

Friends of Red Bud Isle

Workday Recap

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Volunteer Work Day in the Park / Saturday, October 29th

The weather was fantastic and so was the turnout. By the end of the morning 18 volunteers had pitched in. Special thanks to *LCRA* for letting us use their parking lot on Lake Austin Blvd.

Planning for the project began weeks earlier with the help of the *Austin Parks & Recreation Department*, *Austin Parks Foundation*, *LCRA*, *Watershed Protection*, *OLAAC* and members of *Friends of Red Bud Isle*.

-  PARD provided the oversight, approval, permitting and logistical support
-  APF loaned us the tools and posted the event on their website's volunteer opportunity calendar
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-  OLAAC communicated the event to all of the other off-leash volunteer groups
-  FORBI members publicized the event with flyers at the park and for the first time via *Twitter*.
Follow us at @redbuddogpark
-  Nadene and Bern who built *Friends of Red Bud Isle*. We are forever thankful for all of their efforts

The main project was addressing the muddy areas at the eastern most point of the isle.

The project was selected based on the results of the survey conducted during the last “*Mulch & Meet*” in the park.

Ninety wheelbarrow loads of decomposed granite were spread at the site, leveling the area, providing improved drainage and hopefully helping prevent erosion next time it rains!

Thank you to local supplier *Geo Growers* for giving us a discount on the decomposed granite!

Please donate through the FORBI website for future projects.
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During



After



AHS students Eli & Michael handed out personal *Mutt Mitt* dispensers and “Scoop the Poop” literature provided by the *Watershed Protection Dept.* If you have a High School Student that needs community service hours bring ‘em next time.



On Sunday the process of ridding the isle of poison ivy continued
The “Bunny Suits” were a big hit!



A survey of park users was completed by 61 park users. Parking remains the #1 concern with 79% of votes followed by improvements to the main play area, erosion control and poison ivy removal. The survey will be considered when deciding on future volunteer projects at the park and when meeting with PARD.



With the big turnout, we were also able to rebuild some of the tree wells to protect against the drought.

Rose gathered votes on four proposed T-Shirt designs. The winner is pictured below. These will be available soon, with all profits going into the *Friends of Red Bud Isle* fiduciary account held at *Austin Parks Foundation* for future projects. Thank you to Shelly for all of her efforts on the project.

