4,063
- Volunteer Hours: 13,977 (equivalent to $313,084, at $22.40/Hr.)
- Future Forest Projects include:
  - Mulching & Root Collar Clearing: 85 projects; total mulch volume 1,820 cu.yds. (2013 total: 1,325 = 28% increase)
  - Invasive exotic plant removal: Achieved utilizing a Habitat Restoration Plan as developed by Watershed Protection Department.
- Tree Planting
Public Advocacy for increasing Parks Budget