

Community Volunteers Lead Restoration Efforts at Leigh Creekside Park

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Leigh Creekside Park

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Leigh Creekside Park is getting a new lease on life thanks to an all-hands-on-deck community effort led by the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary (LSR) Club in partnership with the Lafayette Creeks Committee and The Restoration Trust. Together with neighborhood volunteers and the Lafayette Parks Department, the project is restoring both the

riparian area along Las Trampas Creek and the park's natural design.

Since the May 3 kickoff, more than 60 community volunteers have joined workdays to remove invasive plants, control overgrown grasses, sheet-mulch large areas for weed abatement, and replace damaged fencing. These efforts are laying the ground-

work for the next phases, which include additional weed control, removal of invasive trees and berry bushes by professional contractors, light infrastructure repairs, temporary irrigation installation, and planting native species to encourage long-term ecological health.

"This is truly a community-powered

restoration," said Mark Lewis, project lead for Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary.

"Neighbors, volunteers, and local organizations are working side by side to protect the park's natural character and the wildlife habitat along the creek for future generations."