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“We need YOUR help to beautify Preston Ridge Trail – next phases”

On *(date)*, there was another large planting completed along Meandering Way on Preston Ridge Trail. Procurement of plants was a collaboration between the Friends of Preston Ridge Trail (FPRT) and the City of Dallas Parks Department, who have been a huge help. FPRT is also fielding donations for benches and other enhancements in accordance with a master plan initiated by the Parks Dept. in conjunction with FPRT. You may recall from previous articles that FPRT is the coordinating body for about 30 Homeowners Associations in the area of the Trail.

The first massive planting was completed November 2005. Annual events followed. For planting events, the trigger is organizing a group of volunteers committed to watering for 2 years, after which the plants will be self-sustaining. The Dallas 4th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints provided that group from area residents for the first planting. Other HOAs provided subsequent watering groups. Groups are lined up to complete the stretch from McCallum to Frankford, Hillcrest to Davenport and Hillcrest to Meandering Way over the next couple of years.

The watering task is made easier by the generous donation of funds to FPRT used to purchase a large 1000-gallon tank on trailer, which is available for other groups to tow and use. Water use is paid by FPRT. Both men and women participate, as no heavy lifting is required.

(your HOA name) would like to plant (number that you can select) Possum Haw, Vitex, Yaupons and Mexican Plums along our trail and we NEED volunteers with pickup trucks or larger SUVs, for towing the tank, and hose-holders to dispense the water. If you can tow, or if you can hold a hose, please give us some of your time ~ maybe 6 or 8 events of about 3 hours over 12 months ~ not a lot to ask for the end result – a barren power line easement turned into a flowering trail (with time!). Please call *(your name and phone)* for more information.

Visit the FPRT website at <http://www.prestonridgetrail.org>

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