

Wetlands Park Mission & Goals

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Mission Statement:

The Clark County Wetlands Park will preserve and enhance natural and cultural resources and provide educational, recreational, and research opportunities for the public.

Wetlands Park Comprehensive Interpretive Plan, May 6, 2003

Master Plan Goals:

Through the master plan process, five goals were established for the Clark County Wetlands Park:

Goal 1 – Develop recreational and tourism opportunities, based on public needs, that are compatible with the conservation/restoration of the (Las Vegas) Wash. Specifically:

- *Create passive park and recreation facilities for public enjoyment.*
- *Develop recreational opportunities in the context of the overall recreational system in Clark County.*

Goal 2 – Create social benefits for the Valley by providing opportunities for area residents to gain a sense of community pride and ownership of this park. Specifically:

- *Provide opportunities for community involvement and activism.*
- *Receive input from adjacent and nearby property owners throughout the planning process.*

Goal 3 – Create educational opportunities to convey the importance and significance of the (Las Vegas) Wash through various media. Specifically:

- *Repair or replace damaged wetland ecosystems.*
- *Compensate for lost wetlands functions and values through creation of new wetlands and riparian systems.*
- *Develop interpretive opportunities to educate the public on human impacts on the desert and wetlands environment.*
- *Create an opportunity for a hands-on education on the history and ecology of this environment.*

Goal 4 – Conserve and restore natural resources by protecting and enhancing the ecological resources of the Las Vegas Wash. Specifically:

- *Stabilize erosion and improve water quality.*

Goal 5 – Complete a master plan that will guide the design and development of the Park's recreational facilities and support infrastructure. Specifically:

- *Manage the Wash's administrative and operational activities in a manner that ensures conservation and enhancement of the corridor's ecological resources.*

Clark County Wetlands Park Master Plan, July 1995