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Creek Clean Up Day a Big Success

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From left, Addison Naton, Rachel Lin and Sarah Chu racking up some community service hours for Mr. Kauzer's environmental science class at Campolindo. Photo Cathy Tyson

promptly, allowing only storm water to enter Lafayette's creeks. For more information, homeowners can check out the Creek Guide to Maintenance, Repair and Planting, conveniently available at the city offices or online, go to www.lovelafayette.org, click on City Hall, then City Departments, then Public Works, last click Creeks.

Be gone, invasive vegetation! It took more than a magic wand, actually an energetic crew of volunteers, who got together with Lafayette Creeks Committee members on a sparkling Sunday morning to clean up Las Trampas Creek at Leigh Creekside Park on Moraga Boulevard. The event, now in its second year, leveraged donated labor to make a huge improvement in the riparian habitat. No taco truck this year, but lovely complimentary water bottles and a porta potty for worker bees, not to mention valuable class extra credit for students.

"We had a great day," said Donna Feehan, administrative analyst for Lafayette's Public Works Department, "and got a lot done." More than 50 students from Campolindo High School and Stanley Middle School pitched in.

After last year's culvert failure and expensive repair, due to a number of factors including torrential rain, but also debris that was washed downstream from creek-side homes, city staffers point out it's more important than ever to keep Lafayette's creeks clean and running smoothly. Homeowners take note, the city is stepping up inspections of creek frontage properties; it's up to residents to maintain their property. Officially the rainy season begins in October, so grass clippings, tree limbs and trash need to be dealt with

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